

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 31, 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 31, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Carolyn Giglio, Administrative Assistant, COMCARE; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director of Housing Office, Division of Community Development; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Ken E. Elliott, Economic Development Specialist; Mr. Robert J. Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Ms. Stephanie Payton, Assistant to the Manager; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer; Captain James D. McKeel, Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Oscar Thomasson, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Senior Buyer, Purchasing Department; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Ms. Allison Ohlman, Communications Coordinator, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Dr. Tal Tittsworth of First United Methodist Church Valley Center.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting, December 13, 2000  
Regular Meeting, December 20, 2000  
Regular Meeting, January 3, 2001  
Regular Meeting January 10, 2001

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of December 13<sup>th</sup> and

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December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and January 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup> 2001.

**Chair McGinn** said, “And I’m thinking December 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2000 was with Commissioner Hancock and Commissioner Norton was present here on January 10<sup>th</sup>. So, would we need to take those separately?”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “That would be good.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay. Do I have a Motion to approve the Minutes of December 13<sup>th</sup> . . .”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Minutes of December 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "You're officially on record now."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Can I leave now?"

**Chair McGinn** said, "You're here for a little while. Next item please."

**APPOINTMENT**

**A. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CLYDE BEVIS (COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.**

**Mr. Richard A. Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This reappointment is for a term of three years to the Sheriff's Civil Service Board. The resolution is in proper form and I would recommend it for your approval."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Madam Chair, I don't think Mr. Bevis is with us this morning."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "Next item."

**DONATIONS**

**B. DONATIONS (TWO).**

- 1. DONATION OF \$100 BY JENSSEN PARMACEUTICA, TO BE USED FOR CONSUMERS OF COMCARE'S COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROGRAM.**
- 2. DONATION OF \$1,500 BY ELI LILLY AND COMPANY, TO BE USED FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We received two donations from two pharmaceutical companies. The first is from Jenssen, which was \$100 to be used for consumers in our Community Integration Program. And the second is \$1,500 from Eli Lilly and Company and that's to be used by the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force. And those dollars are targeted to be used for the February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, which will be the start of the planning, next steps, really kicking off this initiative for our community. I would recommend your approval of excepting the donations and authorizing the Chair to sign these letters. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

**Chair McGinn** said, "I don't see any questions. Do I have a Motion to accept the donations?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Accept the donations and authorize the Chairman to sign letters of appreciation.

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Debbie, I just have a couple of questions though. Is this a first time gift for some of these folks?”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Yes, it is.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay, on the \$100 gift, that too is a first time gift?”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Yes, I believe that’s the first time we’ve seen a donation from them.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay, well I want to say thank you to these folks for making these donations to help us improve and make our programs succeed, so that we can help the community and so we certainly appreciate the donations that they’ve made to us today. Thank you. Next item.”

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**RETIREMENT PRESENTATION**

**C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO CAROLYN GIGLIO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).**

**Ms. Lucretia Taylor**, Director, Diversity and Employment, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present the retirement clock to Carolyn Giglio of COMCARE. Carolyn began her career on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1980 as a Senior Office Aide and then she was promoted to Office Assistant on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1982. She was re-classed then to Administrative Assistant on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1996, where she is still currently employed as an Administrative Assistant.

"Carolyn will retire February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001, after 20 years of services for COMCARE."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Carolyn, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and all of Sedgwick County, we just want to say how much we appreciate all the years of service that you've given us here at Sedgwick County. And I don't know if you would like to share anything, but I was looking at this and thinking of the changes that have occurred in COMCARE over the years and you were here before the State made the changes and you've been here after. And I didn't know if you had any comments you'd like to make as far as some of the changes that you've seen."

**Ms. Carolyn Giglio**, Administrative Assistant, COMCARE, said, "Not really. There's been big changes but they were good. I enjoyed all the years I was here."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Well, and looking at your background, it looks like you've moved up the ladder and certainly helped us do the tasks that we needed to do to serve the people of Sedgwick County. Thank you very much and I wish you the best on your retirement."

**Ms. Giglio** said, "Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Next item."

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### PUBLIC HEARING

#### **D. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING CONTINUATION OF A SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE LOAN PROGRAM BY SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**Mr. Brad Snapp**, Director of Housing Office, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning you have before you the Resolution to continue the single-family mortgage revenue bond program, in the form of draw-down series 2001-A, not to exceed \$50,000,000. We will also hold a public hearing for this program, as well as other single-family mortgage revenue bond programs that we intend to issue yet this year, not to exceed \$250,000,000.

"Sedgwick County and Shawnee County co-issue the State-wide single-family mortgage revenue bond program for first time home buyers. The draw-down program is authorized annually, as MRB homeowners make monthly payments or pre-pay their mortgages by selling or refinancing monies deposited with the bond trustee. As the pool accumulates, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties issue bonds through the draw-down program, to replace money in the trustee accounts. It is then invested in guaranteed investment accounts and later recycled or added to our single-family mortgage revenue bond programs.

"A good example is an anticipated issue that we expect to close March 15<sup>th</sup>. Near the end of December, 2000 Sedgwick and Shawnee Counties received a collective allocation from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing for nearly \$38,000,000. Using recycled MRB funds, we will be able to issue approximately a \$50,000,000 program this spring, enabling 700 to 800 buyers, state-wide, to purchase a home of their own.

"Because of an increase in the State's volume cap, we hope to be able to issue one or more . . . one or two additional programs later in the year. We will continue our voluntary set-aside for rural counties, because bond money is used so quickly, a \$50,000,000 program can be committed in 90 to 120 days, we set \$4,000,000 aside last year for counties with populations below \$10,000.

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“This year, we plan to raise the limit to include mid-sided counties such as Cowley and Crawford for economic development. A beef processing plant is moving to Cowley County and bringing 500 jobs and they’ll need additional housing.

“The IRS requires a \$5,000,000 set aside for target areas throughout the State. These have been established, based on chronically low-income census tracks. To make the money more attractive and useable, we’re beginning a pilot acquisition and rehabilitation program. Home buyers, and they don’t have to be first time home buyers in target areas, will be able to purchase homes and make improvements with their MRB loan. Two redevelopment areas in Wichita are the Core neighborhood and McAdam’s neighborhood located in our target area.

“If you have any questions before you hold the public hearing, or after, I’ll be glad to try and answer them. If not, I certainly have a panel that’s capable.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Brad, this looks like a great opportunity for low to moderate income folks to have an opportunity to buy a new home for the very first time. How long have we had this program going?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “We’ve had the Mortgage Revenue Bond program since 1990, I believe, and probably longer than that. 1980.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “And I heard you say, and I wasn’t tuned into everything you were saying there, til the very end you said something about McAdam’s area. Sometimes people think some of our loan programs are just outside of big cities and it sounded like this is something that works throughout Sedgwick County. Is that correct?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “Right, it does. And the advantage for the target area is that the money is set aside for a year, so it gives people more chance to get something going in their neighborhood or find a home that they want to purchase.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Great. I’m glad that we have this opportunity to partner with other counties to do this type of thing. It appears that I do need to open a public hearing to have comment on this topic. So, is there anyone here today who would like to speak to this topic? Anyone here that would like to speak to the resolution regarding the continuation of a single-family mortgage loan program? Seeing none, I will

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close the public hearing. Is there any questions here? Yes we do, Commissioner Gwin.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “No questions, Madam Chair, just a comment. I would suppose someone has numbers, in the twenty years, how many folks have been able to buy homes through this program, but it has to be thousands of people. I remember the first time working with it when I was in the real estates business and the interest rates at that time were 16-18% and this program came along and really was a boon to folks getting started and being able to work their way up and then, over time, even though the interest rates are much more agreeable now-a-days the program has kind of amended itself to better meet current needs. And one of the things, over recent years, that’s been a nice addition to these programs, were the inclusion of closing cost monies to assist folks. As many of us know, that’s probably the hardest part for any of us, but particularly folks starting out, wanting to buy a home, is being able to set the money aside to use for their closing costs and the up-front costs cash. So, it’s been adapted to meet those needs and I think continues to be used to its maximum. I think, obviously, the rural areas and our target areas continue to be a challenge to us and Brad, whatever you can do to assist folks who want to purchase in those areas, whatever you can do to help them will be greatly appreciated.”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “Thank you.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Thank you, Madam Chair.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Commissioner Gwin. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, I just wanted to also says thanks to Brad and the County folks who work on this, but I also want to say thank you to our other partners. Chuck Bouilly is here and Jack Ranson and of course our Counsel, Joe Norton. They spend time and effort on this and make it perform in a very smooth fashion. And we know that every time you have opportunities like this, there’s always an opportunity for things to not go right but that just hasn’t happened and our partners in this have done an excellent job. So, I want to say thanks to them for their continued work that allows this program to continue on for 20 some years now. It’s a great program and we’re pleased to be associated with you all on this project.”

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**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Commissioner Winters. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to just pick up on what Commissioner Gwin said, Brad. I think it would be very helpful and very informative to the public if maybe you can present us with a little history of what we’ve actually accomplished, the number of homes etcetera. I think the public would like to see that this is something that tax dollars and what have you are really being spent for a very worthwhile cause. I’d appreciate it if you could get us that report. Thank you.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Brad. Are there any other questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Brad. Thank you all for coming today, too. Appreciate it. Next item.”

**DEFERRED ITEM**

**E. ADDITION OF A NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPER POSITION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFFING TABLE.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This item was delayed from the last meeting. We needed to provide some additional information and I thought it might

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be helpful if I presented that information to you, rather than Irene Hart.

“This is a new proposal, as you know. This proposal is one that was developed after the budget was developed. I worked with Chair McGinn about trying to identify areas where Sedgwick County could be an effective partner in neighborhoods and how we would go about doing that in and throughout the County. Brad Snapp’s program is the MRB program and low-income housing program, he runs the Housing Authority for us and it’s run county-wide and very little attention is paid to identifying targeted areas within the County. This new position would target neighborhoods and it would be, if you will, we’ve called it an Economic Developer position for neighborhoods and that’s the primary role. But also it acts, pretty much almost like a community policing officer for a neighborhood. Wouldn’t have any law enforcement, but the concept would be that they would be multi-tasked, multi-talented so that if housing needs were identified in a neighborhood, if there were opportunities for MRB’s, if there were opportunities for re-hab of housing, then this person would identify in that neighborhood those opportunities and hand them over to Brad.

“The other concept that we know works in cities and neighborhoods particularly is the concept of providing jobs and economic opportunities within a neighborhood. The missing link, what urban areas have done in the past, have provided rehabilitation for housing, have tried to figure out in-fill for some housing, have done a great job about trees and sidewalks and curbs and doing the infrastructures but what we have spent little time on is trying to figure out how to make sure that the dollars are spent within that neighborhood. That there may be opportunities for employment. And so it is creating little economic spheres, if you will, so that the people in those neighborhoods would have opportunities and would spend their money there.

“Now, this is not necessarily what economic development is all about. When we think about economic development issues with the Chamber, we think differently. Commissioner Gwin, when she was Chair, and WISE was alive and well, we went down and took a position as a county and that’s about what our philosophy of economic development was all about. And that’s been pretty much how we’ve been guided

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from that point forward. And that position clearly was economic development for Sedgwick County and why we hire the Chamber is to provide jobs and services outside the County and to bring dollars in. We don't want the Chamber of Commerce going downtown. We don't want the Chamber of Commerce doing shopping malls. We don't want the Chamber of Commerce, for our economic dollars, doing cleaners or any of those businesses that don't produce a good and services that export it and the dollars come in. It's pretty fundamental.

"This, on the other hand, is a little different. This is not a little different. This is a lot different. And so, this is really about someone being in a neighborhood and trying to assist with those issues. We think this is a program that we would like to fund for three years. We think it's an opportunity to engage in neighborhoods in ways that Sedgwick County hasn't in the past. We know that the City of Wichita has an active neighborhood program. We think this could be an adjunct to that and certainly, if necessary, in the City but also necessary outside the City limits and as a resource for small cities.

"And therefore, I would recommend that you approve the addition of the Community Development Staffing Table of one position, a Neighborhood Economic Development position."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Mr. Buchanan, we do have some questions, but before we go to those questions, I would like to . . . I guess, there is another portion of this that I didn't hear you speak to and that was the, perhaps, cost-share programs to help people fix up their homes. Those folks that want to stay in some of these neighborhoods that are worn down."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We have provided some funds for those. We also know that there's funds in Aging for emergency repairs. We also know that the City has funds, through CDBG, for repairs so that we have combined, City's Community Development Block Grants, so we have a number of resources, including some County dollars that could be used for neighborhood repairs, yes."

**Chair McGinn** said, "So we'll be using some of the County dollars that are allocated, but in addition to, by having this individual here, they will be able to access some of the other money that is out there that has not been accessed."

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Yes, we believe that’s the case.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Bill, first of all I want to compliment staff on the concept. I really like the concept of trying to regenerate some of these neighborhoods that are falling down. The only concern I have right now, and you answered one of the questions for me, but it brought up this other one. It was explained to me we’re going to allocate about \$110,000 the first year toward rehabing some of these homes and about \$90,000 that will be earmarked for economic development. My concern is we haven’t, perhaps, allocated enough funds because as I understand it \$72,000 of the \$90,000 goes to hire the person and put together his office. That only gives the man \$18,000 for the first year. My concern is that isn’t sufficient money to give him an opportunity to show that it’s a success, as far as encouraging economic development in the area. Is there any thought about maybe coming to us and asking for . . . in you opinion, is that sufficient for him to do his job the first year?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “When we developed the budget, we thought that that was sufficient, even with the start-up costs. We think that these kinds of issues, in the programs that have worked and the ones that we’ve studied in Atlanta, New Orleans and Oakland it’s about building relationships. So, we think some of the first couple of months will be about identifying which neighborhoods we need to be in and developing those relationships. So, I think the first year costs will be just fine. I would hope so. I would not anticipate having to come back.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, that’s fine. Thank you.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I understand the whole concept. How many neighborhoods do you think

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you'll effect, to start?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We think . . . what our goal is is to do four, identify four with an economic development plan and a success in four neighborhoods in three years."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Does that include small towns in that?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, sir."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Obviously, you haven't decided on that yet."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "And I think that's pretty modest. I think, my vision of this . . . and that would be a full-blown economic development neighborhood stabilization program. I think there's ways in which for a contact and a knowledge base and being a catalyst for some of the smaller cities, and a consultant, there's ways in which we could be of some help and assistance that wouldn't necessitate us getting in clear up to our armpits in the deal, but just acting as a consultant and acting as the catalyst to help. And that's how I would envision this, Commissioner."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. What other resources will you connect to? Obviously, you talked about linkages. I think it's important. There's a committee through the Chamber on economic development, which is Laurie Usher and John Rolph and they're always looking for commercial properties that can be used for bringing economic development to the city and they can't find them. If they had somebody to look for those, that would help."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We have a staff person at . . . this person will work with Irene and her group of folks, including a person we have at the Chamber and Brad Snapp and so, there is a group that meets on a routine and regular basis that this person would be involved with. I don't suspect, and I don't want to create false expectations, but I don't suspect that this person will be talking about bringing in hundreds or fifty jobs to neighborhoods. I'm thinking in terms of fours and fives and eights."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "But I think small business creation in those neighborhoods is much more important than something really big, because that makes the neighborhood more cohesive. So, I don't think that's a problem."

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, “And that’s the basic concept.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “That’s all I had.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Just a couple of questions to follow up on Commissioner Norton. If availability does arise in small communities in Sedgwick County, this person would be available to work in small communities?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Absolutely and Irene is available, along with others of her staff. We would hope that this person would be able to make those connections better than we have in the past.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right, that’s good. You talked about a three year time frame. We, of course, will be able to reevaluate on a yearly basis, wouldn’t we, during the budget process? I mean, that’s one of the things we do with budgets.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Absolutely. If you end up, in August, hating this deal or loving this deal, you can adjust the budget accordingly.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right, well thank you. So, this is not a . . . although it is, in a sense, a three year commitment. We will have opportunities to revisit.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioner, it was the intent to identify three years to give it enough time to see if it can grow and blossom and bloom. If we discover, in the meantime, that it is a miserable failure or it’s just not working, I would hope that we wouldn’t have to wait til the budget process, but that’s also an opportunity for you to examine that process.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right, thank you. Well, I think it sounds like a good program. Anytime we talk about revitalizing neighborhoods, we heard so much about during the past several years and particularly when we were looking at the Comprehensive Plan. I think we do have neighborhoods in all of our cities that need some assistance and help and if we can play a part in that, I’m going to be supportive. In fact, I’m really going to look to Commissioner McGinn and her leadership in this area. I know that she has been involved with this project and bringing it together. I know she has taken me, in her vehicle, into her district to look at projects. She’s very committed to neighborhood development in

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the area that she serves and I'm going to look to her leadership on this project. If she thinks this is a good one and will be a resource for the entire County, I'm going to be supportive of that."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Winters. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to make sure that we don't, perhaps, maybe give a false impression to all of the other communities here. If it was explained to me correctly, neighborhood economic development, use Oaklawn for an example, they have a shopping center that's really been hurting for years and years and years and no one has given them any help in trying to encourage small businesses to go to that shopping center. And I see that as one of the roles that they're going to do and I agree with you, after you've explained it, that really isn't the role of the Chamber of Commerce. They don't pay too much attention, if Joe's Café wants to locate some place, but that would be something that our person could do. Is that, basically, what we're talking about?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "That's exactly right, Commissioner."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "But I want to make sure that the other communities don't feel that, okay the County's got an economic development. We're wanting to do something in our downtown, so maybe we can get hundreds of thousands of dollars from the County to jumpstart our economic development, I think that is something that the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is already working with the communities on. However, if there's a neighborhood in some of the smaller communities that have a little pocket that used to be economically viable that has been deteriorating, this would be an area that they would jump in and it would be very appropriate."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, sir."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. I'm getting more and more comfortable with this. Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino. I was going to wait til the end to talk a little bit, but the lights keep popping up, so I'll just let you know, you're still going to be standing there for a little bit. I would just like to step back and talk about how this all came about. When we went through the Comprehensive Plan, one of the things we heard from citizens was we want balanced growth and we want neighborhoods revitalized. We want the older parts of our communities revitalized. And so the question was, how do we as a County help out in that situation, because we're charged with different duties, as a county. We're not a municipality. How do we go into a municipality and help out. So, we had to look at different things that we do that might help a community, as we provide services. And part of that is

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economic development. One of the things we heard, people want to stay in their homes and perhaps they just need some kind of a cost-share to help fix up their home. But part of having that home and community is also having . . . who's café? Joe's Café and you know Mike and Susie's Drug Store or those kinds of things. That's what keeps a community and a neighborhood thriving and alive and keeps folks down there and makes it healthy.

“Another way is the fact that we provide so many social services. Whether it's in aging or mental health and those type of things, we can be visible in those areas so that people know that those services are provided through the County. So, we're doing it a little bit differently. We don't just come into a community and say, 'Hey, we're going to fix up your neighborhood'. We're going to work in little indirect ways that are positive ways to help a community be successful and healthy. So, I feel that we are kind of . . . not kind of, we are addressing the needs and the requests that the citizens had, as we went through the Comprehensive Plan.

“This is new and it's different for counties to be doing this type of thing and so, with that though I would like to request that in six months we have a progress report and within one year and maybe sooner, I'm sure we'll be discussing it, it will probably be about the six months, it will be about budget time. But I would like to review this from year to year, even though it is a three year program and I understand sometimes things take maybe three years to see the total picture of the positive impact but I think if we look at it year to year we can see if we're on the right track and whether we need to make any changes. So, that's all I had. Commissioner Norton, you have another question.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, not really a question, just a couple of comments. As I walked my district this last year, there are plenty of pockets that need just this kind of program. I would urge us to maybe be very judicious when we start picking programs, to make sure that we hit all the districts. Because I know my district could eat up four programs, five programs just like that. Now, I know we've got the big Delano program already started with other monies, but there's a lot of areas out there that need this, so we probably need to be our best ombudsman for our area and all of us pick a pet project, so that we spread this out around the County. Because I know my district, south, could gobble up four or five just like that. So, I would urge us to start that process. I would like to be very involved in finding the one or two projects down on the south side with this new person. That's all. Thanks.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Glad for the help.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Commissioner Winters.”

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**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. I just wanted to respond to Commissioner Sciortino. He was understanding more and he confused me. The thing I wanted to make clear, though, on the economic development side of this, I think this is a little bit of a misnomer and all of the small communities that do not have their own economic development folks need to know that the Chamber of Commerce, through our investment in their economic development activities, the small communities have the full availability of the use of the Economic Development folks at the Wichita Area Chamber. And if they get the sense that they’ve got a prospect out there, or they have one of their local businesses that is looking at expansion, their help is just as close as a telephone call to the Chamber. And that will work on those business opportunities that are out there. So, I think small communities need to be clear about that.

“I was going to suggest that this new person maybe come visit with each of the Commissioners to get a sense of what Commissioners were talking about, but now I think it might take a whole fleet of people. I mean, I think Commissioners are beginning to think of projects and opportunities that we can do. So, I think it will be good to have a sense of where the Commissioners think this is going, but I see some real opportunities developing.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioners, to address that if you will, once we conduct the search and hire the person, I’m sure Irene and this person will be around to visit, and maybe me too, to see what you’re thinking and how we can make sure that we provide the best service for the citizens in your districts.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “And I just want to say thank you, Commissioner Winters, for pointing that out. I, too, wonder if people are aware of our partnership that we have with the Chamber, and it is the Wichita Area Chamber, which includes our other 19 communities are well. And so if folks out there in other communities need help in that area, that they should call Irene Hart and get connected. Commissioner Gwin.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Is this . . . because I heard you talk about some other programs . . . the Chair talk about some other programs that we, as a County, have. Is the main emphasis for this position economic development or with a minor in community coordination and county service coordination? I mean, is that a part of this too, or is this strictly economic development?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “It is not strictly economic development and it can’t be. We know, you know as a Commissioner when you visit constituents, the main topic is streets and invariably you end up talking

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about aging programs or care of the parks or some other topic and so, this person has to be multi-disciplinarian, if you will. Neighborhoods don't survive, don't thrive, don't live and breath by just getting an injection of one item. It's got to be about how to access social services, how to access police and fire inspections or neighborhood groups. It's dealing with neighborhoods in that way. However, the duties are primarily about how to create a little economic sphere in that neighborhood."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Do we still fund the Neighborhood, Small Cities grant program?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And as . . . I know it's been fairly restrictive in the past as to what uses. As this person goes around to those communities and they identify maybe there is a fiscal need and that's not very big money, but I'm wondering if that grant program could not, somehow, be tied to their plan that this person helps develop. If this individual helps develop a neighborhood plan to revitalize it, then maybe their application for those grants funds could be tied to that plan. Because I think we do specify it has to be with planning and implementation of those plans. I'm just thinking out loud that there might be some opportunities here, not for great sums of money, but maybe for a little something. And also in that regard, maybe some of that money might be used for renovation or upgrade for maybe some building that's been sitting idle that needs a little 'umph'. I don't know. Obviously, they have owners and they have perspective tenants, but I think there are other ways we can tie this person to a lot of programs that are already on the table at the County, to make sure that people are aware of the resources that are available to them, human and other."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, ma'am."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to make sure that we, as politicians, don't try to, with good intentions, submarine something that's already got started. I respectfully disagree with Commissioner Norton in so much that the Commissioners should then be dictating what neighborhoods get picked or chosen. I think I would rather rely on staff on that and I want to make sure that, right off the get-go, we don't become a mile wide and an inch deep and we can't even . . . I would

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be more comfortable in letting this new person and Irene come to us with a plan, unfettered by maybe our own personal agendas or what would make us look good in our districts, and have them say, 'This is what we feel is the best plan of action' and would encourage us to maybe take their lead on it a little bit.

"Because I want to see this go, and I hope in six months you're coming to us saying that the economic side of it is working but we need more funds and it's one of the few times you're going to hear me saying I want to put more private dollars into something, but I view this as a potential for a hand-up. I agree with the Chairman and I applaud her for spearheading this. If we can take a neighborhood that's . . . and again, most neighborhoods I don't perceive neighborhood economic development, I see it as a bedroom area of a neighborhood that's got deteriorating houses and what have you and I like the side of we're going to encourage them and help them in repairing their homes.

"But I get a little bit nervous when all of the sudden we start injecting our own personal thoughts . . . and I have mine too about, you know I'd like to have all the money over into my area or this area and would be more comfortable if staff could just come to us and say, 'This is how we think the first six months should go'. Our thoughts, but not putting too much pressure on them to adhere to our requests. That's all I had."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Just a follow up on that, too. I would hope that when Irene and others come to talk to me though, I do have a chance to mention some of the neighborhoods in my districts that I have seen. And I think Commissioner Norton pointed out, when he was walking door to door, you do come across little areas, no matter what district you represent, where there is a needy section of that. And I want to make sure that Irene and others know that, despite the perception of what people have of the First District, there are several neighborhoods that are extraordinary and that need some help. So, I don't propose to tell them, 'You must do this' but 'Are you aware of this particular neighborhood'. Are you aware of the problems that they have there and they very well may be. But I'd like the opportunity to at least point out the ones that I've seen, as I'm sure all of you have in your districts, that really do need some extraordinary attention and care, because they've just not been given it in the past. So, I would hope my visit with you all, with staff, would be something to that affect, to make sure that you understand that the First District is not all big houses and country clubs. We do have some neighborhoods that do need some attention. So, that would be my hope, Commissioner Sciortino. Not a forceful telling them where to go, but to remind them that there are areas out there and when they can get to them, based on a priority basis, attention is needed. Thank you."

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**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Commissioner Gwin and I would agree with that. And Commissioner Norton and the rest of us, I think we all know when we’re out there knocking on doors we see a lot of things that we don’t normally see when we’re on main arterials driving by. So, anyway it sounds like, if this person is approved today, that they are going to be very, very busy already. I think some more responsibilities have just been added already. I don’t see any other questions so, Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the addition to the Community Development Staffing Table.

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Mr. Buchanan and Irene Hart for working on this Item. And it sounds like it’s going to be something very exciting to see, as it blossoms throughout the year and hopefully will meet the needs and requests of the community that wanted revitalization in their communities. So, next item.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

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### F. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

#### 1. PRESENTATION REGARDING NUISANCE TASK FORCE.

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’ve been taking notes. The Commission approved transferring the responsibility of enforcing the County nuisance codes from the Health Department to the Code Enforcement Department and at that time you looked at the Code language which had been in effect since 1988 and identified two areas of concern. One, that perhaps the needs of agriculture were not being considered in the section that had to do with inoperable vehicles and machinery and equipment. And secondly, perhaps the section of refuse didn’t necessarily address the concerns you all have addressed through the Solid Waste Plan, such as the areas of composting or other ways of taking care of solid waste.

“At that time, you requested that we convene a stakeholder committee to receive public comment and to make recommendations to you on language which would clarify those two items. You also asked us to report back by January 31<sup>st</sup>. So, it’s January 31<sup>st</sup> and here I am reporting back.

“I want you to know that we have put together a citizen’s task force made up of stakeholders. Those stakeholders, the chairman is Ken Short. He was recommended to us by the mediation center. So, we have someone who is good at facilitating discussion and who doesn’t come to us with a strong opinion on this issue. We have rural residents from the very rural areas and from rural subdivisions. We have an agricultural producer. We have auto hobbyists. We have a representative of realtors, home builders and the Solid Waste Committee. The committee has met once. They’re a bunch of good people. This is going to be fun working with these individuals.

“They’ve scheduled the public comment meeting for tonight. So, it’s tonight at 7 p.m. at Extension. The purpose, again, of the public comment is to receive input from the community on those issues as how do we modify the language so agricultural production is not negatively affected and how do we modify the regulations to insure that the goals of the Solid Waste Plan are continued.

“We’re on track to return these recommendations to you by the end of February. And I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Irene, I guess I just would like to make a few comments. I’ve been receiving some phone calls and to try to put some rumors to rest, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some

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things to folks out there that are listening today. The perception is that we've created something new and different. And this is something that's been on the books for many years. And all we did was take it from the duty of the Health Department and put it to Code Enforcement. And I see that as a positive in a couple of ways. One, to the citizen that is calling in to complain and that it decreases the confusion as to what's the responsibility of Code Enforcement, what's the responsibility of the Health Department. You get one out there and find out it's the other person and so now it's all under one department.

"The other positive thing that I see is we have a direct, Commissioners have a direct tie and relationship to Code Enforcement. I don't feel that I have that same tie with Health Department. The Health Department is funded 60% by the City of Wichita and the Manager at the City of Wichita is their boss. And so, even though we have some linkage, I don't feel that we have a strong linkage there. And so, to me, for the citizen who is receiving the complaint, if they have a problem they can call me and now I have a direct relationship with the individual that's out there on their property. So, I think that's a positive thing.

"The other thing is, is that when we move this what we found out was that some of it wasn't very clear, particularly as it pertains to agriculture. In the past, if you have a disc in your yard, or a ripper, or a grain truck that you use once a month out of the year you are not fined. That's not our goal to do that in the future either. But what we found out was that the language wasn't very clear. You had to go to many places to feel very comfortable that that wasn't the case. So, to make it clear to agricultural producers out there, we're not fining . . . we haven't fined you in the past. We're not going to fine you in the future. We want to clarify the language.

"Now, some will argue that there's been some incidences. And that's why we're also having this public hearing, to clarify language but also to hear from the folks out there who might be coming to this meeting tonight. So, it was the Commissioners . . . we didn't create anything new, but it was the Commissioners that allowed the opportunity to bring the stakeholders at the table to help us clearly define what agriculture exemption is and those types of things and the composting component of it as well. And so, to me I see it as a positive opportunity for folks to help us, as we make our rules and resolutions. So, I believe Commissioner Gwin was next."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Irene, I see a lot of notices for meetings, and in one of the topics under the heading is 'who should attend?'. In your opinion, who do you expect to attend? Who do you think might be there? Who should attend?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "People who live in the area that's affected, which would be the unincorporated part of Sedgwick County. I don't think they'd want me, who lives in the City of Wichita, writing up rules that

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would affect someone who lives not where I live. So, we're really looking for input from the people who live in the community in the unincorporated area, who can give us some advice on how to word these parts of the code. The code is written in these sections very generally, and the same rule would apply to a community like Oaklawn that would apply to a 160 acre farm. So, there needs to be some clarification to give direction to the Code Enforcement people on what they're to do. Otherwise, they have one rule to enforce county-wide and that's not appropriate, I don't think."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Right. Well, and then also, clarify the location, because you and I both know what 'Extension' is, but for folks who are watching, who would be interested in attending, clarify the location."

**Ms. Hart** said, "Sedgwick County Extension is at the corner of Ridge Road and 21<sup>st</sup> Street West. It's on the southeast corner."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And the meeting starts at 7:00."

**Ms. Hart** said, "Yes, ma'am."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "All right, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you. Irene, do you know the . . . I can't think of what it was called, but what was on the books for the Health Department, we found out during our discovery process, that whatever that was . . . I don't know what you call it . . . ordinance, if it's the Health Department, was written many, many years ago. Is that correct?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "It was written . . . it was adopted in 1988 and the attorneys in the Legal Department believe that that language was taken from something that was even older. So, I think it probably hasn't had a good airing in quite a while. So, even a dozen years later, the way the County has changed in the last 12 years, it's a good time to review them."

**Chair McGinn** said, "They need to be massaged a little. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, just two quick things. One is I want to re-emphasize, and you did mention, of course, the needs of agriculture and the farming community and how we address those. I have a high level of intensity about making sure we do that in a proper way. The second thing is I'm not sure that I am going to be able to attend all of the meeting tonight. Are you going to have a mechanism

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of somebody . . . and I'm not interested, necessarily, in verbatim Minutes, but will someone be keeping a record of the comments this evening that can share at least the tone and the thrust with the Commissioners after the meeting, if we can't attend the entire meeting?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "Yes, sir. We'll have someone there recording . . . well, taking Minutes. They won't be recording word for word. It would be helpful, if someone has an opinion, can give it to us in writing. That would help make sure the record is correct on that. We'll also have comment cards for people who, if they don't want to get up and speak, they'll still have an opportunity to leave their comments on cards with us."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Winters. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I think that the time is right. That we need to fine tune this resolution. I know that it's not the intent to rewrite the whole resolution and I think some of the problems that we have faced in County courts, as far as not being able to abate nuisances, is still there regardless if we modify the resolution or not. But the one thing, to pick up on what the Chair has said, that I like is that now an elected official that actually represents a rural section, and I think we all have some rural in our five districts, those citizens now know that they have an elected official that they can talk to directly that, as the Chair said, has direct input on the people that are working it and I think they're going to feel a little bit more comfortable, as evidenced by the fact that we're listing their input to help us make some of these modifications. So, I think we're really on the right track with this and I think this is a positive step forward. Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "All right. Are there any other questions?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Irene. We’ll see you tonight. Next item.”

**2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE PROJECT FOR THE 1999-2000 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR.**

**Ms. Hart** said, “Since I’m here, I’d like to introduce to you Ken Elliott. It’s his first opportunity to present to you about the Foreign Trade Zone. Ken is in the Division of Community Development. He is our Economic Development Specialist. His office is located at the Chamber of Commerce. So, if communities are concerned about calling the Chamber of Commerce, know that we have a County staff Economic Developer position there and that position is filled by Ken Elliott, who will now tell you about what the Foreign Trade Zone has been up to for the past year.”

**Mr. Ken E. Elliott**, Economic Development Specialist, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I wanted to give you some highlights of what’s been going on in the Foreign Trade Zone over the past year. We had a good year. It was very similar to the prior year. We ran about 3.3 million dollars through the Foreign Trade Zone. The Trade Zone, let me back up for just a moment, is located at 5755 South Hoover Road. It is within the Garvey Industrial Park. It’s a 280 acre park. Of the total amount of the Foreign Trade Zone, about 3,000 square feet are presently activated. We do have additional square footage that we can activate if other companies decide to move in.

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“The General Purpose Trade Zone is located within the Garvey Industrial Park. We ran about four different types of materials through there. The main material we ran through there was cigarettes. We also ran camping equipment, some aircraft parts and also some brass fittings through there.

“Of course, when the material comes into the Foreign Trade Zone, it is duty-free until it’s pulled out of the Trade Zone and it’s checked in and enters U.S. commerce. At that point, duties would be payable. There’s a number of benefits from using the Foreign Trade Zone. The primary benefit is production or elimination or deferral of customs duties. Some of the other benefits would include quarterly payments of your harbor maintenance fees, instead of immediate payments of your harbor maintenance fees. Merchandise processing fees are paid only when merchandise is moved into U.S. commerce. You can dispose of materials within the Foreign Trade Zone if it never enters U.S. commerce and you never have to pay duties on that equipment, or whatever, that’s disposed of.

“Overhead, profit and labor are not considered dutiable, whereas if materials were produced in foreign countries and came to the United States, labor and other value-added types of activities like that would be dutiable. Also, tangible personal property imported from outside the United States and held in a Foreign Trade Zone and tangible personal property made in the United States and held in a zone, for exportation, are not subject to state and ad valorem taxes. So, that’s some brief background on the general purpose zone.

“As a part of the Foreign Trade Zone program that Sedgwick County has, we also have two sub-zones. And a sub-zone is, basically, very similar to a general purpose zone except when a company is unable to move to the general purpose zone we’ll create what’s called a sub-zone. We have two sub-zones, one in McPherson and one in El Dorado. The facility in McPherson is Abbott Laboratories. They ran about \$50,000,000 or so through the zone this year. They approached upwards of 600 jobs at Abbott labs in McPherson, and that made them the number two employer in McPherson this past year. The sub-zone in El Dorado presently has about 380 jobs, out of about 420, that are filled. And they are the number one employer within the city of El Dorado. So, I don’t know if the Foreign Trade Zone is responsible for creating all the jobs or the large company. Which comes first, the chicken or the egg. I think it’s both, though. I think a large company can capitalize on the benefits of a foreign trade zone and create additional jobs from that.

“Within the general purpose zone, there was approximately ten full-time jobs, up to ten full-time jobs that were created as a direct result of the general purpose zone. When you get into the sub-zones, it’s a little bit more difficult to track direct employment. The zone in El Dorado is doing quite well. The zone in McPherson did deactivate this year. The chemicals that they use to produce some of the drugs became

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duty-free this year and there just wasn't a reason for them to maintain the sub-zone status, when they could get the chemicals duty-free. So, they did put their zone in suspense. They could bring that back into activation very quickly if they needed to import some other chemicals.

"I guess that's all I've got, unless you have any questions."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Ken, on the aircraft parts and camping equipment, does that have anything to do with our local plants that we have here, or is that outside companies?"

**Mr. Elliott** said, "Yes, on the camping equipment and the aircraft parts, that is for companies here in this area."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Ken, if I understand right, we've got about 100,000 square feet that's available to us and we're using 3,000. Since last year, has that expanded, where we were using maybe only 1,000 last year and we've expanded to 3,000 or has it just maintained 3,000?"

**Mr. Elliott** said, "We haven't expanded. It's the same as it was last year. Three thousand is the same. We have some really exciting prospects coming up this year. Next month I've got three appointments set with some fairly large companies that I anticipate probably will be using the zone. So, if we need to activate some additional space, we certainly will."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "The other question is kind of bothersome to us and I think you saw all of us sort of roll our eyes. 2.9 million of the 3.2 million are cigarettes?"

**Mr. Elliott** said, "That's correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Could you . . . I mean, are these cigarettes that we're exporting to other countries or are we importing more of that nicotine here?"

**Mr. Elliott** said, "They are cigarettes that are coming from outside the country and it's something that they import and then they store and I don't know if those cigarettes are available locally. My understanding

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is that they are not available locally, but then they're distributed to markets outside, on the coastal areas."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. I didn't realize the United States was importing cigarettes. I thought we were exporting them. But I didn't think . . . that's okay. We have ten full-time employees now at that facility, is that correct?"

**Mr. Elliott** said, "At the general-purpose zone, yes, approximately."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, that's up dramatically. I think a couple of years ago we had a presentation where there were only two. So, we've actually generated another eight jobs. Okay, well that's all I had, I guess."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I just wanted to make a quick comment. Thank you, Madam Chair. One of the things about the Foreign Trade Zone is even though it's not doing huge business now through that zone, it's something that for economic development purposes you need to have it available because if someone, a prospect, decided to look at Sedgwick County/ Wichita area and they said, 'Do you have a foreign trade zone?' and if you said no and they said, 'Well we really need one', you're looking at over a year's worth of work to develop a new trade zone. And by then, an economic prospect could be long gone. Their business plan has taken a different course. So, even though some of these numbers and figures may not seem as dramatic as we wish they were, or as large, tomorrow it may be very important to a new prospect or a current business here in Wichita that decides to purchase products from outside the United States. So, we just need to remind ourselves that even though this is not as huge as it might be, it's still a long process to develop a new zone and we're fortunate that, year's ago, the Board of County Commissioners took on that responsibility and did it. Thank you, Madam Chair."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Winters. Commissioner Sciortino."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I've got to go back on the cigarettes again. What's the name of the company that's importing almost \$3,000,000 worth of cigarettes."

**Mr. Elliott** said, "Well, my Spanish is not real good. I'm sorry. I couldn't give you the name, right off the top of my head."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Spanish company?"

**Mr. Elliott** said, "It's a Mexican company."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "That's located here in Wichita?"

**Mr. Elliott** said, "I don't believe they have any office here in Wichita, no. They simply import and they hold their cigarettes in the zone and then they move those out of the zone, I guess to other markets. I don't believe the cigarettes are available locally, though."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Well, thanks."

**Chair McGinn** said, "All right, thank you, Ken. Commissioners, are there any other questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Report and authorize the Chair to sign a submission letter.

Commissioner Winters 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Ken. Next item.”

**G. LAKE AFTON AND SEDGWICK COUNTY PARKS.**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST KARTING ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK MAY 5-6 AND SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2001 TO HOLD ENDURO KART RACES.**

**Mr. Robert J. Lamkey**, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I’m standing in for Jerry Harrison and the Division of Fun. What you have before you is a standard use agreement similar to one we’ve had with Mid-West Karting for a number of years. The agreement is subject to receipt and approval of a certificate of insurance. Dates have been coordinated with the park and I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

**Chair McGinn** said, “Next item.”

**2. AGREEMENT WITH RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK APRIL 14, 2001 TO HOLD AN EASTER SUN RUN.**

**Mr. Lamkey** said, “Again, Commissioners, a standard use agreement with an organization that has used the park before. Again, subject to receipt and approval of a certificate of insurance. The dates have been coordinated and I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Next item.”

**3. AGREEMENT WITH MID CONTINENT R/C COMPETITION SPECIALISTS FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK MAY 5-6, JUNE 30 AND JULY 1,**

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**2001 TO HOLD MODEL BOAT RACING EVENTS, AND FOR USE ON  
VARIOUS 2001 DATES TO HOLD PRACTICE AND HOBBY RUNS.**

**Mr. Lamkey** said, “Again, a recurring agreement that contains terms and conditions for use of Tom Scott Lake for practice and hobby use for radio-controlled boats. Subject to the same insurance requirements. The dates have been coordinated and again, I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Do I have a motion to approve?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Bob. I know you’re not Jerry, so I don’t know that you can answer this question, but it just seems like there’s an increased demand, all the time, for public open spaces and you wonder if there’ll be a time, and maybe there already is, that we’re having to turn people away from some of these things.”

**Mr. Lamkey** said, “I know, in my back-office dialogues with Jerry, we are seeing increased usage in the parks. I don’t think we’re at the point at which we’re turning folks away, but I do recommend that folks who want to have these events schedule them early.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Yes. And it seems like . . . I know I go by that park every day and it’s a very popular park and maybe, as our community grows, we need to start looking at more open spaces.”

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**Mr. Lamkey** said, “I think Jerry will be happy to hear that.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Bob. Next item please.”

**H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FAMILY SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR 2001  
SEDGWICK COUNTY CRIME PREVENTION FUNDING.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Commissioners, this first item is the follow up contract to the prevention funds. You’ve previously approved the list of agencies that will receive services this year and these are the follow up contracts for those services. This particular contract is with Wichita Family Services Institute and this amount is for \$33,150 and they provide classes and mentoring for teens, from 12 to 17. They provide classes such as anger management, conflict resolution and they have an initial track, where they teach these and then they have a second track, where they really work with youth to take these to real-life settings and really make use of what they’ve learned. They plan to serve between 64 to 80 youth during the year and each session runs 90 days. I’d be glad to answer any questions. Would recommend your approval.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Debbie, this is just one of many institutions out there that we partner with to help teens in trouble. I hear a lot anymore about anger management. I hear a lot about, when kids get into trouble, they have to go through that process and it sounds like there are many institutions out there that are helping in that capacity.”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Yes.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay, thank you. Are there any other questions for Debbie? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "Next item."

**2. AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.**

**! AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING DIRECT MEDICAID  
BILLING FOR SPECIFIED SERVICES**

**! CONTRACT SETTING RATES FOR SPECIFIED SERVICES**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this is the last of the revisions on the affiliations and contracts for community-based services, in preparation of and implementation of Mental Health Initiative 2000. I would recommend your approval."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Agreement and Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Debbie. Next item.”

**I. APPLICATIONS TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR 2001 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.**

- 1. CIVIL PROCESS INITIATIVE: SHERIFF**
- 2. MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX ESTIMATOR: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS (DIO)**
- 3. GIS STORM TRACK APPLICATION: DIO**
- 4. COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATION: DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

**Ms. Stephanie Payton**, Assistant to the County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you the 2001 applications to the National Association of Counties Achievements Awards. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sedgwick County will submit these entries to the National Association of Counties award program. The award program, which was begun in 1970, seeks to recognize local jurisdictions for their innovative, grass-roots efforts to modernize and strengthen county government and to increase services to citizens. In the last five years, Sedgwick County has won several National Association of Counties Achievement awards for model county programs.

“This year we have four applications, the first of which is the Civil Process Initiative, submitted by the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department and presented by Captain McKeel. The second is the motor vehicle Property Tax Estimator, cooperatively submitted by the Division of Information and Operations and the Treasurer’s Department and presented by Richard Vogt and Jan Kennedy. The third is the GIS (Geographical Information Service) Storm Track Application, again submitted by the Division of Information and Operations and to be presented by Richard Vogt. Our final application is the Community

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Service Coordination application, submitted by the Division of Human Services Department on Aging and presented by Annette Graham. We anticipate that the awards notification will come to Sedgwick County by May of this year.

“At this time, I’d like to invite Captain McKeel to come forward and present the Civil Process Initiative application to the Commissioners and field any questions that the Commissioners may have. At the conclusion of all four presentations, I’ll recommend that the applications be approved and the Chair is authorized to sign. Captain McKeel.”

**Captain James D. McKeel**, Sheriff’s Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’d also like to introduce to you Sergeant Oscar Thomasson. Sergeant Thomasson was primarily responsible for the initiatives that led to this recommendation and I’d like to answer any questions. Sergeant Thomasson would be available to do that, if you have any questions at this point.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Well, talk to me then about this process and how it differs from the way you used to do business. I’m assuming that’s what you’ve . . .”

**Sergeant Oscar Thomasson**, Sheriff’s Department, said, “Well, the initiative was begun in the summer of 1999 and primarily the purpose was to look into ways of increasing the effectiveness of serving civil documents, which is part of the support mission of the Sheriff’s Department for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. And basically, we looked at what would be the best business practice to deliver these documents throughout the County and ways of economizing this process. And basically, we ran what’s called a POP file on it. POP stands for Problem Oriented Policing which is part of the community policing process that the Sheriff’s Department has adopted in the recent past and we found several different ways of increasing the effectiveness, including batching of documents to locations, such as financial institutions and employers who receive large numbers of documents. Also, changing the way in which we mail documents, from certified mailing to first-class mailing whenever permitted by law. And this has realized savings, during 1999, of approximately \$37,000 and we’re projecting savings for the year 2001 . . . correction on that, it was the last half of 2000 it was \$37,000 and then savings for 2001 well in excess of \$150,000, annually.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Very good. Thank you. Stephanie, do we have other presentations?”

**Ms. Payton** said, “Yes, we do. The next presentation is the Motor Vehicle Tax Estimator with Richard

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Vogt and Jan Kennedy.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “You might hang around and we may have some questions here in just a little bit.”

**Ms. Jan Kennedy**, County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It’s my privilege to begin telling you about a web-based application that we’re quite proud of that’s part of the County’s web page and that we have asked to be part of the application for the NACO achievement award. Basically, this was first demonstrated to you guys last July. It was our motor vehicle estimator. At that time, all we calculated was the tax. Since that time, we have added all of the fees that are associated with tagging motor vehicles, so that a citizen can actually get on the web in advance of coming to the tag office and know what it’s going to cost to tag that car.

“This is very useful to people when they’re buying new or used cars. It will also do a trade-in calculation. And while we call it an estimator, we believe that it’s actual, within pennies. We need to thank the web people. They’ve been terrific. Greg Faber, Jeff Piper and John Peterson are the ones that put together the programing. It’s a twelve step process to come up with the price and, you know, the State never makes things easy. So, we were very proud of that and it was a joint effort between our offices and the County Appraiser’s Office, since their phone bank takes millions of calls, it seems like, of people wanting that information, ‘How much is my property tax going to be on my car?’ So, they’re now using that for those calls that come in, as are our phone bank people using it for calls that come in.

“The Internet was the logical choice when we began to talk about how we can get the information out to the citizens, without having to use staff and telephone time. We looked at what services could be provided through this electronic media and that would provide the information without the need for personal contact. The question that we were asked most often was ‘How much is it going to cost to tag my car?’ So, if we could put that up there, we thought we were accomplishing a lot. It empowers our citizens to enter a minimal amount of information and receive a price to walk out of the tag office with a new tag. They must put in the type of vehicle: motorcycle, automobile, truck, the make of the car, the model year of the car, their initials, if they’re looking for renewal information and trade-in, similar information if there’s a trade-in. They then go to another screen that gives all the models for Ford F-10 pickup trucks for that year and they pick which model is there, which assigns a class and makes the calculation.

“This information is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We have expanded our customer service hours by 123 hours a week, or the equivalent of adding five extra workdays every week. The response of the public has been very positive. When this went live on the Internet, through the end of 2000, the website received over 30,000 hits. That averages almost 180 a day. That’s a lot

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of saved phone calls for the staff and the citizens.

“When we showed this off, last July, at that time all it did was calculate the tax and, to be quite honest it worked fine, but I had a little trouble with Elmo. Commissioner Winters asked if we had a plan to approach dealerships and the answer to that is ‘Yes, we did’. The Appraiser’s Office and our office provided training on-site to any dealer that asked it and there were more than twenty where we sent people. We also trained financial institution people, title company people and other lending agencies. Actually, some of the businesses that, prior to our training, didn’t even have Internet service, signed up just because of it.

“Some of the dealership comments I thought I’d share with you. Courtney Henry of Dealer’s Leasing praised the estimator because she knows what it was like before this technology was available. Prior to July, she had to fax us the information. Our telephone operators, in their time between calls if there was any, got the information, did the calculations and faxed it back to Ms. Henry. Sometimes it was the same day. Sometimes it was the next day. Now, she sits at her desk, enters the information and has the numbers within seconds. Her quote was, ‘The estimator is such a tremendous help, I can do it from my desk. It made doing business a lot easier’. Tammy Cox, who is one of the title workers in Lubbers in Cheney and who was a delightful person. I had the privilege of actually doing the training down there and she talked them . . . they didn’t have Internet access, although they had it over in the sales room. The finance people decided they didn’t really want the sales people to have it and they added Internet access for their title people. So, that was a victory for them, as well as a victory for us. Many dealerships are using this as a selling piece when they lease or sell a vehicle. Many people are reluctant to buy or trade or lease a car until they know what the taxes are going to be. Now, the sales person or the loan officer can obtain that information with a few clicks of a mouse.

“The staff is just as encouraged. Fax quoting in the tag office is almost nonexistent and there’s been an 85% decrease in the number of phone calls from businesses and citizens for quotes. The Appraiser’s Office has seen a reduction of over 5,000 phone calls from 1999 to 2000. That’s make our staff more readily available to help those who truly need to come and visit with us. It’s an accomplishment I think we can all be proud of and we believe these numbers are just the tip of the iceberg.

“The Estimator is really just a jumping off spot for more applications for us on the Internet. If you have any questions about the technology, we have Richard Vogt here, who is the technology guru, because I don’t answer those questions. We appreciate you submitting the application to NACO and I’ll stick around for questions.”

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**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Jan. I don’t see any questions right now, but I remember when you made the presentation. It was either to this meeting or at a staff meeting. It seemed like just an excellent system in which to increase the service to the citizens, as well as the folks out there trying to sell cars and those type of things, as well as to increase the efficiency for your office and the Appraiser’s Office and that type of thing. So, anyway, thank you very much and best of luck on it.”

**Mr. Richard Vogt**, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am pleased to presented for your consideration, for a 2001 NACO achievement award, the GIS Tornado Application. As each of you are aware, particularly Commissioner Norton, tornados and severe weather are a very real fact of life here in Sedgwick County. From the County, scores of dedicated officers and staff carry out a variety of important responsibilities that are counted on by our citizens to help us prepare, survive and recover from tornados. Immediately after the recent Haysville storm, a newcomer joined this effort, GIS. Application Developer, David Comberrel was enlisted to use the GIS data base to create a list of property within the storm’s path. A list that proved to be valuable for Emergency personnel, State and Federal aid agencies, insurance companies and, of course, the property homeowners.

“Since then, David has formalized this report into a full-blown application, able to take any projected storm path from any starting point in the County and produce a categorized list of threatened property before the storm reaches that property. Of particular interest, for example, is the category of hazardous material locations. Knowing that such a storage area is in harms way will give emergency services a head start on securing and, if necessary, quarantining that area. But in order to take full advantage of its predictive functionality, we must take the program to those who can take advantage of it most. Therefore, this March we are deploying it on a powerful PC in the Emergency Operations Center downstairs where, with this high-speed connection to the GIS database servers, it will be the one piece of technology we hope will never get used.

“The tornado application gives us one more weapon when it comes to combating tornados. One that is useful both before and after a storm strikes. We ask that you approve its submission as a candidate for the National Association of Counties 2001 Achievement Awards. Thanks. If you have any questions, I’d be willing to answer them.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you very much. I don’t see any right now.”

**Ms. Annette Graham**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am pleased to present to you today our application for the NACO award and that is for our Community

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Service Coordination program. Late in 1998, the department identified an unmet need in our community. Folks calling into our information/ assistance line requesting services would be eligible for services, either direct in-home services or for those individuals who met the criteria would be eligible for case management services. What we identified was that there were many people out there that didn't meet the criteria for case management but the information and assistance, which is a telephone contact service, did not meet their needs. They were in need of something that was in between those services, more than a telephone call but less than the intensive case management. So, staff got together and were able to develop a program called Service Coordination. They modeled that on a service coordination program that was available and funded through H.U.D. (Housing and Urban Development) program. Although we didn't have that H.U.D. program, we were able to identify that kind of service and it took about three months for staff to identify and develop what that program would look like.

“February of 1999, we started a very small program called Service Coordination. Took us about six months to really get that developed and up and going. In November of 1999, we started doing some contracting with individuals to do service coordination. We have two staff in the department and then we contract with two individuals to do that service.

“Community Service Coordination is a program developed to meet the specific needs of senior citizens, age 60 and over living independently. Community Service Coordinators provide a one-on-one home visit to consumers who need immediate help in resolving a problem or a situation but who do not meet the criteria for the long-term case management. Community Service Coordination effectively bridges the gap between information and assistance, the telephone service, and the highly structured case management service for the home-bound, frail elderly. The goal of the program is to help seniors remain in the housing option of their choice, while maintaining their independence with services.

“Community Service Coordination is a two-fold program managed by the Service Coordination Specialist. The specialist monitors the program, assigns consumer referrals and participating senior residents to contracted personnel. The Community Service Coordinators address the short-term, temporary and critical needs of older persons who may or may not be living in congregate housing. Services delivered

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during these one-on-one visits vary from person to person. They're very individualized to the specific needs. They may include disseminating information regarding available services, assistance in filling out paperwork, making telephone calls to access services and information, providing transportation to access services or information, deciphering those bills and Medicare bills and Medicaid statements and Medicare statements that are very confusing and sometimes hard to understand and helping to determine which of the available services in the community best meet the specific needs of that individual.

“We also have some . . . some of our service coordinators are stationed at senior focused housing. And there the Senior Service Coordinator can pro-actively address resident's needs to help them remain independent longer. I'm available for any questions.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “All right, thank you, Annette. Do you have a question for Annette? I don't see any questions just yet, but I guess I would just like to say that these applications for these awards seem to be very outstanding. I look at the Sheriff's Department and somebody thought of a way of doing something different that saved us money and I think that's excellent. And we look at what Jan and her department has done to create a way to make things more efficient for folks, to make things better and get information out to people. And then the GIS thing, we saw a demonstration on that and that is something. I just think it's excellent and you wonder how many other communities are doing those types of things, but that's going to really be helpful, as we have tornados and wind systems and those types of things coming into our community, which we hope we don't have any. And then the senior citizen program, one of our goals and objectives is to make sure that folks can stay home and this is just another key element to helping people in different situations so that they can stay home. But this is also a great opportunity for local government to go to the national level and share these types of ideas and also receive recognition for some of the innovations that they've come up with. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to say the exact same thing. You know, I'll admit I didn't really look at these too closely before I came in today and I know we've submitted many fine programs in the past. But I think these are four terrific, terrific programs. The Sheriff's program, I think, is incredible in being able to find a way to save \$230,000 by just getting all the

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players together and figuring out a better way to do something. I mean, my hat is off to the folks who figured that out. That's just common sense coming into play that, again, I don't think we could have figured that out if we'd have tried from the outside. And then the technology events, when the Treasurer's Office is reducing the number of phone calls they're getting and their site's getting 180 hits a day for information. That's terrific. And of course Anita's Aging and the folks that have put that together to keep seniors healthy and at home. I mean these are three terrific programs and I just want to echo your comments, Madam Chair. Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, you said most of it but I think this is government at its best. Finding a better mouse trap. I mean, sometimes we get caught in just continuing to do what we've always done and this is wonderful that we've got people that think outside the box and move us to new programs."

"I do have a question of Richard real quick. Can this application on the GIS Storm Track be used for mitigating floods, too? I mean, tracking the areas that floods will effect?"

**Mr. Vogt** said, "Certainly, any geographically definable area, if you can give us a starting place, a boundary, an octagon or whatever, a polygon we can calculate all of the property within that area and give you an estimate."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "The other thing is, this certainly has some ramifications for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) as they come in and try to assess areas, you can more readily pull up properties that were affected and make an assessment much quicker than doing it individually with people out in the field, is that correct?"

**Mr. Vogt** said, "That's correct and we also have a new batch of aerial photography that we're now applying to the system. It will take about 350 gigs of space on our server, so it's a rather large amount, but it's very helpful after a storm hits to be able to go back and look and see what that area looked like before. So, we're continuing to add information to the database."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "It's interesting that it took about a week to do the assessment of the Haysville/ South Wichita tornado, as far as property damage, and I understand this system can get it down to like 24 hours with a pretty good assessment."

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**Mr. Vogt** said, “That’s correct and the list, of course, it’s a very detailed list and so you can get a look at each property but you can also get a total very quickly.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Thanks, Rich. That’s all I had, Madam Chair.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Richard. Commissioner Gwin.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Thank you. Just a follow up on that, too. As Commissioner Norton has seen how quickly we could do it . . . or how much longer it took us for his incident, I go back to the ‘91 tornado and think how tedious that was. I mean, how that had to be done physically, by people walking along that track and actually trying to make note of the property addresses and those kinds of things. So, this is a real step forward.

“The thing that is prevailing though, and I think absolutely wonderful about what we’re submitting, is an organizational truth that says we insist on problem-solving by those who know the problem best. And that’s an organizational fact of Sedgwick County government. And so, when we ask for problem-solving we do look to those of you who see those problems on a daily basis. Some of the best solutions, therefore, then come from those people who know the problem, who can identify solutions, choose the best solution, on their own, not without having to come back and check with this Board every time they need to turn a page or make an adjustment. But this organization values its employees and their collective wisdom to solve the problems and, in the end, serve the people of this county better. I want to commend all of you, each of you for the work that you did in preparing these projects and, quite frankly, in implementing them. The award from NACO is nice, but the best part of it is that you did your jobs to make the services better, more efficient, more cost-effective for the people of this county. And I think that’s the biggest reward each of us could receive. So, thank you all very much for those and we certainly expect NACO to acknowledge them, too, but what you’ve done for those people who live in this County is the most important reward. I hope you understand that. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Commissioner Gwin. And I would echo those comments. I don’t think I could say it any better than you did. I think it’s great that we allow staff the flexibility to be innovative and creative and, to me, that’s America. And that’s how we make things better and so I applaud our staff

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and our manager for allowing them the freedom to do so. And so, I agree, we have great staff. Stephanie, I have a question. I see that these need to be submitted by February 2<sup>nd</sup> and I don't understand the process after that. Is this something that at NACO, Washington it will be brought up and that type of thing? Could you just share just a little bit about that.”

**Ms. Payton** said, “Yes, all of the programs that receive awards will be brought up in NACO in Washington. So, you will know that Sedgwick County was an award recipient hopefully for all four of these programs at that time.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “And will representatives that have done these types of things be there to interact with other people? No, that's not how that works.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “But the awards are usually handed out at the summer meeting, the annual meeting in July.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay. Very good. Do you have anything else?”

**Ms. Payton** said, “Yes, I do. Thank you, Commissioners, for your accolades for those programs, realizing that none of this would be possible without your support and leadership. And that does conclude my presentation. If there are no further questions, I would ask that the Commission approve the applications and authorize the Chair to sign.”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Applications and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you all. Next item."

**J. ADDITION OF A PART-TIME POSITION TO THE TREASURER'S STAFFING TABLE.**

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "I'm requesting a part-time position, of which one does not exist on my Staffing Table. I intend to fund this with a split position where I have half funded from Tag and half funded from Treasurer. So, I have another half of another person out there which will fund it. The person that we want to add to our Staffing Table would be responsible for maintaining the add-match or address matching records that are used for the motor vehicle distributions. That means that they will, when the computer cannot assign a tax unit, for whatever reason, it will be up to that person to research where the property, what the situs is and to assign the appropriate tax unit.

"Training and utilizing one skilled person for this task is more accurate and timely than what we've done in the past, which is panic at year-end, and will make more accurate distributions of motor vehicle taxes to the Sedgwick County taxing authorities. The budget impact is just under \$14,000. We certainly appreciate the help of our Human Resources people that assisted in obtaining the budget impact information and I would respond to questions and ask that you approve the request."

**Chair McGinn** said, "We do have a question. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Jan, about how many instances do you have where you can't match that up, where you have to do that? And presently, you're just handling them with staff as you can? Whoever finds the problem tries to deal with it?"

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "What we did is we have rebuilt, completely, using geographic mapping and other

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techniques the entire address table. And when the transactions run through that table, in the past we were getting maybe 65% matches. The rest were coming out on edit lists that someone had to look at and do something with. With the new table, we're getting close to 90% actually being matched through the table, but every time there's new development, every time there's an annexation, I mean in addition to the ones that simply for whatever reason because of a post office box address for example, can't be automatically assigned then someone does need to do what is necessary to make sure it's appropriately assigned. So, yeah, the short answer is 'yes'."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay, that's all I have."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you. Are there any other questions for Ms. Kennedy? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the addition to the Treasurer's Staffing Table.

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Jan. Next item."

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- K. AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE & DOUGLAS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECTS 833-A-4983 (B-350); WEBB ROAD BETWEEN 117TH AND 127TH STREETS NORTH, 775-Q-4325 (B-361); 359TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 6TH AND 15TH STREETS SOUTH, 781-P-5100 (B-366); 311TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 4TH STREET NORTH AND 6TH STREET SOUTH, AND 803-DD-360 (B-370); 135TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 111TH AND 119TH STREETS SOUTH. DISTRICTS #1 AND #3.**

**Mr. David C. Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item K is an agreement with Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade & Douglas, Inc., to design four bridges this year. For the record, the bridges are in the Capital Improvement Program and are designated as B-350, located on Webb Road between 117<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> Streets North, B-361, located on 359<sup>th</sup> Street West between 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Street South, B-366, located on 311<sup>th</sup> Street West between 4<sup>th</sup> Street North and 6<sup>th</sup> Street South and finally B-370, located on 135<sup>th</sup> Street West between 111<sup>th</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> Streets South.

“The total cost is \$208,000, which includes surveying, hydrology, permits for the division of water resources, geology, right of way documents, utility coordination and design of both the bridges and the approaches on the road. Steve Bachenberg, of the consulting firm, is here this morning. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “I don’t see any questions. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Next item..”

**L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JANUARY 25, 2001  
REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Jerry Phipps**, Senior Buyer, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are five items for your consideration.

**1) CIVIL WAR MONUMENT  
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**

“Item one, Civil War monument restoration. It was moved to accept the low bid of Russell Marti Conservation for \$55,260.

**2) CHANGE ORDER- SHERIFF’S REMODEL, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**

“Item two, change order with the Sheriff’s remodel 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It was approved to make the change order for \$2,181.55 for Bauer and Son Construction.

**3) ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT  
FUNDING: FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**

“Item three, annual service agreement for the Forensic Science Center. This is a contract for their existing hardware and lab equipment. It was moved to accept the sole source bid of Agilent Technologies for \$34,787.

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**4) ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT  
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

“Item four, annual service agreement for Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to accept the sole source bid of Candle Corporation for \$30,000.

**5) ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

“Item five is elevator modernization for the Sedgwick County Courthouse. It was moved to accept the Otis Elevator bid for \$34,153.13, including alternate two.

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**6) HVAC MODIFICATIONS AT JUDGE RIDDEL’S BOYS RANCH  
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**

“There was one item not requiring action. That was HVAC modification system at the Judge Riddel’s Boys Ranch. It was moved to table this indefinitely for review. I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Jerry, on item two, I guess we put that out to bid, but is that like our share?”

**Mr. Phipps** said, “This is for some additional mechanical and duct work that they couldn’t tell until they got into the job, so they requested an additional amount of money.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay. So this is over and above what we do for our cost share.”

**Mr. Phipps** said, “That’s correct.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay. Commissioner Gwin.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Thank you. Jerry, on the Civil War Monument, is the low bidder local? Are you aware whether or not that’s a local firm?”

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**Mr. Phipps** said, "You know, I don't think I can answer that question but I'll certainly check that out for you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay. The other issue there is that that's the lowest amount of money but the longest period of time. Was there some discussion about that at the Bid Board?"

**Mr. Phipps** said, "The department did have a discussion with that company and this was worst case scenario they would do that but they felt sure they could do it in a much shorter time. But they extended it to 365 days to make sure they had all the bases covered."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay. Well, I sure hate to think that it would take that long. This is just that one monument."

**Mr. Phipps** said, "Yes, just the one monument."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I mean, the one bronze. Oh, Mr. Brace, can you answer. Thank you."

**Mr. Don Brace**, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's a project that I started three years ago."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "This specific piece, is this just one of the pieces?"

**Mr. Brace** said, "Yes, that's the Liberty that stands on the top."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, and so what about the time that's mentioned here, 365 days?"

**Mr. Brace** said, "That's the time they put on all their bids. We talked to them and they're going to pick it up and it will be done within two months time frame."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Is this the company that's doing the other . . . the different soldiers?"

**Mr. Brace** said, "Yes, ma'am. They picked up the other four about six months ago."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And do you know whether or not they're local?"

**Mr. Brace** said, "No, they're in Kansas City, Missouri."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Okay.”

**Mr. Brace** said, “And for your information, all five of them will be completed at the same time and they’ll be returned to Wichita. At that time, they’re going into the museum for people to come and look at. They’ll be put back up this Fall, if the monument is completed. At that time, the entire monument will be done and open to the public.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Okay. Well, I appreciate the clarification on the timing issue, because that did seem like a long time but if they expect to have them completed much sooner than that, then that’s . . .”

**Mr. Brace** said, “Yes, all five will be completed at the end of May, at which time they will be put in the museum here in Wichita for show.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “All right, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Commissioners, are there any other questions for Jerry? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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Chair Carolyn McGinn

Aye

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**M. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Right-of-Way Easements.**

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 831-AA, BB, CC; Rock Road between 87th Street South and K-15 in Mulvane. R-243. Districts #2 and #5.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Bridge Project 817-B-1236; Meridian between 109th and 117th Streets North. B-424. District #4.

**2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V200106	\$236.00		Springcreek Apts.
V200107	\$162.00		James Hales
V200111	\$119.00	5	TruongLuu Nguyen
V200118	\$331.00		Andover Crossing Apts.
V200119	\$419.00		Andover Crossing Apts.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
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V99076	\$270.00	\$326.00
V2021	\$478.00	\$550.00
V97001	\$136.00	\$225.00
V99009	\$143.00	\$41.00
V93005	\$475.00	\$500.00
V2018	\$375.00	\$241.00

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V2011	\$177.00	\$95.00
V97010	\$475.00	\$500.00
V99005	\$312.00	\$36.00
V99003	\$385.00	\$425.00
V2014	\$227.00	\$275.00
V99002	\$174.00	\$259.00
V2015	\$000.00	\$000.00
V98009	\$464.00	\$500.00
V2012	\$99.00	\$172.00
V94012	\$407.00	\$320.00
C95037	\$302.00	\$375.00
V2016	\$372.00	\$400.00
V2059	\$262.00	\$269.00

**4. Agreement with Health Information Search, Inc. to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**

**5. Plat.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2000 and prior years are paid for the following plat:

Dreiling Acres Addition

**6. Order dated January 24, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

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- 7. General Bills Check Register of January 26, 2001.**
- 8. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

**Mr. Buchanan** 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 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 Thomas G. Winters		Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino		Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye	

**Chair McGinn** said, “I don’t see that we have anything on the Sewer District or the Fire District. So, is there any other business to come before this Board? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned.”

**N. OTHER**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Chair  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Chairman Pro Tem  
Fifth District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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