

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 29, 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, November 29, 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. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Pat MacDonald, Director, Community Education, Wichita/Sedgwick County Department of Community Health; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Karen Duranleau, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Jacque Wedel, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Mr. Paul E. Taylor, P.E., Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder, Principal Investigator, Hugo Walls Center for Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University.

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Self-help Network.

Ms. Rose Mary Mohr, President/ CEO, Mental Health Association.

Ms. Tonya Junod, Via Christi.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Rick Cline of the Church of Christ.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, November 8, 2000**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 8th, 2000.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve had the opportunity to review the Minutes. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Minutes of November 8th, 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

YOUR COUNTY SERVICES

A. WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH.

Chairman Winters said, “At the beginning of each of our Meetings, we like to take a few moments and discuss some of the specific activities of various departments in Sedgwick County and this morning we’re pleased to be visiting about our Health Department. So, welcome, Pat.”

Ms. Pat MacDonald, Director, Community Education, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m pleased to present you some views about the Health Department, about public health in general, more than about our department in particular. I also want to give you the big picture of what public health is all about and we can talk about specifics, like flu shots, as we go along if we wish.

“Public health is population based. We think of the three ‘Ps’ of public health; protection, we’re the ones who protect people in our community from insults from the environment and when something bad happens in the environment, we’re the ones who make sure that people don’t get hurt by it, whether it’s in the air, in the water, on the streets, spills, hazardous materials, all those

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

kind of things. We're not there to hug every tree. It's a little different. A little fine line there. We protect the people from insults in the environment.

"Then there's the prevention function. We prevent the spread of disease. Now, we're not there to cure everybody. We don't provide primary care to people who are sick, but we prevent the spread for sexually transmitted diseases. For instance, we ask the person, . . . we treat them of course, but we ask them who they've been with and we get the next person in and treat them and ask them who they've been with. It goes on like that and that's how we get out in front of a contagious disease.

"And the final 'p' in public health is promotion, and that's where my job is. We promote things like wear your seat belts. A little baby was saved yesterday, who's car was in an accident, but the baby was wearing a seat belt. Get your flu shots, all those healthy . . . cover your coughs and sneezes, all those health messages that you hear, they come out of public health.

"Public health, I have a poster here which will show you, during this century and depending on what kind of a mathematician you are, the century that has ended or is about to end in a few weeks, the twentieth century, we made great advances and we now live 30 years longer than we did when this century began. And they are due to many of the principles of public health.

"We're population based, which I'm going to be looking at this chart for a second. Medicine might cure your ills, but it's the public health messages that keep us well. You know, lower the fat in your diet, get exercise, all those things are public health messages.

"We do professional education and training. Training new people coming along in public health all the time and we're one of the key instigators of all of the occupational safety things. As you remember years ago, when smoking was becoming more and more restricted, the Health Department was one of the key players in getting this very room here to become smoke-free and the rest of the building and finally the jail, which I think was the last County building to go smoke-free, at least to my knowledge.

"Across the top of this poster, we have items that were in fact billboards at one time. The blue one, 'things that make you feel better: high fiber, working out and public health. Things that are good for you: clean air, leafy greens and public health. Things that protect you: seat belts, sun screen and public health.' These are great little key slogans for us.

"We won't go through the center section but we'll go through the ten great achievements of public health in this past century, just to give you some examples. It was public health which has brought on-line for us vaccinations, all of the immunizations. Not just flu shots, which are coming. Believe me, we will have some more flu vaccine eventually, but all the vaccinations that children get:

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio. Children, before they're age two, they might get a series, they might get protected from about ten different diseases now which are contagious and which can cause everything from brain damage to death in severe cases. Whooping cough being one of the most serious.

“Motor vehicle safety, it was public health that instigated things, air bags are more recent, but way back it was things like windshield wipers on every car and turn signals and, over the course of time, all those things. Cars have become much more safe, and fewer people every year die in car accidents. Of course, seat belts, they're one of the obvious public health measures.

“Safer work places; smoking is just one issue. Shoring up trenches, wearing steel toed shoes, wearing helmets, goggles, all those protective things, they're all public health measures.

“Control of infectious diseases, our department is very intimately involved in that. We set the standard. If a child has chicken pox, he must stay out of school for this many days. We tell the school how many days. The child has . . . head lice is not really a disease, but people get very concerned about that, so there are limits about that, too. But they're school based, actually. Measles, mumps, rubella, any of the rash illnesses, the Health Department sets those standards for how much they must stay out of school. Strep throat, all those contagious diseases.

“And also in controlling infectious diseases, I mentioned, we do contact tracing. Like for instance, tuberculosis, which we working on right now, some active cases. We treat the patients of course, but then we also look to their home, where they live and see who, there, might need treatment. We look to their work place, where they go and spend time everyday. Do they work right next to somebody on the line. That person might be exposed. There's a definition of exposure, so many feet for so many hours out of the 24. So, we try to get in front of the infectious diseases and keep them under control. And we also are the ones who count them and have numbers for you of how many things have occurred.

“There's been a decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke. These are advancements again. And that's largely through public health. Better diet, less fat in the diet, a little more exercise, just the knowledge that your diet can impact your heart disease, just that has been . . . it's still number one cause of death, but it is going down, year by year, which is the good news. Fewer people smoking, all those things.

“One, more word about smoking though. Fewer people are smoking, but more young people are smoking. So, we have to do something to make not smoking cool again. It was cool about ten years ago and the last five years the number of young people smoking is going up and that's a matter of great concern for all of us.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

“Safe and healthier foods; we talked just on the news the other day about a meat problem in one of the super markets. Actually, that’s Department of Agriculture, but it’s still a public health measure and we’re the ones who make sure the food that you eat in restaurants, the prepared foods that you eat in restaurants, is safe and not going to cause problems.

“Healthier mothers and babies; great advancements have been made in prenatal care and raising birth weight and making healthier babies. Family planning; being able to space children out has been a boon for women’s health. Fluoridation of drinking water; we haven’t achieved that one yet in Wichita or Sedgwick County, but we’re working on it slowly but surely, I suppose.

“Recognition of tobacco as a health hazard, that has come slowly. I think, since the ‘60s, things have really turned around, and I tell the younger people at the Health Department stories. When I went there, a third of the people smoked, and we smoked in every office, every meeting room, and of course this building was a regular smoking building right up until recent times.

“I brought a couple of pamphlets for you to enjoy. A list of all the restaurants in Wichita, or in the area, we actually go out to the smaller towns in the County as well, all the restaurants that are smoke-free. Not just that have a smoking section or a non-smoking, but that are totally smoke-free. A list of our services, which gives you a very brief summary and a phone number for each thing. And then a general pamphlet about public health. It was produced by the Public Health Foundation a couple of years ago. They’re very concerned about public health, too. They have been wonderful partners of ours. They’re very responsive to our needs and we value them and they had some ideas about public health, which I think you might find interesting.

“I think that’s all the time. I tried to make it brief for you. If there are any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, there’s a couple of questions. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pat, could you kind of explain maybe one or two of the major insults to the environment that we’re protecting people against.”

Mr. MacDonald said, “Well, our stream and well water, people who use wells for their drinking water, we are ever-vigilant and we are their main protector, really, against problems with their well. We have all kinds of regulations about people who use wells usually use septic

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

tanks as well, so we have to keep the septic, you know, the dirty water separate from the clean water and the neighbor's dirty water separate from your well for instance. We offer these people free, or I think it might cost ten dollars, which is basically free, a test of their well water every year to make sure that bacteria are not getting into it. And then we do . . . anyone who is going to drill a well for drinking, or buy a house that has a well must have it certified and passed inspection by the Health Department, as part of the real estate process. So, we're very vigilant because drinking water, of course, can be one of the main causes of health problems."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, great. Thanks."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. There have been a tremendous amount of changes in public health over the past few years and over the past ten or twenty years and Pat, we certainly appreciate all the work that you've done for the Wichita/ Sedgwick County area. How long have you been an employee of the Health Department?"

Ms. MacDonald said, "Well, do I have to answer truthfully? About a hundred years, a whole generation. I have my County twenty-five year pin on today somewhere. Here it is. So, it's been at least twenty-five years."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, I knew you were a long-term employee and we certainly appreciate all the work that you've done over that twenty-five years and we realize you started at a very, very young age."

Ms. MacDonald said, "I did."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That was before the child labor laws. You started when you were about eight years old."

Chairman Winters said, "I would like to recognize Dr. Magruder, the head of the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Health Department, is in the room this morning, too. And Dr. Magruder, we appreciate your work in this community. Pat, thank you very much for the presentation. We enjoyed having you here.

"Commissioners, do I have a motion to receive and file this report?"

MOTION

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Receive and file.

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, “Thank you again, Pat. Next item.”

DONATION

B. DONATION OF FIVE GLUCOMETERS AND SUPPLIES, VALUED AT \$300, FROM ASTRAZENECA, A BUSINESS UNIT OF ZENECA, INC.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a donation from a group that we do work with and they donated these glucometers so our consumers can continue to monitor their sugar blood levels and to work on their wellness program. I would recommend your acceptance of this donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation. Be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?”

MOTION

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Commissioner Gwin moved to **Accept the donation and authorize the Chairman sign a letter of appreciation.**

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, "Thank you, Debbie. Next item."

DEFERRED ITEM

C. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ANNEXATION REQUEST BY THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That's Bob Parnacott. We are going to ask for another two week extension on this to continue the hearing. This afternoon, I am meeting with Carol Bloodworth, the City Administrator, to review some of the issues surrounding this request. Since the last public hearing, Sedgwick County staff has put together . . . not a check list, but almost a check list, of some items that we think are important for us to review and for you to make a decision, that were not included in the original request. We've looked at the fourteen points of the law, but some of those points needed to be expanded or reviewed in a different sort of way. And so, for clarity's sake, we've identified those and think it would be in the best interest of the applicant and certainly for you, to be able to review that information before you can make a decision. Because it is my opinion, at this point, you cannot make an informed decision.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

“We will review that information with the City of Maize today and will be back to you with what their plan might be on how to resolve this issue. You need to know, that at the last meeting, there was a gentleman who indicated he wasn’t notified of the continuance. We have gone out of our way to notify all the people at the public hearing and all the land owners that we can identify involved in this, that this public hearing was going to be continued today.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. So, what we need to do today then is to continue the public hearing for two more weeks.”

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Is it appropriate to receive testimony, or what will we do?”

Chairman Winters said, “I suppose. Yes, Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I just have one question of the Manager. I think we had asked for, or something about, . . . you know those fourteen item things that staff was going to look at and kind of give us a definition. Is that still in progress?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes, that’s exactly what we’ve done. We’ve handed . . . what we’ve done is done some work internally and we have . . . and this is a boiler plate for, not only this unilateral annexation, but the one that will come from Valley Center that’s already been petitioned and any future ones that might come. And what we’ve done is what we’ve done with other sorts of things of this nature. We have done an internal review and then we’ve asked others who are involved in the process, MAPD, Gerry Frantz, other people in this organization that will need to review this to take a look at our document, to see if things need to be added. Their comments and recommendations will be back to us by noon today, I think, or later. We don’t expect major changes but maybe, and so that final document will be ready to go by the end of this week.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Great. Thank you.”

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, “All right, since this was the time and place to have a continuation of the public meeting, I would ask if there is anybody here in the audience today who came to address the Board of County Commissioners concerning the annexation request by the City of Maize? Is there anyone here today who came to talk about the Maize annexation? All right, I see no one. So, Commissioners, unless someone has a comment, I think a motion to extend this public comment meeting for two more weeks would be appropriate, if somebody wants to make that. Commissioner McGinn, did you have anything else you wanted to say about this issue?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “No.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to continue the public hearing for two weeks.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Mr. Parnacott said, “Could I make one point real quick?”

Chairman Winters said, “Yes, you can.”

Mr. Parnacott said, “Just for your information, Jerry Cathey did show up. I talked to him out in the hall and explained to him that this would be continued for a couple of weeks and he said ‘thanks’ and I told him I’d call him when we got the final say-so on when the hearing will be.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, I think we do need to try to make sure that we contact. We can give an intern the responsibility or Mr. Manager, someone the responsibility to contact all of those landowners that are effected by this annexation again. All right, we have a motion. What’s is that date two weeks from now? December the 13th.”

Mr. Parnacott said, “And just for the record, I would note that that’s the same date as the hearing for the Valley Center annexation.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, great. That will be fun.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Get them all done at once.”

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. Commissioners, is there any other discussion on this motion? Seeing none, call the vote."

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, "Thanks, Bob. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

D. PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH REPORT, "ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SERVICES BY NON-PROFIT AGENCIES."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Buchanan said, "Several months ago, we began exploring ways in which we could engage non-profit agencies differently than we have in the past. Sedgwick County is involved in all sorts of non-profit agencies in contractual relationships with them, from agencies that provide social services to the Zoo. It would include the Art Museum, it includes other agencies that don't necessarily provide social services. We do know that social services are provided . . . that we use social service agencies, non-profit agencies to provide services to citizens in this community who need those services. Government can't do it alone. It's not expected to do it alone.

"But we have an issue about taxpayers' dollars and accountability and standards and who's money is it and how do we work in a partnership relationship with those agencies. It was the thought of this Commission, some time ago, that what are the best practices around the country. How would you design and develop a system that worked and worked well. And what we have done is contracted with WSU, Hugo Wall Center for Urban Studies, and in particular Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder to do that study. I want to tell you that I presented this concept to the City of Wichita, School District 259, United Way and the Kansas Health Foundation, all of whom were supportive of this idea and are looking forward to receiving the results. Kansas Health Foundation thought it was important enough to become a partner and help fund this study.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

“One of the reasons we were delayed in delivering bound copies to you, is that we haven’t properly recognized them as a funding partner and we’re making sure labels are going to be placed in those books before they’re distributed. You have copies of the report that do not have labels yet, but before the hour is out, I’m sure that they’ll be removing them from your hands and putting the labels on them.

“So, it is important, at this point, to hear not from me any longer, but from Dr. Snyder who did the study and would like to give you the results. You need to know that this is not one of those studies that’s going to sit on the shelf. In January, we have picked a date that someone will tell us when that date is, because I’ve forgotten, we are going to ask the non-profit agencies board and directors or those agencies to come together to start working on an implementation plan of this report. So far, this is money well spent and I’m looking forward to developing different working relationships for Sedgwick County and these agencies. Dr. Snyder.”

Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder, Principal Investigator, Hugo Walls Center for Urban and Public Affairs, WSU, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’re here today to talk about enhancing the delivery of public services by non-profit agencies.

“The issues you are very clear about. Manager Buchanan already pointed them out. Increasingly, governments are contracting out more and more of their services to non-profit organizations. Non-profit organizations are receiving larger portions of their total funding from government. And with public funding comes demands for increased accountability.

“We began a review of best practice across the country in non-profit governance, in administration and in financial management. In terms of governance, we found that the best boards take ownership of missions and goals of the organization. That’s fairly obvious, but often times boards tend to abdicate that responsibility to staff.

“The boards hire and evaluate the executive director in a very thoughtful and clear manner. Boards carefully monitor programs and finances of organizations. The best organization boards represent community and public interest, as well as those of an agency. They recognize that with tax exemption come a public responsibility. There’s a large public

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

subsidy to non-profit organizations and it's important that boards recognize that public accountability, as well as to the individual agencies.

“And finally, boards maintain a collegial tension with agency's administration. It's a timely responsibility to be a board member, and they maintain trust with their executive directors, but they also need to be vigilant. It's a positive kind of tension.

“Terms of management and financial management, the best non-profits practice principles of strategic management. It's fairly clear across the country. They had clear missions. They have annual operating plans with specific goals that reflect that mission. They have regular evaluations of their programs, both in terms of service levels and client outcomes. They provide professional development opportunities for all of their employees. They have annual budgets that guide agency operations and they maintain accurate financial records. The item that I left off this list and one that's extremely important is that good, well run non-profit organizations know what their costs are and they charge consumers services and they bid for contracted services based on a good, thorough knowledge of their costs.

“When governments deliver services directly, they're held accountable by the political process and by bureaucratic hierarchies that make line level workers accountable to individuals who are ultimately accountable to elected officials. When governments contract with for-profit organizations, those organizations are held accountable by market competition that assures cost and quality. Non-profit organizations lack both market and political disciplinary measures, and as a result there's a need for different kinds of accountability, when non-profits deal with public resources and public services.

“The three models of accountability that are most often applied to non-profits are a standards compliance model, an outcomes performance model and a capacity-building model.

Standards compliance is the model that's been used most frequently. It answers questions such as: how many clients are served, what services did they receive, are client records current and complete, do employees process appropriate professional credentials. It's the model that's been used most commonly in contracting with non-profit organizations. It's advantage is that's it inexpensive to implement. It's easy to write standards into contracts, and it's easily manageable. The standards are usually easy to measure and to report on. The disadvantage is that a simple standards model doesn't guarantee effective services. As a result of that, over the past few years, governments and non-profit agencies themselves have been putting a great deal more emphasis on trying to identify outcomes and to look at actual performance in their delivery of services.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

“Outcomes performance model answers questions like: is the client improving, has the client gained knowledge or changed his or her behavior. Is the client and /or the client’s family satisfied with the services that are delivered. The advantages of the outcome performance model is that it focuses on the desired outcomes. The disadvantages that outcomes in human services are often more difficult to measure and they’re clearly more expensive to monitor.

“There is a third model, capacity-building, which is substantively different from the other two. It ask questions like: does the agencies have the ability to identify changing community needs, can the agency adapt to shifting needs and operating environments, does the agency possess the information systems to accurately track their finances and client outcomes, does the agency staff possess the managerial, financial and technical skills to design, implement and fund innovative programs. The advantage of the capacity-building model is that it strengthens agencies, as opposed to individual programs. The growing conventional wisdom, among analysts in non-profits is that strong programs need strong agencies to administer them and this model deals with organizations and agencies, as opposed to individual programs. The model also supports ongoing innovation. It’s designed to implement innovative capacity in the agency. The disadvantage is that there are less certain results, as opposed to simple outcomes model, and it’s a longer term strategy and generally more expensive to implement.

“With these accountability models in mind and our knowledge about the best practice among non-profits, we’ve made a number of recommendations to Sedgwick County. First is, that as an individual funder, Sedgwick County should employ a combination of the standards compliance and outcomes performance accountability models in their contracting relationships with non-profits and that Sedgwick County should work with other funding organizations to explore the feasibility of expanding the capacity-building model. As an individual agency, you really don’t have it within your ability to do capacity-building. It’s a much broader community effort, that will take more than Sedgwick County and some more partners.

“We think that Sedgwick County should insist that contracting agencies be able to document the implementation of basic principles of strategic management and policy governance. The formal recommendations in the report, on pages 17 through 26, are much more detailed than these. These are summaries of what we think would incorporate good contracting procedures and development of non-profit capacity. But in general, there are ways, there are checklists, there are standards that you can request in NFPs that says ‘agencies that want to bid, need to be able to document that they have a clear mission, that their operations follow that

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

mission, that they've got a board that annually reviews the executive directive. Those kinds of procedures can be in place and can be documented.

"We think that Sedgwick County should, in addition, sponsor and fund training for board members and administrative staff to help them acquire and refine the skills they need to make sure that they are, in fact, practicing strategic management and policy governance principles.

"We'd like Sedgwick County to maintain a checklist of early warning signs. And that is the final page of the formal report. There's a proposed checklist in appendix C; early warning signs of problem behavior on the part of the contracting agencies. If an agency demonstrates four or more of those problem behaviors, the County should immediately begin a conversation with either the board chair or the executive director, depending on the circumstances, to clarify the situation and to jointly identify corrective action.

"In the event that early intervention fails, the County must retain the authority to apply financial or reporting sanctions and, ultimately, to cancel any contract for which non-profit agencies consistently fail to meet performance levels.

"On the other hand, I think it would be wise for Sedgwick County to explore the utilization or rewards for exemplary performance as a preventive tool as well. There is some literature out there that indicates that the search for improvement in the non-profit sector can be either friendly or adversarial and I generally believe that looking for reward and positive enhancement is much more likely to result in positive long-term outcomes than any kind of punitive approach.

"Enhancing the delivery of public services by non-profit organizations also has implications for the County and its operations. First of all, it's important that the County invest in contract-monitoring capacity. Privatization of services is not cost-free. And contracts don't manage themselves. That means that you need information systems that can accurately track both finances and client services. And that employees need different kinds of training than has traditionally been the case. In an era where there's a lot of contracting union employees who know how to write clear and specific requests for proposals, contract specifications, who know how to advertise and solicit bids, who know how to negotiate final agreements, resolve technical disputes and monitor both service quality and service cost. That's very different

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

from what we have traditionally taught at our own public administration curriculum in the universities, but it's something that's very important.

“Sedgwick County has a clear mission to build partnerships, to acquire effective and efficient services for the citizens of Sedgwick County. We think that's important and it needs to be built upon. There's a need for improved communication between the County and the non-profit. To provide regular formal and informal opportunities for non-profit input into human service planning to specification and performance measures and policy design.

“And to review the many roles that COMCARE plays in human services, to determine their impact on building partnerships. It's, I think, wise under any circumstances to occasionally relook at the roles public agencies pay. COMCARE is both a manager of services, a grantor of services and a provider of services. That, inevitably, carries with it some tension between people who are looking for resources and people who receive them and it's worthwhile, every now and then, to see if, in fact, there's enough tension or too much tension. It is possible that there's insufficient tension. There needs to be some oversight of the public resources. So, simply an occasional review, I think, is in line.

“Capacity-building I return to, again. It's possible for the County to serve as a facilitator. I think the timing is right that a number of people in the community are interested in discussing how we strengthen and improve non-profit sector and the County can serve a health role in facilitating that discussion and work with other funding agencies to identify ways to fund and implement agency capacity-building.

“Underlying a lot of this discussion of non-profit effectiveness and capacity within Sedgwick County to monitor contracts are some underlying policy questions that often get put on the back burner and don't get much discussion. What services should government produce? What is inherently a public good, as opposed to one that isn't? What services should be contracted and what advantages are achieved when they are contracted? What criteria should be used to select service providers and which client population should receive public services? How does the County reconcile it's funding priorities with those of the State? Underlying a lot of this question of human service delivery is the reality that the State provides a great deal of the funding, and there are a lot of inter-governmental issues that go with that. So, how do you reconcile your priorities with the State's? How should resources

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

be allocated when funding is insufficient to meet all demand? That's a very, very difficult question. There's never enough money to meet all demands. And the question becomes if there's not, how do we decide? Do we use more restrictive eligibility criteria? Do we create waiting lists? Do we spread resources thinner than we have in the past?

“And finally, who's ultimately responsible for caring for the hardest to serve, the most vulnerable and the neediest populations? Those are big policy questions. They don't have neat answers, but I think everybody benefits from an occasional public discussion and debate about those kinds of questions. Which leads us, in part, to the next steps that we're going to be taking in the study, which is this follow-up conference which will be January 26th. Kevin Bomhoff, from the Self-help Network at WSU, is going to introduce the design team and tell us what to expect and then we'll have questions, Bill, when he's . . .”

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Self-help Network, WSU, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Would like to introduce to you some of the design members that will help us to, basically, answer this question. Every time you read a report, two words that come to my mind are ‘So what?’ And you really should be asking that question right now, as you look at the report. A lot of good information. A lot of great questions. A lot of great recommendations. So what? What are we going to do about this. Where are we going to go forward. And one of the things that is very clear to us is that the County is saying to us, ‘we want to go forward with our partners’. We want to talk to our partners, as we go forward with this information. This is not a dictated set of principles, values, outcome expectations or even a course that we are dictating to the partners that are in this community. That's exciting.

“In order to do that, we wanted to bring a good sample of folks together to help us design how we will go about that process. So, the people I introduce to you today are not those that will make those decisions. Let's make that perfectly clear. If you're out there and you're at a not-for-profit organization, you'll be invited to the table. These are the individuals who will be working to help us design that day in January, where we begin that process of deciding ‘So what?’

“I'm very pleased to introduce to you Beth Oakes, United Way of the Plains. Many of you already know these individuals, by the way, I'm sure. She'll be on the design team. Jeff Usher. . . you might stand, just in case some folks don't know and so the camera can focus on you for a moment. Jeff Usher, with the Kansas Health Foundation. Judy Fennel, with Senior Services, Debra Voth, with Rainbows United, Marilyn Cook, with COMCARE Family and Children's Services, Mark Masterson with Sedgwick County Department of Corrections.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Also, staffing the group will be Nancy Snyder, Scott Wittick who is also at the Self Help Network at Wichita State University and Stephanie Payton, who we defacto must have in order to be successful in doing this. So, Stephanie, thank you for your time.

“Up to this time, our role as a self-help network has been to contribute to this study by completing focus groups with the not-for-profits, so we’ve already been able to sample a lot of their thinking already. You’ll find that in appendix A, on page 35. The results of that ongoing discussion we’ve had with the not-for-profits and their governing bodies during this report development phase. We’re excited and what we said to them, at that time, is this won’t be the last time that we’ll be talking. So, we’re excited about taking this one step further and answering that important question, so we can go forward and really make this report work for us, here in Sedgwick County. If you have any questions, I’d be happy to take those at this time.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Mr. Manager, are we ready for some general comments and questions?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Chairman Winters said, “Do you have any other concluding remarks.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No, sir. At this point, Mr. Chairman and Commission, it would be appropriate for any questions that you might have. You have the executive summary. You have the details of the study. This will be shared with those agencies with whom we do business and we will be, as Kevin has suggested, will be calling them to a meeting to help us decide how to go forward.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Well, I’ve got a couple of comments I think I’d like to make and, I’m not sure there’s going to be a question in here, although I do have a couple of questions that are probably minor in nature. But I want to thank you for starting this process, Mr. Buchanan. I think it was a good project and it needed to be done and I’d also like to thank Dr. Snyder. I have not fully engaged in the whole document yet, but from where I have gotten to last night, I think this is excellent material. And I would like to say, for those non-profits that are here today as our partners, or those that may be watching, as Dr. Snyder concluded, you know, who is going to be about serving those that are hardest to serve, the most vulnerable and the needy. And we clearly recognize that our partners with the non-profit organizations is critical and vital.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

“You know, this is in a sense big business. As I look at this, and we have over \$50,000,000 that funnels just through our organization, to deal with human services. Over 250 contracts that we have and need to be monitored. And I think the thing that struck me, from the beginning of this report, was the good comparison between for-profit corporations, the government, and not-for-profit and how those integrate. So, it became a bit of an ‘Economics 101’, which I appreciated very much. Because, you know, sometimes we can just gloss over how other parts of the economy work, but this is clearly involved in putting the pieces together.

“And I was particularly . . . there were several things that I marked, but one piece that I’ve pulled out of here is that ‘private, voluntary associations of various kinds have served public purposes from the beginning of nationhood. The underlying issue for public officials, however, has been how such organizations should be held publically accountable’. And that’s the issue that kind of brought us all together in thinking about how we need to do that. But at the same time, I think it’s important to know that Sedgwick County is not approaching this as an adversarial kind of position. And you have comments in there that many human service workers see an analysis as punitive and designed to uncover poor performance. That’s not what our intention is. Our intention is to have a tool that will make for a better understanding between this government side and this non-profit service organization.

“Sedgwick County does not want to take over any organization in this County that we’re a partner with. We do not want to take over anyone, but we do want to make sure that non-profits that receive taxpayer dollars are accountable for those and they’re open about it. And I think that’s our real task. And I haven’t gotten really into the recommendations yet, but from what I have seen so far, I think we’re off on a very good start, with a very good foundation. I hope we can have input from all of our non-profit partners as we go through this.

“I don’t want to take time to ask detailed questions, but one of the questions I did have was, talking about how for-profit managers are not necessarily better managers but they’re better supported managers. Non-profit managers are forced to manage upstream and I don’t know what that means, but it sounds hard. So, as we think about that, I think that’s one of the things that we want to hopefully be helpful with. So, from my standpoint, thank you very much, Mr. Buchanan and Dr. Snyder, I think we’re off on an excellent start. We’ve got some comments. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. Snyder, I just want to echo, basically, what the Chairman has said. I think this is a tremendous first step. We, from the County Commission’s point of view, are feeling more and more pressure from the public for oversight, demanding accountability, and I also like the idea that I think one of the

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

suggestions to work with other funders to maybe standardize accountability and I think this could be a tremendous benefit. Not-for-profits to improve the way they do business, which might then, end result, they might possibly receive even more funding. And also, it fulfills our responsibility to the citizens of accountability.

“One question I had, we have been . . . would it be a proper method, again, for this public accountability, to maybe request a seat on a board, so that we could have some firsthand look into understand their concerns firsthand, as opposed to maybe getting it secondhand ‘he said, you said, I said’. Well, we could really report back. Someone could report back to us. And I don’t mean an elected official. I mean, maybe the County or another funding source could just request a membership on their board. Would that be appropriate, do you believe?”

Dr. Snyder said, “It’s one model. There are a number of others. The key element is that a board of a non-profit be able to work effectively, as a group, to govern an agency. And as long as those individuals on a board have a trusting relationship and can work together to provide the oversight and the governance they need, there would be no problem at all. It’s common in business for large funders or customers to have seats on boards.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, great. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the . . . and like you, I didn’t have the chance to read all this yet, but I think that the thing that ought to encourage us most about this report is what Kevin said, or what we’ve been told. That this report is just not to sit on the shelf in our office and look nice and say ‘Look what we did’. And Kevin, instead, has indicated to us he’s going to follow that age-old question that I know he heard around this organization before he left. The ‘So what’ question. Yeah, before he became a traitor and ran away.”

Dr. Snyder said, “We at WSU are very pleased about that.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I’m sure you are. And I’ll talk to you about that later. But it’s encouraging for me to know that there are next steps and that there are ways to look at this as a community, together with our partners, and try to find better ways to assure that the services are going where they need to go. That the public money is being utilized to its most efficient level. And that the people who care enough about these organizations to see that they do provide services to folks every day are at the table and a part of making the system better. For those of you who are going to be helping create the day, if you will, and I thank you for

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

that. Your input and your recognition of the problems that need to be discussed is an important aspect of this and I thank you, in advance, for the time that you'll spend helping making that success and thank you, Nancy, for your work. Like I said, I'm encouraged that this doesn't just end here. That there is a future for this and that there are some, I believe, very worthwhile outcomes because of this. So, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have to reiterate Chairman Winters' remarks that I think this does look like an excellent document, for as much as I read. I read this with a little bit of biasness though. I know this document was put together for mostly human services but there's other private/ public institutions out there. And the reason I say that I read it with a little bit of biasness is my closeness with Old Cowtown Museum. That's another organization that's private and public funded, and Sedgwick County's been a great partner with that group. And one of the things that they've done is they've helped us through strategic planning in helping us set our goals and those types of things, and that's very important. As you said in part of your report, 'what is their ability to change to the community needs'. And you have environmental changes and if our board just stays the same all the time, and our community's changing, we're not going to be very successful.

"And so, I see this as an excellent tool to use in other private/ public funded organizations. And we don't provide human services but we provide human education and entertainment. And so, as Commissioner Gwin said something about, 'It shouldn't sit on the shelf' and I don't think it's going to. This is a very good tool and I think we can go a long way with a lot of organizations that we partner with. So, thank you very much and I'm excited to see what comes out of the January meeting."

Dr. Snyder said, "It's a really good observation that I'd like to reiterate that the study itself focused explicitly on human service non-profits. And there are a broad range of other non-profits. And in fact, a number of the recommendations that deal specifically with contracting procedures, could apply to for-profit firms as well. But the meat of the text is about human services."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, I see no other questions or comments. What's the will of the Board concerning this report? Do we have a motion to receive and file?"

MOTION

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Commissioner Gwin moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Is there any other discussion that needs to take place at this time? I guess you will be advising us of the specific time and date the meeting in January is going to occur and who all is going to be participants and how?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, and we would want you to . . . now that I've been reminded of the date, we would want you to mark that on your calendar and we will remind you, today, to do that. Because we would want you to be there, certainly, for the opening and maybe for the conclusion and certainly welcome to be there all day. But we would think that's going to be an important element of that process."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And you have a specific date right now?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "January 26th."

Dr. Snyder said, "And it will be at WSU's Metroplex."

Chairman Winters said, "January 26th and there will be set in motion contacting the people that we'd like to attend and be there."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Chairman, as part of the receive and file, I'm making the assumptive leap that that also authorizes us to proceed with this January 26th event."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. I would think that's right, but perhaps once we get the details of what that's going to look like, you could notify the Commissioners about what that meetings going to look like and participation."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Task force job and Kevin Bomhoff is chairing that and once that's determined, we will absolutely make sure you know that first."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, unless I hear different comments, I would think that our motion today is for them to proceed on with the next step of this process. All right, any other questions or comments? Seeing none, call the vote."

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

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 very much and thank you for all of you who came just for this specific item today. We appreciate it very much. All right, Madam Clerk, next item."

E. RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, "ADULT ENTERTAINMENT," OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE.

Ms. Karen Duranleau, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you today a resolution which would amend certain provisions of the Adult Entertainment Code. If you'll recall, this Adult Entertainment Code was passed by Resolution 121-00 on June 28th of this year. During our routine review of the provisions of the code, we discovered that there were certain things that required clarification.

"The changes are basically technical in nature, but they were within the spirit and intent of the Commission at the time of this resolution. The changes include various definitions were changed to reflect that they are applicable to both persons and establishments who are licensed under both the new code and prior codes. Corporate licensee will now explicitly include both the person who signed the application for the license and also the corporation. The employee register will include those persons who work at these establishments more than one hour per week. And if the Commission will recall, this was a lengthy resolution. Similar to the Uniform Zoning Code, it will probably require periodic maintenance. This is one thing and there may be other amendments to follow. This is a, basically, a clean-up provision and I would ask that you adopt the resolution to amend the Adult Entertainment Code. I'm available for questions, as well as Alan Pfaff, outside counsel, is available also."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you, Karen. Commissioner Sciortino has his light on. Sometime, I do want to ask if there's anybody here who wants to speak to this issue. I'm not sure there is. But, is there anyone here . . . this is not necessarily a public hearing. It's not a public hearing, but it's usually our style to take comment from anybody who would like to address the Commission. Is there anybody here who would like to address the Board of

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

County Commissioners regarding our Item E this morning? All right. I see no one. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Karen, I read the amendment prior to the meeting and it’s my sense that . . . just to ask you, this amendment, the amendments that are being made now, don’t change the intent or meaning of the original resolution. Is that correct?”

Ms. Duranleau said, “No, Commissioner. They are within the spirit and intent that you had at the time of the June enactment. Just clarifying certain things that I believe were intended at the time. As you know, I wasn’t here at that time, but I understand from talking to various persons in my office, that this was the intent of the Commission at the time.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, basically, what we’re doing here, if I read it right, is just to make it easier to enforce the regulation that’s already in place.”

Ms. Duranleau said, “Yes, basically.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Good clarification, Commissioner. Are there other comments, Commissioners? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to **Adopt the Resolution.**

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

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Karen. That only took one week and Bob’s still got one that started several weeks ago.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “We’re giving Bob the test by fire.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Madam Clerk, next item.”

F. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR LEASE OF PREMISES, CENTURY II, FOR SESAME STREET LIVE PRODUCTION.

Ms. Jacque Wedel, Sales/ Marketing Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “John is on his way back from Cincinnati from some vacation, so he asked me to fill in this morning.

“We are very pleased to bring this item to you. And what this is is the lease of Century II for the production of Sesame Street, February one through four. Now, you’re probably thinking, ‘Why are we doing that?’ In an effort to provide more inter-governmental services, we did not have dates to host Sesame Street at the Kansas Coliseum. We had some other events over the weekend and Sesame Street really desired those weekend dates. So, we decided that we still wanted to host Sesame Street, and we wanted to make that happen. So, we are actually assuming the mantle as promoters on this show and we are leasing Century II to hold Sesame Street Live. So, we thought that was a good way to keep some of this revenue in the community and maybe take our services, at the Kansas Coliseum, another step.

“This is the first time we have ever rented a facility on behalf of another show. And there is a possibility that it may happen again. I’m sure you remember that Wichita State University is quote ‘storing’ our basketball floor. And the Harlem Globetrotters are interested in coming back to our community the end of January. So, we may be leasing Henry Levitt

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Arena for the Harlem Globetrotters. So, there is really no cash outlay to this. It will be paid through the box-office receipts, after the show is completed. Are there any questions?"

Chairman Winters said, "The first question I'd have is, I assume then, that the City of Wichita is all right with this? They agreed to this . . . us being the promoter of an event in their facility?"

Ms. Wedel said, "Right, it is actually their contract that we will be signing as an actual promoter."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, very good. Commissioners, any other questions? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to **Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.**

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just discussion on the motion. Isn't it nice when you have one director or one facility who might be able to look at all the facilities available in this County for which shows might fit best in which facility and that that person then can make a determination as to availability, size, appropriateness of those facilities and how they all work together. Just a thought. Thank you. Just an observation."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there other questions? Seeing none, call the vote please."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

G. AGREEMENT WITH COWLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMS TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS TO STUDENTS.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Again, this is our standard form agreement and it is a project that we do for students who are becoming MICTs. It is a valid process in being able to find and recruit individuals into our service. I would recommend that we approve it and allow the Chairman to sign."

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

1. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

Ms. Donaldson said, "This first item is a grant that Breakthrough Club had applied for for employment services. We are a subcontractor with them for this particular grant and we will receive \$50,166 to provide supported employment services. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Grant 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, "Next item."

2. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR IN-HOME FAMILY THERAPY SERVICES.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this is an amendment to an existing contract and, quite frankly, is some of our efforts to start consolidating some of the contracts that we have, instead of having some that are so numerous, even for the same service and this allows us to do that and make some adjustments. This is \$50,000 of State funds for this contract. I would recommend your approval."

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, "All right."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to **Approve the Amendment to 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

- 3. LETTERS (TW0) TO VIA CHRISTI AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO RENEGOTIATE AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS FOR 2001.**

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, the intent of this particular item is to separate the affiliations from the contracts that indicate what the rates are that are being paid for services and the expectations of that. It's our intent to be back with you before the end of 30 days with those two new contracts. And we're excited about this process, because we think it's going to be a very positive one and with the anticipation of some increased rates, from the State level, we are first taking that step. And I think you heard some of this in the report, is to assure the viability of our existing services in that ongoing nature and structure that needs

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

to be there and then our hope is with our partners as we evaluate this and look, that we will continue to fill gaps, whether those are with new services or enhancing existing ones.

“With me today are Rose Mary Mohr, with Mental Health Association and Tonya Junod from Via Christi. I’d like to invite them to come up. Rose Mary, would you like to come up and say a few words?”

Ms. Rose Mary Mohr, President/ CEO, Mental Health Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As most of you are aware, we’ve had the privilege of contracting and serving in an affiliation agreement with COMCARE for some number of years in a number of different service areas. The Association has initiated, several years ago, a process wherein we have been accredited by KARF as a community mental health facility and we feel that it will blend very favorably with the kinds of things I can foresee from the report will be expected of contracting agencies.

“We look forward to increasing the partnership efforts that we have had and would continue to have with COMCARE and just appreciate very much the improved services that I’ve seen develop in the Sedgwick County area over the years. I’ve been with the Mental Health Association now over 20 years and I’m really proud of the kinds of gains and improvements I see and what’s available to children and adults, as well as families. So, I want to commend you and COMCARE for having played such an important role in making that possible and to express my appreciation for the process that we are engaging in from here on. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Thank you, Rose Mary. I would like the representative from Via Christi to come up please.”

Ms. Donaldson said, “And it’s Tonya Junod.”

Ms. Tonya Junod, Manager, Out-patient Services with Behavior Health, Via Christi Health System, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m fairly new to the position, but I have a lot of experience in community mental health, most of that with COMCARE. So, I do realize that there are a lot of gaps and the need to enhance services.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, I would like to share, I guess, a couple of thoughts. When we hear these words ‘renegotiate, affiliation agreements’, in the past it, kind of, sometimes sent some shivers around. And that is not what this is intended to do. This is intended to fulfill our requirements, as we see SRS speaking to us on one hand, and to make sure these

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

affiliation agreements are proper and in order and that we are attracting as many dollars as we can to the community.

“I did have a conversation with Randy Napper this morning, and he was quite concerned about whether this could be accomplished in 30 days or not. And, so I wanted to just make sure that we’re all on the same page. That we’re not going get in some kind of . . . in a place where we’d be past 30 days and not being able to get the contracts worked out. So, would somebody from our side like to comment about that?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Sure. The agreements, as they exist now, require us to give notification to renegotiate, and that’s what we are doing. There is no intention, we will not disengage from paying Via Christi money for services that they’re providing us, whether the 30 days expires or not. We will enter into a 10 day contract, another 30 day contract, we will continue to extend it until we get the new contract right. There is no intention, and we will not stop providing services as we have in the past, period.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, very good. Well, I just wanted everyone to know that we have two great partners here, Via Christi and the Mental Health Association. And I mean, we couldn’t be a better team and I just want to make sure, when we have this renegotiation done, we’re a better team than we were before.

“So, All right Commissioners, are there other questions or comments? Seeing none, do I have a motion to approve this notification?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the notification and authorize the Chairman to sign letters of intent.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

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, “Rose Mary and Tonya, I do appreciate very much your being here this morning. We all appreciate it. Next item.”

I. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH CORNEJO & SONS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT - BELRIV ADDITION. DISTRICT 1.

Mr. Paul E. Taylor, P.E., Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item I-1 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, with Cornejo and Sons, Inc. on the Belriv Addition paving project. This project has been constructed and is ready to be ‘finaled out’. There will be a net decrease of \$5,241.45, due to the variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. All costs will be assessed to the benefit district through special assessments. We recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

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, Paul. Next item."

**J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' NOVEMBER 22, 2000
REGULAR MEETING.**

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Board of Bids and Contracts held a special meeting on November the 22nd. As a result of the meeting, there are six items being presented as consideration for approval today.

**1) NATIONAL FURNITURE- DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FUNDING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

"They are, first item, furniture for the District Attorney's Office. Recommending low bid of G2I, which is Budget Office, for \$14,725.08.

**2) SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL- DIV INFORMATION/ OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

"The second item is a software license renewal for the Division of Information and Operations. This software renewal is for software used for the mainframe system, CICS system. It's designed to handle the multiple session access. Recommendation is agreement for Computer Associates for \$12,340.50.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

- 3) ANNUAL USAGE FEE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

"The third item is an annual usage fee for Outbound software for the Division of Information and Operations. This software is used by the Sheriff and EMS and it allows the transfer of large files from PC to PC. Works outside the mainframe system. Recommendation is an agreement with Allen Systems Group, which is ASG, for \$12,114.

- 4) SOFTWARE LICENSES- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

"Fourth item is software licenses for the Division of Information and Operations. These licenses are used for the Help Desk and the telecommunications and other information. Recommendation is sole source agreement from Goldmine for \$62,473.

- 5) TANDEM AXLE TRUCK- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

"The fifth item is a tandem axle truck for Fleet Management. Recommendation is price from Doonan Truck & Equipment for \$57,663.

- 6) PARKING GARAGE MANAGEMENT- DIV OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: PORTION OF GROSS REVENUE

"The sixth item is parking garage management for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommending the sole proposal from AMPCO for contracting of the parking garage management.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL

- 7) CELLULAR PHONES & ACCESSORIES FOR FIELD DATA TRANSMISSIONS-
APPRAISER'S OFFICE
FUNDING: APPRAISER

- 8) CARPET FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS- FACILITY PROJECTS

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECTS

“There were two items that were tabled for further review. One of them is cellular phones and accessories for field data transmission for the Appraiser’s Office. The other item is carpet for various departments for Facility Projects.

“Like to recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Thank you, Iris. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. On item five, I guess I just wanted to ask if there were other truck companies out there and why just one?”

Chairman Winters said, “I see Marv in the audience. Or go ahead, Iris. If you know of a good answer.”

Ms. Baker said, “Yes, we went out for a proposal, in ‘99 and they were by far the lowest proposal. And they guarantee to hold their price through April of 2001. So, we’re buying off of that proposal.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Oh, okay.”

Chairman Winters said, “Other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to **Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.**

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

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, Iris and thank those others of you who are here in the audience, in case there had have been a question. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V20101	\$463.00	2	Monte Helms
V20127	\$394.00	4	William Favreau
V20128	\$400.00	4	Monte Helms

2. 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.

Contract	Old	New
-----------------	------------	------------

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

<u>Number</u>		<u>Amount</u>
V94116	\$358.00	\$457.00
V99079	\$390.00	\$426.00
C98059	\$271.00	\$300.00
V99082	\$351.00	\$479.00
V97067	\$219.00	\$289.00
V99085	\$575.00	\$600.00

3. **General Bills Check Register of November 24, 2000.**
4. **Payroll Check Registers of November 22, 2000 and (poll workers) November 16, 2000.**
5. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to **Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

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

Chairman Winters said, “So, it’s my understanding that we do not need an Executive Session today. So, it’s my understanding that we’ll adjourn this meeting, and we have a short Fire District Meeting. Is there any other business to come before this Meeting? If not, the Regular Meeting is adjourned.”

12. OTHER

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Regular Meeting, November 29, 2000

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

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
Third District

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:

_____, 2000