

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 14, 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 14, 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 Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jack Kegley, Emergency Management Officer II, Emergency Management; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Jeannette Partridge, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Ms. Jane Moralez, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Resources; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Senior Buyer, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Dick Elder, Meteorologist, National Weather Service.
Mr. Chuck Bouilly, George K. Baum & Company.
Mr. Mike Keller, Vice President of Programs, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.
Ms. Susie Ashbridge, Participant, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mrs. Tracy Jones-Freeman of the Bahai Faith.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, February 14, 2001.**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of January 31, 2001.

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Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2001.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Caolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Before we call the next item, I would like to just announce that Commissioner Gwin is not here today because she is at the National Institute of Corrections in Longmont, Colorado. She is there for a very good reason. She is attending a workshop and she is working very hard with Mark Masterson and some others. We were given a grant to go to this workshop and it has to do with looking at juvenile detention centers and facilities and how you go about designing them and that type of thing. Since we know that is something that we're going to face here very soon, we thought it was very prudent to send her. We appreciate her taking time out of her schedule to do that. Clerk, call the next item please."

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AWARD PRESENTATION

A. RECOGNITION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY AS “STORM READY” BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

Mr. Dick Elder, Meteorologist, National Weather Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we're here, it is Severe Weather Awareness Week this week, and we are here to present Sedgwick County with being 'storm ready'. This is an endeavor that has taken a while. I think you all should be very proud of this. One of the things we all look back to is May 3, 1999. We talk about severe weather and tornadoes, especially hitting a large community. From that tornado, we hear a lot about Oklahoma City and what happened there. I think you, especially Commissioner Norton, will agree that on May 3, when you look at, in Okalahoma City, there were a total of 72 businesses destroyed, however in Sedgwick County there were 164 businesses destroyed. I think we had much more of a tornado hitting a major metropolitan area. I think we showed a lot of success there with May 3 by only having six fatalities versus 44 in Okalahoma City. I think we've come a long, long ways in our warning effort.

“By being storm ready, continual work on that, that means that now the County does have a 24 hour warning point. All the public buildings do have weather radios in them. I think we certainly showed success with weather radio on May 3, especially with the Norland Plastics Plant and the utilization of weather radios there.

“So, it is our great honor to be able to present this. One of the things, as you talk to your colleagues about what is storm ready and these sort of things, I think you will look on this map. You are in a fairly elite group of people meeting all the criteria that is needed to be storm ready. You are in a fairly elite group. In the State of Kansas, ahead of you is Douglas and Johnson County are the only two ahead of you. So, it is quite an honor.

“As we look to the future of what this is going to do for you. We all talk about global warming and the carbon going into the air and what is that going to do. There is a lot of debate among climatologists as to what is going to happen. Are we going to see global warming? What is going to go on? Another thing that climatologists are debating about is with the added climate changes and added carbon going in to the air that mother nature may try to compensate for that and how can she best compensate to get rid of that heat build up in the earth's atmosphere. The most efficient way is to have more severe weather. So, that is one of the debates that is continually going on. I think by having this 'storm ready', we are certainly ahead of the game and prepared for when we know those next storms are going to come.

“We do have for you, to show that you are storm ready, we have a couple of signs. I think I'd put

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the signs on a road that isn't traveled very fast because the letters aren't real big, so you need to go slow to be able to see it. We do have two road signs for you. I want to give this to Jack Kegley and to thank him and thank you for the support to Sedgwick County Emergency Management and to bestow this honor upon you."

Mr. Jack Kegley, Emergency Management Officer II, Emergency Management, said, "Thank you. Unfortunately, Mr. Duncan couldn't be here with us this morning. He is in a meeting in Topeka. We accept this from Dick. To us, this means a lot. It sets us up to where our peers look at us at doing a lot more than what they're doing or doing something that they want to do. It gives us the opportunity to help those other communities to approach this type of program and we hope that we can continue pushing, in this part of the state, to get more communities storm ready."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. You know I'm not sure at the very beginning, Dick, did you identify yourself and title. Just for the record would you please do that?"

Mr. Elder said, "I'd be happy to do that. My name is Dick Elder. I'm the meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service in Wichita."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Where will the signs go? Have we decided?"

Mr. Kegley said, "No ma'am, we haven't decided that. It will be at the County border somewhere. Probably on one of the major roadways coming into the County."

Chair McGinn said, "Very good. We have some questions for you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Not really questions. I asked . . . I guess one's a question. Can we get more road signs? It seems like two is not enough to explain the whole program and to get the word out to people. I think it is something to be proud of and this season is something for people to be thinking about. This is pretty important stuff. Can we get more signs, if necessary?"

Mr. Elder said, "I would certainly think, through Project Impact, that you would be able to do that."

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Commissioner Norton said, "I think that would be very important. The last thing is, really just a kind of a statement. It is that season and we know that it's not about if we will ever have another tornado or bad weather incident, it is about when. I think the more preparedness we can have, the better suited we will be to mitigate those kinds of problems that come out of tornados. I think Sedgwick County did an awesome job last time helping the small communities and Wichita recover.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The more that you can mitigate it by upstream building, safer buildings and getting people to understand what they need to do in severe weather, it is so, so important.

"The final thing is that I would urge the community to get out, go to the Coliseum on Saturday, and participate in the severe weather fair. I think it is one of those things we can do upstream to get the community very aware that the season from the middle of March to the end of June is coming up. It is important that they understand and have an awareness of how bad severe weather can effect this community. I applaud you for having that the second year in a row. That's all I have, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you Commissioner Norton. I just want to know, are the signs insured? You will replace those as tornados hit them?"

Mr. Elder said, "Are we more concerned about tornados or .22s?"

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Well, all I'd like to say is that I know one thing, just being a Commissioner for over two years, from what I've seen, we have an excellent staff that fill the position in Emergency Management. Even more than that, a group of people that work together and that is the Fire, the Emergency Management, the EMS group, the Sheriff's Department. When there is a crisis, they all come together and they know how to cooperate and make things happen. That was very well witnessed, down there in Haysville when we drove down there, and how they all worked together. I think that gives our community a great deal of confidence that we know you'll be there when something like this does happen. So, thank you very much. We have another question."

Commissioner Winters said, "I was just going to say, would you hit one more time the event at the Coliseum? When is that and what is the time frame for that?"

Mr. Kegley said, "That is this Saturday, March the 17th, at 9:00 until 4:00, in Pavilion II out at the Coliseum."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Also, I might add, it is absolutely free to the public."

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Mr. Elder said, "We'll be there also, along with Project Impact, answering questions about severe weather as well."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you both for being here today. Thank you for all that you do. Clerk, call the next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

- B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FINANCE PLAN; AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPLE AMOUNT OF SINGLE-FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS (MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES PROGRAM) 2001 SERIES A, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS.**

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning you do have before you the Resolution before you to establish the Local Residential Housing plan. First, before I go into that, I want to tell you, the last time I was up here you asked how many people and how many dollars this program has helped with. Since 1990, over \$418,000,000 in loans, enabling over 7,500 people across the State have been put to use. The average homebuyer's income is \$34,000. The average purchase price is \$62,000. Based on that information, we expect the program before you today to serve approximately 700 Kansas households.

"The biggest barrier to homeownership is for families in low and moderate incomes is to come up with the down payment. The Mortgage Revenue Bond Program has a built in cash grant of 4% of the mortgage amount for down payment and closing costs. This issues interest rate is 6.85 on a 30-year loan, using a F.H.A. or conventional loan. Every issue has a funding set aside for target areas in the State, but it is rarely used. We try to come up with different plans to make those loans more attractive. This time we have some things in our tool bag we hope will help.

"First, homebuyers who chose to invest in the target areas will have a choice between either the

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6.85% loan with cash assistance or the 6.25% loan without cash assistance. In those target areas, in the core area of the City, our mortgage revenue bond target areas are the blue and then the City's local investment areas are the yellow areas. So, you can see through the core area of the City we do have some overlap and also down in Hilltop, which is here and this is the Planeview area. We have an overlap there. So, the City has agreed to put their Home Investment Partnership program money with a buyer in those areas. They can get up to \$7,500 for a down payment. So, that could make that really affordable in those areas.

“Another program is a million dollars set aside for acquisition and rehab. That is something we haven't done before. Buyers can improve their home, up to the after rehab appraised value. That aspect is available throughout the State. Finally, we have a two million dollar pool specifically for rural counties because this program will go so fast, we expect it will probably go 60 to 90 days before the money is exhausted. We'll have a little bit of time set aside for rural counties to access the money. So if you have any questions, I'll try to answer them.”

Chair McGinn said, “Brad, can you slide that over just a little because I couldn't quite see who was who here.”

Mr. Snapp said, “Well, the red area is the City's neighborhood revitalization area. Then the yellow are the local investment areas and the blue is the M.R.B. and also the Mortgage Credit Certificate target areas.”

Chair McGinn said, “How do you get this information out?”

Mr. Snapp said, “Well, there are lenders who have agreed to participate in the program. We also have the City's Community Housing Development organizations and non-profits who work in the core area. We've been talking to realtors and community economic development people throughout the State, just trying to broaden the knowledge of the program.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. Well, I'm thinking about somebody who is low-income and doesn't really have the relationship with a banker and that type of thing and how they would get that. Is that something, since we've started the program also with Sherdeill, that he'll be able to also get that information.”

Mr. Snapp said, “Yes, he can carry this as one of the tools that he presents to people.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. This is more a comment than a

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question, because Brad and I discussed this a little bit yesterday. The reason I'm excited about this program is that I believe there is a lot of statistical information out there that when an individual owns their home, as opposed to renting it, they take more pride in it, they'll keep it up better. I think it is one key element to help slow down the deterioration of some of these neighborhoods. Plus, some of these people will be, perhaps, the first person in their family for generations who has ever felt the pride of owning a home. I think a lot of us, for me since I'm older, the oldest on this Bench, I can just vaguely remember what it felt like when I bought my first home and it was only for \$3,500 so that will give away my age a little bit. But it really felt neat. It was raining the first night I slept in it and I was thinking that is on my roof and it is just the pride that swells up in a person's . . ."

Chair McGinn said, "I was wondering if you had an umbrella up, too, because it was a \$3,500 house."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just think this is a terrific program that is an example of a hand up and I'm just grateful that we're going to be able to provide this. That's all I have. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. This is just a comment or a suggestion. Brad, I wonder if it might be appropriate to mail some information about this to a group, say the homeowners' associations, the president's of the homeowners' associations in the neighborhoods. Neighborhoods continually say 'What is local government doing to help our neighborhood'. There is nothing out there for us. Well if there are some neighborhoods that could get the kind of assistance with this program, particularly in the targeted areas, I think we should let the area neighborhood associations know about this program. It may not work for them this year, but over the years, they need to be aware of this. I hope you would consider that."

Mr. Snapp said, "That's a good idea. We'll communicate with WIN on that."

Chair McGinn said, "I think that's a very good idea. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. 6.25 is an incredible interest rate."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You don't qualify."

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Commissioner Norton said, "Well, then I'm not interested any more. Go a little bit into the rehab dollars. You didn't talk much about that. What does that look like? Does that mean you can apply . . . if you already own a home, you can apply for rehabilitating your home to a certain level? Is that what that is?"

Mr. Snapp said, "No, it wouldn't do that. It would be if a person would buy a house which is currently, say \$30,000, but if it was rehabilitated it might be worth \$45,000. They could get a loan for \$45,000 and put the money, the \$15,000, in escrow and have some construction people come in and do the work."

Commissioner Norton said, "Actually fix the house up to a new level. That is pretty exciting information, right there in itself. To take some old properties in some of the older neighborhoods and bring them back up to a newer standard. That's all I have, thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "I notice Jack Ranson and Chuck Bouilly are here today. Would you like to say anything about this?"

Mr. Chuck Bouilly, Underwriter, George K. Baum and Company said, "We're the underwriters and structure the financing. Just a couple of new twists to this one that weren't in the other ones, like the rehab loans and the lower interest rate in the target areas. We just continue to develop these things as we determine what the needs are. So, they kind of evolve."

Commissioner Winters said, "Chuck, you heard what I said a moment ago about the neighborhood associations. Would you characterize this as a plan that we participate in that certainly, in certain core neighborhoods, could really be considered a real plus to revitalization? Did that make sense, what I was talking about contacting neighborhood associations?"

Mr. Bouilly said, "Yes. What we do is we typically put together a brochure, once the program is finalized, that has a lot of the details in it. We circulate them to realtors and we can include the homeowners' associations in that type of mailing so they're aware of it also."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, a number of the homeowner associations have very good leadership and they're out there talking about core development, development closer in the city and they're good folks. They're good leaders in their neighborhoods and we need to make sure that they know that there are some programs like this out there like this."

Mr. Bouilly said, "Is there somewhere that there is a data base that would have a list of those associations?"

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Chair McGinn said, "We have that."

Mr. Bouly said, "I'd sure like to get a copy of that to make sure that they're aware of it."

Chair McGinn said, "I know that communications is working on an updated version. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, Madam Chair. This is back maybe to Brad. What Commissioner Winters just said sparked another question in my mind. How are we going to get the message out to the citizenry that maybe somebody has always thought about buying a home but just overwhelmed by the cost and have just put it back. How do they get exposed to the idea that this is now available to them?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Well, I think one of the primary methods we rely on is the news media. Following that, the Mennonite Housing and Community Housing Services have home ownership training classes they run two times a month. Quite a few people go through that and this program will be part of that. They will be told about it and given some of the details. We'll also include these maps with the brochures that George K. Baum produces. So, hopefully we'll have good coverage. We also hope to do another program later. Typically, we do one of these a year. We hope to do another one in the summer. People that catch the idea that the money is gone this round, they'll be in line and ready to go next."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This is not trying to get into the marketing aspect of it, but in the neighborhoods I know there are community centers, churches which service other needs for these people. Is there a way to maybe distribute information to them also and just wherever groups of people in neighborhoods gather just to expose them?"

Mr. Snapp said, "We can do that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you very much."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Brad, I don't know if my colleagues would like a copy but I would like a copy of that map on an 8 by 11 sheet or something like that. Thank you. Commissioners?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Brad. Thank you, Jack and Chuck for being here today. Clerk, call the next item please."

C. AGREEMENTS (TWO) FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK TO HOLD FUNDRAISING WALKS.

1. MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION: APRIL 28, 2001

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The first agreement is with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundations for use of the park on April 28th, 2001. This walk is one of the largest walks we have at the park. They anticipate approximately 1,500 participants in this walk this year. This is part of the national March of Dimes campaign, Walk America, which is their biggest annual fundraiser of the year to support prevention of birth defects. We have received the contract back. It is out standard contract. It is subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance. The dates have been coordinated with the park and we would recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

2. TIYOSPAYE, INC.: JUNE 9, 2001

Mr. Harrison said, "The second agreement is with Tiyospaye, Incorporated. This is the first use for this group with the park. Their walk is to raise funds to support their Higher Ground Program, outpatient substance abuse treatment. Their requested use is June 9th, 2001. Again, we have received the contract back, and we've received a certificate of insurance, coordinated the dates with the Park Superintendent and would recommend your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

D. AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM MEAGHER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 608 EAST CENTRAL FOR WORK RELATED TO REMODEL OF THE ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; CIP #1999 PB-409.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'll put a little map up here to show you the lay out of this small piece of property at 608 East Central that we'd like to purchase for a parking lot for the adult residential facility. To orient you, this is the railroad track. Over here on the east is Stephen's Highland Dairy Company. That gives you a little orientation where on East Central we're talking about. This right here is the building we are currently remodeling for adult residential and we'll have some parking here. We're also remodeling back here the additional building here.

"The yellow part here highlighted is the part we're proposing to purchase. That purchase price is \$117,000. I would recommend action that is a little different from the stated action on your agenda sheet. I would recommend to accept the assignment of Contract from Steve Martens. That is a little different than is listed there, but that is the recommended action and I certainly am available for more questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Kathy, when we approved this project two years ago maybe now, we knew

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what we were going to do with it, right? I guess what I don't understand is why we weren't thinking about parking requirements then?"

Ms. Sexton said, "The interpretation at that time, Commissioner, when we first started the project was a little different than it is now. The interpretation regarding the City of Wichita building codes and what parking is required for the amount of space you are remodeling and occupying. We have since worked very closely with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and learned that they gave us a variance on one piece of it but were unable to give us a variance on another piece that our staff previously thought we could get that variance.

"What I mean by that is the plan was to have people park along this street here, Santa Fe, between Santa Fe and the railroad tracks. Essentially, the Planning Department said no, that is not enough parking. We can't give you a variance for that. You still need to provide some 50 spaces of your own off-street parking. You can use some on the street, but it won't be enough. So we've been working to purchase property for parking. It is included in the project budget, so there is no budget problems or anything, it is just a matter of getting that land. We're still working on purchasing some additional property for the same purpose as well, so we'll probably be back to you on it with another parcel later."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, that was my other question. This is already in the budget. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guess I have a question of Rich Euson. Rich, what about the indemnification, if there is groundwater pollution or there are a lot of things you can get involved in when you buy a piece of property. I know that downtown area has had problems with groundwater. Are we indemnified from any liability, if we buy it now and there is ground water pollution or what have you?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "There is no indemnity in the agreement and generally those are kind of hard to get anyway. We do have an out-clause in the agreement that says that we can do our due diligence until April 6, to look at these types of things to determine whether we want to go ahead and consummate the sale. But there is nothing in the agreement."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. That's all I had."

Chair McGinn said, "I guess now I'm confused because it was my understanding when we

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purchased that first piece of property that that is in the Gilbert/ Mosley area and that we were issued something, as other people in those areas as far as the revitalization, so that we are not held accountable for that under ground pollution. That was my understanding.”

Mr. Euson said, “Maybe Kathy knows or maybe the Manager knows. I believe that is in the Gilbert and Mosley area and all we really need to do is to get a release from the City, in regard to the environmental matters.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is that something that would be prudent to get before we finalize whatever we’re doing here, signing the contract.”

Mr. Euson said, “Before we finalize the transaction, yes, it would be.”

Ms. Sexton said, “That’s our plan.”

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, “Part of the Gilbert Mosley solution was that the City would help indemnify properties, so that transactions like this could occur. So that is almost an automatic deal, but we will do our . . . and that is the brilliance of the plan that allows people to buy and sell properties within the Gilbert Mosley area without having all these hoops to go through. The City has provided a means by which that can occur. In this case, as in the previous case, we’ll take advantage of that.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. Commissioners, are there any other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the Assignment of the Contract on this particular property from Steve Martens. and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH SUSAN M. LIEB TO PROVIDE DIETITIAN SERVICES TO CONSUMERS AT COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES.

Ms. Jeanette Partridge, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Agreement with Susan Lieb provides dietician services for our Community Integration Program, which is located at our Community Support Services. The types of services provided include dietary education groups, one on one counseling for consumers with special dietary concerns as well as planning the lunch menu that is offered there at the program. There is approximately 35 to 50 consumers at any given time in that program. The charge is \$35 an hour for approximately ten hours a week of services. The total contract comes to \$18,200 and that is half County, half State funds. The recommended action is to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. I'm available if you have any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino 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

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

**2. AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE
PREVENTION FUNDING.**

Ms. Partridge said, "Big Brothers/ Big Sisters has received two grants for 2001 from the Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention Fund. A \$147,000 grant for the mentoring program which matches caring adults with children and a \$48,000 grant for their Operation Jump Start, which is a school based mentoring tutoring program that is ran in conjunction with Communities in Schools. We do have a representative here today from Big Brothers/ Big Sisters that would like to talk a little bit about the value of the program, Mike Keller."

Mr. Mike Keller, Vice President of Programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to thank the Commissioners and the County for their continued support, over the years, of our program. As you know, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters in Sedgwick County is the largest Big Brothers/ Big Sisters agency in the entire nation. We are the largest because of the number of children that we actually serve. This is compared to any agency in any of the large cities and that is quite admirable considering we are probably the 82nd largest community in the country.

"But our need continues to grow every year. Last year, we set a new record of the number of children that we served, but our list grew by 150 additional names, where our list stands now at almost over 900 children are waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister. I could go into a lot of statistics about what our program does, but rather than do that this morning, I thought it would be better if we brought in someone who could speak to you who has directly received the benefits of our program through the sponsorship or the support of the County. This is Susie Ashbridge."

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Ms. Susie Ashbridge, Participant, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just want to take a couple of minutes. I'm a lucky parent who has three children who are all matched in the Big Brothers program. The Big Brothers has stepped in and taken a father role for all three of my sons. They're real good about going to school programs. They go to school conferences with me. They're real big on homework. I've been real lucky. All three of my children's grades have risen immensely with the help of the Big Brothers doing homework. It is not just Mom prodding them every night. Big Brothers are holding off activities, it is like 'Lets get your homework done and then we'll go to a movie or we'll go play ball'. They take them out real regular. They go to ball games. They take them to the park. They go to movies. It is just a real good program."

Chair McGinn said, "Susie, how long have you been using the program?"

Ms. Ashbridge said, "My two oldest have been matched two years last December and then my youngest one just got matched this last December."

Chair McGinn said, "How old are your kids?"

Ms. Ashbridge said, "Five, nine and thirteen."

Chair McGinn said, "At a very impressionable age."

Ms. Ashbridge said, "Very."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here today and sharing that. It is nice to hear the testimony that you give. We fund these programs, but we don't always get to hear first hand from folks how it affects them. We thank you for taking time out today and glad this program is being successful in helping you and your family."

Ms. Ashbridge said, "I consider myself very lucky."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I had a question of the gentleman. You indicated something that I'm a little concerned whether or not I should be full of pride because of it or full of concern. You said we were the largest Big Brother organization in the country. Does that mean that we have the most kids with the most needs in Wichita, Sedgwick County than New York or Chicago? That concerns me. Could you explain about what constitutes largest?"

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Mr. Keller said, “We are the largest based on the number of children that we actually serve. The number of children that we have matched with caring volunteers through our school base program in the schools, through our community based program, and one-on-one relationships that we have. That is what makes our agency the largest. We have a strong need. Obviously our list grew another 150 names in the year 2000 to where it stands now at almost 900, but the need overall is not obviously as large as cities like New York, Chicago, Houston. We have the volunteers who have come forward, the community support that has come forward and are able to match those children with the support that they need.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, the need is probably constant throughout the country, we just have more volunteers who are willing to serve as Big Brothers or Big Sisters and that means that we can serve more children. Is that accurate?”

Mr. Keller said, “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, then I can take pride in that. Great.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I would add to that, too, that we’ve got an organizational leadership here with our Big Brothers and Big Sisters program through Mick Bork and people like yourself that are doing the operation that make it go, make it succeed and make it grow. If the folks that run this program were in some other larger community, then they would probably have great success there. I think we’re just fortunate to have the leadership here for the programs that we do here. I’d say again, thank you Mike, for being here today to say thank you. The program is working. We hand out some of these funds and don’t hear back but we want to hear from folks like Susie. One of the things that Jeannette is committed to is making sure that we are working with programs that work. Now, we’re beginning to invest significant money in a lot of different programs and we want to make sure things are working and we’re getting the best results for our dollar. I appreciate your coming today to visit with us about the program. We’ll continue to watch Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a comment. One of the things I think is so successful is Big Brothers and Big Sisters stays to their core of what they've delivered for many years, but they've stepped outside the boundaries to serve more kids through partnering with Wichita Promise and Jump Start and C.I.S. I think that is the beauty of our community is not sitting on your laurels and taking that but going out and seeking other places to affect our community and the children. I don't think you have to look at the news but one day to find out there are kids at risk in every community that probably need a little extra parental guidance or a mentor. I applaud Big Brothers and Big Sisters for really finding that niche in our community and helping us resolve it as governmental officials. Thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you all, for being here today."

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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

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3. CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED HOMECARE, INC. TO PROVIDE INCOME-ELIGIBLE PROGRAM AND/OR SENIOR CARE ACT PROGRAM HOME CARE SERVICES.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Income-Eligible Senior Care Act Program provides needed care to persons 60 years of age and older, seeking options that will allow them to remain in their homes. The consumers can access care through case management that will allow help with personal care, homemaker services, respite care, personal emergency management, response and installation as well as specific purchases that will assist the client to maintain their independence.

"These services are offered in Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County through a network of providers who offer a variety of services. Vender contracts allow the funds to follow the clients, based on the provider of their choice. The Income-Eligible Administration and Program budget for fiscal year 2001 is \$566,522, which is funded totally through State dollars. The Senior Care Act budget total is \$349,971 and it is funded through State dollars and it does require a two-to-one match for the allocated State dollars. The Senior Care Act match is composed of County mill levy funds and consumer contributions. Sedgwick County mill levy funds are included in the budget totals and no additional County funds are requested.

"This is a contract with Associated Home Care Incorporated that I bring before you today and it has been reviewed by legal. Recommend approval of the contract."

Chair McGinn said, "Annette, do you know about how many individuals we serve in the three-County area or even in just Sedgwick County? Do you have any idea?"

Ms. Graham said, "I could guess but I can get that information back to you."

Chair McGinn said, "It would be of interest to me to know, as we continue to age and have more aging population, I just think this appears to be a very good program because it does help keep our seniors in their homes and that is where they want to be. I think this is a very valued program."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guarantee you, us seniors like to stay in our homes."

Ms. Graham said, "It certainly is increasing. We see that every month we're continuing to get more and more people on it. We had a waiting list for this program up until March of last year. So, since March of last year, for about a year now, it has been open again and we're seeing a steady increase in the number of individuals and their families coming to us requesting services."

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Chair McGinn said, "This is just another way that we have adapted and changed over time in, helping people out there instead of putting people in a home or that type of thing. Here we're continuing to work towards keeping people where they want to be. Thank you, Annette. Commissioners, you've heard the information. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Contract 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

4. MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING CONTRACT FOR A MILL LEVY FUNDED PROGRAM WITH SENIOR SERVICES, INC.

Ms. Graham said, "Sedgwick County Department on Aging contracts with Senior Services Incorporated to provide home-delivered meals to persons who are physically disabled and home bound under the Physical Disabilities Program. Additional funding became available, \$5,000, under the Physical Disabilities Program for the current fiscal year, 2001. The Physical Disabilities Advisory Board recommended that this \$5,000 be allocated to meet this program's request for fiscal year 2001, which we were not able to totally fund at the beginning of the year. A waiting list for these services may be avoided later in the year, due to these additional funds allocation. An additional 1,213 meals will be delivered through this funding. The amount of this addendum is within the fiscal year 2001 mill levy budget, as approved by the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, and we would recommend approval."

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Chair McGinn said, "Annette, I didn't quite understand. You said this money was approved by the Physical Disabilities Program or whatever. Is that us or is that the State? I didn't catch that."

Ms. Graham said, "It had been recommended by the Physical Disabilities Board. We have an advisory board that looks at the funding issues. What happened is this money became available mid-year through another change in programming in another provider's budget."

Chair McGinn said, "So, it is Sedgwick County dollars."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, it is."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, do I have a Motion to approve?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

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5. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE TO PROVIDE GRANT-FUNDED PARENT TRAINING FOR TARGETED PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AT HIGH RISK FOR DELINQUENCY.

Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is an agreement with Kansas Children's Service League to provide a grant-funded parent training program. This is part of our 18th Judicial District Community Funding Plan to prevent juvenile delinquency. This program will serve 150 targeted parents whose situation places their children at high risk for future delinquency.

"The parents who will participate in this particular training will meet at least one of three criteria: those who are currently supervised under the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, those who are making a recent exit from in-patient substance abuse treatment programs, or parents who are participating in a companion grant program, which is Functional Family Therapy.

"The goals of this program are to reduce juvenile delinquency in Sedgwick County and improve parenting skills of parents who are completing this parent training program. We did go through the competitive R.F.P. bid process and on January 18, the Bid Board recommended Kansas Children's Service League as the service provider. These recommendations were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on January 24th. We are asking for you to approve this formal Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Chris, this is a new program, isn't it? This is one that has not been in place or is this one we've been doing?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "Yes, this is a new program."

Commissioner Winters said, "Who will be involved in monitoring and looking for results and outcomes? Is that part of your responsibilities or is there a group of folks doing that?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "Contract monitoring is part of my responsibilities. We also currently have a contract with Wichita State University to do some outcomes and evaluation measurements."

Commissioner Winters said, "I would just repeat the comments I made when Jeannette was up

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here a few moments ago and we were talking about the County prevention dollars. I think, as we are able to make some of these State prevention dollars, I think we certainly want to make sure and I'm going to be fully supportive. I think this is a good program, but I want to say to everyone that we want to make sure that we don't get in the habit of funding something because we've done it in the past without really taking those close looks because there are enough good programs out there that we need to really concentrate on the ones that really work.

"I hope, as we go through particularly with some of the new programs that are starting up, that you'll be able to keep us informed of what really looks like they are having some successes and which groups look like they may be having a bit of a struggle. The resources here are stretched so much that we want to make sure that we get the best results from every program we're involved in. I think this one looks like it could be very beneficial. Thank you very much."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Just to pick up a little bit on what Commissioner Winters just said. Are there some outcome measurements that are required in order to distribute the funds to the program?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "Yes, we have worked with the Kansas Children's Service League in our negotiations for outcome measurements and they are included in this Agreement."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great, thank you. No further questions Madam Chair."

Commissioner Winters said, "Then I would kind of make one other question. Then our Team Justice, the Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board, they're looking right at all these programs, too. This is where the first recommendation comes for programs like this. So, they've got a stake in that, too. Just wanted to remind Chris that she's going to be our eyes and ears too, as we hear them talk and analyze these. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, you've heard the information. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

6. APPLICATION TO JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING OF A TRUANCY MEDIA CAMPAIGN.

Ms. Kautzer said, "The Juvenile Justice Authority recently notified the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections of the availability of unexpended State fiscal year 2000 prevention funds. The Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board selected the Truancy Media campaign as their highest priority. The advisory board worked with WSU to create a truancy media campaign in order to raise awareness of the issues of truancy in Sedgwick County. Television, radio, print media and outdoor billboard advertising will be utilized to reach the target audience, which is children in grades four through nine and their parents.

"The overall goal of this campaign is to reduce the incidence of truancy in Sedgwick County by increasing the commitment to school. Carry-over funds from fiscal year 2000 will be used to fund this campaign. This grant application was approved by our Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board on March 2nd. We are asking for you to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "How long of a media campaign is it, three months, six months?"

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How long of a campaign is it?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "The media campaign will be four months. It will start in April and May and then have June and July off and then start back up again when school is getting ready to start and run through August and September."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So it is four months, two and two."

Ms. Kautzer said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "I guess I have a question about April and May, at the end of the year. Can you give me an idea what exactly we're going to be doing here?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "Sure, a lot of the development time will be included in April but they did want to get a start on it to remind parents and they did think it would be effective toward the end of the year just as a reminder that even going into summer school that staying in school and being committed to school is important. We also looked at our grant funding time line as well and it played into that decision by the Corrections Advisory Board."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That meant that we had to spend it then or we would lose it?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "The funds need to be spent by June 30 of this year."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Application 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

F. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE A TEMPORARY ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING CHANGE LEADERSHIP MANAGER AT RANGE 28, STEP 5.

Ms. Jane Morales, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to request a waiver of policy to appoint a E.R.P., Change Leadership Manager at a Range 28, Step 5. This is a temporary position from March 15, 2001 to September 30, 2002, and will be funded through the E.R.P. project. I recommend your approval. Be glad to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Pretty obvious question. When we hire an individual like this for a temporary position, they are made fully aware of the time frames? They're right there, they know when this job is going to cease?"

Ms. Morales said, "Right, they've been made very clear of that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. That's all I had."

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

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters moved to approve the policy waiver.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

G. KANSAS COLISEUM.

1. AGREEMENTS (TWO) FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

- **JABARA'S CARPET OUTLET**
- **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've got a couple of advertising agreements before you today. The first one is with Jabara's Carpet Warehouse. It is a barter agreement, whereby we're going to get floor coverings in exchange for the trade of advertising rights at the Coliseum. It gives us the opportunity to approve the appearance of our dressing rooms. All the carpeting down in that area desperately needs to be replaced. We could do some things with our office areas too, to help us approve the appearance. We recommend the approval of that one and I think we're taking both of these together."

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“The second one is with Waste Management. This is a straight up business deal. This is payment for advertising rights in return for payment, on our part, for waste removal services, just like we’ve always done. We’ve taken it a little bit farther, another step. They’re also working with us in our recycling efforts. There will be cardboard recycling. One of the issues that we have is with the livestock shows. We do not remove the waste. The clients, the owners of the horses in the horse show remove the waste. We have been building a pen and everything was going into the pen, manure, the bedding, bailing wire around the bales of straw, the bags the wood chips came in. You name it. Everything went in there. When you do that, you cannot recycle that effectively because you’ve got all the trash mixed in with the animal waste. Very prohibitive cost-wise to have the labor to go in and clean that out. So we’ve come up with a different system whereby we have a separate bin built, illustrated in the slide, a separate bin for the animal bedding and a dumpster on the side of that for paper waste. Now, we’ve sent a letter to all the show managers with the horse shows asking their cooperation. This is a cost that they pay for and it will help them reduce their cost.

“Another part of the Waste Management Agreement is they’re going to supply us with some decorative containers that we’ll be able to put in the public entrances to our building to kind of improve the appearance. It really annoys me and bothers me to have somebody come up to the building and have a dumpster in front of the front door. It is not the way we want to present ourselves to our customers. So, these are similar. They’re not exactly what we’ll be looking for, but we’ll have something like that in front of all the entrances. We recommend approval.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Agreements and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "I just want to say, John, I like how you are always looking to do things better. We appreciate that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Also, he's being modest. I have a feeling there was a negotiation going on and that is when Waste Management decided that they couldn't live without our advertising dollars or something. I have a feeling there was a little John Nath involved in Waste Management's decision to purchase advertising."

Mr. Nath said, "It is our intention to help our commercial partners establish their brand in the market place and I think we are extremely effective doing that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. MONTHLY REPORT.

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Mr. Nath said, "The report on February, which is, without a doubt, year after year after year, our busiest month of the year. The shortest month also has the most events. For this year's performance, we had over 120,000 people through the doors. Twenty events, 54 individual performances, net revenues were \$378,995. Believe it or not, we were down from the same period this last year."

"Highlights for the month. Sesame Street Live, a little different this year. We did not have a weekend available so we rented Century II and we produced the show in another building. The idea

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being last year we had three shows on a Tuesday and Wednesday in our building and this year we had the opportunity to do six shows down at Century II over the weekend. The thought being that we could grow the business if we had the weekend. Unfortunately, we did the same business. Now, I don't think one show is any indication of any trend, but some of the things we ran into . . . The folks at Century II were wonderful, they were great to work with. I couldn't ask for a better landlord. They were just super. Unfortunately, they had the home show at the same time. There were some parking issues and that was the feedback that we got back from our group sales customers, that they don't want to go down town. They don't want to cross the street with their kids. They want to be able to see where they're going to. That was some of the stuff we got back from our folks. It was a good show. The kids that did go had a great time.

“Then we moved into the R.E.O. Speedwagon and Styx concert, which even surpassed the promoter's expectations. We had about 7,400 folks come to that show. They were very happy. It was a good show. We had a really good night with it. The Annual Model A Swap Meet, we estimate and since this is a free event and it takes the other three buildings, Pavilion I and II and the arena building, plus a lot of space in the parking lot, we had about 25,000 people attend the event this year.

“Then after all that, on Sunday, we had the Lipizzan Stallions in the Coliseum with about 2,400 folks in attendance. The National BMX Tournament, we've been doing this for several years now. It attracts people from about 17 states. Obviously, these kids are bulletproof. There is no way they are ever going to get hurt. They're quite athletic when they take off on their course. We had about 12,000 people come through the doors for that show.

“P.R.C.A. Rodeo, another annual event that we produce ourselves. Our attendance was down 40% this year and that is because opening night we had an ice storm and it carried on through the run. There is no way we can predict what Mother Nature is going to do with us but we had a great time with it. The Cowboy Dance was again a rousing success. This is the third year we've done the Cowboy Dance on Saturday night. It was just great.

“The Sports, Boat and Travel Show, over 16,000 people came through the doors for this show. I know the boat dealers and the R.V. dealers were very happy because they moved some product. The State High School Wrestling Tournament, over 13,000 people, they were up about 200 over

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what they did last year. Again, that is a very good annual event for us. The Equi-Fest of Kansas, excellent event, about 9,300 people through the doors. Again, they got hit with an ice storm. We've been hit about five times this year with bad weather on event days and it has really affected some of the hockey games that we've had and it affected both the Equi-Fest and the rodeo in February.

"One of the things we incorporated with the Equi-Fest is we did a retro-concession stand in our Pavilion II, a fifties style Cadillac Grill. We are now able to do a cheese steak sandwich, hamburgers, French fries. The big seller is the chicken strips. It seems to be the most popular item over there. It has worked out very well with us. This is with the concession's investment that we negotiated with Swanson when we assumed the contract two years ago.

"In the sports zone, we had over 12,000 people attend four Thunder hockey games. We had 4,389 folks attend two soccer games. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time. I know Commissioner Sciortino and I discussed trends in the industry previously, but I'd be happy to answer your questions."

Chair McGinn said, "John, on the wrestling tournament, was that just one class?"

Mr. Nath said, "No, this was State-wide. It was all the classes."

Chair McGinn said, "It had all the classes. Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. When we got our back-up, I was looking at and comparing the year 2000 to 2001 and we're down pretty dramatically in both attendance and revenue."

Mr. Nath said, "That is true. I think we are reflecting some of the hit we've taken weather-wise and we're just reflecting some of the things that are going on in the industry, nationwide, especially

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with minor league hockey. Minor league hockey is down across the board. But if you look at some statistics, what is happening with people, how they spend their leisure dollars. Domestic movie tickets are down 3%. Every minor league hockey team in the country is suffering through a decline in attendance, some of the markets as much as 44%. Now here in Wichita, the Thunder is about 10% off. Now what does that mean to us? Well that means \$50,000 in food and beverage sales and it means about \$5,000 in parking revenue that we would normally get. The NBA, which is always held up as the shining star of how to really market your product on a major league level, they're attendance is down a point and a half through January 29th. Every major league sports TV rating has taken a slide. Many of them have hit all time lows. This was last year and you're talking about major league baseball, NFL football, NBA, NHL, all of them. In fact, there was such a dramatic hit that Streets and Smiths Sports Business Journal made that the sports business story of the year, the decline in viewership.

“Some of the other things, why? I guess there are a lot of reasons. One of the things they keep on pointing to especially with the decline in viewership in major league sports is the TV channel proliferation. Average U.S. household now has 60 channels to choose from at home. In 2000, viewers receive 87,000 hours of sports coverage from 20 different networks. In 1994, they had 21,000 hours. Now '94 was right at the peak at the middle of minor league hockey's surge to popularity. So, it went up through the '90s and got all this other option out there and now it is starting to drop off. You're seeing minor league hockey starting to regroup and try to reposition itself. That is why the CHL and the Western Professional League is probably going to merge for next season.

“Some of the other things that have really dropped off, the Continental Basketball Association, which has been in existence for 60 years went bankrupt and went away this past year. There is every indication, a very strong possibility, that the International Hockey League, which is another 60- year-old league, may go away at the end of this season. That is just some of the things that are going on.

“There is a quote from Bill King, who is one of the senior sports writers from Street & Smiths. He said, 'TV ratings dipped across the board. The first leaguer network with a fix that fits the new sports audience'. Now the new sports audience is the new expectations of your customer. Folks just

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don't want to walk up and sit in a seat and then have to go wait in line to get concessions or wait in line to get in a restroom. That doesn't work any more. You've got to find some kind of a formula. We're not alone in trying to get these folks out of their homes because they've got all these choices at home that they can take care of. Whoever does that is going to win the grand prize and everybody else is going to copy them.

“There is something that I think is really interesting and almost poetic justice. On March 9th, there was an article in the Wall Street Journal called ‘Seats on the Cheap’. What we're finding is that the scalpers are taking a hit in the major league markets and it breaks my heart. But professional sports, NHL, NBA, that's become a corporate event, because of the ticket prices. Courtside for the Nix in New York is \$200. \$200 for the 80 game schedule that they do. That is pretty expensive. Joe Six-pack can't afford to do that. Unfortunately, when the businesses give a lot of their tickets away, smart people, entrepreneurs sell them to the scalpers who hang around the facilities, selling them to people who come up. People aren't buying them any more, so folks are finding out that they can get them sometimes for 60 or 80% off. The article quoted a fellow going up to a Nix game and sat center court for \$20. It is a great article. I loved it. Poetic justice. That is just some of the things that are going on right now with our industry.

“Our attendance is down across the board, especially with hockey. Every team in the league has suffered a decline in attendance. But there are some things that are bucking the trend. The Wings are up 4% over where they were last year. So, it is not universal and I think, since this is only the second month of the current year, I think with the concerts we have next month or the end of this month you're going to see some correction going on with those numbers.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “The one thing that John and I also talked about is that, and I have to compliment him on this, is the way he budgeted because he indicated that he started to see this trend back last year. He budgeted revenue-wise conservatively, so we're just about still even with this down trend on line with the way we budgeted it and I think it is important to note that we cover our total expenses with just the rental agreements that we have with these people. We make our extra money on concessions, but we have a flat rate per event for budgeting an event in, so we get our money up front and we've covered our expenses. I compliment John for seeing this trend some time ago.”

Mr. Nath said, “We actually saw this trend really start taking effect last August when the rodeo took a 20% hit in attendance, excuse me, the circus not the rodeo. We started to see the downward trend back then.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. That's all I had.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. John, on that same vein, and I'm sure you're thinking about this, we certainly want the new football franchise here to be as successful as they can possibly be. Whatever we could do to help them get off on the right foot. We can't win a football game, which seems like in this day and age if you're a winner that's a big help."

Mr. Nath said, "That's one of the main things you do to help yourself is win some games."

Commissioner Winters said, "I sure think that is going to be . . . if we can kind of couch that as a new event. I know we had an indoor team last year but they didn't do all that well. But if we can really couch this as a new event and a great league, maybe they'll be some real pluses there."

Mr. Nath said, "I think you are going to see a real difference in the way they position their product this year. They're doing absolutely everything right and they're investing some dollars in marketing, the new Stealth team. I think it is going to be exciting. In addition, Commissioners, I know this is a very, very important subject but again, I'd like to remind everybody that we do have a severe weather fair this Saturday. It is free to the public. Come out and learn about how to protect yourself from Mother Nature."

Chair McGinn said, "We talked about that this morning, but thank you for bringing that up again. Hopefully it will be very well attended."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think the Coliseum has one of the safest houses to be in, if there was a severe weather storm."

Mr. Nath said, "Well, we certainly have a big house to be in. The one concern I have is our vertical movement capability is not what it really should be. We are continually trying to look at that in our C.I.P. efforts. We need to have more ways to get folks from the upper seats down to the basement."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, John. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

H. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. ESTIMATE FROM HARVEY COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR RELOCATION OF LINES IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 837-B-2992; BRIDGE ON 127TH STREET EAST OVER WILDCAT CREEK BETWEEN 109TH AND 117TH STREETS NORTH. CIP# B-351. DISTRICT #1.**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item H-1 is the approval of an estimate from Harvey County Rural Water District No. 1 for the relocation of a water line in connection with the bridge project on 127th Street East over Wildcat Creek, between 109th and 117th Streets North, designated as B-351 in the Capital Improvement Program. The cost of the relocation will be \$2,783. The lines are in a private easement. I recommend you approve the estimate."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the estimate.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

- 2. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR MAINTENANCE OF 13TH STREET FROM ½ MILE WEST OF GREENWICH ROAD TO THE WEST LINE OF GREENWICH ROAD; CENTRAL AVENUE FROM THE EAST LINE OF ELDER AVENUE TO 585 FEET WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF GREENWICH ROAD; GREENWICH ROAD FROM ½ MILE NORTH OF CENTRAL TO ¾ MILE NORTH OF CENTRAL. DISTRICT #1.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item H-2 is an interlocal agreement between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita for the maintenance of roads bounded on each side by Raytheon. Steve Lackey and I came to this agreement as a result of the City's annexation of other roads on the east side. The roads to be maintained by Wichita listed in this agreement are: 13th Street from ½ mile west of Greenwich Road to the west line of Greenwich Road, Central from the east line of Elder Avenue to 585 feet west of the centerline of Greenwich Road, and finally Greenwich Road from ½ mile north of Central to ¾ mile north of Central. Recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, do I have a motion to approve?"

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

**I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MARCH 8, 2001
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Senior Buyer, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Minutes of the March 8th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are five items for your consideration.

**(1) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**

"Item one, bridge improvements for the Public Works Department. It was moved to accept the low bid of Dondlinger & Sons Construction for \$683,569.25.

**(2) BRIDGE TIMBERS – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item two, bridge timbers for the Public Works. It was moved to accept the low bid of Riley's Builder Supply, Incorporated for \$57,567.50.

**(3) TRANSPORT VOTING MACHINES – ELECTION COMMISSION
FUNDING: ELECTION COMMISSION**

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“Item three, transportation of voting machines for the Election Commission. It was moved to accept the proposal of 2 Guys & A Truck for \$32 per stop.

- (4) **SOFTWARE TRAINING – DISTRICT COURT COMPUTER SERVICES**
FUNDING: COURT TRUSTEE OPERATIONS

“Item four, software training for District Court. It was moved to accept the low bid of Executrain for \$13,965.

- (5) **MAIL PROCESSOR – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS – MAIL ROOM**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS – OPERATIONS

“Item five, mail processor for the Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to accept the low bid of Pitney-Bowes for \$24,066.

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- (6) **PLASTIC BRIDGE PLANKS – PUBLIC WORKS**
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

- (7) **WIRE CAGES – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS – RECORDS CENTER**
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

- (8) **NETWORK PRINTER/COPIER/SCANNER – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS – DATA CENTER**
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

“There are three items not requiring action. Item one, plastic bridge timbers for the Public Works. It was moved to reject all bids and resubmit at a later date. Item two, wire cages for the Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to table indefinitely for review. Item three, network printers for D.I.O. and 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 three, it says that J & S didn’t meet the mandatory requirements. What was that?”

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Mr. Phipps said, "In the proposal, they had asked for a plan for moving equipment and handling it and inventory control and we have a targeted time that these have to be to all the precincts and they didn't turn any paperwork in to say whether they could or could not so they made an incomplete proposal."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Once again, let's go back on three. Even though this is a minor item. When we have the potential to save some County dollars and we notice that one applicant, while being very attractive price wise omitted or forgot things, do we have a mechanism in place where we can call him and say we notice you didn't fill in slot 'a' tab 'b' and we just wondered if that was an oversight on you or because it isn't filled out somebody just automatically throws that one out with no further consideration."

Mr. Phipps said, "We do ask the guidelines for proposal and it was more than just one item in the proposal that they did not address. Yes, we considered it as an incomplete proposal and they have contacted the vendor. Marilyn Chapman had visited with him and they didn't feel like this company was apropos for this situation with the delivery."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, it might be helpful to hear from Marilyn. This company doesn't have a truck, doesn't have employees, doesn't have a plan, doesn't have an office but maybe she can explain that better."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I don't need Marilyn on this particular item. I was just being generic in, when a bid is rejected but not all the other reasons why we wouldn't want this company to get the bid. Just a bid is rejected and there is one item, what is the criteria for rejecting the bid or do we at least make an honest attempt to contact the person, prior to accepting or rejecting his bid, to see if he could respond to this question."

Mr. Phipps said, "Yes, we do that. We do contact the client."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That was my question. That's fine."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and

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Contracts.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. Three Easements for Right-of-Way and three Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 789-V-2518; Bridge on 247th Street West between 47th and 55th Streets South. CIP# B-347. District #3.
- b. Two Easements for Right-of-Way and two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 837-B-2992; 127th Street East between 109th and 117th Streets North. CIP# B-351. District #1.
- c. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 817-B-1236; Meridian between 109th and 117th Streets North. CIP# B-424. District #4.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

Contract	Rent	District
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<u>Number</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V01041	\$600.00	4	Greg Scott
V01042	\$290.00		Curtis Lill
V01043	\$373.00	5	Cottage Grove

- 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>
V99022	\$109.00	\$183.00
V2037	\$565.00	\$305.00
V99021	\$223.00	\$223.00
V99024	\$192.00	\$186.00

- 4. 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:

Downs' Country Estates Addition

- 5. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>d/b/a</u>
Mark Sroufe	Lake Afton Bait Shop

- 6. Contract with Wilbur F. Just for Sedgwick County to purchase property under the flood buyback program.**
- 7. Kansas Department of Corrections Budget Transfer.**
- 8. Order dated March 7, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

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- 9. Payroll Check Registers of February 28, 2001 and March 2, 2001.**
- 10. General Bills Check Register of March 9, 2001.**
- 11. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have before you the Consent agenda and I would request your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

K. OTHER

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, is there any other business to come before this Board? If not, this meeting is adjourned."

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:25

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a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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BEN SCIORTINO, Chairman Pro Tem
Fifth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
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Second District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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