

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

January 10, 2001

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, January 10, 2001 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 Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Jane Moralez, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Derrell L. Schooler Sr., Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Elisha Verge of North Ash Church of the Nazarene.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Winters said, "Madam Clerk, if you'd wait just a moment, I'm going to move down to the podium before you call the next item. All right, Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please."

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AWARD PRESENTATION

A. PRESENTATION OF THE 2000 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners and friends, as you all know, or perhaps you do not know, but in 1988 the Board of County Commissioners began a tradition of allowing the Chairman to select one individual or organization in the community to present what's referred to as the 'Chairman's award' for the past year. A number of people have received that, over the years, the Boy Scouts, the DeVore Foundation, Dan Carney, several others. This year I have selected Team Justice, otherwise officially, formally known as the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.

"This is, indeed, a group of people who are interested in improving the quality of life here in Sedgwick County. I'd like to take just a moment to review Juvenile Justice reform real quickly, so we'll have a bit of a perspective. In 1995 and '96, the State Legislature started on the process of reforming and changing the way we handle juvenile justice issues in the State of Kansas and beginning in 1997, the Juvenile Justice Authority in Topeka became responsible for the activities of juvenile justice, detention and intervention issues. They came back to local communities and said, 'local judicial districts or counties, we want you to form a plan or a program that works for your county'. We want this to be a local involvement. It's not going to be a mandate from Topeka. And as they talked about ways to change intervention and detention, for the first time they also included prevention.

"So, in 1999 Albert Murray, the commissioner of Juvenile Justice Authority, appointed me to be a convener of a group of citizens in Sedgwick County to develop a community plan that we could use in juvenile justice issues. We spent ten months studying the risk and the protective factors and a number of other issues here in Sedgwick County. That committee came up with the three items that we, as a county, decided that we were going to concentrate our focus on. And that was that we saw that there was a lack of commitment to schools and we could see that in, perhaps, not the best high school graduation rates possible. We saw a need for intervention in early anti-social behavior, as we have an exceedingly high number of very young kids, 3rd and 4th graders being expelled from school, and we saw a need to concentrate on family management problems, as we really have too many kids involved in our foster care programs.

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“The planning team’s job, after that 1999 planning year was complete. It was then done. But then the next phase needed to be in place and the next part of our official act was to appoint an advisory board to help advise the Commission. Now, a number of things were kind of all coming together at the same time. Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners had made a commitment to prevention and in 1998 and ‘99 and for the year 2000, have committed a million dollars, in each one of those years, to work on prevention issues. We’ve done that. We’ve made our commitment. Now, we also have State dollars available, which we can dedicate towards new programs in these areas.

“Now, the folks that help us really devise those programs are, of course, our staff that are County employees and are here, but they are also this voluntary advisory board. And they have done a great job. They have worked very hard. They have helped watch us and advise us, tell us what works and what doesn’t work. What needs to be changed, as we do this partnership with State dollars and our local dollars, and we really are working towards insuring a safe and healthy community, where kids can grow up and maximize their potential and stay out of detention.

“So, this is a great group of folks. I know they can’t all be here today but those that are here, I would ask if they would come up, please. If they would come up this way to the podium. And Kristi, I believe, has all their names. So, let me just say one other thing before we get started. The chairman of this group is Margalee Wright. And Margalee is a tremendous community asset. Margalee is the chair of this group and she has done a tremendous job. She’s a great community asset and resource and without it, I don’t think it would have gotten off to nearly as good a start as it has. Margalee has agree to be the chair of this group one more year and we’re excited and hope that that’s going to work.

“So, I’m going to come down there and I’ve got just a token to give each one of you and Kristi is going to read off the names of all of the people who are on the group, even though they may not be here.”

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications, said, “We have Margalee Wright, Terri Moses has served as vice-chair.”

Chairman Winters said, “Margalee, thank you very much. Terri, thank you very much for your work.”

Ms. Zukovich said, “Shawna Mobley has been secretary, Sheriff Gary Steed, Karen Langston.”

Chairman Winters said, “Karen, congratulations on your new job, too. Thank you.”

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Ms. Zukovich said, "Judge James Burgess, Jeannine Lane, Marilyn Cook."

Chairman Winters said, "Marilyn, thank you very much for all of your work on this."

Ms. Zukovich said, "Ralph Teran, Reverend Lincoln Montgomery, Pat Hanrahan, Ron Terzian, John Sullivan, Frances Ervin."

Chairman Winters said, "Frances, thank you very much."

Ms. Zukovich said, "Judge Paul Buchanan, Belva Ott, Doctor Delores Craig."

Chairman Winters said, "Delores, thank you very much. Delores has really been one of those persons that's done yeoman's work. Delores is with WSU and has just been a great deal of assistance to juvenile justice issues all over the State. So, thank you, Delores."

Ms. Zukovich said, "We do have two County staff persons who also work with this and we'd ask them to come forward. Mark Masterson and Chris Kautzer."

Chairman Winters said, "Mark has done an exceptionally good job in this transition stage of Juvenile Justice and Mark, I certainly want to thank you for all of your work. And Chris, thank you for all of your support work. It's been a busy year, so thank you very much."

"Now, this is what the larger plaque looks like. It hangs permanently in the Board of County Commissioners Office and, as of this week, Team Justice, Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board has been added to the plaque. So, thank you all again very much for your work and thanks for coming today."

"Madam Clerk, will you call the next item."

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RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DAVID PARKER, SHERIFF SERGEANT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Jane Moralez, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present a retirement clock to David Parker. David is a Sheriff's Sergeant. He started in the Department October the 11th of 1981, as a Detention Deputy. Was promoted to sergeant October the 10th of 1983. Transferred from Detention to Sheriff's Department on October the 27th of 1985 and will retire on February the 1st of 2001. We want to congratulate him."

Chairman Winters said, "David, we have a plaque there and we also have this clock that we would like to present to you, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Whenever someone from law enforcement is up here and I have an opportunity to say congratulations and best wishes, I really do believe that probably the principle activity that local government is involved in is protection of our citizens. And for all of you folks who are involved in law enforcement, it is to me a special thank you, because I can think of no other profession that we need as much of and I can think of no other profession that has the risk and the dangers and all of the adversity of being involved in public protection of our public."

"So, David, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Sedgwick County, we want to say thank you for your years of service. We hope that you'll keep this clock as a token of our appreciation. Would you like to make a comment?"

Mr. David Parker, Sergeant, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir. I'll make a comment."

"It's been a great privilege and honor to work for Sedgwick County as a Deputy Sheriff and I thank everybody for being so kind to me. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, best wishes."

"We've got two Off Agenda items that we need to take care of."

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OFF AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to take two Off Agenda items.

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

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a two part process. The first of this is that I would ask that you accept the resignation of Donna Hale Ard from the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye

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

Mr. Euson said, “And then the second part of this is that we have prepared a resolution to appoint Derrell Schooler to the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging. This is Commissioner McGinn’s appointment. The resolution is in proper form and I would ask you to approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the appointment.

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, “And I believe Mr. Schooler is here. If you would please come to the podium, sir. We also have newly elected Clerk, Don Brace, who is going to perform his first official duty before the Commission this morning. And Don, welcome to the Commission Meeting and we’re certainly glad to have you here.”

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, “Raise your right hand and repeat after me:

“I, Derrell L. Schooler, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Sedgwick County Council on Aging, so help me God.”

Mr. Derrell L. Schooler Sr., member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, repeated the oath.

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Derrell, I’d just like to make a comment. Derrell has been in the Valley Center community for many years and has served on the school board for many years. And you still serve on the school board, don’t you Derrell? How many years has that been?”

Mr. Schooler said, “Fourteen.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Fourteen. And before that Derrell was on the Sheriff Patrol and retired in 1974 you told me. Anyway, I just wanted to add that I think Derrell’s going to bring a lot to the table on the Aging Board with his background and experience and I’m sure he’ll share about the needs of small communities as well. So, I just wanted to say ‘thank you, Derrell’ for taking on this task.”

Mr. Schooler said, “Well, I appreciate it and I will do the best job that I know how.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you, Derrell. Commissioners, we have another Off Agenda item we need to do, concerning a certain annexation in Valley Center that we’ve already acted on.”

OFF AGENDA ITEM

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to take an Off Agenda item.

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

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Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is just the final act for the annexation that we heard on December 20th for Valley Center. It’s just the order that has to be approved and then we’ll send it to the City.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. We’ve already taken action on this. This is just the final bit of that part, right.”

Mr. Parnacott said, “Right.”

“All right, Commissioners, is there a motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Order 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, Bob. All right, now we’re back to Regular Agenda again. Next item please.”

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NEW BUSINESS

C. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before I get to this item, I would like to recognize Doug Winkley, who is with us today, and currently chairs the Mental Health Advisory Board. So, we're real pleased to have him here. He said he wanted to come to a meeting and see how all this works."

Chairman Winters said, "Good. Very good. Well, welcome. We're glad you're here."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Regarding this item, we're in the process of working with the State towards the implementation of what they've called 'Mental Health Initiative 2000', which is really a review of the crisis services, system enhancements and increased Medicaid rates. This affiliation and contract with Mental Health Association is some of the initial steps, in terms of this process. We believe that this will, ultimately, enhance capacity and increase services in our community for consumers, children and families. I would recommend your approval of the affiliation and contract and authorize the Chairman to sign. I would be glad to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Agreement and Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

2. APPLICATIONS (TWO) TO FORD FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT 2001 AWARD FUNDS.

! COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATION

! SEDGWICK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What I bring before you today are two applications for the Innovations in American Government 2001 awards competition. One is for the Sedgwick County Transportation Brokerage and one is for the Community Service Coordination program. This award competition recognizes excellence in federal, state and local government programs, through the John F. Kennedy's School of Government at Harvard University.

"Since the award program's inception in 1986, it has recognized 255 innovative programs which have received 15.9 million dollars in Ford Foundation grants. Recognized programs could receive awards of either 20,000 or 100,000 dollars. There are no local match required and there are no restrictions placed on award funding, if granted. So, I submit these to you today and would recommend approval for submitting the applications to the Ford Foundation."

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Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you, Annette. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Annette, I'm certainly going to be supportive, but hasn't the Sedgwick County Transportation Brokerage been an award winner in the past?"

Ms. Graham said, "It has been an award winner for the NACO, National Association of Counties, award last year and was one of fifteen that received special recognition across the United States."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, I knew it had been an award winner. I suspect it will be again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Are there other questions or comments? Seeing none, call the vote. Oh, we need a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Applications.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

D. NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HORIZON ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item before you

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is notice of termination of the investment advisor agreement that you approved in the spring to last year. We've had a very productive year in managing the County's investment program. As you know, we've overhauled the policy and that has allowed us to diversify our investments and increase the safety of those investments. And as a result of those actions, which were done with the advise of this advisor, we've been able to substantially increase the performance of our investment portfolio.

"In the year 2000, the County earned just under eleven and a half million dollars of interest on its investments. That's a 35% increase over the amount that we earned in the prior year. Now, to be sure, that's partly due to a general increase in interest rates for much of the year 2000 and it's attributable in part to slightly more money that we had to investment in certain months of the year, because some of local governments in Sedgwick County increased the amount of tax dollars that they levied, and that we collected for them. But largely, the increase in investment income is attributable to the diversification of the portfolio to our investment in securities that we never previously had been able to invest in. At the beginning of the year, we were achieving a rate of return that was essentially at the 91 day T-bill rate, which is the short-term benchmark that has been established for the County by policy. By the end of the year, we were in excess of 100 basis points, one full percentage point over the established benchmark for our investment portfolio and that increase in performance, against the benchmark, is what produced most of the increased income.

"Towards the end of the year, you authorized us to acquire investment management software, I think to allow us to keep track of the portfolio ourselves. That software has been installed and we've used it to produce the first quarterly report, which I have just delivered to you. And so, we believe that we're prepared now to manage this program entirely on our own. During the past year, we paid the advisor close to \$200,000. We received valuable services from the advisor to help us overhaul the policy and to teach us how to manage the program. But we think that we're ready to cut the cord now, save that \$200,000, and achieve the interest on our own. And so, I would recommend that you approve the notice and authorize the Chairman to sign the termination notice."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you, Chris. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chris, I'm going to embarrass you a little bit, because coming from the private sector, finance departments are normally referred to as 'bean counters' and most operating division heads hate them, because you're always in our face trying to talk to us about

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how we can be more efficient and how we can save this penny and this dime. But I, for one, want you to know that I really do understand and appreciate what has just happened here today and how important the finance department can be to any organization.

“Although you can argue that the Finance Department is not a source of revenue, every time they find a dollar that we can save or figure out how to squeeze and improve the efficiency of our investment by one basis point, a tenth of 1%, that’s an extra dollar that we don’t have to look to the general public in taxation dollars. And if I did my math correctly here, we invested, at your recommendation, \$30,000 in software and the amount of investment that we’re making and saving, we’re going to have that paid off in about a month and a half. And if that isn’t a good return on investment, I don’t know what is. And every dollar that the Finance Department finds for us or saves for us or increases in efficiency in our investment for us, goes immediately to the general funds and that means one dollar less that we don’t have to look to the public for. So, I personally, I just want to publicly embarrass you and compliment you at the same time. Good job.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Thank you. I’ll be happy to take the credit for being the son-of-a-gun that worries about the dimes, but the credit for this program really goes to our investment officer, Mary Byrne and to Daryl Gardner, the Controller, to whom she reports.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Please pass our compliments on to them also. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Chris, I’m certainly going to be supportive of this, but I think this whole strategy has worked out very well. I know there were some of us who were very hesitant about hiring an outside consultant and we didn’t exactly know how that would work, but we wanted you to report back to us and I think you’ve brought us back great results. So, thanks to you and your team.

“Commissioners, are there other questions or comments?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the notice and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

E. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Agreement with Total Success to provide vendor with Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.**
- 2. General Bills Check Register of January 5, 2001.**
- 3. Payroll Check Registers of December 29, 2000 and January 5, 2001.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you the Consent Agenda and there is an item that needs to be added and that's approval of a cereal malt beverage license for Red Rooster Inc. This application, in the transition of the Clerk's Office, somehow

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didn't get to the appropriate parties to get on the agenda. Not to approve it today would mean that this company would have to go out of business for a week until we approved it, which doesn't make any sense. So, I would recommend that you approve the Consent Agenda, with the addition of approving a cereal malt beverage license to Red Rooster Inc."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda, with the amendment that we add approval of the cereal malt beverage license for Red Rooster Inc.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Are there any other Off Agenda or other items in this Regular Meeting. The only scheduled item that we have remaining is the selection of the Chair and the Chair Pro Tem. But we have a bit of Sewer District work. Does anybody know of any other business in this meeting? At this time I will recess the Regular Meeting."

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The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District Meeting at 9:36 and returned at 9:39 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "At this time, I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, January 10th, 2001. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item."

SELECTIONS

F. SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN DURING 2001.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, at this time we will take nominations for persons to be selected and act as Chair for the year 2001. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to nominate Commissioner Carolyn McGinn to serve as our Chairman for 2001."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, are there other nominations for Chair? If I see no other nominations, I would accept a Motion that nominations close and that we cast a unanimous ballot."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to nominate Carolyn McGinn as Chair for 2001.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin		Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye	
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn		Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino		Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye	

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. We have one other item and why don't we take it and then if Commissioner McGinn would like to make just a couple of quick remarks and I'll hand her a gavel, so she'll be properly in order but let's take the last item."

G. SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN PRO TEM DURING 2001.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, this is the time for us to nominate persons to serve as Chairman Pro Tem and I would accept nominations and at this time I'd like to nominate Commissioner Ben Sciortino for that position. I don't think we need a second. We just need any other nominations, if anyone would like to place anyone else's name in nomination, this is the time to do that."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to nominate Ben Sciortino as Chairman Pro Tem for 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, I would like to just take a very brief opportunity to say thank you to each of you for your help and support over this past year. I have

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certainly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Commission. I think we have accomplished some good things. I think there are plenty of opportunities out there that are going to present themselves over the next couple of years, so I look forward to working with each and every one of you. I think we have in place an excellent Board of County Commissioners. I think Commissioner Norton, again, is going to bring a lot of experience to this Board that's going to be very helpful for us to work as a group and a unit, as we work on these next bit of projects and programs. And I'm certainly looking forward to working with Commissioner McGinn.

“Commissioner McGinn, here is the newest gavel in the County and I'll present that to you and allow you to begin as Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, Commissioner Winters. Well, I'd just like to make a few comments. And first of all, thank you for the support of my colleagues and it's certainly a great opportunity to have the opportunity to serve as the Chairman for 2001. And I just want to say that I think that I'm very blessed to have the opportunity to serve with the colleagues that I have. The experience that Commissioner Gwin and Commissioner Winters has, being on this Board, and the help that they provide us throughout the year. The experience that Commissioner Sciortino brings us from the public sector and I'm very much looking forward to the background that Commissioner Norton has, being the Mayor and you also being in the private sector. I think we have an excellent board and saying that, I think that this next year you'll see very much a team effort. I'm going to, probably, delegate a lot of things out in your areas of expertise and I'm glad I have that opportunity to be able to do that.

“And one other thing, I guess I want to say that I feel, and I think my colleagues would agree, we have probably the best staff of any County here in Sedgwick County under Manager Bill Buchanan. And I don't think we could get all that we want to get done and accomplished without them. And so I certainly appreciate that. And then, the other thing is, the citizens of this County, we couldn't get all of that done that we could. We just saw, today, another volunteer that wanted to be on the Aging Board and we

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couldn't get everything done without those folks. So, I just want to say thank you and I look forward to the challenges and the issues that we have and, as a team, I'm sure we will charge through those and have much success. So, thank you very much.

"I have one other thing. On behalf of all the Board of County Commissioners, we'd like to present this plaque to you, Tom, for all the work that you've done. You have certainly been a professional individual in this County. You have served us well. You have served our County well. You are truly dedicated, and I say that, as evidenced from what we saw earlier. You gave the Chairman's award to Team Justice and I know prevention programs are very important to me. And Tom happened to be in there at the very beginning. And that has been a tremendous help to me, to help continue that work as well. And we thank you for all the work you've done. So, there you are, Tom."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. All right, thank you very much, Commissioners. I certainly do appreciate this and I certainly do echo Commissioner McGinn's comments about our staff. We have an exceptionally good staff here at Sedgwick County and Mr. Buchanan, I certainly thank and appreciate your help this past year and all the other staff members who've been so willing to help this Commission get about our business.

"Well Madam Chair, you can officially adjourn the meeting."

Chair McGinn said, "If there's no other business to be brought before this Board, meeting adjourned."

H. OTHER

I. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Fifth District

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ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

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