

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 6, 2000 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Linda Kizzire, Deputy Register of Deeds; Mr. Andrew Schlapp, Project Manager, Division of Community Development; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Alison Ohlman, Communications Coordinator, Communications; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Kelly Wendeln, P.O. Box 1817, Wichita, KS
Ms. Ivonne Goldstein, Spokesperson, Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center.
Ms. Terry Moses, Spokesperson, Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Dr. Tal Tittsworth, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Valley Center.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner McGinn was absent.

CONSIDERATIONS OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, November 15, 2000**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2000.

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2000.

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."

YOUR COUNTY SERVICES

A. REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, each week we take the beginning of the meeting to have a little conversation with some department that does business here in the County. Today, we're going to hear about the Register of Deeds."

Ms. Linda Kizzire, Chief Deputy, Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to tell you a little bit about what our office does do. We are responsible for recording several different types of documents. The recording process includes an indexing system, a system for retrieval later down the road, and also a system to retain a copy of each of these records. Recording of these documents of course is only the beginning. We are responsible for making sure that they are categorized, maintained, and kept in proper order for their safe keeping."

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"Our records date back to 1870 and we are an excellent resource for genealogy research. Commissioner McGinn and myself have been working on going back to her family history in Sedgwick County, which started in 1908. We are required, by State statute, to check all of our recordings before they are recorded in our office. We file various documents. We file deeds. We file mortgages. We file military discharge records. We file U.C.C.s. We file plats. We are the record keeper of Sedgwick County. Several of you have done several transactions in our office I'm sure with deeds, mortgages, releases, and et cetera. We'd love for you to come and visit us some time and would be glad to answer any questions."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've got to ask this question. What is a U.C.C.?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "A Uniform Commercial Code was passed in the State legislature in 1962. It allows for a way to protect an interest on personal property. For example, years ago, they had chattel mortgages, which told what the economy was like, based on whether it was a sofa you purchased, it was recorded in our office so that we would know how much debt you had. Currently, the U.C.C. filings are like a security interest on several goods. If you would perform work on a mechanics lien on someone's car and they don't pay you, you can file a mechanic's lien in our office."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Linda, we know that we've approved some technical upgrades and such for your office. What kinds of changes are in the future of the Register of Deeds Office?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "I see a great deal of opportunity for Sedgwick County to become part of the trend setters in the electronic imaging systems. With the approval of the funding from the Board of County Commissioners, I think we'll be able to not only provide better internal services for our own departments, the Appraiser, the Clerk, the Treasurer, but I think we will also be able to provide better service for our external customers, the title companies, attorneys, banks."

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"I also see that, with some legislation being passed and approved, that we'll be able to eventually do documents electronically with electronic signature bill, which will provide a lot quicker turn around time for these last minute closings out of New York or California. I think it will be fascinating to be able to sit there and look at your own documents in your home."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I think so, too. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. I see there are a number of other employees of the Register of Deed's Office. Would all of you who work for the Register of Deeds please stand. Some of you there in the back."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Bill Meek is our Register of Deeds."

Chairman Winters said, "We appreciate all of the work that you all do in Sedgwick County. You certainly have direct contact with citizens and your work is very important to all of the legal functioning, practically, in kind of a way that a lot of people don't realize. It is not an easy job and we certainly appreciate the leadership that Bill Meek has brought to the job since he has been here in the courthouse. Bill has done an excellent job and the task, like so many of our tasks, they get more and more complicated. As technology comes, technology will bring a lot of benefits, but it is also going to have a lot of struggles in getting it all accomplished and in place. We certainly appreciate all of the work that you do in the Register of Deeds. Linda, thanks for the presentation. Very good."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just one comment, Mr. Chairman, that people maybe don't realize, the Register of Deeds is one of the very few offices in the County that is self sufficient. They actually bring in at least an amount equal to, if not more, in revenue to offset all of the expenses for their department, so it doesn't cost the taxpayer anything."

Ms. Kizzire said, "That is correct. We're estimating probably bringing in about \$6,500,000 this year and recording 148,000 documents."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Linda. Do I have a motion to receive and file this report?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

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, "Commissioners, before we call the next item, I'm going to move down to the podium to be closer to the action. Madam Clerk, would you read the next item please."

PROCLAMATION

B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING DECEMBER 6, 2000 AS "IVONNE GOLDSTEIN DAY."

Chairman Winters said, "If Ivonne would please come up to the podium. My understanding . . . welcome to our meeting this morning. As this item started out, the members of the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Board asked if we would honor one of their special board members. As one begins to think about all of the things that Ivonne has been involved in, it is certainly many more organizations than the Sexual Assault Center. They came to give that special recognition. But let me read this Proclamation into the record, Commissioners, for your consideration.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ivonne Goldstein has volunteered her time and served on the Board of Directors for organizations that include: Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center, Wichita Art Museum, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Sedgwick County, United Way of the Plains, and many other community groups, all of which serve the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, she has been a key figure in raising significant charitable contributions for a wide variety of worthwhile community projects; and

WHEREAS, Ivonne has performed these accomplishments with no thought of public recognition, but only due to a sense of moral obligation; and

WHEREAS, she has given tirelessly as a professional volunteer for 35 years, helping to make our community better;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim December 6, 2000, as

“IVONNE GOLDSTEIN DAY”

in Sedgwick County in recognition of her commitment to the Sedgwick County community, offering her talents whenever a need arises. Dated December 6, 2000.

"Commissioners, that is the Proclamation, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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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, "Ivonne, on behalf of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, we would just like to give you this token of our appreciation also from the boards of I'm sure all of the boards that you serve on. I know that was a rather short list, because I know even my wife was involved in the homeless coalition board, which you were so active in for a number of years. I'm sure everyone has some kind of a connection. If there is someone from the Sexual Assault Board who would like to make a comment, they're the ones that kind of started the process. Terry Moses."

Ms. Terry Moses greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm with the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center. We love Ivonne and as my other role with the Wichita Police Department, Public Safety, I often say that if every qualified adult would volunteer, we could reduce tremendously the issues of crime, homelessness, assault, and racism in our community. I can tell you for a fact that Ivonne makes up for a whole lot of people. She is wonderful."

Ms. Ivonne Goldstein said, "I just want to say many thanks. Of course you know it isn't just me, it is the people I work with and the staff. Gosh, I dressed for the occasion, but not up. Gosh, I cannot believe that I would receive this award and appreciate what you've done. I just want you all to mention it to Leonard. He takes a lot of credit for this because he never gets a hot meal."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much."

Commissioner Gwin said, "As the Chairman is working his way back, I just want to add to those folks who are here in the room, my sincere appreciate of Ivonne's commitment to this community. She is extraordinary and any of you who work with her know that. The woman doesn't know the meaning of

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the word no. I don't think I've ever heard you use it. You have always graciously said yes when asked. It is just incredible. You are an extraordinary person. We're so glad to have you in this community. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thanks to all of you who are here for this special recognition. We certainly appreciate it. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please."

RESIGNATION

C. RESIGNATION OF BOBBYE HUMPHREY FROM THE WICHITA SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This resignation has been tendered to you and it would be appropriate for you to accept it at this time."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a motion and a second to accept this resignation from the Sedgwick County Health Board. At today's meeting, we do not have a replacement but I believe by next Wednesday we will have a person to replace Bobbye. We certainly have appreciated all of the work that she has done on this position on this board. Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

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."

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CITIZEN INQUIRY

D. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONING.

Chairman Winters said, "This is the time in the meeting where we do make time available for citizens who request to address the Board of County Commissioners. Today, Mr. Kelly Wendeln has requested that he be given five minutes on our agenda. If any others who are listening are interested in this portion of the meeting, if they would like to participate in the citizen inquiry, they need to contact the County Manager's Office at least ten days before our meeting. At this time, Mr. Wendeln. Mr. Wendelin, please give your name and address for the record. We try to limit these remarks to five minutes."

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Kelly Wendeln, P.O. Box 1817, Wichita, Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Your zoning department officials must not be too proud of this list. They gave it to the news media but they refused to give it to me. I understand that at least one of you Commissioners has seen this list of zoning cases in the last five years and has promoted an increase in the numbers of officers to handle this. Since the number of cases has gone from 24 to 518, an increase of over 21 times, does this mean that you are going to hire more than 21 inspectors, 21 judges and 21 prosecutors? Are you in favor of more government or less government?"

"The reason zoning cases have exploded is because one zoning officer, who was hired in June 1997, is initiating most of these cases. Here is a good example of the type of person who gets a little power and it goes to his head. I am against anonymous complaints. I think all zoning cases should be signed by a property owner and not an overzealous bureaucrat with arbitrary demands. I understand this man was a fraud detective for the Wichita Police Department, who used to go out of his way to write jaywalking tickets when he was off duty, earning him the nickname Jay Walk George. He would probably deny this,

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but I have heard this man sits in his office and brags and laughs to fellow employees how he mistreats property owners.

"The Zoning Department continues to pump out injustice, deception, and fodder for speeches like this. The news man, Paul Harvey, on August 5th this year, said builders have become so prosperous that they can buy zoning officials. (*Played recording that said, 'Builders have become so prosperous that they can buy zoning officials. I'm sorry to say that but I had to say it and maybe again, builders have become so prosperous that they can buy zoning officials.'*) Have builders bought County Commissioners also?

"The Zoning Department is under your control. You cannot say you didn't know about this because I told all of you about this last March 22nd and nothing has happened except the County is hiring two more zoning officers. This same man, George Bloesing is going to be their boss? In response to the oppression of Great Britain's King George III, our Declaration of Independence says, 'he has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat up their substance'. The great majority of these people have caused no one any problem and they know it. Why do you want to alienate and antagonize thousands of property owners in this County? It is not just property owners. This includes their spouses, adult children, relatives, neighbors, friends, and fellow employees. Every car club in this area is very sympathetic to us and some of their members know exactly what I am talking about. You are stepping on a lot of toes. These people know they are being unfairly treated and lied to. Would you like me to invite them here, like they did in Wellington last August 15? Do you want me to tell them you are not going to do anything to alleviate this problem for property owners? Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, sir. Allison, could you turn the lights back up please? Madam Clerk, are we ready for the next item."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm not responding to the speaker, I'm responding to the issue. It is an important issue for the community as we make an attempt in Sedgwick County to clean up some of the situations that exist in our community. On October 16 of this year, I received a letter from a lady who lives in my district and she writes, 'Mr. Hancock, I have voiced a complaint to the various departments and now I feel code violations in the above noted property area have escalated to the point that your office needs to get involved.' This lady is so distraught at her community and I have visited and she has every right to be, with abandoned cars, mobile homes without skirts, steps that are broken in front of homes, unmowed weeds, unmaintained lagoons, so forth and so on. She went to the trouble to itemize by address, including her own, code violations that need to be looked at. We were so busy with complaints that are filed daily with our Code Enforcement Department, that we haven't had an opportunity

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to get to these yet.

"We have a speaker here today who comes to complain about the number of calls that we've had. Yet this is an example of what we go through on a daily basis and Mr. Bloesing goes through on a daily basis. We have an unwritten policy here that we respond to calls but we don't necessarily go out looking for trouble, but we will respond. If the speaker is going to make me believe that one individual can cause such an increase in calls, he's going to have to do more and give me information such as just he gave today. We are about the business of cleaning up our community and we're going to stay on that track and we're going to do the best we can and if feelings are hurt, so be it. That's the way it works sometimes, but we have to be conscientious of our neighbors and understand that we live in a community, not by ourselves. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I echo a lot of what Commissioner Hancock has said. One reason that I would think would justify why the complaints to our Code Enforcement Department has escalated is that we are getting more and more people moving out into the unincorporated parts of Sedgwick County. As these people make an investment, a sizeable one, to build their home and they see something that might be detrimental to their property values or to their health or safety, they're going to complain. I, personally, have received many complaints in my district. We have certain codes on the books. We are faced with a decision. Either those codes, once the complaint is filed, will be enforced or they won't. For me, personally, I feel that if we have decided not to enforce a code then we should take it off the books. We have certain zoning regulations that people expect us, and believe me, a lot of citizens do their homework and they know exactly what those zoning regulations or codes say. When I am called and they are asking me, why aren't you enforcing the code, I'm hard bent on coming up with an answer, other than to tell them that if they wish to file a complaint, we will look at it. I think we are doing the job that we were hired to do. I think that the Code Enforcement Department is doing an exemplary job. Personally, I take offense at the denigration of Mr. Bloesing's character without any factual evidence to back it up. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any other comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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Chairman Winters 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. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

E. PRESENTATION OF A SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATE.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to give you a preamble to the next item. It has been 4 ½ years since the County took over solid waste planning. We've had a team effort of stake holders of County employees and citizens, the Solid Waste Committee, County Commissioners, over the last 4 ½ years to devise and begin implementation of the Solid Waste Plan for Sedgwick County. Now, the light is at the end of the tunnel. We are in the home stretch. We'd say that 95% of the policy decisions have been made. Brooks Landfill closes ten months from this Saturday. We are ready to embark on the new, improved modern solid waste system here in Sedgwick County.

"Susan Erlenwein continues to lead this effort. She continues to be the go to person when it comes to solid waste. What I'd like to do today is to introduce you to a new team member, who is an addition to our team as a Project Manager. That individual's name is Andrew Schlapp. You will see what a Project Manager can do for us. What his responsibility is is to make sure that we all arrive at the same place at the same time and on October 10, 2001, the system is up and running and there is not a glitch in sight. His duties will become more clear to you as he gives his presentation, his update on the solid waste plan. I did want to introduce him and to let you and the public know that Susan Erlenwein is still in charge of solid waste, but Andy Schlapp is in charge of managing the project and making sure all the details get done.

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I'd like to introduce Andy Schlapp."

Mr. Andrew Schlapp, Project Manager, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Irene. It has been eight years since I last made a presentation to this Board. I'm sure a few of you remember that presentation. It was very riveting, exciting, it elicited a lot of public feedback."

Commissioner Gwin said, "It was awful."

Mr. Schlapp said, "If you would go back to that Commission meeting, you would notice that a lot of those predictions I made did come true. I ask you to take that into consideration as I give this presentation today."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

"Today, I'm going to give you an update on the Sedgwick County solid waste project management process. If we go through and as I've come on board here just in the last few months and tried to learn what you guys have gone through in the last 4 ½ years, the difficult decisions you've had to make, the public input you've elicited, and all the comments and feedback in trying to arrive at a decision that was made, I wanted to go back and look and see. Here are the things that I pulled out and seemed to stand out to me of why we are at where we are at or where we are, something like that. I can't talk."

"Number one is we developed a plan that we wanted to reflect the values of our community. Not always do those values of our community represent the cheapest alternative. Number two, that our community had a continued concern for our ground water and our environment. We are aware of the economic impacts that our decisions can make on our County. Finally, we wanted to respect the efficiency of the private sector. If markets exist and private companies provide a service, then government should stay out and allow the private sector to do that. We developed the plan that is unique to the country that is going to do that. If the private sector can do it, let the private sector do it."

"So what is going to happen in 2001? We've heard all these debates and stories. Basically, nothing is going to happen. Come October 10, 2001, your trash still gets picked up. Instead of going to a landfill, it will go to the 42nd transfer station in operation in the State of Kansas. We'll also implement a

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construction and demolition ban at that time.

"What is in store for 2002? In February of that year, a new household hazardous waste facility at Seneca and Stillwell will open up. On December 1, 2002, we will have a check point for determining whether 50% of households are recycling. Again, we will bring you further reports on how that process is going to go forward. In 2003, January of that year, the grass and leaves will no longer be allowed with regular trash. In July of that year, if we have not hit the 50% goal of recycling that we set, than we will implement mandatory subscription voluntary participation. So that is kind of the goals that have been set forward.

"What is my job or what is Project Management going to do? Our job is to make sure this happens on time, on target, and on budget. We're using the project management approach. What we are doing is we have 17 key staff members, all with different disciplines, that are coming together and they each have a certain part of the project that they're in charge of. We come together every two weeks and meet and discuss the issues that are of importance to all of us and share the information and hold each other accountable to what we are doing. Finally, we are using a project manager software that allows us to track when the project should start, when it should finish, and how far we are along that process and if we need to make decisions, that we make them in an early stage and not at a critical time.

"Some of the tasks that we are working on, again these are just a few of the things. One is the transfer station. We have the Legal Department that is working on the transfer station license, the hauler license, and then the inspection checklist, once that transfer station is up and in operation. Randy Duncan is working on storm debris and identifying local government debris managers so when we do have a tornado or some unforeseen disaster, that a plan is in place and we are up and moving in an efficient manner and also developing local debris plans. The tree cycling program is about completed and basically what we are doing and what we've done is identified drop off sites and developing partnerships with the community to have an effective program to dispose of Christmas trees.

"Other tasks, the household hazardous waste facility. We currently have a location and the design process is started and ongoing right now. The yard waste pilot program has just completed and we are in the phase now of evaluating how that went and that presentation will also be made to you shortly. The

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construction and demolition ban, regulations were just approved a couple of meetings ago and that is also moving forward.

"What is the value of this process? Number one is to improve communications. Having 17 people out doing little parts of our very important project, when you bring them all back together in a couple of years or whenever you meet, we might have all gone 17 different directions. So getting together every two weeks or as often as needed is very important that we stay on task and achieve the common goal. Number two is anticipating and addressing issues before they are critical. Again, we don't want to find out from you or from the public that we screwed up along the way. Let's take care of them before they are critical. Finally, it ensures that we're working tasks completely with stake holder input. We're getting information that we need before the decisions are made. Again, what is our goal? It is to be on target, on time, and on budget. I thank you for your time."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Andy. Appreciate that update. Commissioners, I know we've each had an opportunity to visit with Andy earlier about this presentation. He is making an effort to keep us informed of the process. Are there questions? Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Andy, will you be back on a regular or semi-regular basis to bring us updates?"

Mr. Schlapp said, "I sure hope so. Will you have me back?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Sure, if you want to. I notice the Manager left the room already, what does that mean?"

Mr. Schlapp said, "He stayed a lot longer than I thought he would."

Commissioner Hancock said, "There is one thing in there that I think you ought to say again and that folks understand. We're not doing anything unique here. We are doing something that is difficult because we are making a major change in our thinking and how the haulers conduct business and how our citizens look at solid waste and how we work to organize all of that, but we're not doing anything that is unique as far as transfer stations are concerned. I think it is important to say it one more time, how many transfer stations there are in the State of Kansas right now, 42 did you say?"

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Mr. Schlapp said, "Waste Connections is building the 42nd transfer station in the State of Kansas. Currently there are negotiations under way for the 43rd to also be opened in Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I think that is something that hasn't been made clear. I think that there is a perception among many citizens that what we're doing is different and ultimately more expensive and we shouldn't be looking at this. Those who are not believers yet, need to believe that it works because it works other places and works well."

Mr. Schlapp said, "I would agree with that."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Andy. Good report. Come back any time you want, I won't be here."

Chairman Winters said, "We'll look forward to having continued updates, Andy, after the first of the year."

Mr. Schlapp said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Do I have a motion to receive and file this report?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

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

F. NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARDS (16) FOR TITLE III OLDER AMERICAN'S ACT PROGRAM.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I bring before you 16 notice of grant awards for the Title III Older American's Act Program for fiscal year 2001. This is federal and state funding. Eight of the grants are for 3B, supportive services programs. Four of the grants are for Title 3C2, home delivered meals programs. One is Title 3C1, congregate meal program. Three grants are for the 3F, disease prevention and health promotion programs. These items are within the Older American's Act Title III 2001 budget as approved by the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners.

"The total amount of the grants is \$954,482 in Title III funds and \$83,476 in state funds. The 3B grants include the Active Aging, Butler County Information and Assistance, Butler County Respite Program, Good Grief of Kansas Counseling, Harvey County Information and Assistance, Kansas Legal Services, Kansas Senior Law Project, Senior Services Information and Assistance. The 3C2 grant is the Good Neighbor Nutrition Program, Congregate Meal. The 3C2 grants are Good Neighbor Nutrition Home Delivered, Newton Meals on Wheels, Senior Services Meals on Wheels. The 3F grants are Butler County Physical Fitness, Home Health Care Connections, the Wellness Professional Health Screens, and the Wellness Professional Health Promotions. We would recommend approval of the grants and authorize the Chairman to sign these."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Annette. As we can see, these are significant dollars that are available to citizens of Sedgwick County from state and federal levels. As we couple that with local mill levy money, Annette and her staff do remarkable jobs in assisting senior citizens in Sedgwick County and Butler and Harvey County in hopefully living better quality of life and being able to principally stay at home longer and enjoy themselves in their own homes for a much longer time. We all know that is the best for seniors and it is economically the best for those who are in the funding side. Annette, we certainly appreciate your attention to the details of programs and grants such as this. Commissioners, are there questions or comments about this item?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Notification of Grant Awards 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, "Thank you very much, Annette. Next item."

G. ADDITIONAL STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS FROM KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO BE USED FOR 800 MGHZ TRUNKING RADIOS AND AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have the happy duty today to appear in front of you to ask your consideration in accepting \$20,000 the State of Kansas has already given to us. We are very pleased they have given us the funding and it will be used to acquire the communication equipment that the Clerk read you in the detailed statement. I'd be happy to answer any additional questions if you have any."

Chairman Winters said, "Randy, is this additional new equipment or are we replacing existing equipment? How is this going to improve our operation?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Basically, the improvement will come about, we are replacing and updating some amateur radio equipment in our Emergency Operations Center and we are acquiring some additional 800 MGHZ radios which will allow us to have various elements of our volunteer forces and others have communication that we have not had communication with in the past. That is where the improvement to

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our program comes."

Chairman Winters said, "It is interesting how many. . . You think about County services, still we depend and rely on volunteers. Yours is certainly a department that if you didn't have volunteers in the field, you would be in a much different situation."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Winters said, "So, on this amateur radio, that is what that is, to make sure we can keep in touch with all those storm spotters and those folks who are sending information in?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir. That will certainly increase our capability and hopefully lead into some new ways to communicate with them as well. Again, information exchanged more efficiently, get it to the National Weather Service and ultimately get it to the public, so people can know when there is severe weather and take the appropriate life saving action."

Chairman Winters said, "How many people are there in your department on County staff?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Right now, our Staffing Table is at six. Four of those are paid for out of the County general fund and two are grant funded personnel."

Chairman Winters said, "On special projects."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Winters said, "And in a time of emergency or severe weather, with volunteers, how many volunteers then do you think . . . not an exact number, but an estimate. Your department certainly swells then with the volunteers."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, we do. If we go into the mode where we're watching severe weather and even though we're looking at the snow and cold weather outside today, we're already beginning to think about the coming spring time. In a typical outing where we have out spotters out looking for severe weather, we may have any where from 20 to 30 folks, actually out in the field."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Commissioners, other questions or comments?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the funds.

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. We really appreciate what your department does. Next item."

**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' NOVEMBER 30, 2000
REGULAR MEETING.**

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Board of Bids and Contracts held a regular meeting on November 30. As a result of the meeting there are seven items presented today for consideration for approval.

**(1) ROCK SALT - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Rock salt for Public Works. Recommend low bid of Ritchie Sand for \$30,300.

(2) FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR AGILITY TEST - FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Fire equipment for agility testing for the Fire Department. Sole source bid of C.P.A.T. Distribution for \$17,820.72.

**(3) RELOCATE FIBER & COAX LINES - FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECTS**

"Relocation of fiber and coax lines for Facility Projects, bid from Cox Communication for \$68,908.24.

**(4) INDUSTRIAL GRADE RECORDERS WITH SECURITY VAULT - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

"Industrial grade recorders with security vault for the Sheriff's Department, sole source bid from Kustom Signals, Inc. for \$22,744.

**(5) MAINTENANCE FOR CA-EASYTRIVE - DIV OF INFORMATION/OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

"Maintenance for CA-Easytrive, this is for the Division of Information and Operations, sole source bid of Computer Associates for \$36,744.30.

**(6) CELLULAR PHONES & ACCESSORIES - APPRAISER'S OFFICE
FUNDING: APPRAISER**

"Cellular phones and accessories for the Appraiser's Office, low bid of Voicestream Wireless for \$23,233.20.

**(7) CARPET FOR DISTRICT COURT - FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECTS**

"Carpet for District Court, Facility Projects, low bid from Carpet One including installation for \$36,797.07

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(8) FIRE HOSES WITH COUPLINGS - FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT

(9) ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL SYSTEM - FINANCE
FUNDING: FINANCE

"There were two items that were tabled for further review at last week's meeting. First is fire hoses with couplings for the Fire Department and second is the Enterprise Financial Software System for Finance. Be happy to take questions and recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Iris. Commissioners, questions or comments about Bid Board items?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Did you discuss six and seven with us or was I asleep?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes."

Chairman Winters said, "She could talk about them again if you'd like."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, no, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "It looks like we did a good job on item six, I guess. One was considerably lower. Other questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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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, Iris. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>d/b/a</u>
Michael and Kerri Billingsley	Course Strategy, LL
Mark Reed	Sedgwick County Zoological Society, Inc.
Valerie Washington	J.V. Diamond, Inc.
Norman Massey, Jr.	M & F Beer Store
Sharon Anderson	Bud's Bait and Burgers
Charles Hall	81 Speedway, Inc.
Christopher Rickard	Bomber Burger

2. Orders dated November 22 and November 29, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

3. Payroll Check Register of November 30, 2000.

4. General Bills Check Register of December 1, 2000.

5. Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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, "For any of you watching, this is sometimes the point where our meeting gets a little confusing. I had a constituent ask the other day, how many meetings did you have in that one setting. Today, we do need to have an Executive Session in our Regular Meeting. We sit as the Boards of two other districts, the Fire District and the Sewer District. We need to have a meeting in each one of those Boards. At this time, I will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Sewer District Meeting at 9:53 a.m. and returned at 10:08 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "At this time, I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, December 6, 2000. Is there other business to come before this meeting?"

J. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, potential litigation, legal advice, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:30

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a.m.

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, "At this time we will adjourn into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. and returned at 11:28 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, December 6, 2000. We're back from Executive Session. Madam Clerk, please let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Euson, do we have any other business to come before this meeting? Mr. Manager, anything else? This meeting is adjourned."

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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CAROLYN McGINN, Chair Pro Tem
Fourth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District

BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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