

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 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, March 21, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Vice Chair Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Gerry Krausse, Fiscal Associate, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Department of Human Resources; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. James Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Director, Division of Finance; Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Department of Risk Management; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Roger Beuson of Mt. Olive Christian Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

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The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of February 21st and February 28th, 2001.

Commissioner Gwin said, “Madam Chair, since I was out of town last week, I’ve been unable to review those.”

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to defer approval of the Minutes for one week.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

A. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO GERRY KRAUSSE, FISCAL ASSOCIATE, SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Human Resources Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Gerry Krausse is a Fiscal Associate in the Sheriff’s Department and she will retire April 1st, after twenty years of service. Gerry was hired on September 29th of 1980. Gerry plans to spend time with her mother at the Presbyterian Manor and her father in Mesa, Arizona. She will now have time to travel throughout the U.S. by train and can now spend more time on Native American beadwork and attend more showings.

“Gerry started in Technical Services in the Sheriff’s Department and then moved to administration in January of 1985. Gerry describes her period of employment with Sedgwick County as very rewarding throughout the years. ‘It has taught me values, while at the same time humility and enforced my knowledge that we are all creatures of God and created equal, regardless of any difference in race, creed or religion. I would like to challenge all the young and old alike to keep their mind and hearts open, in order to provide the best service to the citizens of Sedgwick County, regardless of who they are’

“Gerry, would you like to come forward. Gerry is joined here by her sister Dana, as well as many co-workers from the Sheriff’s Department. Congratulations.”

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Chair McGinn said, “Gerry, congratulations and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and all of Sedgwick County, we want to thank you for the years that you’ve served our community and it sounds like you’re in a very exciting and very professional department and a very important department, because it has to do with safety and that type of thing. So, I wish you well on your retirement. Sounds like you have some great plans ahead of you as far as traveling and those types of things. So, would you like to share anything, Gerry?”

Ms. Gerry Krausse, Fiscal Associate, Sheriff’s Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I would just like to say thank you, everybody, for such a . . . you’re going to make me cry. It’s been a very, very rewarding career. Something I wouldn’t trade for anything.”

Chair McGinn said, “Very good. Well, again I wish you the best on your retirement and thank you very much for all the years that you’ve served us.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Clerk, would you call the next item please.”

NEW BUSINESS

B. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH MEDCO AMBULANCE SERVICE, LLC TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This first item is a renewal of our contract with Medco Ambulance Service. They provide transportation to our consumers who are committed to a State hospital. This is in partnership with Via Christi, who when they are transported from Via Christi, they do split the cost with us and then we pay fully for any kind of subsequent court hearings that they need to come back for. This has been very positive, not only for the consumers, but also the Sheriff’s Department, who would be the alternative transportation resource if we were not doing this. I would recommend your approval.”

Chair McGinn said, “Debbie, this is funded out of two different State funds, is that correct?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Yes.”

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

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Commissioner Sciortino 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.

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

2. NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH THE FARM, INC. FOR THE PATHWAYS OUTREACH PROGRAM.

Ms. Donaldson said, “Commissioners, this particular notification is due to agency’s inability to provide the service that we had contracted for, which were independent living skills. And so we talked with them, and this seems to be our best course of action. I’d be glad to answer any questions.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. So Debbie, we had . . . go back and tell me again about this. We had expected that there would be services available to certain individuals through this program. And that just hasn’t happened? Services aren’t available?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “It just hasn’t happened. They want five referrals at a time, to be able to get this to work. We normally have two or three. Consequently, we haven’t had the numbers they wanted to run a group through and we do have some alternative folks who tell us that would not be a problem for them and could provide this service.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “So, when we identify this particular type of consumer, then there are other programs that they can go through where they don’t have to wait for numbers to accumulate?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Correct.”

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

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any other questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the termination notification letter and authorize the Chair to sign.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

C. PRESENTATION REGARDING STORMWATER DRAINAGE PROJECTS.

Mr. James Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Beginning in 1998, Sedgwick County began its first major drainage basin study in nearly twenty years. The two-phase project is being done by Professional Engineering Consultants and is known as the Southern Sedgwick County Drainage Study Report. The study looked at drainage around Haysville, Oaklawn and Derby.

"During Phase 1 of the work, a technical review committee made up of county officials, city officials, township officials and other interested parties guided the process. The technical review committee used their personal knowledge of the area and a series of public meetings to identify existing drainage problems in the southern part of the County. On the east side of the Arkansas River, the study looked at Spring Creek, Dry Creek, Trail Creek, the McConnell Slough and the

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Oaklawn Slough. On the west side of the river, the study has looked at the Cowskin Creek, Haysville Slough and Waco Slough. A total of 35 significant drainage problems were identified in the report.

“After the problem areas were identified, the technical review committee ranked the problems in order of importance and alternative solutions were discussed. Based on the committee ranking, the consultant began the second phase of the study. During this phase, the consultant worked with the committee to select the best alternatives. Project descriptions and cost projections have been developed for a series of prioritized projects.

“The early drafts of this report were available last year as the 2001-2005 CIP was developed. At that time, some general projects were identified in the CIP for design and construction. A total of \$1,687,000 was allocated in the CIP for drainage work during 2001.

“During this past year, the consultant has completed development of the project descriptions and costs. In order to use the allocated funding most effectively, we have requested that the CIP for 2001 be amended to align it with the final recommendations of our consultant and a revised comprehensive five-year CIP program for drainage.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

“We’re recommending the following six projects for funding in 2001. Project D-1 is the design and construction of ditches and storm sewers along the Kansas Turnpike, from 87th Street South to 95th Street South, to improve surface drainage and decrease street flooding in the area of 87th Street South and Hydraulic. We’re talking about this neighborhood really right around here.

“Project D-2 is design and construction for widening and concrete lining of the Greenhaven channel through Oaklawn/ Sunview, from Clifton to the Arkansas River, to alleviate flooding of homes and streets in the neighborhood. That’s going to be this one up here, which is in the rear yards of some homes up there.

“Project D-3 is design for reconstruction of Idlewild in Oaklawn with storm sewers, from Clifton to the Arkansas River, to alleviate the flooding of homes and streets in the neighborhood. That would be the southern one in Oaklawn, right here.

“D-4 would be for design and construction of storm sewers in the area of 95th Street South and Broadway, to alleviate flooding of homes and streets southwest of the intersection. There’s some problem areas right down in here. Construction of that project will be coordinated with a KDOT bridge project just north of the intersection, over the Cowskin.

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“Project D-5 is design and right-of-way acquisition for construction of Phase 1 of the Cowskin Diversion Channel, from 79th Street South to 87th Street South. That would be picking it up here, trying to keep it up, sort of on the uplands and around the congested area down along the channel of the Cowskin and that would also alleviate flooding in the area.

“Project D-8 . . . There’s a jump here, because there are two more phases to this one, that are 6 and 7, which we’re not looking at in 2001. So project D-8 is design for construction of the Clifton Interceptor Channel, near the intersection of 47th Street South and Clifton, and that would be back up here. There are some problems right up in there, around that intersection and that would alleviate some flooding of businesses and some of the streets in the area.

“The total cost of this work is estimated to be \$1,687,000. Projects D-1 and D-2 would be totally funded during 2001 and the remainder of the projects will require additional funding in 2002 and 2003. A full five-year drainage CIP will be brought to you later, through the normal budget process, with the rest of the CIP.

“Following my presentation, Pete Giroux will ask you to formally amend the 2001 CIP to create these projects. He will review the actual funding requirements for the projects at that time. And following that item, Chris Chronis will come up and ask you to authorize bonding for these projects. If you approve the projects and if you approve the bonding, we’ll be back next week with a design contract with PEC to go ahead and begin the design work on these six projects.

“If you have any questions, I’ll be happy to try to answer them for you. I did bring the three-inch notebook up here. It’s got all the backup for this information.”

Chair McGinn said, “Jim, while we have the map up there, on D-2, I’m just curious if that’s the area of the folks that came to see us about a year or a year and a half ago about the flooding in their backyard. I mean, some of these things we’re doing, is it going to address those issues?”

Mr. Weber said, “These projects have been selected because they will address those kinds of issues. And then, I’m not sure if you have heard from these people, specifically. I know we have. I’m sure Commissioner Sciortino has. We had, in the process, we had meetings out in Oaklawn, while we were going through this process and they were very careful to identify this as one of their problem areas.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. I liked your words. They were careful to identify it. They were very vocal, too. I just want to make sure, on D-8 that interceptor, isn’t that there at that corner where that creek makes that big elbow-kind of turn to go south and that’s what we’re going to clean up and make that a little bit . . .”

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Mr. Weber said, “Try to keep it out of the . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, because that’s the one that flooded the school and everything down south. And PEC feels that this will solve that problem.”

Mr. Weber said, “This is one of a series of projects where we would improve the situation along Clifton and this is, we felt, the worst one. We need to start there and there will be some improvement going on south, in the out-years of the CIP, to improve drainage all the way down on Clifton.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That was the one that everybody was . . . what was the words you used, clearly identified. Yeah, they clearly identified it in my presence as well. Okay, thank you. That’s all I have.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks. I’ve been to several meetings with Dave and Jim and several of the residents down there. I wholeheartedly agree with what we’re starting to do. I know the Comprehensive Plan and I’ve looked through the drainage plan. I mean, it’s a lot of money and it’s imperative that we start doing some of the projects and layering them in over the years. One of my concerns is, and even though I’m a south-sider, this drainage plan speaks to the south side, but I think we’ve got some pretty major issues other places and I hope this will lead us, number one, in starting some drainage projects, but also make it imperative that we look at a drainage department that can nurture and understand the drainage problems we have throughout the County. I think this is a good start.

“D-1 is really important, because we’ve got many, many homes in the 87th and Hydraulic area that have tremendous groundwater and storm water problems. It’s between 150 and 200 homes. There’s going to be some major blight down there if we don’t clean up the drainage at some time. Property values have already been adjusted, through the Appraiser’s Office, and I think we’ll lose even more property value down there because of some of the groundwater and surface water problems. So, I’m hopeful that D-1 will be a good start. As we looked at this and as I worked with Dave and Jim, it was imperative that we kind of serve the three different areas that are mostly

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concerned in the drainage study, and that's kind of . . . Ben, you're the Spring Creek/ Oaklawn area, the area south along Hydraulic and then the Waco Slough and the portion west of the turnpike. Now, there's some big money that will have to go into some of that on that other side and that's why, when we looked at what money we had for the first year, it looked to me like we wanted to get a lot of the projects started and some of them finished, like Oaklawn, get them out of the way and then move, over the next few years, towards maybe putting some money towards the bigger projects. But I wholeheartedly support what Jim has come up with and I know the residents, at least that I've talked to, are tickled to death that it looks like something may be done in that south area. So, thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. I guess I'd just like to comment that I'm glad that we're fixing the problems where people have homes currently, trying to solve that problem. But I think we can save money in the long run, as we plan develop and that type of thing. And I still believe that there's just some places that you don't build houses. And right now we're going to challenge, because of the growth out west. That area is flat. How do you drain a flat area? And so, I think we really look closer to how we plan and how we grow and develop, so that we don't have these types of situations that come up in the future. And again, I'm going to express that I'm a total proponent of watershed planning and until we get off of just looking plat by plat and start looking at the whole watershed, I don't think that we're going to be able to plan appropriately.

"That's all I had. But, are there any other questions for Jim? If not, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Receive and file.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

D. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

1. AMENDMENT TO THE 2001 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR WORK RELATED TO STORMWATER DRAINAGE, CIP# D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 AND D8.

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning, as Jim described, I'm here to request an amendment to the 2001 Capital Improvement Program. In August of 2000, the Board of County Commissioners approved the expenditure of \$1,687,000 in the 2001 budget for drainage projects. The purpose of the amendment is to authorize specific projects. Here are the project costs and what the funds will be used for.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

"For D-1, the Kansas Turnpike Ditch improvements, from 87th South to 95th Street South. The cost will be \$578,000 and that will go for design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and the construction.

"Project D-2, the widening and lining of the Greenhaven Drainage Ditch in Oaklawn is projected to cost \$675,000 and this will be for design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction.

"Project D-3, reconstruction for Idlewilde Street to provide drainage between Clifton and the Big Arkansas. Cost this year is \$60,000 and that's for design.

"Project D-4, construction of a storm sewer between the Cowskin and U.S. 81 in conjunction with KDOT. Our share of that project is \$5,000.

"Project D-5, construction of phase 1 of the Cowskin diversion channel, south of Haysville will cost \$299,000 this year and that will be for design and right-of-way acquisition.

"And finally, project D-8, construction of the Clifton interceptor channel at 47th South and Clifton. We'll spend \$60,000 this year for the design phase of the project.

"Staff and the CIP Committee recommend approval. Do you have any additional questions?"

Chair McGinn said, "We do. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Not a question necessarily, but a comment. As we look at these

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drainage issues, as the Chair said, we probably are not going to succeed if we look at them individually. And I agree with Commissioner Norton that we do need to start the process and try to remediate some of the more quickly solvable problems and take our small steps. But the First District is lucky, in that we do have minimal drainage problems, thank heavens. But certainly, each of my colleagues is faced with major problems that, as the Chair pointed out, where development is currently occurring, what impact that development will be and whether or not we've really addressed the problems. Commissioner Sciortino continues to deal with issues in the Oaklawn areas and the southeast part of the County. Commissioner Norton, as I've expressed to you, we've had a lot of your constituency, particularly in that one neighborhood, come and see us over the years about the ongoing devaluation of their properties, the fact that they can't use the basements of their homes and other things, because they have such high groundwater.

"And so, as we look at the County as a whole, and from one Commissioner who, luckily, is not plagued with these kind of chronic problems that my other colleagues are, I would encourage us to have a unified plan for how we address the problems of this County as a whole and then how we address the problems, as the Chair pointed out, in the various watershed districts. I think, if we look at it as a problem that affects all of us, and it does, because it affects the tax base, it affects the viability of our communities, then I would suggest that we continue to look at a way to look at the overall problems, the overall solutions in Sedgwick County and try to find the appropriate way to do that. I'm certainly going to be supportive of the projects today, knowing that these are the first steps. But we have big challenges ahead of us and I think if all of us work together, along with Public Works and Finance and others, that we'll be able, over time, to solve some of these major problems. So, I commit to all of you who deal with the problems on a daily basis, that I'll be supportive of that."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Commissioner Gwin. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. Well, just a comment. I think we know, and I agree with Betsy, it's not going to get any better. The Chair has outlined that with growth continuing on the west side at a feverish pace, I think the south side has some pretty good things going and some growth now. Certainly, Ben's District has got some heavy growth. Drainage problems aren't going to get any better. The water just gets pushed into another area and we've got to be very, very comprehensive with how we're trying to solve it. So, I agree with you, Commissioner Gwin, that we've got to continue to look at the big picture. The one thing I will say is that I think that we did that, as I tried to work through this as a new Commissioner, I took the drainage study and none of the things that were presented today were not already in the drainage study. I mean, they were kind

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of some parts that would give us a nice start. And we tried to prioritize it, based on the money we had already kind of identified in the CIP and tried to get the biggest bang for the buck in some areas where we could make a difference for people.

“The other thing that I really tried to urge, and Dave and Jim agreed, is that we didn’t want to put all the million six just into design and work and do nothing for three or four years. I think every time we have a study and we put it on a shelf and do design work, but never really do anything, that’s where we get in trouble. So, we tried to combine a little bit of work on planning and right-of-way purchase but also some projects that would really mitigate a problem. And I think we’ve got a good plan to start out with and I would urge everybody to support it. Thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, Commissioner Norton, for your comments. I guess I would just like to add, as we’re talking about drainage, for the public’s awareness that the CowSkin study that Commissioner Winters and I have been working on, the first phase has been completed and so, as we talk about dollars coming forward to fix drainage problems, we’re going to see that again. They’re already working on some areas that are going to improve the drainage on the west side of Wichita significantly, but we have a whole lot of other things that we’re going to have to deal with, as far as tax dollars that are going to have to be used to take care of it.

“The other thing though, in this study, is we are looking at are there better ways to develop and how should we do it in the future and that type of thing. And so, I’ll be interested in hearing that report as well.

“So, are there any other . . .?”

Mr. Giroux said, “I have one correction. I misspoke on item D-4. Our cost to that, in conjunction with KDOT is \$15,000, not 5.”

Chair McGinn said, “You’re supposed to go the other way, Pete.”

Mr. Giroux said, “I understand.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, well, thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions on this item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

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Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item. Thank you, Pete.”

2. RESOLUTION REGARDING FINANCING OF STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Director, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is the first of a series of four resolutions, all of which pertain to bonds that we plan on issuing later this summer and these four resolutions simply provide for continuation of the process that has already been initiated on each of those projects.

“The first resolution does regard the storm water drainage improvements that have just been discussed. The resolution that’s before you authorizes the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to pay the cost of those projects and the issuance costs on the bonds for a total amount of 7.3 million dollars. These bonds are authorized by Kansas Statutes 12-631RC and that statute does authorize us to issue General Obligation Bonds for these sorts of projects. The bonds are subject to the County’s internal policy limit that allows us to issue debt no greater than 5% of our taxable assessed value. Issuance of these bonds will not cause that ceiling to be exceeded.

“The preliminary estimate of debt service on these bonds is \$610,000 and the financial plan calls for that debt to be repaid with property taxes. Based on current taxable property values, we estimate that the tax rate necessary to repay that \$610,000 annual obligation is a little over two tenths of one mill. With that, I’ll be glad to answer any questions on this resolution and I recommend your approval of it.”

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

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Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Is there any discussion? Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks. Chris, I'm probably making a mistake here. Is this a normal way for drainage problems to be bonded or is it similar to the way we do roads and bridges? Normally, we try to do it out of sales tax revenue."

Mr. Chronis said, "We don't . . . The sales tax is a dedicated revenue stream for road and bridge projects. We don't have a similar dedicated revenue stream available for drainage projects. And so, essentially, we have to use general revenues. They have to be general obligation debt."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand. Okay, that's the only question."

Chair McGinn said, "I have a Motion and a Second. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, Clerk call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

3. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING ROAD IN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Mr. Chronis said, "This resolution declares your intent to make improvements to 109th Street North, between 151st Street West and Ridge Road. In Public Works numbering scheme it is project number R-220 and it is approved in the CIP for one and a half million dollars. The resolution before you authorizes the issuance, or provides for the issuance of one point five seven five million dollars of bonds. The additional seventy five thousand dollars covers the issuance costs of the debt. These bonds are authorized by K.S.A. 68-5,103. That statute does provide for the issuance of

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General Obligation Bonds for roads. It does provide for a resolution to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks and then for a ninety-day protest period. And at the end of that protest period, if a petition is not received, then we are authorized to proceed with the issuance.

“These bonds also are subject to the County’s internal policy, limiting the amount of outstanding debt to five percent of taxable assessed value and the issuance of these bonds will not cause that ceiling to be exceeded.

“Our preliminary estimate of the annual debt service of these bonds is \$135,000. The finance plan contemplates that these bonds will actually be repaid with sales taxes from that dedicated revenue stream that we just discussed, which are dedicated to road and bridge projects. An alternative is to repay the debt with an annual property tax levy. They will be General Obligation Bonds and that is a mechanism that is available to us. If we choose to do that, then we estimate the tax rate necessary to pay this debt, these bonds, would be .05 mills. The actual decision about which source of funds to repay the debt with will be an annual budgetary decision that we make.

“With that, I’ll be glad to answer any questions that you might have. I recommend your approval of this resolution.”

Chair McGinn said, “Chris, this is, just to recap here, this is part of the 4.2 million dollars that we had several projects within this?”

Mr. Chronis said, “Yes, ma’am. We amended the CIP, I believe, two or three weeks ago to change the funding sources for some road and bridge projects and to add a couple of projects to the CIP. This is one of those projects that we changed funding for.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. And, typically, I guess it was a little bit new to me, because in the past we hadn’t done road and bridge projects this way, to my knowledge. I thought we did them through the sales tax.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Traditionally, the County has used the dedicated sales tax for road projects, to pay cash for road projects. In addition to that, in most years the County has issued debt to pay for additional road projects. We have not issued debt for road projects for the last two years, I believe. But this is more consistent with what we’ve done in past years than the most recent two years have been.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, and the change though. Is it because our sales tax is down low?”

Mr. Chronis said, “The change in funding sources was attributable, basically, to two sources. One

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is the decline in sales tax revenues for the past two years. The second is the increase in the cost of oil-based products, which are heavily used in road projects. That's caused some of our prices for projects to be higher than we had originally anticipated."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, and would you repeat again. You said that you would like to be able to pay this through sales tax at a later time, but if we don't have the dollars, it will come out of property tax?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. These will be General Obligation Bonds, which means a pledge of the County's full faith and credit is given to the bondholders. In effect, that means that they have the ability, legally, to compel us to levy and collect property taxes to repay the debt if that proves to be necessary. But our intent is to repay the debt with sales taxes, rather than with property taxes."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. And this is the sales tax that we tax ourself, that one percent."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. From fifty percent of the local option sales tax, which is one percent, which is dedicated to road and bridge projects."

Chair McGinn said, "And the economy's booming, but yet our sales tax is declining. Just trying to figure it out. Thank you, Chris."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is that an editorial comment?"

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. If you figure it out, please let Chris know, because I think he's having a hard time trying to figure it out and I know the State is also. I would definitely be wanting to settle for at least the payment, if we can't do the projects with sales tax, I certainly would be one of those that would support paying it out of sales tax, because if not, we may get lulled into thinking 'Okay, well that's already done. Now let's have these other projects with sales tax' and then we're just mortgaging somebody's future. Probably . . . well, I know not mine. But will there be a time maybe in the next few weeks or something that you might be able to give this Board an update as to what our status is in Topeka? Occasionally, I'll pick up a story that says, 'Yeah, here we found this little pool of money, but it isn't any where near what we thought it would be' and coming back and forth. Would there be a time, not necessarily today, but I mean that you could give us an update as to where we're at?"

Mr. Chronis said, "I can attempt to, yeah. The legislative post-audit released an analysis of the department's distribution of local taxes at the end of last week. I just got my copy of that report

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yesterday, so I'm reading it now and I've read the news accounts of the report and I'll be glad to do a presentation, perhaps at one of our Agenda sessions."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "As you know, this Board believes 100% of what is printed in the newspaper, too, because that's only fair. But I did hear that . . . did the State admit that yes, the gross receipts were higher and they can't account for why our portion was lowered? Or did I get that wrong?"

Mr. Chronis said, "I haven't read enough of the report to know that yet. I'd rather not try and respond at this point."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And the last thing that I wanted to ask on that is how are we looking, so far, this year?"

Mr. Chronis said, "So far, this year we appear to be on track to collect what we budgeted. The amount of sales tax that we budgeted in the current year is, if memory serves, about three or three and a half percent more than our estimated collection last year. So, in effect, what we're projecting in our budget is for a return to growth of sales tax, but from a much lower base, because the tax has declined for two years running. And it appears that we're on track to accomplish that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, at least we're not going to have a big budgeting short . . ."

Mr. Chronis said, "Well, we're only two months into the year."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, okay. But so far, so good."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's right."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, great. That's all I have. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you Commissioner Sciortino. I will be looking forward to that report, too. I think we're going to have to make tough decisions if sales tax continues to decline, which I still disagree that they should be or that they are. But, you know, we may have to start looking at maybe we can't do some of these projects in the future. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Chris? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

4. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN REFUSE DISPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID INTENTION.

Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, this resolution declares your intent to design, acquire land and construct and equip a facility to be used for the temporary collection and storage of household hazardous waste materials. Again, this is a project that we've discussed in recent weeks and it is in the adopted CIP. The resolution before you authorizes or provides for the issuance of \$1,062,500 of General Obligation Bonds. This resolution and this bond issues is authorized by a different Kansas statute, 19-2658 and that statute also provides for publication for two consecutive weeks, followed by a thirty day protest period and at the conclusion of that thirty days, if a petition has not been submitted to us, then we are legally authorized to proceed with the bond issue."

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“These bonds, as the others that we’ve discussed, are subject to the County’s internal debt ceiling, which limits the amount of debt that we have outstanding to no more than 5% of taxable assessed value. The issuance of these bonds will not cause that ceiling to be exceeded.

“Our preliminary estimate of debt service on these bonds is \$90,000 a year. The financial plan contemplates that that debt will be repaid with Solid Waste fees. And we estimate that the impact of this \$90,000 obligation on the Solid Waste fee will be approximately 50 cents. That decision to raise fees is one that will be made annually, though the budget process, and so, there’s a possibility at a future date that we won’t have Solid Waste fees to repay the debt. These are General Obligation Bonds and so, once again, the bondholders have the ability, legally, to compel us to issue property taxes and our alternative-funding source, to repay the debt, would be property taxes. Ninety thousand dollars, of course, is a negligible amount of money and it would have a minimal impact on the property tax rate.

“There is a typo in the financial implications section of the agenda summary. I say in there that the facility operating budget will be included in the proposed 2001 County budget. In fact, it is 2002. You have not seen that operating budget yet.”

“With that, I’ll be glad to answer any questions about this resolution and I recommend your approval.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. But the amount we’re talking about today, Chris, is the amount needed to design, acquire land, construct and equip. It has nothing to do with annual operating costs, is that correct?”

Mr. Chronis said, “That’s correct. This is a new facility and that’s the reason that that sentence was put in.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “As we’re going about acquiring property, does it appear that this amount of money that you’re talking about will be enough to do that? I mean, land acquisition always is more expensive than we anticipate.”

Mr. Chronis said, “It’s uncertain. We don’t have final construction drawings yet. We are working very hard to make sure that the project is done, including land acquisition, within that project budget. We’ve acquired it, as you may recall, we’ve acquired some State grants to assist in paying for this project. We also have some cash that was remaining unspent in the Solid Waste fund, funded with fees from last year, which are available for this project. So, we have additional sources if we need them for additional project cost or those additional sources can be used to reduce the

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amount of bonds that we sell.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay, well, I appreciate it and I believe that when this facility is completed and operating to the level that we have planned for it, that again, this community will be much better off. If my annual cost on this is fifty cents on my impact fee or however that’s computed, that’s certainly a value to get a top-flight household hazardous waste facility where those materials can be recovered and reused or disposed of properly. So, I’m anxious for the facility to be completed and for it to be on-line and I’m certainly going to support this today.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. I don’t know what my fellow Commissioners are going to do, but I think I can go back to the ‘swap and shop’ and pick up fifty cents worth of recovered material. That’s one of the neater things, I think, that we’re doing that the public . . . well, they have been told, but I think they have to be told more than once, is the ‘swap and shop’ thing. When people put in hazardous material, it may be a half gallon of leftover paint and you have just a dog house or something that you want to paint, you could go and just pick it up, I believe for free. Is that correct? So, I’m one Commissioner who is going to make up my fifty cents a year, that way, very quickly. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you for mentioning that, Commissioner Sciortino. I agree. I’ve had an opportunity to go to Ft. Collins, and just being there on a day that was open, it was just a wonderful thing to have in your community, for folks to be able to reuse things that we shouldn’t have to throw away. So, I’m looking forward to that and I’m looking forward to the fact that it’s going to be more centrally located. And I think, just by that alone, we’re going to see a lot of increase in its use and the ability to get in and out of there very easily.”

“Commissioners, are there any other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Adopt the Resolution.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

5. RESOLUTION REGARDING FINANCING OF BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY.

Mr. Chronis said, “This resolution declares your intent to make improvements to six bridges and provides for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to pay for the cost of those projects.

“The six projects in question are: 13th Street North, between 151st Street West and 167th Street West, 247th Street West, between 47th Street South and 55th Street South, 10th Street West, between 117th Street North and 125th Street North, 127th Street East, between 109th Street North and 117th Street North, Meridian, between 109th Street North and 117th Street North and the K.T.A. bridges over Central, between 143rd Street East and 159th Street East. All of these projects are in the adopted CIP. You amended the CIP a couple of weeks ago to change funding sources on some of these projects to fund them with debt, rather than sales taxes and this resolution is a continuation of that process.

“These bonds are authorized by K.S.A. Section 68-1103. They are, as are the other bonds that we’ve discussed, subject to our internal policy limit of 5% of taxable assessed value and the issuance of these bonds will not cause that ceiling to be exceeded. Our estimate of the debt service on these bonds is \$420,000 a year. Once again, as with the roads, the financial plan contemplates that these bonds will actually be repaid with sales tax. An alternative, again, however is to repay the debt with the annual property tax levy and if we choose to do that, then we estimate a tax rate of approximately 14 one-hundredths of a mill would be required to make the annual debt service payment on these bonds.

“Again, that decision on funding source for the debt service will be made through the annual budget

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process. I'll be glad to answer any questions on this resolution. I recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Chris, is there any reason why we should be considering paying this out of sales tax, like the other one that we were talking about?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That is what the financial plan contemplates. That's our expectation."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Are there any other questions for Chris? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

**6. APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES,
DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION, FOR RENEWAL OF
WORKERS COMPENSATION SELF-INSURER PERMIT NUMBER 718.**

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Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Department of Risk Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This renewal application does not reflect any changes in policy and the ultimate decision to renew, by the Kansas Human Resources Department, will be based on Sedgwick County's overall financial position and history of compensation losses, as presented with the application.

"This application will also be supported with a copy of the Year 2000 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. I would recommend approval of the application and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Phil? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the application and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

E. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Dr. Charles Magruder, M.D., Director, Community Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "While we're waiting for the program to come up . . . well, it's coming up much more rapidly than I anticipated. Let me go ahead and proceed with this then.

"In relation of some recent events, I wanted to make sure you're aware of what occurred during World AIDS Day. We did give a number of free HIV tests at the main health department and, despite the severe weather, we did have over 200 walkers come to the Candlelight Walk and

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program.

“You asked for some updates on environmental assessment and remediation. Just to give you an example of a few things, monitoring and reporting continues on a routine basis for the Brooks and Chapin landfill sites. They also have required reporting to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) on a closed John’s Sludge Pond, which continues. Also, recently, five preliminary environmental site assessments were processed for future real estate purchases.

“Related to Gilbert and Mosley the North Industrial Corridor sites, we did have nine certificates and release applications received. Other activities include securing property owner permission for sampling at various sites, review of historical materials relative to potentially responsible parties and also, a review of a number of project activities. And I’m sure most of you are aware that this evening there will be a public hearing on the proposed mechanism for dealing with the Gilbert and Mosley site.

“In terms of water quality, we did review waste water disposal results for expansion of a local kennel and also for a new Girl Scout Camp in the Starwoods area. We also consulted with Cowley County Planning on sanitation codes and enforcement actions.

“In terms of program updates, just wanted to make you aware regarding Tuberculosis, which has been a recent circumstance that we’ve dealt with in our community, World TB Day is this Saturday, March 24th, and it commemorates the discovery of the organism that causes Tuberculosis. And just so we remain aware of the importance that Tuberculosis plays as an infectious disease, there still are more than 8,000,000 cases of TB that occur annually across the world.

“In terms of a recent collaborative effort, I wanted to make you aware that our local health department has been accepted as a scholar to the Public Health Leadership Institute. Our partners in that process are the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the University of Kansas School of Medicine at Wichita. There are four sponsors that make this program possible: first, the Centers for Disease Control, and then University of North Carolina School of Public Health and also their Ken and Flagler Business School and the whole process is sort of coordinated by the Center for Creative Leadership. This is fully funded. Our participation is fully funded by the Centers for Disease Control over a two-year time frame. They’ve been doing this for about ten years now and the overall goal is to strengthen the public’s health through the development of leaders. So, we’re very privileged to have an opportunity to participate in that process.

“I’ll be happy to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chair McGinn said, “Well, you went so fast. I’m trying to figure out what questions I had.”

Dr. Magruder said, “Are there some particular slides that you want me to pull up again?”

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Chair McGinn said, “Well, the first one, the HIV I guess, I had a question. You said you had 200 people walking on that and 26 people were screened for that. Is that . . .?”

Dr. Magruder said, “Twenty six people came in for free HIV testing on that particular day.”

Chair McGinn said, “And was this a first-time event?”

Dr. Magruder said, “No, ma’am. This has been going on for at least the past few years. I believe a little longer than that.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. So, are more and more folks coming in for that screening or is the awareness increasing?”

Dr. Magruder said, “I would have to say that, if you compare this to a timeframe ten years ago, that the overall awareness and understanding of HIV may be less than what it was at that point. I think there may be several factors contributing to that. People have gained the perception that medications are an adequate treatment for AIDS and there is some indication, in recent research, that people are disregarding some of the basic protective measures that they can take from acquiring HIV infection. So, I make those comments only to say that I think public health departments and public health in general, overall, still needs to continue to emphasize HIV infection and AIDS as a very, very important public health issue. It’s certainly something that needs to continue to be addressed in a routine basis.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, and then on the Tuberculosis, it looked like you said on that slide, was it 80,000,000 people?”

Dr. Magruder said, “We still have 8,000,000 people annually, in the world, not just in the United States, in the world that acquire TB.”

Chair McGinn said, “And you had a number two up there, I thought. I was curious if that was a local number or what?”

Dr. Magruder said, “Are you talking about the subheading? That’s just a designation I use to tell me what number slide for that particular category.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, thank you. I couldn’t catch it quick enough. The other question, as

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far as monitoring landfill leaks, that type of thing, you had Brooks, Chapin Landfill and John's Sludge Pond. A lot of times those are tied to like a thirty-year closure plan. I know Waste Management, it had to do with the amounts that they were extracting, before they could be released from that site. Can you tell me, on Chapin and John's Sludge Pond, since those have been around for a while, are those coming to a close, as far as having to test on those?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Ma'am, I do not have that information immediately at my disposal. I'll have to go back and look into that, but I can get that answer for you before the end of the day."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, I was just curious, because those are sites that we used many, many years ago and we're still having to monitor those today."

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes. I think that's a matter of routine, in accordance with EPA rules and regulation that the monitoring continues for some time. As to the exact timeframe that they've been monitored and how much longer that needs to occur, I'll need to look into that and get an answer back to you."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Dr. Magruder? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Receive and file.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

F. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners

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and said, "Hoping that Dr. Magruder is also working on something to help with the common Cold. We had 55 applications that were filed in February, continuing at a high rate. The Planning Commission had their usual long hearings in February. One of their meetings involved the proposed transfer station, a Conditional Use and re-zoning for a proposed transfer station, 55th and Hoover, and I think I've indicated you probably want to make accommodations for a good number of people next week when the County Commission will be considering that case.

"Another major case that we had, it was in the City but in the Crestview area, was for forty acres of commercial and office zoning at 127th and Central and that was approved by the Planning Commission and we expect it to be approved by the City Council later this month.

"The zoning amendments were advertised in February for the month of March and actually, at their last Planning Commission meeting in early March, the Planning Commission held their public hearing and closed it, referred the proposed zoning amendments to their sub-committee, who is involved in developing it. We had a number of County residents who had a lot questions for us on inoperable vehicles and how they're defined and how the zoning code operated with regard to inoperable vehicles in residential areas, a subject that I know you have a separate committee that's working on, but the Zoning Code and other nuisance codes need to go hand in hand together on that, so we'll be looking at that issue over the next month.

"In transportation, we continue to provide support to the consultant who's working on access management guidelines that would be implemented both in some key projects and the subdivision process. March 29th . . . I've just sent an invitation to elected officials. March 29th, the Planning Commission is going to have a lunch-time briefing by the consultant, and you're welcome to join us and find out a little bit more about that project before, so it doesn't just hit you at the end of the project.

"We continued work on project selection criteria for City and County street projects, as part of the M.P.O. responsibilities. Also, began a detailed analysis of the zoning change that we've had to tear down apartments and rebuild for commercial on Rock Road, near 21st Street, which we thought was an interesting proposal, so we're looking in detail at what the traffic movements will be on Rock Road and whether or not the additional traffic could be supported at that area. The City recently did improve some intersection improvements that will be built in the next year or so, but this new development was not anticipated at the time.

"The Citizen Advisory Committee that's looking at some Comprehensive Plan issues, we hope is

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coming to the . . . I think they do see the light at the end of their tunnel, and we hope that maybe this week will be their last meeting and the Committee can reach consensus on a draft of recommendations that has been submitted for their review and discussion this Thursday night.

“The Planning Commission, in February, adopted the Delano Neighborhood Plan which you have since seen. The Land Use Division also reviewed consultant proposals for neighborhood planning in McAdams. We are trying to cobble together enough funding to do that study. We have some money from the State Department of Commerce and Housing. We’re applying for a supplemental grant from the State Historical Society that we could add to that, but we still may be coming back to the City and to Sedgwick County and asking you to help with funding for that project.

“In mid-town area, we’ve had an interesting project. The Land Use Research Division has been working with an aircraft subcontractor to Cessna, who wants to do a building expansion at 12th Street and Main. It would involve employment of sixty new employees and 20,000 square foot manufacturing building. It involves the use of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad tracks that run through mid-town and we’ve been working with the neighborhood association and the City’s District Advisory Board to see if we can reach consensus on getting that project going.

“The census has come out, as you know. You’ve followed the Eagle stories. We are preparing some information on it and we also met with Wichita State’s Economic Development Business Center Director. They are the official repository for Sedgwick County for census information and so, we have to discuss what we can partner on best, what are things that are best left to that group and what kinds of things the Planning Department should concentrate on, in terms of providing census information and that information will continue to sort of dribble out over the next year or year and a half. But some basic information, even at a small area, is now available on population, age and sex and race.

“We also participated, our staff in WINS Neighborhood University in the month of February and they also did some awareness work with a class at the Oakville School. We attended a couple of local seminars on intelligent transportation systems and continue to work on the program that we hope to be bringing you later next month. And we have had two new planning commissioners who have been appointed, one City appointment, one County appointment. And they went through orientation and took their seats at the last meetings. I’ll be glad to answer any questions that I can on our activities.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks, Madam Chair. Just a little bit of an update on the south Wichita/Haysville study. Where is that at right now?"

Mr. Krout said, "We're expecting a draft report from the consultants. We've been expecting for a week or so and we're in touch with them to try to obtain it. As soon as we've had a chance to review it and get our comments to them, then we'll hold another meeting and take that draft out for review of the Committee."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any other questions for Marvin? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Receive and file.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

G. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH APAC KANSAS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 618-35; CENTRAL BETWEEN K-96 AND 143RD STREET EAST. CIP# R-230. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item G is a modification of plans and construction for the road project on Central, between K-96 and 143rd Street East, designated as R-230 in the Capital Improvement Program. The road improvements have been completed and this project is ready to be 'finalled out'. There will be a

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net increase of \$11,464.79, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements.

“I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chair to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, David. Next item.”

**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ MARCH 15, 2001
REGULAR MEETING.**

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Board of Bids and Contracts held a regular meeting on March the 15th, 2001. As a result of the meeting, the following items are being presented for recommendation.

**1) RECONSTRUCTION OF THE KTA BRIDGES OVER CENTRAL- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**

“Item one, construction of the K.T.A. bridges over Central for Public Works. Recommend low bid of Wildcat Construction Company Incorporated for \$2,036,561.60.

**2) WEED CHEMICALS- NOXIOUS WEEDS
FUNDING: NOXIOUS WEEDS**

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“Item two, weed chemicals for Noxious Weeds. Recommend accepting low bid for item one from Van Diest Supply Company for \$35,121.60. And low bids for items two, three and four from UAP/Timberland for a total of \$21,584.90. Grand total, \$56,706.50.

**3) CHANGE ORDER- JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH
FUNDING: JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT**

“Item three is a change order for Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. Recommend acknowledging the change order of Mahaney Roofing for \$3,940.

**4) SIRENS- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: 2001 CAPITAL PROJECT**

“Item four, sirens for Emergency Management. Recommend the bid of Federal Signal Corporation for \$19,938.40.

**5) WIRE CAGES- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS- RECORDS CENTER
FUNDING: DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY**

“Item five, wire cages for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the proposal of Advantage Associates Incorporated for \$9,857.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL

**6) COMPUTERIZED TICKETING SOLUTION- KANSAS COLISEUM
FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM**

**7) COURTHOUSE SIGNAGE- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: 2000 CAPITAL PROJECT**

“There were two items at this meeting that were tabled for further review. One is a computerized ticketing solution for the Kansas Coliseum. The other is Courthouse signage for Facility Project Services.

“If there aren’t any questions, I would recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

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Chair McGinn said, “We do have a couple of questions. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you. David, on item one, on that reconstruction of the K.T.A. bridges over Central, we’ve got a low bid of just over two million dollars and in the bond authorization that we approved earlier, the amount in there is 1.8. Any guesstimate as to what we’re going to do for the additional \$200,000?”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes, ma’am. We’re in the process of working with the Turnpike Authority and they are going to provide a certain amount of money, undetermined as yet. We think that it will be in the range of \$300,000 and we will bring an agreement to this Board to approve at a later date. But I’m very confident that the 1.8 will be okay for the County portion.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay. Well, I know that you and I have had meetings with representatives of the Turnpike Authority on this item and I just didn’t know whether their money was . . . if we’d gotten it yet or when we might expect that.”

Mr. Spears said, “No, we haven’t. Their attorney is going to contact Mr. Euson’s office. I don’t know if they’ve done that yet. Maybe he could comment on that, but they’re going to work on an agreement and then their board, their Turnpike Board, will have to approve the agreement and then the Board of County Commissioners will also have to approve the agreement.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay, all right. Well, keep working on them, would you?”

Mr. Spears said, “We are.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay, thanks. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. This is just a . . . on item seven, I noticed it was tabled for review. Why was that?”

Ms. Baker said, “Generally, items that are tabled for review are items that are reviewed by a committee of folks, so it takes a while to create a rating methodology and do a thorough assessment of a bid or a proposal and other reasons for review would be if there is questionable responses. Anything in a bid or proposal that needs clarification. The process is such a short period of time, that we will table them to get the clarifications and get our questions answered, before we make the recommendation to the Bid Board and then that recommendation comes onto you.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “David, you seconded the motion. What was the reason for tabling this particular item?”

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Mr. Spears said, “They did not list a reason. They just recommended that it be tabled and I don’t think a question was asked as to why.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, you just go ahead and second it?”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “Are there any other questions?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Wait. Who is ‘they’?”

Mr. Spears said, “The Purchasing Department makes the recommendation, on behalf of the Department. I’m sure they coordinated with the Department between Tuesday and Thursday.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. All right, thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Are there any other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

One Easement for Right-of-Way and two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 628-10, 11; MacArthur Road through Lake Afton. CIP# R-233. District #3.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V01046	\$308.00		Andover Crossing
V01047	\$170.00	3	Mt. Hope
			Community Development
V01048	\$318.00	3	Brentwood Apartments
V01049	\$149.00		Garden Walk Apartments
V01050	\$200.00	5	Roger Turner
V01051	\$177.00		Garden Walk Apartments
V01056	\$400.00	5	Helms Rental Properties

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V2033	\$190.00	\$207.00
V200104	\$239.00	\$234.00
V200115	\$144.00	\$136.00
V95088	\$549.00	\$386.00
V20100	\$299.00	\$264.00
V2012	\$89.00	\$113.00

4. Order dated March 14, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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5. General Bills Check Register of March 16, 2001.

6. Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Is there any other business to come before this Board? If not, I will adjourn the Regular Meeting.”

Commissioner Norton said, “If I could, just one thing real quick. We had the Extreme Weather Fair this past Saturday. Nobody has reported on it, but I think they had around 1,500 people come out to the Coliseum and be part of the Extreme Weather Fair and I think that’s become a really quality event, particularly going into this season and I hope that it will continue to grow and be advantageous for people to stop by. They had some Storm Spotter meetings out there. They showed some equipment. They did some demonstrations. But they had 1,500 people show up at the Coliseum for the Extreme Weather Fair and I think that’s become a real quality event. And I understand that even the Coliseum made some money off of it, because of concessions. So, it may even be a moneymaking situation for the Coliseum. I know we don’t have a report on it, but I thought it would be of interest to people to know that it’s that time of year and the Storm Fair really went over well.”

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Chair McGinn said, “And maybe we could have a follow-up report, because we know storm weather is going to be around for a few months. It’s good to hear that increased awareness is out there on that and folks are looking at ways that they can protect themselves and their property. So, thank you for bringing that up.”

Commissioner Norton said, “One comment on that. One thing I heard was many people that were transplants, they’ve been moved into the Wichita area, showed up because they weren’t familiar with tornados and they know, they kind of heard it’s ‘tornado alley’ and a lot of people from California, the coast, that have ended up being transplanted here were there to get information and find out what tornados were all about and how they could protect their family. So, I think it served a real good purpose.”

Chair McGinn said, “They didn’t want to take the same ride Dorothy took.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That is exactly right. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right, good deal. Any other business? Okay, I’m going to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 21st, 2001.”

J. OTHER

K ADJOURNMENT

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

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