

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 30, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, August 30, 2000 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Michael Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Beth Drescher, County Extension Agent, 4-H Youth, Extension Service; Ms. Stacy Cotten, Juvenile Corrections Department; Judge Riddel's Boy Ranch; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. George Scantlin, Assistant Director, Emergency Communications; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director of Housing Office, Division of Community Development; Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Daryl Gardner, Interim Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. James L. McNulty, 3554 S. Ridge Road, Wichita, KS
Mr. Dion Avello, 825 Honeybrook, Derby, KS
Ms. Margaret Miller, 430 Waverly, Wichita, KS
Ms. Karol Schlicher, 139 Brendonwood, Wichita, KS
Mr. Larry Ross, 346 N. Bluff, Wichita, KS
Mr. Phil Journey, 7079 S. Meridian, Wichita, KS
Mr. Tom Kneil, 6110 Edinburg, Wichita, KS
Mr. David Lies, Owner, Lies Trash Service
Mr. Milt Pollitt, Chairman, Solid Waste Committee
Ms. Sharon Ailsieger, President, League of Women Voters
Mr. Jim Spencer, District Manager, Waste Connections Inc.
Mr. Gil Hoover, Weyerhaeuser Recycling
Mr. Mark Raccuglia, Wichita Sanitation

INVOCATION

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The invocation was led by Mr. David Cline of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 9, 2000.

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2000.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review those Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2000.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

A. EXTENSION SERVICE.

Chairman Winters said, "Each week we take a few moments to hear a report or information from

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various County departments and from one of the employees of Sedgwick County. This morning we're going to hear from the County Extension, 4-H. Welcome."

Ms. Beth Drescher, County Extension Agent, 4-H Youth, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I work with youth development. I'm here today to talk about a program that we started in 1996 at Horace Mann Elementary School. We are doing classroom 4-H with the children who are highly at risk at Horace Mann Elementary. Many of them are speaking English as a second language. More than 96% of them qualify for free and reduced lunches.

"These children really needed the life skills that 4-H helps children gain, life skills of decision making, concern for the community, developing an inquiring mind, developing positive relationship skills and developing a positive self-concept. In 1996, the Director of the Wichita State University Professional Development School, which is a teacher education program located at Horace Mann, was talking to me and she said, 'you know these kids really need 4-H. How about if I make an appointment with you and the principle of the school. You need to talk to him about doing 4-H at Horace Mann'. So she did and I did and we did.

"We started out with two teachers and about 55 students doing 4-H activities as part of the classroom curriculum. We, last year, had 230 students in nine classrooms, doing classroom 4-H as part of their curriculum. The children learn things like parliamentary procedures. They elect their own officers and choose their own club names. They participate just like any other 4-H in Sedgwick County in some County wide activities. One of the spinoffs from this program at Horace Mann Elementary are the pictures and the thank you notes that you're looking at right now. We were asked last year to start a summer day camp with Midtown Community Resource Center. We have done so successfully for two years. You'll see the thank you notes that you're passing around are on their way to Boeing because Boeing and the Kansas Health Foundation funded that part of the program.

"The school year program is funded by a grant from the Governor's Discretionary Portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant. We have just been awarded this grant for the third year in a row. We're really pleased that we are able to provide this service for these children and help them grow up to be strong responsible members of the community. Just wanted to highlight this program for you. Any questions?"

Chairman Winters said, "Yes Beth. I don't know, necessarily, what else you could say, but traditionally people think of 4-H as a more rural kind of activity and one that young people in a rural setting are

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accustomed to seeing. We don't think about it in an urban setting. I know that is what you visited about, but just to make sure people understand. What kind of activities, as we look at the rural setting of 4-H, we know that could involve raising livestock, showing livestock and that kind of thing. What are some of the programs that 4-H brings to the urban setting?"

Ms. Drescher said, "Well, 4-H was started as a way to meet the needs of children and families at risk. When it was started, 95 years ago, those children at risk were on the farms. Now those children at risk are in the cities and 85% of our 4-Hers in Sedgwick County are urban. The children at Horace Mann participated in plant science, social studies, environmental education, rocket science, almost anything you can think of, they did that as a 4-H activity, talks, demonstrations."

Chairman Winters said, "So 85% of the young people who are involved in 4-H live in the city and not on a farm?"

Ms. Drescher said, "That's right, in Sedgwick County."

Chairman Winters said, "That's a very interesting statistic. Again, even trying to be knowledgeable of Extension and what all goes on, I would have thought that the percentages would have been much lower than that. Commissioner McGinn has some comments or questions."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just a question, I guess. I was reading the cards and it looks like you had a garden."

Ms. Drescher said, "Yes, we collaborated with a number of organizations for this summer day camp. One of the organizations was the Great Plains Earth Institute. They had built a garden area outside the Midtown Community Resource Center, and the children, they had education lessons and the children learned how to garden and then they harvested the produce. They made a meal for the whole camp on the very last day."

Commissioner McGinn said, "That is not something that a lot of urban kids get to do. It must have been pretty exciting because I think over half of those mentioned the garden in there."

Ms. Drescher said, "It was beastly hot, but the kids loved it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I know my garden has burned up by now."

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Ms. Drescher said, "They really enjoyed summer camp."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Beth for sharing that information. I think it is good for us to know and all the citizens and those watching to know what kind of make up 4-H is and has. We need to get out of that stereotype of just thinking that it is strictly a program for rural farm kids because it certainly has evolved into something other than that. I would like to recognize Bev Dunning, the head of Sedgwick County Extension is here in the audience this morning. Bev, we certainly appreciate all of the work that you and all of the agents perform. Beth, thank you very much for your report. We appreciate your being here."

Ms. Drescher said, "Thank you for inviting me."

Chairman Winters said, "You bet. Commissioners, do we have a motion to receive and file this report?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file this report.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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Chairman Winters said, "Beth, thank you very much. Bev, would you like to make a comment? Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

APPOINTMENT

B. APPOINTMENT.

1. RESIGNATION OF DWIGHT D. JONES FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have received the written resignation of Mr. Jones from the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. Apparently, his employment is taking him outside of the Wichita area and he needs to resign. We recommend you accept his resignation."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino
Chairman Thomas G. Winters

Aye
Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I'm going to ask that we skip over Item B-2. The person who is going to be appointed to fill this position is having a bit of a problem this morning but is on the way to the courthouse. I'd like to take this item up when she arrives. If it is acceptable, we'll skip over Item B-2 for the time being. Madam Clerk, call Item C-1 please."

ADOPT A HIGHWAY APPLICATIONS

C. ADOPT A HIGHWAY APPLICATIONS (TWO).

- 1. APPLICATION (RENEWAL) WITH JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON LAKE AFTON PARK ROAD (AROUND LAKE). DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item C-1 is a renewal agreement with Judge Riddel Boys Ranch for the Sedgwick County Adopt A Highway Program. They will be responsible for Lake Afton Park Road, which is, of course, around the lake. Today, we have Stacy Cotton with the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch to say a few words and I would recommend that you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Is Stacy here? Please come forward."

Ms. Stacy Cotton, Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, said, "The goal is to give our 49 students an opportunity to do their community service. Each student that comes into our facility has ten hours to do and being able to do the Adopt A Highway will allow us to give those students those ten hours here and there."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Stacy, how long have you been with the facility and Sedgwick County?"

Ms. Cotton said, "Roughly, three years."

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Chairman Winters said, "Very good. This will be something, have the boys plugged into this project yet or is it a wait and see?"

Ms. Cotton said, "In the past, like he said, this is a renewal. In the past we have done it but we had gotten away from it. We do a lot of other community service projects around the area. For example, we do some things with the American Red Cross and we also do, twice every summer, there are the go-cart races out at the lake. We set up for that. There are various other small projects we do. But with 49 students, ten hours, that's a lot of community service."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Thank you for coming, Stacy, and reporting on the project. Commissioners, you've heard the report, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. APPLICATION (RENEWAL) WITH BOY SCOUT TROOP 692 FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON ROCK ROAD BETWEEN 63RD AND 71ST STREETS SOUTH. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. Spears said, "Item C-2 is also a renewal of an Adopt A Highway program agreement, this with Boy Scout Troop 692 of Derby. They will be responsible for Rock Road between 63rd and 71st Street South. I recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Curt Warren, of

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Troop 692, couldn't be here today."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, you've heard David's report on this item. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, David. Next item."

PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND VOLUME-BASED TRASH RATES.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Last week we presented to you a proposal regarding curbside recycling and volume-based rates. To review that, the goal is to reduce the amount of material that we throw away and reuse what we can and recycle what is good to recycle. That is a goal of 40% reduction in the waste stream. That way we're not hauling away material in trucks that we don't need to be hauling.

"The proposal had five main points. It said that every hauler in municipal solid waste should have a County license. As a condition of that license, every hauler must provide curbside recycling to their residential

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customers on the same day as they collect the rest of the trash, the rest of the solid waste. Three, every residential customer would pay for curbside recycling, but participation is voluntary. If you don't want to participate, you don't have to. Fourth, every hauler must establish a volume based rate or pay as you throw, with at least three different levels that would encourage people to reduce the amount of waste that they are actually throwing away. Fifth, that both curbside recycling and volume based rates would become affective October 10, 2001, or the day the transfer station regulations go into effect and the day after Brooks closes.

"Last week, we asked particularly for citizen input on two different aspects. One, on the difference between urban and rural pick up, if we had some tips and advice on providing recycling in the rural areas or should the same rules and regulations should apply to the very rural areas. Secondly, on the effective date of the implementation. We're proposing that many things happen the day after Brooks Landfill closes and we'd like some citizen input on if that is a good thing to have happen, to have it all happen at once and get it over with or to phase it in over a period of time. I'd be happy to answer any questions, but I'm eager to hear what the public has to say."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Irene, I just have one question. I'm unclear, on curbside recycling, is that also being mandated on the business community too, that they recycle, or would that just be residents?"

Ms. Hart said, "This would just be residents. Commercial accounts are already volume based prices."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Volume based trash, but are we going to consider imposing mandates on the business community to pay for recycling?"

Ms. Hart said, "We're not recommending that at this time. It is a good business decision to reduce the amount of waste that you are throwing away. Some of the recyclables, such as cardboard, you can actually sell rather than throwing it away. So we are planning continuing education with small businesses and other businesses to help them reduce the amount of material that they are throwing away and thus reduce their cost."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So we're going to educate the business community to recycle, but mandate that the private residents recycle. I'm confused, because the majority of the recyclable materials I think are generated by the business community and I'm just curious as to why we haven't tried to impose stricter restrictions on them or why staff didn't recommend that."

Ms. Hart said, "The reason why staff didn't recommend it is that it is inherent in the volume based rates

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that they are already paying that it is important to them to reduce the amount that they are throwing away. On the residential side, the two go hand in hand."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Any other questions for clarification? At this time, we will begin to take public comment. I would remind those who would like to address the Commissioners this morning that what we are particularly interested in is your ideas or thoughts concerning curbside recycling and how that might or might not work, the pay as you throw option, and time frames. It has been our custom to continue to try to get information from stakeholders in the community that want to share information with the community.

"We've had a number of public discussions about these issues before but again, we think it is important to hear from those who would like to share with us as we continue to make decisions on long-term, long-range planning processes. I would remind you that we are not here to discuss the merits of having a landfill or not having a landfill or having a transfer station or not having a transfer station. We're here today to talk about recycling, what you think about that, your opinions of how it should work and the pay as you throw plan, what you thoughts are of that. If you want to talk about the banning of grass and fallen leaves, I think that is appropriate for us to hear at this time. Try to limit your conversation to these recycling efforts that we're going to proceed with.

"We'd like to limit your remarks to five minutes. Please state your name and address, so we can have an accounting of who has been here and who has addressed the Commission. At this time, we will open the meeting for public comment and for whoever would like to be first, we'd be glad to have you come to the podium now and make your remarks to the Commission. Come forward, sir. Remember, state your name and address for the record."

Mr. James McNulty, 3554 South Ridge Road, said, "Thank you for the opportunity to address you this morning. I'll keep this brief. In the early '80s, when I once before addressed this body, when the issue was Brooks Landfill. At that time I said, if you want to recycle, let's do a real recycling program and let's incinerate it. At that time, I was told we can't, it's not acceptable. Dioxin was the scare back then. But dioxin is no longer a problem. After a billion dollars of research, that's just not an issue any more. I think

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this recycling program is only a stop-gap measure to ultimate incineration.

"Europe is light years ahead of us on this. In a few years, according to the European Commission, the percent of recycling will go from 20 to 80% in the various countries. Dover 100%, and Japan in it's 70%. Here in America, we just do it 14%. That is not that good.

"A volcanic eruption can create enough particulates in the atmosphere, more than all the incinerator plants could in 1,000 years. Incineration emissions are lower than the trucks bringing in the trash. They also figured out ways to use the bi-products as aggregates in road construction and the production of refuse-derived fuels is a second type of energy recovery system in operations throughout Europe. I don't know if trash is really this much of a problem, but I personally don't like it. I know that ultimately we could put all the municipal solid trash in all the United States for the next 1,000 years in an area 44 miles squared, in an area less than one tenth of one percent of the lower 48 states. But I don't think this is a good idea.

"I think it is going to create an army of midnight dumpers or you might cause it the reverse curse of Cynthia Sylvia Stout who wouldn't take the garbage out, only she will take the garbage out and they'll be dumping it in our backyards and in the country. I live in the County and I've seen so many mattresses, so many refrigerators, so many bags of trash emptied out in the country. Ladies and gentlemen, with all due respect, people will not recycle, will not do this. Incineration will be proactive and bring us forward with Europe. Please reconsider this recycling program and lets become proactive and truly investigate incineration. It is the wave of the future and it would be a wonderful way to show the world that we are truly an advanced state in Kansas. Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner McGinn has a question."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Mr. McNulty, are you aware the solid waste committee gathered on incineration?"

Mr. McNulty said, "I'm aware of that. Like one article in here says, they said any argument could be made that was against incineration because they're always using old information. With the new incineration techniques and the flue cleaning technology, emissions are like .01 nanogram per cubic meter. That is .0000000001 meter of particulates. It is impressive and it is fantastic. We should be doing it in Kansas, instead of going back to the '60s and '70s."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "What I would do is I would suggest that if you have new information that you get it to the solid waste committee because they have a sub-committee that looks at new technology and that type of thing. Thank you for coming today."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. I'm going to make a follow-up comment. I'm not going to comment about everybody's comments as they talk to us today, but incineration comes up so many times. People are interested in incineration. As we continue to look at new technology, incineration will always be on the horizon. But right now, it is so expensive that the people that do incineration need to charge about \$100 a ton. That is hard to compete with ultimate land filling. We will continue to keep our eyes on new technology and when that new technology gets here at the right price, it is going to be on the table. Next speaker."

Mr. Dion Avello, 825 Honeybrook Lane, Derby, Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion on recycling. I'm not here today as a private citizen. I am here as a private citizen but as a business owner who owns about an acre and a half of land where my business is located on Esther Street. I am surrounded by, and I don't mean this in a demeaning way, but low/ medium income families who use my property today as a dumping ground. If we go to recycling as pay as you go, you're going to have to put a trash truck on my property.

"Every morning when we go to work, the first thing we do is we go to the dumpster because I have cardboard boxes, I have sofas, I have tables, I have chairs, I have broken TVs, radios, they are dumped in the middle of the night. I, as Commissioner Sciortino says, have to pay for volume. My hauler has been very good, very kind, he has not increased my schedule yet, but he has informed me, when this recycling or whatever we are going to do in the future comes about, it is going to cost me a lot more money than I'm paying today.

"I ask you to . . . to recycle I think is a good idea. But I ask you to make it a non-paying way. If you do that, I will bring pictures in here and show you how bad my property will be decimated. I, Saturday, went up to dump some trash from my home. I couldn't get it in my dumpster. It was filled with cardboard boxes and metal trays. I don't know who is doing it, but it has to be coming from my area. Mr. McNulty is correct, you are going to see more and more dumping. Last Monday, this past Monday, coming down

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Southwest Boulevard, by Kansas Newman University, there was a three piece sectional in the middle of the highway. Now it was too heavy to be blown off a truck by the wind. It had to be dumped there on purpose. We're going to see this happen more and more and more. I would like to fence my property, but as a small businessman, I can't afford that. I'm not sure that would stop it either because they would just throw it over the fence.

"One morning we were greeted by a truck load of limbs and brush just dumped in the back of my building. They are very nice people though because they dumped it in very neat areas where we can clean it up rather quickly. But I don't think I should have to be responsible for that. So, I would ask you to rethink your thought process on pay as you go. If we're going to recycle just make it a mandatory thing that would be free. I think that would eliminate a lot of the dumping that is going to occur. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Avello, we appreciate your comments. Next speaker. Please come forward."

Ms. Karol Schlicher, 139 Brendonwood, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a member of the Solid Waste Committee. I'm speaking to you today as a private citizen. I would like to speak in support of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan. I've been on the Solid Waste Committee for several years, probably five or six, when it was still with the City and then with the County. I'd like to point out one observation. That is, no matter who has come onto the committee and the massive changes that have happened over the years, the thing I've noticed is that the plan proceeds in the same direction. You would think, with all the turnover, if we were going the wrong way there would be a change. The plan has continued the same direction. I would urge you to adopt this plan. It is an integrated plan. Years have been spent on developing this with many people. I'd like to commend the County staff for going out to communities and investigating to find out how it works in other communities.

"One main focus of this plan is diversion. I think we have to have the whole plan instigated for it to work. I think it needs to be done in a timely manner, so that our trash haulers know what is coming and so they can be working on setting up the plan and what they will need to support it. I'd also like to point out, we are offering recycling that will not cost the users. Well, it would cost everybody whether you use it or not. I think that should help address the last speaker's problem. If people have recycling and the recycling part is free, or at least cost them no more whether they use it or not, they can diminish their volume by recycling

"I also think the other thing that would happen is that private businesses will come in and respond, if they

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know they have a source. I think the market will take care of it. Instead of paying people to bury our trash, we can pay them or at least the businesses will be supported that recycle and reuse. I'm the Chairperson of the Special Waste Committee. We had a meeting earlier this week, and I'd like to give you an example of how that works.

"We have a Construction and Demolition (C & D) landfill. I think they charge like \$22 a ton compared to \$26 a ton at the landfill. So obviously, people would think that what could go to Construction and Demolition would go there and would save money. I also learned that now they accept concrete and asphalt free. So you see, that is private business telling them you can bring this. If you bring separate loads of that, you can bring it to us free. That saves them \$22 a ton and you know how heavy cement would be. They have reuse for that. I think this will happen throughout the community if we have a guaranteed resource coming in. I think we shouldn't be calling things trash that really are resources that can be reused. Now, it is obvious that we're going to have some things that can't be reused and they will need to go to a transfer station.

"One other thing that I would like to ask you to consider. That is, please plan to fund neighborhood clean-ups. I think, here again, this would help with our last speaker's problem. Illegal dumping, I'm afraid, is a fact. I also know that some of the people, elected officials, are concerned about people in their communities that have things that need to be cleared out, like old appliances or old sofas or neighborhoods where things really need to be cleaned up. The individuals living there do not have the resources. So, I would urge you to include that as something that everyone pays for because I think it enhances everyone in the community's lives to have neighborhoods that are not in disrepair or have dumping. I guess that is the end of my statements, unless you have a question."

Chairman Winters said, "There is a question, Carol. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Carol, real quickly, the Solid Waste Management Committee recommended that recycling take place in October of 2001. Then, I think that I read that you've also recommended that the pay as you throw not start until a year later. Can you explain to the public the Committee's recommendation and why they separated the two?"

Ms. Schlicher said, "I think our Chairperson will be speaking later. I will just speak for myself, as a member. I was concerned, at the time of that vote, about the size of carts or containers that the trash

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haulers would have. I no longer have that feeling and if I could vote on it again, I would not vote that way."

Commissioner Gwin said, "You'd implement them at the same time?"

Ms. Schlicher said, "I would implement them at the same time, especially if you decide now, so that the trash haulers know what is expected of them and can get developing what their plans are. I think it might be just easier if people knew ahead and if you've got the right size trash container. If you have a bag system where you could add additional and just pay for that, that would take care of the problem."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Then, on the issue of neighborhood clean-ups. A lot of the small cities in Sedgwick County already fund, out of their own resources, out of their own budget, a neighborhood clean-up funding that comes from their mill levy and they fund it. The City of Wichita has always used their revenues from the Brooks tipping fees. So, the little cities have been addressing their problems, for a number of years, out of their own mill levy funds. Are you suggesting that the County fund County-wide the cost of those things or are you suggesting the cities take on that responsibility."

Ms. Schlicher said, "I guess I'm not deciding between the two, but I think between the two governments it needs to be covered so that all the small cities in Sedgwick County. There are some neighborhoods outlying that are truly neighborhoods, not in the cities. I think any place that's a neighborhood, however the funding is done, it should be addressed publicly."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thanks for your recommendation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Carol, I think we have another question. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Carol, on the C & D landfill. I was a little confused by your comment and I just want to have some clarification. You're not telling us that we have to implement these programs before there could be a C & D landfill, are you?"

Ms. Schlicher said, "No."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I mean C & D landfills are . . . presently, they have it here. Presently, it is more convenient for the builders or what have you to put their construction and demolition in a C &

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D landfill than take it to Brooks, is that correct?"

Ms. Schlicher said, "It is more financially beneficial to them."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Probably with a transfer station it will be slightly more beneficial to them because it might go up slightly. But you're not eluding that we have to impose these other mandates in order for that to be workable are you?"

Ms. Schlicher said, "I was using that as an example of how the free market works. I think you do have to . . . I was just using the C & D landfill as an example how free market works. I'm not saying that we have to . . . I guess I am saying we do need to have curbside recycling for the city and go ahead with the plan because then we will have resources and businesses can rely on those resources coming in and it will fund good business development. I was using that as an example."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just want to clarify. There is no eluding that the committee is saying that in order for C & D landfills to be affective that we have to implement these new mandates."

Ms. Schlicher said, "No, that wasn't my point."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Next speaker. Is there someone else who would like to . . . yes Margaret, come on ahead."

Ms. Margaret Miller, 430 Waverly, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well, I've been pretty happy. I've been interested in this a long time, in case you don't know."

Chairman Winters said, "We know."

Ms. Miller said, "Some of you know more than others, more than you want to know. I've been very happy with the progress that the County has made since they took back the trash management about three years ago. I think you've done a lot. Susan Erlenwein and her office has done a lot. They worked hard. They've got a lot of education going, sign boards, TV spots, newspaper ads. I think they have begun to alert people to the idea that reducing trash is a good idea."

"I feel that as long as you just talk about it and say it is in the future, people aren't going to really take it

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seriously. What I think we ought to have is an idea that my husband came up with, a term for it, and it is on the job training. I think people need on the job training. It can't be too hard, surely, to put part of your trash in one container and part in another. I think almost anybody can figure that out. I just don't believe we need more years of education. We just need to say now it is time to do it.

"Thousands of cities, across the country, already are reducing their trash. This isn't a new idea. We don't have to invent it. Your environmental office made a survey they showed you last week. I think it was 23 cities in this general area and what they are doing. I just learned, last week, of a new group in Western Kansas. These are all small towns. Twenty-five of them in Western Kansas, Eastern Colorado and Western Nebraska, who now have a recycling network and doing a big job. If Oakley, Kansas can do it, why can't Wichita. Every week, almost, I talk to people. When they find out I that am interested in recycling, they say well in Omaha we had a great recycling program or in Santa Fe, or wherever they come from. They ask me, what is wrong here? I'm asking 'what is wrong'?"

"I want to carry on with just a little more to tell about what Karol was talking about with small businesses. We already have these businesses here in Wichita. We have Weyerhaeuser Recycling. I just talked to them this week. They say, as far as they think right now, they can take care of all the recyclables that we have, the kind that they take care of, like paper. They would also handle the metals that they would market locally. They can take care of the glass. They built a new facility a few years ago. They have never really had the opportunity to use that.

"Of course we have the wood recycling and composting center that can take wood and tree materials and leaves and grass for composting. We've had metal recycling businesses for a long time. That is not really a problem. We don't want to forget Millennium Plastic Wood, which is taking our plastic that is such a problem. For a long time, Dillons took it to Hutchinson. When they quite, it was a real problem. Millennium Plastic Wood will take almost any kind of plastic, except styrofoam. Styrofoam, nobody will take Styrofoam, nobody anywhere. So don't buy Styrofoam, just don't do it.

"Here is, essentially, my last point. Volume based rates are very fair. No other utility charges a flat rate regardless of usage. We have to pay for what we use. So why don't we in trash, too. Many of us have been using the bins at Dillons for over ten years for reducing our trash. We have very little trash in our big

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containers. I'm speaking of myself and many, many other people who use the Dillons containers because they think it is the right thing to do. I think it is time to give them a break for doing the right thing, all of these years, by letting them have a way now to cut down their trash costs.

"I'm advocating what I think is a win-win situation. We can reduce costs by taking materials out of the waste stream while we support private businesses. We can save the landfill space. We can conserve resources. It is the right thing to do and let's start right now. It is time to walk the walk."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Margaret."

Ms. Miller said, "I have a couple of copies here. I left out a little bit."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. Thank you very much. Next speaker. Is there anyone else who would like to speak? Yes, please come forward."

Mr. Larry Ross, 346 N. Bluff, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a member of several groups, but I want to speak as a lifelong citizen of Sedgwick County. I do have a concern that the County Commission could conceivably run amuck. That concern is that the County Commission, you fine folks, might backslide from your quest for progressive sound County wide trash responsibility to an imposition really not much better than the City of Wichita was willing to accept as their position.

"Some would say that Sedgwick County assumed the County-wide trash responsibility only to defeat the City of Wichita landfill effort. Others hold a position that the County assumed this responsibility in order to improve both the collection and disposal of refuse and to offer a progressive sound vision. I subscribe to the latter.

"During the last few years, the very best of local and area thinking has been utilized in how to make this vision come true. We find ourselves today considering several features of a progressive sound County vision. One is curbside recycling with the County assuming the extra cost of building into the overall plan the cost of such a mandatory curbside recycling. Leadership doesn't always come free. Pay as you go, volume based trash, is an incentive to make sound purchases on the part of the individual and to be responsible as a consumer and as a citizen. Prohibiting glass clippings and fallen leaves and not mixing

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those into the trash is a sound idea that has been tested all across the country using composting, or hauling at the owner's expense seems the best option, as far as I can see. I would suggest implementing all of these components on October 10, 2001. These are key features of your consideration and adoption of a progressive sound vision for a responsible trash plan.

"Earlier, I mentioned running amuck. It is my viewpoint that failing to adopt at least the three above mentioned components, Sedgwick County would be likely to indeed run amuck and adopt a back-sliding less responsible trash plan. I appeal to you to muster the collective intestinal fortitude, the political will, to advance this County to its rightful position as a leader, nationally, by adopting this progressive, sound trash plan. Thank you very much for this opportunity to share my concerns."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Ross. Next speaker. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Board? Now is the time. Yes sir, thank you, Milt."

Mr. Milt Pollitt, Chairman, Solid Waste Committee, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I think Irene Hart initially presented the basics of what the committee has been working on and what their conclusions are. I guess, I would make a couple of comments on the comments that have been made. Again, this does relate back to the decision on the transfer station. Very quickly, on the incineration, the committee did study that, extensively, several years ago and came to the conclusion that the costs and the possible emissions were a problem. But, by having a transfer station and not being locked into a large capital expenditure on a landfill, you have the opportunity, if new technology does arise, either incineration or other means of disposing of the material rather than burying it, there wouldn't be much of an impediment to that on the County's part because we don't have a big investment. It is a private investment in the transfer station. So, that would be one comment.

"The staff, as you know, did a lot of research relative to recycling and pay as you throw. On the recycling issue, it was clear from the data they presented that the concept of a mandatory subscription with a voluntary participation would result in significantly higher rates of recycling. With the County goal that was set a couple of years ago, I think of 40%, it will take, in my opinion and many's opinion, a program like that in order for us to hope to reach that 40% goal.

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"On the volume based rates, the committee, as you know, recommended that the recycling commence October, 2001, and that the volume based rates would be followed a year later. Our reasoning on that, in the committee, is that it would allow the community to determine from a good recycling program how much they could actually reduce the waste that they now discard. Then they would be more likely to accept some of the lower levels of actual trash disposal on the pay as you throw. That was our thinking on allowing the year there to pass.

"Again, relative to C & D disposal, which was also mentioned, that is construction and demolition waste. I, as a contractor, we've been utilizing that concept for the last two or three years. We have all of our roll-off boxes taken either to Cornejo or to the facility in Derby. I think it is a slam dunk that once that concept gains wider approval, that more and more of the contractors will utilize it. It also gives the opportunity down the road, and I know one of the local businesses has talked about perhaps having a method of sorting and recycling the material that comes from a construction and demolition debris because there is a high percentage of cardboard. By the way, one of the reasons it is so successful is that a couple of years ago, the committee recommended and you were instrumental in having that made part of the legislation on C & D was to accept cardboard. The things we get in a C & D roll-off box, we get cardboard boxes of every description. Light fixtures, everything comes in a cardboard box because it is necessary to protect the item. So, that allowed us then to take the cardboard along with the other debris.

"On the matter that Karol discussed briefly on the clean rubble, that is clearly a separate distinction from construction and demolition waste. That relates to asphalt, concrete, masonry products. That is accepted free, at no tipping charge, at several locations in the city. Ritchie Brothers does that, Cornejo does that, some of the private companies does it. The City has I'm not sure how many and perhaps some of them are County, but as you drive around you'll see these areas where the debris is being deposited. It is strictly inert material. There is no hazard to the environmental. In one of our trade magazines, recently, I read that the most recycled product in the country today is asphalt and concrete. It estimated that 80% is recycled. You see on our roads and streets, and I'm sure David could vouch for this, where they have these milling machines that mill material and in some cases immediately it is brought back new material.

"There is a lot going on. The key thing here, I think, is the residential recycling aspect and the pay as you throw. That would conclude my remarks. If you have questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Milt. We do have a question. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Milt, on the pay as you throw. Currently I have one option for a cart. I have the great big one. So I've never had the opportunity to switch to a smaller

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size and I guess I've never asked. I probably should ask my provider, who happens to be sitting here in the room today. If I want to change that cart size in the middle of a calendar year, couldn't I do that? I'm billed every quarter, so I'm assuming that in October of 2001, if I think we should implement recycling and pay as you throw on the same day, and I still want to keep my 90 gallon cart because I'm not sure how much I can divert, then couldn't I change my mind in the course of the year or am I married to that cart?"

Mr. Pollitt said, "I can't really speak for the haulers, of course, but I would really think that you would be able to do that. As things progress and you see that you don't have as much as you did have to throw away, you'd be able to switch to a different pay level and different volume level."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'll call my hauler later today and talk about that. If we are allowed to do that, if over the course of the first year or so as we are experimenting with this and we can see that we are putting less in that cart and can use a smaller cart, I really wouldn't see any reason why we would have to delay that. My sense of it is that they really do go hand in hand and that I would have an opportunity, as a couple of the women said, in a very eloquent letter received, then I have the opportunity to control, as best as possible, what my trash rates are going to be. If I can make that adjustment, as I continue to diminish what goes into my cart and what goes into my recycling bin or to a wood recycling center or my compost heap, then maybe we ought to talk about implementing them at the same time. I think they go hand and hand for a successful solution. I'm trying to figure out how we could implement them at the same time."

Mr. Pollitt said, "The research that the staff did, as you know, indicated that many successful programs where they were implemented at the same time, so that was the staff recommendation. The committee had a slightly different slant on it. Relative to your question about being able to change the quantity that you get rid of. The plan, if you approve it, would be affective in October of 2001. Are you talking about between now and then, having an opportunity to get a smaller container."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Not really. That would be cool if I could do it now, but I don't know if

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they're prepared to provide me with that, at this point."

Mr. Pollitt said, "I doubt that they would. I know they are going to have to study how each individual hauler is going to handle that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm just thinking that after that date for those folks who say, 'geez, I just don't think I'm going to be able to divert that much, so I'm going to stick with the big cart and pay that premium price'. Then over the course of many three or four months, they discovered that 'look, if I start doing things different, if I start doing the right thing, if I start recycling these materials or use a compost pile or self haul or whatever, that look four months later I think I can get along with a 60 gallon cart and work my way down if that is possible'. Like I said, I'm just trying to run it through my head as to the opportunities we might have to implement these both at the same time. I'm not talking about between now and then, though I think I'll start practicing a lot more."

Mr. Pollitt said, "As a final remark, the committee of course and I'm sure you agree, we have a lot of faith in the department that Susan and Irene are involved in. They've been very proactive in giving us all the possible information we've asked for. I noticed on the Manager's coffee cup it said can manage anything. So, between that department and the Manager, I think we would have a good opportunity for success."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Milt. I'll just take this brief moment again to thank you, Milt, for your steady hand at the Chairmanship of the Solid Waste Committee. I know there are several committee members here in the audience this morning and we appreciate all of your continuing work. Milt, we certainly appreciate your steady, even-handedness as you certainly look at all sides of this issue. Your leadership on the committee has been very valuable to us, so thanks again from all of us. Next speaker. Is there anyone else? Yes, please come forward."

Ms. Sharon Ailsieger, President, League of Women Voters, said, "Originally, I wasn't going to speak but the league has been involved in recycling and this type of environment for more years than I am. We have often seen all kinds of plans. I, myself, was on a task force for the City. I left in 1992 and moved to Garden City and now I come back and we're still discussing. I think that the league, at this point, feels that a plan and doing something is better than nothing. You only know if something works if you try it."

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I had a grandfather that was sure that the Big Ditch was a big waste of money. You never know until you give the plan a try. Often times by having it implemented you work out the bugs and you get new ideas. We could talk it to death. There is always someone who says it won't work, somebody that doesn't like it for whatever personal agenda they may have. But at this point, we need to do something or we're all going to be living in a pile of trash. So, we urge to you to look at this plan and to certainly consider it and go forward. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Sharon. It is nice to see you again Sharon after many years. Next speaker. Is there anyone else? Please come forward sir."

Mr. Tom Kneil, 6110 Edinburg, Bel Aire, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I wasn't going to comment but I have, I guess, some questions more than a statement. I'm thoroughly in favor of recycling. I do it myself and am on the recycling committee for Bel Aire. I participate in collecting recyclables once a month for the city. My trash amounts to less than a garbage bag a week, a grocery sack, loosely packed. Everything else is recycled.

"One of the things I recycle, because I have a fairly large yard, is my grass clippings, tree leaves, hedge trimmings so forth. I have a chipper. I have a compost pile. I have a small garden. I use those materials in my garden. I'm aware, however, that there are a lot of people who live in houses with very small yards, especially in the inner city, who may have a tree. They are now going to have to keep the leaves out of their waste stream. They really don't have the opportunity for composting, they have no place to put compost. I don't know whether or not this has been addressed by the Solid Waste Committee, I presume that has and I'm sorry for not being aware of the details.

"There is a letter to the editor in this morning's paper of a gentleman who lived in Illinois who says that there, their compost was picked up or their organic waste was picked up and they placed it in paper bags that they purchased in grocery stores and various places and that the city then picked that up and took it to a recycling center such as we have here in Wichita. My daughter lived in a suburb of Detroit and did exactly that at no cost to her. It was part of their recycling program. I don't know whether you have considered that or now. I worry about the elderly person who lives in a place where she has a tree and nothing to do with the tree leaves and now has to pay extra, in some fashion, to get rid of that material, to have it hauled off. So my question, I guess, is has that been considered as part of this plan? Are there any

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arrangements being made for recycling or pick-up of organic waste and recycling of that material. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Kneil. Next speaker? Is there anyone else who would like to address the Commissioner? Please come forward."

Mr. David Lies, Owner, Lies Trash Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I represent Lies Trash Service. I am also President of the Independent Trash Hauler's Association. My address is 4631 S. Palisade, that is the address of the business. I would like to go over . . . we had a meeting last night of the independent haulers and we were given the proposal on all the changes, the draft resolution of all the changes that we're looking forward to. The concerns of the independent haulers, at this point, would be if we implement all these plans on October 10, 2001, we feel it is going to be overwhelming to the public.

"Number one, right now we're just hauling trash in a cart on the curb, as you know. Come October 10, 2001, the landfill shuts down, we go to a transfer station. The cost of the transfer station is going to be higher than the tipping fees we have at the landfill now. I have not been given a definite rate as to what is going to be charged there. I've heard from \$33 to \$38 and so on. As far as what the increase is going to be, due to the tipping fee increase, I cannot say at this time. But if we use a figure of like \$2 a month, say we had to raise \$2 a month to cover the tipping fees. That is \$6 a quarter on top of what we charge now and then if we implement the mandatory recycling pay, whether you recycling or not, our company now, I'm just going to say what we charge today. We charge \$3 a month for recycling, curbside recycling and we pick up weekly. We're one of the few companies that do it weekly but it is just easier for us to do it that way for the number of customers that we have now. If we were to have to go ahead and go to bi-weekly as proposed in this plan, being every other week and we charge \$3 a month, that would be another \$9 increase. So you're looking at a \$15 increase every quarter.

"We've already banned the yard waste, we know that. If the customer was wanting a cart for the yard

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waste on top of the cart they have for trash and the recycling, at this point it would probably be in the range of \$10 a month. If we had to provide another 90 gallon cart for grass and leaves and whatever other type of items they are able to put in there. So, then you're looking at if somebody wanted grass during the summer months, \$10 a month on top of the \$15 a quarter for the other two segments, which is a pretty drastic increase that us, the haulers, are going to put onto our customers that we have now. I feel with that much of an increase, there is definitely going to be feedback. I would have to say the feedback is not going to be so good. That is just too much of an increase.

"I feel if we go ahead with the transfer station is done on October 10 and we have to increase for that and we ban the yard waste and then let the people know what the options are, whether they mulch. I mulch at my house so I have no yard waste in the first place. But some people do want it hauled off. Let them know what that is going to cost them to have their yard waste hauled off. We still have to do more research and find out how many customers we're going to have, how many extra carts we're going to have to buy and if we have to add trucks to take care of the yard waste. I would assume not. I feel that more of them will handle it themselves whether they mulch, which is what I hope they do, or if they build a small compost facility on their site. That is why I said a range of \$10. I cannot give you a definite answer, at this point, because I do not know tipping fees. If the tipping fees at the composting facility, if they're going to raise by next year in October of 2001. If they stay the same, that makes it easier, but we do not know until then.

"I would ask that if you consider maybe pushing back the recycling and the volume based until after we set in the first phase. What I'm going to call the first phase is the grass and change to a transfer station. That way, for volume based pricing, you will have more of an idea how much trash you're going to have once you remove the grass and leaves out of your cart. Like Betsy Gwin was asking about changing size of a cart because she's going to reduce her trash. Once you take the grass and leaves out of your cart, if you are doing so now, which a lot of customers have two carts. One is mostly for grass and the other is for their trash. They will reduce one cart there, which is going to save them money. Then, we'll have more of a feel for how much trash is going to be in the cart after the grass ban. I think it will be substantially less than we take out to the recycle center when we reduce the grass and leaves.

"One question I had, when you proposed what we was banning out of the transfer station, why brush was not included. I feel that is in the same element as grass and leaves. I think that will further reduce the

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amount of trash going to the recycling center. After it goes to the recycling center, we're going to have to ship it out to wherever it is shipped to. The less we ship, the better off we are.

"Second, is on the section of the County where they are going to make mandatory recycling whether to incorporated areas or the unincorporated areas or how we are going to structure that. I feel that in the incorporated areas we can recycle more customers in say like a mile radius. Where if you go into the unincorporated areas, you may only do one recycling customer in a mile radius out in that area. Then we are wasting one natural resource, fuel, trying to gather very little recycling material. That is going to increase the cost to recycle in the first place.

"I've heard a lot of comments that they wish we could recycle for free. I agree, if there is any way we could recycle your trash for free, the products that we are going to take to Weyerhaeuser, that would be great. The problem with that is if we go over the products that we are going to recycle under this plan, it would be all plastic bottles and containers marked number one, marked number two, newspaper, including all inserts, steel aluminum cans, brown, green and clear beverage bottles and jars, stapled magazines and catalogues.

"I spoke with Weyerhaeuser yesterday and I asked them what they thought if they would pay for any of the products or we would just be giving it all to them free. The response was, plastic they will not pay for. Steel and aluminum cans, they will not pay for. Brown, green and clear food and bottle beverage and jars, they will not pay for. Stapled magazines and catalogues, they will not pay for. Newspaper, including all inserts, the price is \$50 to \$70 per ton. That is what they can get for it from wherever they send it.

"I think, from what I understood, if you take away the cost of shipping for them and things they need to turn a profit on the product for shipping it. It came down to 0 to \$20 a ton depending upon the fluctuating market. That means that we will probably be taking all our materials Weyerhaeuser for free. That is how we do it now in our system. We're only covering a small portion of what we may be covering of all of our customers. The number one problem there is we're going to have to buy a tub for all the customers that want to increase in recycling, which I would assume if they are going to pay for it whether they do it or not, down the road it is probably going to be quite a few of the customers who are going to recycle, mostly if we have the volume based going at that time.

"When you take into expense the cost of buying all the tubs, if we have to buy two or three more trucks, recycling trucks to handle the volume, we have to hire on more employees to handle the volume. That is going to increase our cost of operations. If we do add this at once, plus we go to three sizes of carts or

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whatever way we move on that, we're going to increase our cost of operation there.

"On the volume based, I will say that we've looked at it. I've talked with the other members in the association. The feedback I've received, it was probably in the range of \$1 to \$3 from a small cart to the medium cart and then another increase of \$1 to \$3 from the medium to large cart. I know these are questions that you had. There is no guarantee yet on what the rates will be until we do a lot of study on what the different carts are going to cost us. I've called around to several different cart companies to find out what the prices are on their multiple carts. I know we have some quotes at Ameri-Cart that are 90 gallon carts, which is the standard cart you see today, they have an insert, which will turn your 90 gallon cart into a 60 gallon cart at a cheaper rate. We could switch a 90 to a 60 more cost effective than we can to buy another 60. That is one way to help. Then we thought . . . we hear a lot of people say they've got 30 gallons of trash or less. We address this every day with our customers. So, our plan was to maybe have a 30 gallon price, a 60 gallon price and a 90 gallon price. That is where we're leaning at at this point. The 30 gallon price, it is not economical to buy a 30 gallon cart. It would be cheaper if maybe the customer, if they wanted the 30 gallon price would provide their own 30 gallon can or put it in a bag for the 30 gallon trash. We could haul it and make that our lowest price, because we would not be out as much money on cost. That is where we are leaning at. It just depends upon what we decide. That is where we're going.

"Right now, when you go down a street and pick up a cart, a lot of times you'll see six to eight extra bags of trash around the cart. That is where you get your complaints the most. The neighbor here has less than a cart full every week and she is paying the same as the guy next door is with eight to ten bags extra every week, which I understand their point. The way the system is now, we cannot change it until we do something else. I feel that if we do go to 30, 60, 90, that we will have to charge, if you've got a 90 gallon cart, you got to a 30 gallon cart and make your change, that's fine. But if you put out 10 bags with that 30 gallon can or cart or whatever, we will have to charge for the extra bags. That would defeat the purpose of reducing the amount of trash we are taking in now by letting them go to a 30 gallon cart or can and then adding bags to it.

“So, it would have to be worded that it is 30, 60, 90, and the extra bags we charge. We felt maybe, you

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know, you have Christmas and other events, maybe offering the first ten bags per year free. You could either tag them, we could either go with a tagging system where we sell the customer the tags or stickers or maybe even colored bags. I'd have to research that. That's been done in other cities. That is where I fall on that.

"It was brought up about we have free dump day now through the City. The City provides that, which is great. I've heard the comment that maybe we should have that be funded by the County. I can understand for the big items, but if we let them take just anything and everything out there, we don't limit it to bigger items, they're just going to gather up the trash as we go along, all the extra trash that they do not want to pay for, gather it up and then when you have the free day or the County day, then they're going to take it all out there then and we're not going to reduce the amount of trash that is going to go to the transfer station. From the proposal, that's the object of the proposal is to reduce the amount of trash that we are taking.

"The last item I have is I know a lot of this study was done in Fort Collins, Colorado. The way we recycle now is we separate. That is how the proposal is drawn up is to continue to separate. In Fort Collins, they have a bulk recycle. That is where they throw all the items out together. Now I don't know what Weyerhaeuser's stance is, if we were to take our product there, if they want to handle it this way, but this is how it is in Fort Collins. The customer will put everything in the tub, glass, plastic, everything in one tub. Then we would come along and throw it in the truck. The trucks would be cheaper because when you've got a divided truck, that creates a rise in the cost of the equipment. If we could come through and just throw the tub into the truck at every house instead of having to separate it in the truck, that would reduce the time of operation for the man driving the truck. We could service more houses in a day than if we have to separate it. I just wanted to bring that up because a study was done in Fort Collins and that is how they do the recycling at Fort Collins. Maybe something to think about.

"The only other thing I can think of is if we increase all these at one time the feedback from the public, if it is negative, I know it is not going to effect a lot of people, but it will effect us, the haulers and the Commissioners. That is why I ask that maybe, you know, you think about that on whether we change all these effects into place."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, David. I did want to give David some extra time, because as a representative of the Independent Haulers, I wanted to hear everything that he had to say. I appreciate your comments very much. Commissioner Gwin has a question."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "David, you brought up several thoughts and I appreciate your ideas and suggestions here. When it comes to recycling in the unincorporated areas of the County, wouldn't neighborhood drop boxes be more efficient?"

Mr. Lies said, "Yes, I think so."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Then I am assuming we separate our recyclables now because that is the way Weyerhaeuser prefers it, I think."

Mr. Lies said, "Yes, that is the only method we've gone with."

Commissioner Gwin said, "A lot of the material recovery facility, some of them are as we've come to know and love them dirty mirfs, where you have the people separate there. I think Weyerhaeuser prefers that the materials be as clean as possible and pre-separated at our curbs. I think that is why we do it now."

Mr. Lies said, "Yes, that's how we do it now. But I just wanted to bring that up about Fort Collins so you'd know."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate that. The other question that you asked about why wasn't brush included in the ban materials. I'll certainly ask Susan or the Solid Waste Committee and we'll try to get that one answered, too."

Mr. Lies said, "I think it is same kind of material as the other. Why put them in the transfer station when they can easily go with the leaves and grass."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I suspect, and this is what I think and not what I know, but I suspect the reason that wasn't included is because with grass and leaves, the majority of us can, with mulching mowers or composting or something, take care of that on our yard ourselves. It is lighter material. But if a big tree limb falls out of my Chinese Elm as they seem to do on a regular basis, I, without a chipper or some chain saws or whatever, I'd have a hard time managing that. So, if I could wrestle that to the curb, which again isn't very easy, then it can go away. I suspect that's the reason is because of the weight and the sheer size of the problem compared to grass or leaves."

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Mr. Lies said, "I just know, in our everyday operation, we come across a lot of brush. It has to be bundled so that it is manageable to go into the truck. I just thought maybe if we reduced that. Plus, I read in the paper today, the article in the paper, and it does state in the article, if anybody reads it, which is stated wrong, that brush is going to be banned from the landfill, from the transfer station. So we'll need to make sure they know it is not."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, to this point it isn't. I think it is a matter of size and difficulty for the consumer, for the producer to dispose of it him or herself. I would certainly prefer, however, that that kind of material go to an appropriate recycling center, either wood recycling or the folks down in Derby where they can use it in some other way, obviously. Thank you for your time and input. Your advice and suggestions are important to us."

Chairman Winters said, "We have one more question. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. David, let me understand it right. As far as the independent haulers are concerned, you would prefer delaying the simultaneous implementation of pay as you throw and recycling. As I understand it, the main reason is you want to get a real clear picture of what the real costs of the transfer station are, so you can better judge what to charge for these other items."

Mr. Lies said, "Correct, and then with the ban of the grass, it is going to change the amount of volume to be hauled."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand. Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, David. Next speaker."

Mr. Jim Spencer, District Manager, Waste Connections of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know, we are the ones who are currently in the process of designing and building a transfer station. For a quick update on that, we are on schedule with the transfer station. It is in design/ build stage right now. We hope to actually begin the actual dirt site within 45 days out at 37th Street North and West Street. We are on schedule to getting the transfer station open by October 1 of 2001."

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"Regarding the issues today on recycling and volume based trash, I'd kind of echo some of David's comments. I know you had questions on servicing the rural areas. Our feelings on the rural areas are simply the way the proposed ordinance reads is that the service to the incorporated areas makes the most sense. Service to the unincorporated areas would be best served by drop boxes, such as the Dillon containers now. This would allow a better service to be provided to the communities that are already incorporated versus, as David indicated, there is a lot of windshield time if you trying to service the unincorporated areas of the County.

"On the effective date of these proposed recycling and volume based, I would again have to echo some of David's comments on the problems of doing everything at once. Right now, we've got a transfer station going on line. You've got a yard waste ban taking place at the same time. Again, the consumers are going to feel the increase of the transfer station cost for their trash service in the neighborhood of \$1 to \$2 per month increase in their trash bill. At the same time, they've got to make a choice on yard waste. Are they going to compost in their back yard? Is that allowable in the neighborhood? A lot of neighborhoods don't allow that. Can they mulch? Well, everybody can mulch, but do they want to? If you read a lot of letters to the editors. We see people who are going to bring it here and put it on your door steps because they think it is their God given right to throw it away. So, we have to provide a yard waste collection service. We've done that a lot of places around the country over the years.

"Typically, when you start up a yard waste program you're going to have about 40% of your customers will want to have a yard waste collection service. What does that mean? Well, roughly you're going to have 30,000 to 40,000 people in Wichita are going to sign up for a yard waste collection service. I think you can tell by your own study, the pilot program you have done, with the two different neighborhoods in town that probably the chosen method to do yard waste collection is to give the consumer another cart. The bags don't work very well, they seem to deteriorate too fast. They get wet. Sunlight hits them. They don't work very well, not to mention the fact that if you try to load them with your catcher, they're not very user friendly. So, it seems that the cart method for yard waste collection is the way to go. So the consumers are going to have to make a choice about that at the same time, October 1, 2001.

"What does that mean to the haulers? Well the haulers are going to have to add additional routes. I'm estimating that we are going to have 30,000 to 40,000 customers choose a yard waste collection service. That is 30,000 to 40,000 carts that has to be purchased, delivered to the customer, all at one time as the customers make that decision. That will mean that I will add approximately nine routes, which means you've got to buy nine trucks at about \$170,000 apiece or \$1,500,000 investment in trucks, on top of the 30,000 to 40,000 carts. Again, you've got roughly another \$1,500,000 investment, about a \$3,000,000 investment to get yard waste started. It is not the money. We can do that and we can turn around and

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build those costs into our price, but that is something the consumer has to make a choice of October 1, 2001. That is already an item that is banned from the transfer station.

"So, then the decision is, does it make sense to implement recycling and volume based at the same time. You look at EPA studies, they suggest you should do it all at once because it does get things going all at once. But the practical situation of it is if we're going to offer recycling 'free', in other words it is hidden in the costs of the trash rate which is being proposed, I would suggest that a large percent of the people are going to take that service because they're paying for it anyway. If you assume that 75% of my customers will take that service, that means roughly about 60,000 customers are going to want to have a recycling bin. If 60,000 customers want a recycling bin, we're going to have to add approximately ten additional routes to get that going, and buy 60,000 bins.

"Your total recycling investment, to get that started for us is about \$1,200,000. Again, it is not necessarily the money, but it is the timing of the issue. Can we get yard waste going all at once. Can we also get 60,000 recycling customers started all at once, and then not to mention maybe we'll do volume based trash at the same time. If we volume based trash at the same time, how is the consumer going to know what they want to choose. Well, maybe they will know that they want a 30 gallon or 60 gallon or 90 gallon cart, but when they go down that road to make the decision, what's the impact on the hauler. Again, what percentage of people are going to want a 30 gallon cart? What percentage of people are going to want a 60 gallon cart? How many people want to keep their 90 gallon cart? You have to make some guesses just to think about it. So if 20,000 people want to drop down to a 30 gallon cart and another 20,000 people want to drop down to a 60 gallon cart, I've got to buy 40,000 more carts. The cart investment there is about \$1,600,000.

"Again, we can go out and buy the additional carts. We can do what David talked about, put in an insert. The inserts still cost money. But there are different ways to do it. But you're still going to be delivering different carts to roughly 40,000 people. So all at once, on October 1, 2001, I've got to deliver 40,000 various different size carts for volume based, 60,000 recycling bins, and a very large number of yard waste carts. I don't think it is practical to do all that at once. I don't think I can hire enough people and buy enough trucks to get all that delivered in a reasonable amount of time. I think we need to look at some

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form of a reasonable implementation schedule that we can accomplish this over a period of time instead of all at once for an effective date of October 2001. I think that is asking too much of any of the haulers, whether it be myself or the other public companies or the small independent haulers. That is asking a lot to happen and expecting a lot of the consumer all at once.

"I do, briefly, want to address the draft resolution. There are a couple of things I wanted to ask that we look at as you look through the draft resolution. The license fee is left blank intentionally it looks like. I would hope this fee would be something low and reasonable and that it would reflect the actual cost of administering the program. The other thing I would want to point out is there is a document retention policy in this particular proposed draft resolution. Currently, it is asking for the hauler to maintain records, such as route sheets, financial information and customer information for three years. I think that is a little unreasonable request of the haulers. We've discussed this in the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee. The Planning Committee recommended, and I would agree, that a reasonable expectation for this would be the past year and the current year, not three years of record retention for trash services provided in the community.

"Those would be our points that we would like to make regarding the resolution and also, again, I would just like to suggest that we do consider some form of a reasonable implementation schedule for volume based trash and recycling. Thanks a lot."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Jim. Very informative. We have a couple of questions. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thanks. Help me think about a reasonable implementation period. If the transfer station opens in October 2001, then the yard waste ban is immediate, because we've already made that determination. Would implementation be possible within the next year?"

Mr. Spencer said, "After the transfer station opens?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes. In the year between 2001 and 2002, would a calendar year, within that year be reasonable?"

Mr. Spencer said, "Some form of an implementation schedule in that year makes sense?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Would within six months be reasonable from where you're standing?"

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Mr. Spencer said, "Pushing it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm just trying to get parameters here. Six months would be, in your opinion, would be pushing it. Giving you a year from the opening of the transfer station, as a hauler, you would consider that reasonable?"

Mr. Spencer said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm just trying to understand your definition of terms."

Mr. Spencer said, "I understand."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Gwin asked the same question I was. I was going to ask Jim what he felt would be a reasonable period of time."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Jim. Your information was very valuable to us. Next speaker. Please come forward."

Mr. Phil Journey, 7079 S. Meridian, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First, I want to commend the efforts put forth by the Committee for Solid Waste Management and the Commission. It is quite apparent that the Commission's effort has put a lot of energy into this issue and has put also a lot into listening to the people. I came here to listen today because I wanted to know how others felt about this. I, frankly, felt very good about this because a lot of my personal opinions had been confirmed by what I heard today. I think recycling is absolutely necessary and I think it is the responsible thing for all of us to do.

"I would suggest, too, that the Commission consider enhancing the current County resolutions for prosecuting and punishing illegal dumpers. That is something that could help end that problem that is

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clearly reasonable in the minds of many of the commentators today. Small investment in resources and staff, we already have the County Court, the Environmental Court in place, would be the appropriate jurisdiction for that and something that, with perhaps an enhanced fine schedule, would make that type of behavior economically unfeasible for those who would choose to break the law.

"I would also commend the Commission on, basically, implementing Adam Smith's invisible hand when it came to making decisions on the part of the consumer. It is important that financial interests will be the thing that guides the decisions made by each of the consumers out there today. I think that the phasing in of these three very large changes is an important concept also for the Commission to consider and certainly something I'm willing to look at. It is important to keep this in a competitive mode so that each of the businesses out there participating in refuse recycling and pick-up will have the economic interests in it to hold their costs down and not simply pass them on to their customers.

"In closing, I believe that the Commission should seriously consider regional composting as an option for many of the citizens out there in the County. I think it is something that could eventually at least pay for a good portion of its own expenses and selling the product that it would ultimately produce. I want to thank you all for your time, and your comments, and your attention."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Journey. We appreciate your comments. Could I ask how many more people here would like to address the Commission? Could I see the hands of how many more people? We've got just a couple. Please come on forward. What I'd like to do is go ahead and conclude the public hearing. We'll go back and pick up the item we skipped earlier on the appointment and then we'll take a short recess as soon as we've done that. Please proceed."

Mr. Gil Hoover, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I represent Weyerhaeuser Recycling, 4300 West 29th Street South. I just wanted to address the Commission and the audience on the items that we currently do accept and how we do accept them. At our current processing process, you might say, we do not accept all materials thrown together. We are not set up to do that and, to my knowledge, we don't have any plans to go to that kind of a system. However, we will accept number one and number two plastic, tin and aluminum co-mingled together because we do separate those materials at our plant. One of the reasons that we do not pay for those materials, often times the collection, the processing, the bailing, costs associated with those non-fiber items are more than the market value of them themselves. We often have to rely on our fiber margins and sale of that product to compensate for those costs, which it has worked out very well.

"To my knowledge, we have never charged for drop-off material and there is no plan to do so in the future

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that I'm aware of. We also accept office paper and corrugated cardboard at our plant, as well as all the other items mentioned. We do prefer the glass be separated by color. Newspapers with the inserts separated from stapled magazines. That is really only the clarification I have from what was stated earlier. Thank you for your time."

Chairman Winters said, "One clarification, Gil. Stapled magazines need to be separated from newspapers. They cannot be commingled because you need to have the newspaper in a pure form product."

Mr. Hoover said, "Exactly."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The paper and the inserts in the paper, like the Sunday paper can be commingled."

Mr. Hoover said, "Yes."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you very much, Gil. We appreciate your being here. Next speaker."

Mr. Mark Raccuglia, Wichita Sanitation, 5910 East 2nd, said, "My main reason for coming up is I wanted to thank you. The County has been very receptive to our concerns as private haulers. As a small hauler, when you hear these numbers that they're throwing around on the cost of what this can cost us, you've really taken that into consideration, as far as some of your proposals and the wordings. It gives us a little bit of flexibility on what we do as far as the carts. It doesn't say we have to put three specified carts out there. If we had to put a 30, 60 and a 90 gallon cart out there, it could be detrimental for the small hauler.

"One thing that was concerning to us about the wording was the mandate of picking up the recyclables on the same day the trash was picked up. A lot of the small haulers use a private subcontractor and he picks up the different hauler's customers at the same time. So, that would be one issue. I don't know if there would be a specific date for an area or some other way to address that, other than it having to be picked up on that same day. That was the only concern I had."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Mark, we have a couple of questions. Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mark, I'm a little confused. I've always been hearing there would be 90, 60, 30, but what are you proposing it be?"

Mr. Raccuglia said, "We have different programs right now. We offer kind of a volume based system right now. We let the people use their own can for a 30 gallon container. That would be a can I wouldn't have to purchase, if they wanted to do that. Then on the second level we go with, we use a container only, that would be a 90 gallon container. Then for trash above that we can use multiple containers or we let them put out 'x' number of extra bags. That would be our three different options. My understanding in the wording is we don't have to specifically buy a 30 gallon, 60 gallon, or 90 gallon container, but we do have to provide them with substantially different options with a substantially different price."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I think I understand that. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Then, is the issue then that you wouldn't necessarily, you're not mandated to provide the carts, but the consumer might do that? I might go buy a 30 gallon cart and be on that pay schedule. If I wanted to have a 60 gallon capacity, I could go buy two 30 gallon carts."

Mr. Raccuglia said, "Right, or we would provide that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "The other issue I'm real interested in was the one you brought up about the request that you pick up recyclables on the same day you pick up the trash. If I'm hearing you right, you subcontract that aspect to another company. Your concern is that that company, with that requirement to do that for all the haulers for whom he or she contracts, they couldn't do all that in one day. Is that what you're telling me?"

Mr. Raccuglia said, "That's correct. It makes more sense for them to pick up three of the hauler's customers while they are there. We might not pick up the trash on the same day but they could pick up the recyclables on the same day."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, I wasn't aware of that. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Hancock."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "In our proposed resolution, it doesn't state do it on the same day, does it?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yes, same day is what it says."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I must have missed that part. I just thought it read bi-weekly."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, it says same day."

Chairman Winters said, "And on your same regular trash day, so you won't get confused."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "My sense is I think what the committee was trying to do was to eliminate that all the trash trucks would be through your neighborhood in one day and not have one day here comes one trash truck and the next day here comes another. Eliminate the amount of times the trash trucks were driving around your neighborhood."

Chairman Winters said, "Or just the confusion of the day you put your trash out is the day you put your recyclables out. He brings up a good point that we need to consider."

Commissioner Gwin said, "We need to talk about that. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Mark. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Commission? Is there anyone else? This is an opportunity to address the Commission. At this time we will then close the public comment. I want to thank each and every one of you who took time to make comments today. They were excellent. In a short period of time, we were reminded again of the issues, from we need to keep our eye on incineration and technology because hopefully someday that is going to be there. We've heard from the small haulers, the large haulers, those who were certainly supporting recycling as fast as you can, as quick as you can. Those who are wanting us to be a bit more cautious. I appreciate everyone who made a comment today. For a public hearing, we often times hear a lot of things that don't really seem applicable to what we're talking about, but your comments today were excellent. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'll wait until you bring comments back to the bench."

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Chairman Winters said, "The public meeting is over. Could I make one interjection here? My suggestion is that what our eventual action today is going to be is to receive and file all of the reports. I don't believe we are ready to take action on this issue. I would like to suggest to the Manager, next meeting is canceled for September 6. We're coming up on a long holiday weekend. I know some people are going to be gone, but we need to, I think, get ourselves rounded up so at the next meeting we'll perhaps consider having this on the agenda and having the real discussion at that time. I would hope that we each take information that we received today and be able to process it. I think we have heard valuable information today from the haulers, both large and small, that we need to consider. With that comment, as not trying to drive towards a solution, then Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm glad that we're going to finally take some action, probably on the 13th or so of September. One is just a housekeeping, Mr. Manager. I got a letter from a Barton Prince that couldn't be here and he's asked that this be part of the public record. Could I just give this to the Clerk and she could incorporate it in her Minutes?"

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Yes, sir. That would be appropriate."

Chairman Winters said, "I'd make copies for each of the Commissioners."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I did already, they're in the boxes."

Attached to back of Minutes is the letter from Mr. Barton Prince.

Commissioner Sciortino said, "First of all, I agree with what the President of the Independent Haulers has said and also what Jim Spencer has said on the idea of delaying the simultaneous implementation of these programs. We have been told that the transfer station, I have no reason to doubt what is being said, that that cost alone will probably be about a dollar or two per month per household. However, staff has been recommending and we are considering simultaneously introducing a number of other programs, such as the volume based pricing and mandatory subscription to recycling, plus simultaneously taking away some services that citizens currently receive for free and that would be the ban on yard waste, grass clippings and the extra bags that they can put out right now."

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"My fear is basically the same as has been mentioned here. This is going to cause the citizens a lot of confusion. I don't believe, right now, this is very high on anybody's radar screen. It is somewhat like the articles we've been reading about natural gas prices are doubling and heating oil fuels are sky rocketing. Nobody is paying any attention to it until they start paying for it. Now, this December and January, I have no doubt there will be articles in the paper about people screaming now about what they are paying to heat their homes. In addition to the confusion, these additional fees could play havoc with the budgets of groups of our citizens, like seniors, who are on fixed incomes and other lower income families.

"But as David Lies indicated, it will also hinder our ability, their ability, and our citizens' ability to determine exactly what the true cost of the transfer station alone is. None of these programs are dictated that they have to be mandated with the transfer station. We could do this whether it was a local landfill or transfer station/distant landfill concept. It could really cloud what the true cost of the transfer station is. This Board hopes that what we have heard is true and accurate, that it would only be about a dollar or two for the transfer station. I think we can justify that and I think we can live with that. But if all of these costs are bundled together and I understand the haulers reluctance to tell us exactly what the different levels of service will cost, because they maybe don't know for sure. Like the recycling thing, are we going to mandate recycling going to everybody in the rural areas or what have you? Those costs could be all bundled together and then the public could possibly blame all of those additional costs on the transfer station concept and that wouldn't be fair.

"The only way that I feel that we can make a true comparison is to leave all of our programs in place, as they are today. Not take away or introduce any more costs or programs until enough time has passed to have established a base line for the transfer station cost. I favor delaying the implementation of all the additional mandates. I also favor rescinding the immediate ban on yard waste and grass clippings, for now, until we have achieved that objective. Our citizens have a right to know exactly what the true costs of the transfer station concept is and the only way I know of achieving this is to be able to compare true apples to apples. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to, I think in several cases, respectfully disagree with Commissioner Sciortino. I suspect that a prevailing thought that I've read and heard is one that represents this community as a whole and that is recycling is a good thing or recycling is the right thing to do and you need to make it convenient and you need to do it now. We've taken numerous community surveys. We've heard from folks in community meetings that this is a part of the process that they feel very strongly about and that they believe, too, is the right thing. We don't have to teach people this any more, Margaret. You're still working, but, I mean, you were so far ahead of the curve that most of us weren't even up with you. Some of us are maybe getting close to you and what you believe in this regard.

"I worry that if we continue to delay and stall, that the impact of those delays will be much more devastating than the implementation. I guess the analogy, and someone brought it up when we were talking today, is of the Big Ditch. We know at the time, when those people had to make a very tough decision to spend millions of dollars to solve a flooding problem in the community, that they were chastised, that they were belittled. Their decisions were questioned. Yet, they did it because the cost in the short term, even though there was one, outweighed the long term cost. Can you imagine? Can you imagine what we'd be paying if we didn't have the Big Ditch to divert flood waters from this community? Every time we had a spring or autumn rain, and God please bring us one now, but every time we had a spring or autumn rain, downtown Wichita and Riverside would be decimated. FEMA wouldn't let us build there any more. You get the picture. So, there are some things that we must do as a community that may cost more now, that may seem a little tough to bite now, but in the end it is the decision that saves us tens of millions of dollars in landfill clean-up, in doing the wrong thing over and over again.

"I would encourage this Commission to think very long and hard over these next two weeks. I know I don't have the votes today, though I would make a motion and it would die of a second, to do the things that are right and to do them as expeditiously as this community can do them. We are so far behind the other communities in this country. The people that you know who live here, who have moved here, all stand up and say 'We did that in this community. We've been doing it for 25 years. What's wrong with you people?' We've never been encouraged to do it. We have never been encouraged to change the way we look at our municipal solid waste. This plan, our Committee has encouraged us to change the way we conduct our lives for the better, for the better. There are individuals throughout this community and we all got a letter from a woman who said that 'as County Commissioners you have had to assume responsibility for facilitating a major shift in the way the public sees trash. As with other issues, people probably will not change what they are doing until they are forced to. I urge you to go forward with these decisions so the consumers will be on a more level playing field so that they too have choices'.

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"I appreciate the concerns and I'm not saying I'm ready to implement them today, but ladies and gentlemen, October 2001 is well over a year away. If we tell the haulers two weeks from today what we could like them to have ready by 2001, I've already been told today that a year is plenty of time. I see no reason for waiting an additional year, if we are firm in what our decision is, so that they understand what we want. I know I don't have the votes today to proceed, but I'm telling you, I believe on the 13th we need to lead and to make decisions of maybe a difficult nature, but we need to be strong in our resolve and move on with this process. I would encourage you all to think very strongly about that over these next two weeks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with many of the comments that Commissioner Gwin made. I guess I just differ, a little bit, on perhaps the implementation process. In the long run, I believe the citizens of this County are going to be supportive of Sedgwick County's proposed recycling program. However, because it affects so many people and since the trash haulers have not been forthcoming with any costs, I'm convinced, as I said before, that I think we need to walk before we run. There is a push to institute volume based pricing and mandatory subscription at the same time that we are trying to do something new, and that is get our transfer station operational. I believe we need to have a clear picture of the overall costs before implementing too many new things. So, I support holding off on pay as you throw and mandatory subscription until we have determined a base line cost for the transfer station. As it has been said today and as I've been told for two years now, it will be between a dollar and two dollars a month.

"While I'm supportive of the recycling measures, I feel we should also suspend the banning of yard waste and grass clippings until we know how much more the transfer station will add. I also believe we should institute, as soon as possible, an intensive educational program to encourage voluntary adoption of the measures that we have proposed. The County's own research found that 70% of our citizens would be willing to use curbside recycling and 53% said they'd be willing to pay for curbside recycling. Still, only 10% of the residents are actually using a curbside service. We have an enormous opportunity to reduce the disparity through education. Let me give you just a few examples of education disparity. Last storm we had, we heard on the radio that you could take your limbs to Brooks Landfill and they did have a couple of free days, I'll give that. But it costs, anytime you do tree trimming or anything, it costs \$26 a ton to go to Brooks Landfill. What we don't hear is that we have a place called Wood Recycling. As Mr. Journey mentioned, we need a regional composting company. That is a regional composting company. We need to let folks know they are there. I believe it is only \$18 a ton, \$20 a ton. Six dollars less than the landfill. So we do have options out there. That facility is able to take, from what I've heard, as much as we can give them.

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"I want to let people know, though, that I strongly support reducing the waste stream through recycling and removing grass and tree limbs, either by mulching or taking it to a place like Wood Recycling. By implementing these things at this time the transfer station goes on line, I'm concerned that we will not know the true cost of the transfer station. As I heard today from the haulers, it is that people will not know exactly what size container they'll need, what services exactly that they are going to use and that type of thing. I said it, I believe last week and I'll say it again, Commissioner Winters has said it at a few of our staff meetings that we need to have a big trash symposium this fall and this spring. That would give us a great opportunity to start letting people know about what is to come and how they need to prepare. This first year, we're going to have a new household hazardous waste program started. We're going to build one. It is going to be better than the one we have today. We're going to start using something a little different in the transfer station. Folks won't notice much difference because they're going to still have their trash picked up the same way, but the cost will increase. We need to know the exact cost of the transfer station. Then from that point on, after intensive education, then we need to talk about how we phase these other programs in. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. We've had much good information today and Mr. Manager, if you would check with Commissioners between now and next week to get direction of whether to have this on the agenda of the 13th or not. Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Just a question about a little housekeeping. What is the process from here on in? I mean, I kind of have a sense that, bless their hearts, the paper could have been close to right on this one. I know we're moving very quickly but it appears to the public that we're moving very slowly. What is the process? When do we settle this and move on? You may not have that in mind. I know what the next decisions are that we're going to be making on the 13th, but what follows? What other decisions do we need to make to settle this?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We are on schedule, according to our plan that we developed a year or so ago when the solid waste plan was approved by K.D.H.E. In discussion with the haulers at that time, they indicated they would like a year advanced notice of some of the changes that have been suggested to you. Household hazardous waste is a couple of months behind where we intended to be. These are the big decision points. There are still some decision points regarding storm collection, storm disposal, although I think we have our hands around that. The issues of neighborhood clean-up and free days, there is still not a firm decision about those, although we're rapidly coming to that. So, Commissioner, I'm sorry it took so long, but very briefly, these are the major decision points."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Irene is having an anxiety attack in the back."

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Ms. Hart said, "We had planned to bring this back to you for discussion and consideration on the 13th. If there is a decision made by the end of September, then that would give the haulers one year before the closure of Brooks and they said they needed a year's notice. That's our plans at this point."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Then we will decide . . . I know last night at our meeting, the Mayor mentioned a C & D landfill once again and working with the County to develop, possibly, that. Of course, we haven't dismissed the private side, looking at another C & D landfill. I'm very concerned about the size of the clean-up that we have in, not only the unincorporated area, but in the City of Wichita they need a C & D landfill. Otherwise the cost will be extreme. I was just wondering, I think it is fair that we give everyone notice of where we are on this. Clearly state what our schedule is. It seems to me that we've kind of beat this horse to death. I'm not sure, we continue to stay on him and continue to beat him. We made some decision, I think, in our heart of hearts and it is time to announce them and move on. I just want to get an idea of when that is going to happen."

Mr. Buchanan said, "The next 30 days."

Commissioner Hancock said, "You're a good man. Thank you, Irene. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I'm ready for a motion to receive and file all the comments the public has given us today."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Again, I want to thank everybody, we all do, want to thank all of you who made public comments today. It was very helpful and we appreciate your efforts. Seeing no other discussion, Madam Clerk call the vote."

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Now, we're going to take one other quick item and then we're going into a short recess. Madam Clerk, would you call item B-2 please."

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BELVA OTT (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Pepoon said, "We have prepared a resolution appointing Ms. Belva Ott to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. It is in proper form and we would recommend you approve the Resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Belva Ott is here. Belva, if you'd please come to the podium and Assistant

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County Clerk Paul Rosell will swear you in for this position."

Mr. Paul Rosell, Deputy County Clerk said, "Just say I do swear when I am done here. Please raise your right hand.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God."

Ms. Belva Ott said, "I do swear."

Chairman Winters said, "Belva, thank you very much for agreeing to serve on this board. This is a very important board that all of us are very concerned about and it does deal with juvenile justice issues and we're confident that your experience with all the things that go on in Topeka will be very helpful. Thank you very much for agreeing to serve. Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to take a ten minute recess."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 11:13 a.m. and returned at 11:27 a.m.

Commissioner McGinn did not return from recess.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. This is our August 30 meeting. Madam Clerk, please call Item E."

NEW BUSINESS

E. PRESENTATION OF SECOND QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT.

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to defer the item indefinitely. John Rolfe of the Chamber had another meeting he had to attend.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

**F. AGREEMENT WITH MUSCLE, INC. FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK
SEPTEMBER 10, 2000 TO HOLD A CAR SHOW.**

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Approval of this agreement will conclude a decade of car shows for this particular car club at Sedgwick County Park. They began doing car shows at the park in 1991 and have had a successful run of shows since then. We've received their certificate of insurance. We have coordinated the dates with the Park Superintendent and would recommend your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Next item."

G. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DERBY, KANSAS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, TO BE USED FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN AMPHITHEATER IN HIGH PARK.

Mr. Harrison said, "You were contacted last year, by the Manager's Office and the City of Derby, about possibly participating in a park project. While we were evaluating that, we also went through an evaluation of the County park system and made some recommendation to you. You'll recall we issued a report in February of last year about the recommendations on parks. One of the recommendations was that we participate with the City of Derby in this project. The agreement that is attached calls for funding of \$150,000 for the design and construction of the amphitheater. In exchange, we have no further financial obligations for the maintenance and operations. The City of Derby will provide recognition for Sedgwick County, both at the amphitheater itself and at the park entry, as a participant in this park.

"This has gone through both Derby and Sedgwick County's legal departments and had some minor adjustments to it. The final contract is in your back-up and we could recommend your approval of this contract."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Jerry. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jerry, just for clarification. We're going to provide the funding, up to \$150,000. If it costs more to build it, then the City of Derby would have to pay the increase but we're also not assuming any ongoing operational costs to maintain it. It is just a capital cost to build it."

Mr. Harrison said, "Capital cost only."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know whether this was discussed recently or not, but I missed out on that. What is the total cost of the amphitheater, the projected total cost?"

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Mr. Harrison said, "The projected total cost, when we talked about it, was between \$150,000 and \$180,000. So, we would pay essentially all or the majority of the cost for the amphitheater."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And then, the reason we're participating in a city's park, is there something special about this park over Cheney or . . .?"

Mr. Harrison said, "This park, when we looked at our park system that Sedgwick County has and possible expansions to that, this park will serve as a regional anchor for the entire southeast quadrant of the County."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Is that the way that we avoid these kinds of requests from other cities then, because they don't have regional parks?"

Mr. Harrison said, "We've not been asked to participate in a regional park by anybody else."

Commissioner Gwin said, "What I'm saying is, other cities have parks."

Mr. Harrison said, "Not regional parks, they have neighborhood and community parks."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So those kinds of requests are going to be looked at differently than this one?"

Mr. Harrison said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there any other questions or discussion? Seeing none, we're prepared for a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "We do have Dion Avello here from the City Council of the City of Derby. If you'd like to make a comment Dion, we'd welcome you to our meeting."

Mr. Dion Avello, City Councilmember, City of Derby, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Greatest little city in the heartland of America, we like to say Derby is. Thank you very much. This amphitheater will not only serve Derby but it will also serve Rose Hill, Haysville, Mulvane, Winfield. We have people coming and using our facilities from that far away. This is a great addition to this park that we had originally scheduled to put in but because of finances had to delete. Because of the studiousness of Commissioner Sciortino and our City Manager, we thank you very much for this. If you have not been down to High Park, we invite you all down. You'd be in for a surprise in how well this park has been put together and the use of it. It has only been open not quite a year and we're already looking to see if we can obtain some more land adjacent to enlarge this park because it is getting a lot of heavy use by the public. Thanks again, we appreciate it."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Dion. Commissioner Hancock has a comment or question."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Dion, I want to compliment Dion and the City of Derby about the park. My wife and I use that on a regular basis to walk. I noticed last weekend that they have new exercise equipment that they're putting up over there for the walkers. We're getting about the age where we do that a lot. We need the exercise. What is amazing about that park is that there are so many fishermen there at seven o'clock in the morning. It just amazes me that everybody is out there fishing and catching fish, as I understand it, or they wouldn't be there I'm sure. I just want to compliment the City of Derby on this investment that they've made there. It is a wonderful facility and you should be very proud of it."

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Mr. Avello said, "Thank you. We really value the quality of life down in Derby and this is a great addition to that. Thanks again."

Chairman Winters said, "One more question. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dion, I had an occasion, I think with Jerry Harrison and Mr. Buchanan also, to tour the facility when it was still under construction. The estimates that we were given that approximately 40 to 45% of the users come from outside the city limits of Derby. You had encouraged us to come and visit and let me just say that all we need is to be invited and a free lunch is included in the tour and you can bet that I, for one, will be at the head of the line."

Mr. Aello said, "We'll go to the senior center, they would greatly appreciate that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I serve there once a month, so we can come then. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. We've already had a motion on this, haven't we? Very good. Commissioners, at this time, I'd like to take up a brief Off Agenda item concerning tax distributions."

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to take up an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, it has been brought to our attention that there may possibly be a problem with tax distribution of motor vehicle and property taxes to some taxing districts in Sedgwick County. It appears that there could be some discrepancies as to the appropriate amount of distributions that has been made to certain taxing districts. The way we do business here in Sedgwick County is to gather all of the stakeholders together and try to find solutions to problems. Yesterday, we mailed out letters to all 104 other taxing districts in Sedgwick County inviting them to a meeting on Thursday, September 7, at the Extension Office to discuss the extent of this problem. It appears that this problem relates around the annexations of certain properties close to cities in Sedgwick County.

"To make sure that we are doing this all in a proper manner, we've also asked the assistance of the Center for Urban Studies at Wichita State and the assistance of Dr. Bart Hildreth, who is an expert on financial issues involving local government. We've also asked for the assistance of Mark Dick, with the Accounting firm of Allen, Gibbs & Houlik. Allen, Gibbs & Houlik is the County's independent tax auditor, along with they do the audit work of the City of Wichita and other municipalities in Sedgwick County. So, we expect their cooperation and help in trying to find out the answers to this problem.

"The reason for this Off Agenda Item today is just to make sure that we are all aware that these letters have gone out to all the other taxing districts in Sedgwick County and we're prepared to have a free and open discussion about this issue when we know more about the details of it. We're certainly going to get to the bottom of what any discrepancies are and we're going to attempt to make any taxing district that did not receive appropriate amounts, we'll try to make it so they are in the proper position of where they should be. This is just a matter of information. I don't know that we need a motion, except maybe we could just have a motion if anybody has a question, we'll take your question, but perhaps we could just have a motion to receive and file this information concerning the letter and the meeting."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Mr. Chairman, I have just one clarification. What is the time of that meeting?"

Chairman Winters said, "The meeting is at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 7, at the 4-H Hall in the

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Sedgwick County Extension Building."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The general public would be invited."

Chairman Winters said, "It is going to be an open meeting."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file the information.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH DICK MOORE, PHD. FOR EMPLOYMENT AS A PART-TIME PSYCHOLOGIST WITH COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Dr. Moore is an experienced Ph.D. Psychologist in Wichita. His part-time employment at COMCARE would involve oversight of COMCARE's intern program. We've had some difficulty, this past year, retaining psychologists. One of the conditions to be involved in this Wichita collaborative internship program is to

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have a minimum number of psychologists on the staff and psychologists that are seasoned enough to provide supervision to new interns.

“COMCARE has been participating in that program since 1989. It is a value, I believe, to the intern to come into our program and they come to us from all parts of the nation to do their internship, which is one year. It is valuable to them because we offer an unusual array of services that they don't get in other parts of the collaborative here. Other members of that collaborative are Prairie View, K.U. School of Medicine, and Wichita State University's Counseling Center. It is also of value to COMCARE for a couple of reasons, because we like to include psychologists as part of our multi-disciplinary team and we also get to keep the revenues that they produce.

"Doctor Moore would be employed as a part-time psychologist. He would supervise the program. Duties would also include him participating weekly in meetings with the collaborative, helping recruit new interns next January, and providing the supervision that would be required for not only the primary interns, those are interns that are with us four days a week, but what we call switch interns, who are interns who are at one of the other sites and with COMCARE for one day a week. Doctor Moore would receive \$38.50 per hour, for up to 20 hours per week. The total cost of the contract is \$40,040. It would be coming from outpatient services funds. We are recommending that you approve the Contract. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have about it."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Marilyn, \$38.50 per hour for up to 20. Are we guaranteeing him 20?"

Ms. Cook said, "No."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So it is just on a per hour up to \$20. If we need more of his time we'd have to renegotiate at that time?"

Ms. Cook said, "Right."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, \$38.50, could I book a couple of hours because that seems reasonable for a psychologist. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Any further questions or comments Commissioners? You were not wanting to work for \$38."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "His services for \$38.50, that seems very reasonable for a psychologist."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Do we have a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH KENNETH WILLIAMS, M.D. TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR CLIENTS DUALY DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

Ms. Cook said, "This is a professional services agreement and is a renewal with Dr. Williams for consultation services. Dr. Williams participates about three hours a month with COMCARE's Community Developmental Organization Dual Diagnosis Task Force or Committee. This is a committee that looks at issues for individuals that have both a mental health concern and developmental disability. In addition

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to providing consultation, which is the bulk of what Dr. Williams does, he is available, under this contract, to provide input to COMCARE staff for difficult cases that may arise and is available on an on-call basis in case of an emergency. Dr. Williams receives \$85 an hour for this consultation service. Total cost of this is \$3,060. It is coming from two separate funds. Half of it is coming from the CDDO fund, State funds, and half is coming from Community Support Services. Some of these individuals are also in our Community Support Services Program. We are recommending that you approve the Contract. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN'S ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, "This contract is a renewal of a contract from the previous year. Just to remind you what attendant care is. Attendant care services are one to one services that are provided to individuals with mental illness that enable them . . . they are very goal directed services. They are services that are

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outlined very clearly on the plan of care for each one of these children. They are services that are provided in the community, rather than in an office setting. The Mental Health Association provides these services for our children's program for COMCARE. We do not have any attendant care workers ourselves. We have three different rates, depending on what other coverage these children may or may not have.

"One new addition to the contract this year is the availability of a flexible activity fund. We were having some difficulty getting attendant care workers to go to the farther outlying parts of Sedgwick County and having the resources available to be able to pay for activities on their own. So, we set up this flex fund to purchase passes and tickets to museum and so forth, library cards, tutorials, arts and crafts, rewards or celebrations if a goal is achieved, those kinds of things. The total cost of the contract is \$115,000. It would be coming from the Children's State Funds. We are requesting that you would approve the contract. I'd be happy to answer any questions on this contract."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.
Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Marilyn. Next item."

I. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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1. AGREEMENT WITH BROADSPAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA PRIMARY NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS, INC., PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE 911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Mr. George Scantlin, Assistant Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the same type of agreement that we have drafted for other alternative local exchange carriers. This primarily requires them to provide the same level of service as other hard-wire carriers, particularly access to the 911 system. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item. Thank you, George."

2. APPLICATION TO STATE OF KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2001.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I am going to ask you to consider and authorize an agreement which will bring us some money."

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Basically, this is the agreement that we fill out with the State each year that continues this reimbursement process. It is strictly a routine agreement. If you have any additional questions, I'd be happy to try to answer those."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Randy. Next item."

J. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director of Housing Office, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm also bringing an opportunity to bring money into the County in the form of a home rehabilitation program, an application applying to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing for Home Investment Partnership Program. We hope to get \$100,000 to do six houses in this target area in Oaklawn. We're also matching that with \$25,000 of County money. You can't really see the colors that well, but in the darker spots and the places where they have addresses are houses and properties that have been worked on in the past years with our home program. Instead of using Oaklawn as our target, we're targeting it to the 4400 and 4500 block of Hemlock Street, in hope of making more of an impact in the neighborhood. Our program is a little bit smaller this year with only six homes, but that

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is partially because we'll have to deal with more stringent lead base paint regulations, trying to stabilize some hazardous conditions in homes. Our average rehab is about \$15,000 per home and we concentrate on upgrading worn out housing systems, such as furnaces, air conditioners, windows, doors, roofs, that kind of thing.

"We're also going to require the home owner to participate in doing some improvement themselves, but keeping it minimal so that they can manage it, financially. We're hoping that they would be able to put in shrubs, reseed their lawn, fertilize their lawn, not park their car in their lawn, and just keep their property up once we do these moderate rehabs. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them for you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "You're targeting home owners."

Mr. Snapp said, "Yes, low income home owners."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Brad. Next item."

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K. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Chairman Winters said, "Charlie, it seems like you're hitting the days here recently of non-stop Commission meetings."

Mr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes sir, it is a great pleasure to be able to do that. I also like an opportunity to try to catch-up, to keep you informed. Also, I'm beginning to learn technology as well."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

"This is our routine monthly report. This will be very brief, just to give you an idea of some of our activities. One of the most important things we want to continue to emphasize are the back to school immunizations. In July, we did encourage people to avoid the last minute lines. We want to make certain that people are aware that we have seven different locations where they can get these immunizations. For those people who make not be able to come in during regular business hours, they can come to the main Health Department on Wednesday evenings, where we are receiving people until 7:00 p.m. and then continue to work to take care of all the people who come in before seven."

"Also, we want to remind people once again of information we've provided about beating the heat. We did send out a formal news release on July 10th. We talked about the various types of symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke that people should be aware of, and also have made a series of recommendations that we have. Of course, first and foremost is to make sure you drink plenty of water and there we just remind people don't wait until you're thirsty. If you're outdoors and doing a lot of work, keep that water coming in on a routine basis. When you do have your lunch break, don't go and have a coke or a beer because these beverages will not serve to rehydrate you. They will serve to dehydrate you because of what they contain, caffeine and alcohol. Also, of course, a common sense suggestion, don't leave your people or pets in the car. Stay out of the sun, if at all possible, between 10:00 and 4:00 p.m. when the UV rays are the strongest. Wear your sunscreen at all times. I hope the recent situation that occurred with Senator McCain will serve to remind people of the importance of protecting your skin."

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Once damage occurs and if it occurs repeatedly, it can continue to be a serious problem. That evidence is continuing to mount, so we want to make sure we get that message out to people. Also to wear hats and sunglasses to block the rays. Again, another common sense thing, dark clothing absorbs the heat, light clothing will reflect it. That can be very helpful as well.

"In terms of a recent collaborative effort that we've had. We've worked with the SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Network of Kansas. It was a very nice effort. We pulled their staff and our staff together and we got information out to people who have just had children and we did two things. Number one, reminding them of the importance of immunizations. Through the support of the SIDS Network, also getting information out to new parents about SIDS and what it is all about and some of the precautions they can take. The State of Kansas played a role as well by giving us some cards, also donated by Hallmark, that were signed by our Governor and Mrs. Graves. Be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, are there questions or comments? I have only one comment. Charlie, I do appreciate your getting back with me about the usage of the van. I need to kind of digest part of that, but may want to have conversation with you later about the Health Van."

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes sir, just let me know your desire and I'll be happy to be available."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, other comments or questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent

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There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, David. Next item."

**M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' AUGUST 24, 2000
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Daryl Gardner, Interim Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There were four items this week from the Board of Bids and Contracts for your approval.

**(1) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"The first item is bridge improvements for a bridge on Ridge Road. It was moved to accept the low negotiated bid of King Construction for \$499,999.20.

**(2) CRACK SEALERS - FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"The second item was for some crack sealers, crack sealing machines, moved to accept the low bid of Paving Maintenance Supply with trade-in for \$41,962.

**(3) UNIFORMS - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

"The third item was uniforms for various County Departments. It was moved to accept the low bid of Western Uniform, at a cost of approximately \$45,000, annually, for all the different departments.

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- (4) PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK GARAGE ADDITION & EQUIPMENT STORAGE SHED - FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**

"The fourth item was for Public Works, truck garage addition and equipment storage shed. It was moved to accept the low bid of Bauer & Sons Construction for \$246,900.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL

- (5) REMODEL 3RD FLOOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SHERIFF & FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**
- (6) REPLACE MUNGER BUILDING BOILER - FACILITY MAINTENANCE & FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**

"Two other items that do not require your approval, they were both tabled items. One was the remodel of the 3rd floor of the Sheriff's Department and to replace the Munger Building boiler. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Otherwise, I'd request your approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts meeting of August 24."

MOTION

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Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Daryl. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-I, J, N½ K; Webb Road: North Wichita City Limits to K-254; CIP# R-238. District #1.
- b. One Temporary Drainage Easement near 47th Street South and West Street. District #1.
- c. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 622-35; Harry Street between 127th and 143rd Streets East. District #5.

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2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V2062	\$233.00	2	Country Walk Apts.
V2066	\$231.00	1	Steffens Properties
V2065	\$360.00	1	Steffens Properties

3. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V2053	\$280.00	\$290.00
V94081	\$176.00	\$198.00
C74002	\$327.00	\$258.00
V97054	\$470.00	\$500.00

4. Agreement with American City Business Leads to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

5. Plat.

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1999 and prior years are paid for the following plat:

Powers Acres Addition

6. Order dated August 23, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

7. General Bills Check Register of August 25, 2000.

8. Budget Adjustment Requests.

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "We have no fire or sewer district meeting today, do we? Is there other business to come before this Board?"

O. OTHER

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 60 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to legal advice, personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than
12:58
p.m.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "We are recessed into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 11:58 a.m. and returned at 1:08 p.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call the Regular Meeting of August 30th back to order. Let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before the Board? Seeing none, we're adjourned."

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
Third District

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CAROLYN McGINN, Chair Pro Tem
Fourth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

BILL HANCOCK, Commissioner
Second District

BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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