

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 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, April 18, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Director, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Jo Templin, Human Resources; Ms. Kim Parker, Deputy District Attorney; Ms. Conne Dillon, Administrative Assistant, Sedgwick County Zoo; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director, Community Health Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Pat Thomas, Social Studies Teacher, Valley Center High School.
Mr. Larry Oyer, Bethany Baptist Church.
Mr. Daniel Oropesa, Member, Sedgwick County Council on Aging Board.
Ms. Betsy Kelly, Member, Sedgwick County Council on Aging Board.
Mr. Theron Black, Member, Sedgwick County Council on Aging Board.
Ms. Xavia H. Howard, Member, Sedgwick County Council on Aging Board.
Mr. Carl Galler, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board.
Ms. Raye Lea Beardslee, Volunteer, DUI Victims Center.
Mr. Tom Cherch, C.E.O., Catholic Care Center.
Mr. Ken Cox, Member, Suicide Prevention Task Force.
Dr. Jessie Tyson, Member, Suicide Prevention Task Force.
Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Council, Gilmore & Bell P.C.
Mr. Steve Lackey, Director, City of Wichita Public Works.
Mr. Tom Cherch, Director, Catholic Care Center.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Rabbi Pincus Aloof of the Ahdvath Achim Hebrew Congregation.

FLAG SALUTE

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ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, March 14, 2001.**
 Regular Meeting, March 21, 2001.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Gwin was absent at the Regular Meeting of March 14th and Commissioner Winters was absent at the Regular Meeting of March 21st, 2001.

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 March 14th, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on the March 21st, 2001 Minutes?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21st, 2001.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

A. INTRODUCTION OF TWO TEACHERS AND FIVE STUDENTS FROM VALLEY CENTER, KANSAS, WHO WILL BE VISITING LYCEUM #9 IN ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN ON MAY 13, 2001.

Chair McGinn said, "Mr. Thomas, would you please come forward? This is the second year that you've been here. This is an exciting program that you do there in Valley Center. You're one of the few who have been chosen to have the opportunity to do this. So, if you would share with our audience about the program a little bit and then we'd love for you to introduce the students who are here that are going to Kazakhstan."

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Pat Thomas, Social Studies Teacher, Valley Center High School, greeted the Commissioners

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and said, "It's my pleasure to be here. Just an update on the Kansas to Kazakhstan Program Commissioners. Last year, we were here and we were embarking upon our first trip. We took students to Astana, Kazakhstan, as you see on the map on the screen or on the overhead. We're going to fly to the city of Almaty, which is in the southeastern part of the country. Then the students and I will take a train ride for 21 hours to the town of Astana, which is now the present capital. It has been the capital for the last three years. If you want to know where Kazakhstan is, go to the border between North Dakota and Canada and go half way around the world and that's where Kazakhstan is. It is the ninth largest country in the world today. It is one of the former Soviet republics.

"The idea of our program is to share ourselves with these former Soviet republics. They want to learn English. They want to learn more about democracy and Valley Center High School is one of 28 schools that have been picked, nationwide, to participate in this program. Last fall, we brought ten students and a teacher from Kazakhstan to here and we introduced them to the Commission. They had a great time and we were the first school in the nation to conclude both sides of the trip, both going there and having them come here. We were asked to go again this year.

"This year's program, we will talk about propaganda. Those of you in the audience who are my age remember that during the fifties and sixties we had the bomb drills and all that and created the bomb shelters. They were given propaganda about us the same way we were given propaganda about them. So, our students are going to address those issues. What were the lies that we were told over the lies that they were told about our two countries, so that we can have a better understanding of each other.

"We're also going to help them set up a student government. They do not have that in their schools at the present time. We will tour. We will be introduced to key leaders and officials in the capital city of Astana. The group that I'm taking this year includes myself, Brenda Cowen will be our co-person that is going to go, Angelina Day, Andrea Milinari, and Delana McPheron. Melissa Allison was also going with us. She had testing today and since we're going to get out of school about a week and a half early, we're trying to limit the amount of time that we're spending out of the classroom at this time. We'll leave the 13th of May, on Mother's Day, and come back the 9th of June. So we'll be gone almost a month there."

Chair McGinn said, "It looks like you've got a little smaller group this year."

Mr. Thomas said, "We had a little bit smaller group this year, too many things going on. The economy had a little bit to do with it. It is costing the students a thousand dollars apiece to go. The economy, I think, has had some to do with it, but we still have a good interest and the State Department is still willing to help us in going."

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Chair McGinn said, "I think it is interesting the point you brought up about the rumors about the bomb shelters and those kinds of things that they hear about us and vice versa. Learning about how maybe that is not all so true, in light of what happened here recently here with our service men and women who had to land in China. We heard our side of the story and then we got to hear the media's side of the story over there. So, I think it helps students understand that perhaps there is more to the story than perhaps what we just hear here at home. I find that very interesting. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I was here last year when you brought the students over and it was very interesting. It think it is a tremendous opportunity for our students to share with them what democracy is all about and if they're a fledgling democracy. I am curious, what exact lies did our country tell us? I was living there and I don't remember any lies."

Mr. Thomas said, "As a history teacher and growing up during that time, we were always going to be bombed. Our leaders were always preparing us that we were going to be bombed. They were told that we were going to do the same thing to them. Now, were we really going to bomb them? That wasn't the idea of the stalemate of the cold war. So, the idea for our students is to compare what we were told and what they were told, so that we can see that the people really didn't want to do anything to each other. The idea that our two different philosophies that were going on in the government at that time were kind at odds and the people really weren't at odds. These students will go and find out that the people over there live lives just like we do. They have homes, they have animals, they go to church, all these types of things. We didn't think of them in that way, at least when I was being brought up, we were taught that they were out there trying to take over the world. They were taught that we were trying to take over the world and maybe neither one were the exact idea of what the governments were trying to do at that time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Do any of the students want to make any comments? Not yet."

Mr. Thomas said, "This group here, they said they're a talkative group but they said 'Don't make us talk'."

Chair McGinn said, "That may change. You will come back in the fall, right? Last year, the students didn't have much to say either before they left but when they came back they had a lot to offer. It was very interesting to hear their stories. Before you leave, in our lobby in the Commission Office are the gifts that were given to us from the students from Kazakhstan last year. We are going to eventually get those into some kind of a cabinet, but we're still working on that. You might want to look at some of those items before you leave."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is Lyceum a school?"

Mr. Thomas said, "A Lyceum is much like our magnet school. The students have to be selected to go there. This school works in business and language and the humanities. So we will be going in and the students will be attending classes that are taught in English. The idea is that they will interact with their students speaking English."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You mentioned and I forgot, how long will the students be over there?"

Mr. Thomas said, "We will leave the 13th. We will get into Astana on the morning of the 16th and we will leave there the 7th of June and come home the 9th."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just enough time for jet lag to be over and then you have to start all over again."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, we've got enough time for jet lag. The interesting part is the flight over. We have a 4 ½ hour layover in Frankfurt and then climb on the plane, get in about 10:30 at night there. We'll probably get to the hotel about midnight and then be on the train by noon the next day. Their trains, Commissioner Norton, are interesting to ride."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I've taken that trip and I can't wait for you to have that train ride. It is really a nice, interesting experience."

Chair McGinn said, "He's been on it. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm interested that the students are going to talk about the ways we thought we were different way back when and then probably the ways we were so much more alike than any of us ever realized. As Commissioner Sciortino pointed out, when I was in grade school, we had periodic air raid warnings where we would assume the positions to supposedly protect ourselves from the Red Menace. My school was one of the few that I've been able to find where we were issued dog tags, as soldiers were, so that when the bomb came, as we were all told, that they'd be able to identify these poor little leftover children. I've not

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found very many schools that were issued dog tags. We wore dog tags. We didn't have uniforms, but we were expected to wear them and we did. So, all the time we were taught about our differences, we assumed that was the case. We assumed we were about to be taken by some horrible threat. Over time then, I think what the students will discover is that people, philosophies may differ, but people are generally the same. So, I am real interested in hearing the contrasts and comparisons when the kids come back."

Mr. Thomas said, "The key point about Kazakhstan, it still is the home of their space agency. Kazakhstan was also their nuclear test area for the Soviet Union. So, they had a lot of reason to worry as much as we did."

Commissioner Gwin said, "said, "I look forward to your comments when you get back. We're not going to let you be quiet when you come back. You're going to have to tell us what you experienced. Have a great time and represent us well."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here today. I want to thank the students for taking the time out of school today to come down here. I'm sure that is where they would rather have been, back at school."

Mr. Thomas said, "I'm sure all of them would agree with that. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you very much. We'll see you this fall. Clerk, call the next item please."

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

B. APPLICATION BY BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON 117TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 183RD AND 231ST STREETS WEST. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Department of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item B is an Agreement with Bethany Baptist Church for the Sedgwick

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County Adopt A Highway program. They will be responsible for cleanup of 117th Street North, between 183rd and 231st Streets West. They are represented here today by Mr. Larry Oyer, who also happens to be, I am told, Jo Templin's dad. I recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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

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

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

Mr. Larry Oyer, Member, Bethany Baptist Church, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well, we're way off out there in the country and we sometimes don't think anybody knows we're there. But the other day we had a hole develop in a culvert and I turned that in and in just a couple of days we had a brand new culvert. I want to thank whoever is responsible for that. It is a joy to adopt a section of highway in and around our building there and we look forward to a lot of fun and clean up our County and make it attractive."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. I had to think real hard when I looked at the address if there was even a paved road out there. Then I remembered your church. That's how we get to Burrton, I think, and Mount Hope. Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please."

APPOINTMENTS

C. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS.

1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIEL OROPESA (COMMISSIONER

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**WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COUNCIL
ON AGING BOARD.**

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a 15 member board and this is a new appointment to that board. It is for a four year term and we've prepared a Resolution for that. It is in proper form and I recommend that you adopt it."

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

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

Chair McGinn said, "Is Mr. Oropesa here today? Next item."

**2. RESOLUTIONS (THREE) APPOINTING BETSY KELLY, THERON
BLACK AND XAVIA H. HOWARD (COMMISSIONER NORTON'S
APOPINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we prepared a Resolution for this one appointment and two reappointments this the board and I would recommend you adopt it."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I think all three of them are here too, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Would you please come forward and we'll get you sworn in."

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand. I'll read the oath and at the end you say I do .

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

Ms. Betsy Kelly, Mr. Daniel Oropesa, Mr. Theron Black and Ms. Xavia Howard responded, "I do."

Chair McGinn said, "Would anybody like to make any comments?"

Mr. Theron Black, Member, Sedgwick County Council on Aging Board said, "Commissioners, as Chairman of the Council, I personally want to invite you to come to one of our meetings. I've asked Tim to come. There have been things that interfered. There are some things that we would like to discuss with you and we'd appreciate it if you would appear at one of our meetings and I'll try to give you the time and place where that would happen. We appreciate everything you've done to support us in the past and we're looking forward for support on what we have come up with for our allocations for this year. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

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Mr. Daniel Oropesa, Member, Sedgwick County Council on Aging said, "I've been involved for years relating to senior citizens. Waco-Phin Council were the ones that approved Meals on Wheels way back when. We were the ones that took the position on that. Certainly we have concerns. My concern is that 2120, our population of senior citizens is supposed to grow up to 17,700,000. Secondly is we all have opinions. My opinion is that community centers of the elderly should be a resource center instead of them going up all over Wichita. Decentralize some of the main institutions. I feel that institutions and government can not provide some of the solutions necessary. In the coming years we are going to experience an explosion, not only of senior citizens. We have today 53,000,000 handicapped people. We look at the resource availability and it is not there. I believe in quality control and efficiency. I have set on a lot of boards.

"When I was asked to serve on this panel, whatever it is called, I put my cards on the table. I fully support senior citizens with all resources and to improve the quality of life for our senior citizens. If we don't preplan today, it will be a tragedy tomorrow. So, you have the option to do this. Whether you do it or not is up to you. I've been other states. Believe me, they're ahead of us. I think your agenda should include priority for the senior citizens. There are many problems and the only way we are going to solve them is at the community level. You'll never solve them in institutions or government. If you remember the programs in the past was to decentralize the institutions to provide solutions to people. They're intelligent. They can make decisions. I hope you will take this seriously. If we don't provide solutions today, we'll pay tomorrow. That is all I have got to say. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you very much. We appreciate your comments. I want to say thank you for taking time out to serve on the board. You are correct in saying sometimes we don't often get over there and we need to. So we will make a very good effort to get over there and listen to you. We do receive the Minutes and we do read those over, as well. I also want to say thank you for the help that we receive from the Aging Committee because they also help us at the state level. There is quite a few of them that are very active that go up to the state legislature and help them understand the needs so that we can bring some of the state dollars home for our senior citizens. We have a question or comment from another Commissioner. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Just really a comment. I think I really applaud this group for working on the issue of aging. As I move into that category, as a baby boomer, I hope that they're really good stewards of what is going to happen in that venue over the

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next 20 years because I think it is going to be critical. The population is aging and it is going to be important to Sedgwick County to take care of that population. I applaud you for volunteering and putting in your efforts to make sure that population has a voice not only in Sedgwick County but in Topeka also. Thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please.”

3. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) APPOINTING CARL GALLER AND HARRIETT GRIFFITH (COMMISSIONER NORTON’S APOINTMENTS) TO THE COMCARE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is also a 15 member board having two-year appointments. These are both reappointments to this board and I would recommend you adopt the Resolution.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Commissioner Norton said, “I know Carl is here.”

Chair McGinn said, “Please come forward.”

Mr. Brace, County Clerk, said, “Raise your right hand.

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“I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of COMCARE of Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, so help me God.”

Mr. Carl Galler Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board said, “I do.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you very much for serving on this board. Clerk, call the next item please.”

PROCLAMATIONS

D. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22, 2001 AS ‘EARTH DAY’.

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, I have a couple of Proclamations here and the first one is on Earth Day. How appropriate, because we do have Boeing Earth Day going on at this time. As I shared earlier, I believe it is at Century II. A great event, very fascinating to see the different groups that happen to participate in everything from environmental organizations to agricultural organizations, governing bodies and that type of thing. So, there is just a great deal of activities over there that we can all learn from to preserve our environment. I will read this Proclamation into the record.

PROCLATION

“WHEREAS, people from around the world will join together in observation of Earth Day 2001 on Sunday, April 22, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day has been celebrated since April 22, 1970 when Americans first saw a need to gather together and encourage a healthy sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, communities can do many things to preserve the environment by addressing issues like energy use, transportation, waste reduction, and water use; and

WHEREAS, local government should strive to be a role model for the communities it serves by exemplifying leadership in the conservation of natural resources and waste reduction practices; and

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WHEREAS, the practices of reducing, reusing and recycling materials of every kind has become a vital practice in our lives and will continue to be important in the future; and

WHEREAS, as a workplace, Sedgwick County emphasizes the importance of recycling materials like office paper, aluminum, cardboard, newsprint, computer printer cartridges, greeting cards and plastic drink bottles.

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County Government endeavors to be a good steward of our natural resources and to make waste reduction a priority; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2001 as

‘EARTH DAY’

in Sedgwick County, and will observe Earth Day as an organization on Friday, April 20, 2001.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Chair McGinn said, "We have Kathy Sexton here, the head of our Waste Minimization Team to share some information."

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Director, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you Commissioner. I am pleased to accept this Proclamation. I have with me some of the other members of the Waste Minimization Team that I'd like to introduce them all today. As you mentioned, I Chair the team and also Tom Winters, County Commissioner, is on our team. Allison Ohlman is on the team and also leads our public relations and communications effort and she is doing a great job. Joycelyn Wilson is here from our Finance Department, who is helping with our purchasing issues. As you know, one of the issues is do we purchase recycled items, that type of thing. Joycelyn is really helping a lot with that. Amy Riley is here from the Appraiser's Office. Amy is also on the team and a very key member. Carol Flower from COMCARE. The team is a group of volunteer County employees who are taking their time out of their otherwise busy days and helping with coordinating some of our efforts. We have many other members, several other members who aren't here today, but I would like to say that Caroline Hosford and Jo Sanders with our Environmental Resources Department are also key members of the team and they're not here because they are over at Century II at the Boeing Earth Day passing out these little recycling starter kits for your home which they have put together, I think, thousands of these little packets which are some bags donated by Dillons Company and some other items in there to help a family at home just start recycling. We'll have some of these available Friday at our County employee recycling Earth Day event as well.

"I would also like to recognize some of the other members of our team who weren't able to be here today. Cindy Anthony from Fleet Management and Susan Mulzan from Emergency Management, Ron Marsh from Public Works is one of our key members, and Bob Neier from the Extension Service. Bob, this is what he does everyday, so he is a real good key resource for us in helping our efforts, and Karen Turner from the Housing Department. I think I've mentioned them all. I would say our key goal is to help Sedgwick County government, as an organization and the 2,800 some employees that we have and that we support in the District Court, state employees, that we can help us, as an organization, be a leader in recycling efforts.

"You mentioned many of the recycling efforts that we do. Our current new program that we're starting is plastic pop bottle recycling. So that is the one we're starting to get off the ground right now and you'll hear more about that on Friday at that program.

"I would also note that of all these things that we recycle, last year, the year 2000, we recycled 129,000 pounds of paper, cardboard, newspaper, and aluminum. That was a huge increase from 1999's number of 82,000 pounds. So, that was over 50% increase. I'm real pleased and proud that our County employees are pitching in in this effort. Thank you very much for the Proclamation."

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Chair McGinn said, “Thank you Kathy for doing this and heading this up. I know you started this about two years ago. I sat on that in the beginning and it was interesting to me the participation from the employees and how much they wanted to contribute and the ideas that they shared of the different departments. One of the things we found out is that some of the departments were already doing certain things and so how can we work together to improve the numbers a great deal. So when you said you’d improved that amount, you almost didn’t have a full year and it just shows how much improvement you’ve made over time in informing people of different ways we can do things. It is really not hard to reduce waste and recycle, it is just a matter of we have to do things a little bit differently.”

Ms. Sexton said, “Yes, thank you Commissioner for saying that. The County was recycling some items like office paper before our efforts started two years ago, but the communication and the ability for everybody in one department or one building knowing what someone else is doing and they can share information. So one of the key things we’ve done is we have established a building coordinator for every County building that we have or in a building the size of the courthouse, one for every floor and that type of thing. That person is the keeper of the information and can distribute some of the flyers telling people here’s how you recycle your cans or the boxes that you recycle your paper in, that type of thing.”

Chair McGinn said, “I don’t know, you may have said it earlier, who had the great idea about Fridays again?”

Ms. Sexton said, “I think it was a group effort. I’m looking at Allison here. Allison is public relations and communications team of our waste minimization team had that idea and I think a lot of people pitched in efforts for that. I hope that will be a good event on Friday.”

Chair McGinn said, “I think that is a super idea. I think of all the amount of material that flows through our offices and then I open my middle drawer and I thought that was a good place to start. So, I may be contributing some items here before long. Again, thank you. I think it is very important. As we move forward with our new program and when we ask the public to reduce, reuse and recycle, I think it starts in our own house and we need to be examples for them as well. Thank you very much. Next item please.”

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22-28, 2001 AS ‘KANSAS CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK.’

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Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, I have the Kansas Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation that I'd like to read into the record.

PROCLATATION

WHEREAS, one violent crime is committed in America every 19 seconds, 36.8 million Americans are victimized in the United States each year and of those, 9.1 million are victims of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice; and

WHEREAS, law-abiding citizens are no less deserving of justice, rights, resources, restoration and rehabilitation than the violent offenders who victimize them; and

WHEREAS, crime victims and their advocates over the past two decades have made unparalleled progress toward balancing the scales of justice in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, as a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must increase its efforts to protect, restore and expand crime victims'; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from all walks of life are joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas and America to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the April 22 – 28, 2001 as

'KANSAS CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK'

in Sedgwick County, and recognize Raye Lea Beardslee, a tireless volunteer from the DUI Victim Center of Kansas since 1998.

"Commissioners, do I have a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Today we have Kim Parker.”

Ms. Kim Parker, Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney’s Office, said, “I am honored to be here and to accept this Proclamation. Of course, from the Proclamation, it is very clear that the numbers are staggering and the need for justice on behalf of victims whose spirits and hearts and bodies have been broken by acts of crime. We are honored to be here and acknowledge an individual, Raye Lea Beardslee, who has done important work, dedicated her free time and numerous hours on behalf of victims, the support that is so necessary so that all of us remember victims of crimes, stand up for them and stand by them as she has done. Thank you very much.”

Ms. Raye Lea Beardslee, Volunteer, DUI Victims Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am very humbled to be selected for this. I need to thank the DUI Victims Center for nominating me. I would like to thank the Sedgwick County District Attorney’s Office for picking me from all the many volunteers that probably are a lot more worthy than I am. I would like to accept this in the memory of my daughter, Kelly, and in remembrance of crime victims everywhere, and on behalf of all volunteers who devote so many hours of their free time to try to help people. I might also put in a plea that if you are a crime victim, you might get in touch with any of these organizations because we can always use volunteers and it is a very healing and rewarding experience. Thank you again very much.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here today. We appreciate the work that you do as well. I know as far as DUIs and accidents like that in our community, I am sure there are many of us out there who have been touched somehow and hurt through either a friend or relative of that kind of crime. I know families have to work through a lot of those issues and we appreciate the work that you do and the help that you provide. Kim, thank you and your department and Nola for the work that you guys do, as far as promoting this issue as far as being very important. And again, Sunday . . ."

Ms. Parker said, "I'd like to, if I might, highlight some of the events that are upcoming this week that the citizens of this County can be involved with. Friday night, April 20, between seven and nine is the 'Take Back the Night' annual march. It is actually the 13th annual march. It begins at the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center and ends at 355 North Waco. Following that there is a survivor art exhibit. On April 22, on Sunday, from one to four, the District Attorney, Nola Foulston, will be at Towne East with other Sedgwick County law enforcement agencies as well as many victim service agencies, including the Y.W.C.A. Women's Crisis Center, Parents of Murdered Children, Catholic Charities Harbor House, Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center, DUI Victims' Center, Step Stone, and Three Trees Grieving Center, representatives from the Fraternal Order of Police Kid Care Program will also be on hand to fingerprint children. At 2:00 p.m., there will be a media conference where Nola Foulston, the District Attorney will be unveiling her new victim's poster for this year. Then following, on Monday, April 23, between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m., there is a 'Power of Art' exhibit at the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center. On April 24, Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m., will be the balloon launch and memorial service, sponsored by the Parents of Murdered Children at 777 West Central. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

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E. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.

**1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO MARY ANN STEEL,
FISCAL ASSISTANT, TREASURER'S OFFICE.**

Ms. Jo Templin, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are here to recognize two long term employees of Sedgwick County and wish them well in their future endeavors as they retire. The first, Mary Ann Steel, who is a Fiscal Assistant with the Treasurer's Office, will retire May 1, 2001 after 29 years of service. Mary Ann was hired on December 1, 1971. She plans to spend time with her husband, daughter Jan of Goddard, son Darren of Branson, Missouri, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren and three great-grandsons. She plans to do some traveling. She collects birdhouses and they are planning to build a house on Bull Shoals Lake.

"Mary Ann started under the court system with delinquent personal taxes and then, when it was combined with the Treasurer's Office, remained in that tax department. She describes her period of employment with Sedgwick County as a very learning experience about government and the public. She has seen a lot of changes around the courthouse in the last 30 years. Mary Ann is joined today by her husband and many of the staff and management of the Treasurer's Office. Congratulations, Mary."

Chair McGinn said, "Mary Ann, on behalf of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, we want to give you this nice crystal clock in memory of all the years that you've served us here in Sedgwick County. I think more important than this clock though is probably the memories of being here. We're certainly very grateful that you've served our community very well. Personally, I want to say that I don't know you very well, I've only been here two years, but I see you're building a house at Bull Shoals in Missouri, so I'd be happy to spend more time with you. We thank you very much for all the years you've given us here at Sedgwick County."

**2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO CONNE DILLON,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO.**

Ms. Templin said, "Another very long term employee is leaving us through retirement, Conne

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Dillon. Conne has served as Administrative Assistance with the Sedgwick County Zoo. She will retire May 1, 2001 after 26 years of service. Conne was hired on May 16, 1974. Conne is a fifth-generation native of Sedgwick County and has many relatives and friends in this area. She said they became instant goofy grandparents when their first grandchild, a girl, was born last July. Conne plans to spend more time gardening, her therapy over the years, and has developed some beautiful gardens on her property.

“Their computer keeps busy and in touch with friends by E-mail, research for travels they plan to do, bid on E-bay and play addictive computer games. Conne has always worked at the Zoo and she describes her period of employment as being lucky to be part of a focused growth and improvement department internally and externally and the services they provide to Sedgwick County and its citizens. Conne also says that she tells people that the best part of the Zoo are the people who work there. I don’t know what the animals are doing today, but there are lots of people from the Zoo here today. Thank you for being here to congratulate Conne. I know that the Director, Mark Reed is here and many many employees of the Zoo and we thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Connie, on behalf of Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners, we thank you for all that you’ve done and all you’re work. I know you worked hard over the years. I have to say, it looks like you had a pretty fun job too. You think about if you ever get stressed out in the office, I guess you’ve got a great place to go for a walk. Also, looking at the number of years you’ve been there, you’ve seen a lot of changes. I know it is because of the employees, our director, and people like you that made our Sedgwick County Zoo the best it can be. I keep hearing it is one of the top ten in the nation. It is because of you that helped us get there. We wish you the best on your retirement with your grandchild. I’m sure you will be back to the Zoo to visit and your friends as well. Thank you very much.”

Ms. Connie Dillon said, “I just wanted to say one quick thing. A few years ago, first of all, thank you for being here, all my friends. A few years ago, I wrote some annual reports for the Zoo. Something I wrote in one of them reminds me so much, not just of the Zoo employees, but every single County department. I want to read this quick paragraph. ‘We all share our frustrations, achievements, disappointments, innovations and hard work. The glue that binds our diverse partnership together is commitment. Commitment to now, commitment to tomorrow, for we all know that each project brings another. Each addition is not an enhancement of what is but the foundation of what will be.’ I have great pride in my heart for being a part of the process. Thank you.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

F. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CATHOLIC CARE CENTER, INC.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today you will be considering a request from the Catholic Care Center for a resolution of intent to issue \$15,000,000 in health care revenue bonds. This issue will fund the planned expansion of the 178 bed nursing center in Bel Aire. Tom Cherch, the C.E.O. of Catholic Care is here to tell you more about the project."

Mr. Tom Cherch, C.E.O., Catholic Care Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Catholic Care Center is planning an expansion to add to its current skilled nursing facility. The current facility is a 178 bed nursing facility, the largest in Sedgwick County. We propose to add a 100 unit assisted-living center, which would be comprised of 60 assisted-living units and 40 units for memory care. You heard earlier this morning, one of the members on the council on aging saying there is a need to plan for the future. We've been doing that. We request your support to enable us to do that."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, " said, "Before we open the public hearing, I appreciate your being here this morning. I would remind you that Sedgwick County has been very supportive of your efforts. It is a terrific facility, by the way. I think, gosh I don't know how many years ago it was, we were able to put together a partnership to assure that 45th Street would be paved for ingress and egress to the facility. At that time, I think it was a dirt road and not very conducive to what you had there, but remind you all that we've been supportive of the facility and I'm certainly going to be supportive of your request. Thank you Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. I appreciate your vision and I agree with Mr. Oropesa earlier today. We do need to plan for the future. I notice you have the assisted living wing and I think how far we've come, here in the last ten, fifteen years. There was a time where we only had a certain

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type of housing for the elderly and not all of them fit that mold. Many of them still wanted their independence and that type of thing but they just needed a certain level of care. I think it is great that we're building more and more of these assisted living units. I think you have an excellent facility out there as well and I'm going to be supportive of this as well.

"Commissioners, I guess we need to open the public hearing first. Is there anyone here today who would like to speak to this item? Is there anyone here who would like to speak to this item? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing and leave comment to the bench."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here today. Next item please."

DEFERRED ITEM

G. CREATION OF A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Jerry Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "A few weeks ago, the County Manager asked me to get with David Spears and look at the possibility of putting together a proposal that would create a Storm Water Management Department. As you are aware, this was a passionate issue of former Commissioner Hancock for several years. I think Commissioner McGinn had been on the bench about six months or maybe a little longer when we did a zoning case up at 37th and Ridge Road. She asked a pretty telling question, 'Well, we understand what this does to this immediate area, but how does it affect the drainage basin. That is one of the things we do real well on a project by project basis, but with looking at the cumulative impact of the projects has not been a direct focus of staff in any of the function of Public Works.

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“David Spears and I got together and talked about all the things we do with water in Sedgwick County. One of the things we’ve done recently is complete a series of drainage basin studies down in the southeast part of Sedgwick County. We’re also currently involved in a drainage basin study with the City of Wichita in the northwest part of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Through these drainage basin studies we can begin now to answer the question of what does this mean to the basin? What is the cumulative effect of development?”

“We also do the flood plain management program. It has to do with mapping. It has to do with getting your permits. Making sure on your building permit that you’re out of the flood plain. Review plats. You adopted a backyard drainage policy a couple of years ago. We manage that program. Site-grading permits, coordination with the City County flood control so that what we’re doing what they’re doing tied together and makes sense. Of course, stream maintenance is a function we do. N.P.D.E.S. Phase II, David, give me what the acronym means please.”

Mr. Spears said, “I believe it stands for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System.”

Mr. Harrison said, “Thank you. This program is going to be new to us. We’ve not been under the Phase I process of implementation of this program. The City of Wichita and other cities have. It is now going to be required and incumbent upon us to administer this program in the unincorporated areas. This could wind up being a substantial new program for us to undertake.

“We also currently assist in the Division of Water Resources and Corps of Engineer permits. We do the drainage plans for road projects. Again, there is an example of where we get very specific about the project and don’t talk about the whole basin impact. We do culvert sizing for County roads, township roads. The south Sedgwick County is one of the drainage basin studies. We do special projects on spot issues, discharges into the storm water system for groundwater cleanup, street drainage, special assessment, standing water. Then we would do more coordination than we’re doing currently with all of these agencies.

“In looking at the creation of this department, we looked at this list and said ‘Okay, these are the things this department would be responsible for. What does it take to get this done?’ We talked

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about staffing of this department at some length and finally decided that we would need a director of the department, an engineer with expertise in the surface-water issues. The current flood plain technicians that are in Public Works, that function would move to this department, and clerical support. We then developed a budget for the remainder of this year and for 2002. Anticipated expenditures are approximately \$261,000 this year and \$491,000 in 2002.

“Now we got into a discussion of how we were going to take care of funding all of that and David Spears has volunteered for Public Works to carry the staffing load for the remainder of this year of \$188,500 and the remaining approximately \$80,000 would have to come out of County contingency or reserve funds that may be available this year as identified by the Finance Department. The department would then compete in the budget process for 2002, as do all departments, and that is a process that is currently under way. This would allow us to have people whose job is, when they come in every day, is to pay attention to surface water and we’re doing that in some cases very well and other cases we could do better. This will give us a core group of individuals that this is their job. I’m not sure that is going to mitigate any of the things we’ve already done in the past but it may help us mitigate surface water issues in the future. We would recommend your approval of the creation of this department and addition of these positions to the staffing table.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, we have some questions. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Jerry, explain to me again now, are these five individuals presently working for the County?”

Mr. Harrison said, “Four of the five are. David’s intent is, unless and until the load and demand requires it, that the clerical position would remain vacant.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, four people are presently working for Public Works and they’re doing this and they’re going to be assigned now to this department to continue doing . . .”

Mr. Harrison said, “Two of these people are presently working for Public Works.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm sorry, what departments are the other two coming from?"

Mr. Harrison said, "Two of these people are in transition from the Sewer District sale."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I see. And then the administrative assistant is not going to be filled."

Mr. Harrison said, "It is currently vacant and David's desire would be to keep it vacant, as long as he can handle the support in another fashion. When the support gets to a level that he needs to fill that then he would fill that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. Then the proposed operating cost of \$261,000, does that exclude the salary for the administrative assistant?"

Mr. Harrison said, "No, this budget was developed before David made the decision to keep that vacant. These are the gross salaries. It will actually go down from here, as long as that position is vacant."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That would mean less pressure on the general fund until that was filled. I think I'm going to be definitely supportive of this. I know, in the past, we've done it kind of on a catch as catch can basis and, as it says in the backup, it will give the citizens a centralized focal point if they have a complaint of where to go to for it. I really do appreciate the mission statement and I think it is worthy of reading. It says here, the mission statement of the Storm Water Management Department is to enhance public safety and property values by minimizing property damage from flooding and erosion, protection of storm water quality and enforcement of local regulations in compliance with federal and state law. I think it's going to have a good position within our overall County services that we provide and I will be supportive of this. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. As I moved into this position, I was handed the baton from Commissioner Hancock. That baton had to do with water and drainage. So I, obviously, will be very supportive of this.

"Probably 80% to 90% of the phone calls I get in my district, individual phone calls, have to do with drainage, ground water problems, storm-water run off problems in the south part of the County. I think this is a real step forward for the County, very forward-thinking to be working on

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drainage, groundwater, surface-water problems, not only in the south side but around the County. As we move forward and become more urban, put in more parking lots and more roof tops, there is going to continue to be water moving out towards the south side and other parts of the County. I applaud us for moving forward and I will be supportive.

“As I talk to Council Member Pisciotte earlier in the week, we discussed drainage and that we were creating this department. He hadn’t heard that. I would urge us to be sure that we let our partners at the City know kind of what we’re doing with drainage and with our creating this department and that we want to work in orchestration with their departments on storm-water control wherever we can. I think it would be prudent for us to make sure that they know what we’re doing with drainage and water problems, too. Thanks.”

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

Commissioner Gwin said, “ said, “Thank you. Just real quickly, we’ve seen over the years that there are spot problems and spot concerns that we’ve all discussed as they’ve come before us. I think what we’ve learned is that those then become system-wide problems. Water won’t stay where you want it to stay and it goes where it darn well pleases and creates a bigger problem than we ever saw. As Jerry said, if we take off the blinders and look beyond individual plats or subdivisions and look at the cumulative impact of drainage plans, we will be able to solve some of these problems. So, system-wide solutions are something that we need to address. I think this department will do that. I’ll be very supportive.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. My goal is, of course, because I receive the water from the north, is to see how best I can funnel that to Tim’s district. We have two rivers that come together and tributaries that come into the Little Ark. I have many of the same challenges that Tim has. And, we live in a river basin area so we are always going to have those challenges. As Jerry said the other day, this community chose to live in a river basin area. That can be a very good thing, it’s just that we have different management type of problems.

“I’d like to say that, in the past, the County has not been involved in these types of things other than drainage for roads and those types of things. We’re seeing a change in our society and philosophies and charges from people that they want better water quality. They want drainage plans and planning from a larger picture. That is a watershed. It was very interesting to me, when I first came on the bench, that we plan right now plat by plat. So we don’t ever look at the big picture. So that often includes other communities and so we need to work together there.

“Then I’d also like to say, I think this is just the beginning steps that we’re taking. I don’t want the public or anybody to think we’re going to solve all the problems overnight. I think it is a very

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good, honest first step in addressing these types of things that people have asked us to do over time.

We heard in the Comprehensive Plan we want a little bit of different kind of planning and I think we're doing it. The County also hasn't had to deal with storm water and Phase II storm water planning and that type of thing, N.P.D.E.S., those things are coming into play and we will have to. So, I think we're just gearing up and getting ready for that. The T.M.D.L. process, we already have a guy now on board that is helping farmers up in the Lake Afton area to do best management practices. That is something that we did and made a change as a County to improve water quality. What I like about this list that we saw earlier is that many of the things we're already doing but we're doing them here and there. Now, we're finally tying it all together under one department and I think that will make us more efficient and more effective.

"Then the final thing was the list of different regulatory agencies, governing agencies, and that type of thing. As Commissioner Gwin said, water doesn't stay in one place. So we can't just plan, based on one single governmental entity. I see us working with all the communities in our County, with Wildlife and Parks, those folks, and even other counties, because watersheds also don't end with a county. So I think this is a very good plan that Jerry and David Spears has put together and I'm excited to see how it will work and make our community better and help us plan better.

"The only question I wanted to clarify on, Commissioner Sciortino's comment, I wanted to make sure I understood. We are taking a couple of people from Public Works and moving them into this department. Do I understand it is going to be a wash or have we made that decision?"

Mr. Spears said, "Two people are coming from the Highway Department over to the Drainage Department. There has not been a decision made as to whether those positions in the Highway Department are going to be eliminated. So, if that is the desire of the Commission, I think you need to state that today."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, it was my understanding in visiting with you though that many of the tasks are these types of things that are in this list and their expertise. I guess I would think we could do that and if, from time to time you need to borrow them, you need to make changes during the budget process, I would like to see us move in that direction. But I don't know what my colleagues have to say, but their lights are on. I'll stop there for now. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. I had another comment about the Drainage Department. I think it is important we realize that this is really kind of a good news/ bad news situation. The good news is we are going to have a focus, we're going to understand drainage, we're going to do it today, but if you see the price tags we've already put on some of the basin studies, it is going to be a long-term arduous process to complete some of these projects and to come up with the money to do it. I would hope our constituents understand that some of these problems weren't created in one

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year. They are 30-year-old problems and we are not going to fix them in one year with \$50,000,000. It's just not going to happen. It is kind of a good news/ bad news thing. I think we're going to be smarter about drainage from this day forward. I think we'll fix a lot of problems just from good priorities and understanding issues, but I also know there are some huge price tags on some of these. To be good stewards of the money and be fiscally responsible like I know Commissioner Sciortino wants us to be, it is going to be hard to do some of these projects and come up with the money and I think everybody needs to realize that. As good as this department could be, it is going to be hard to do all the projects in maybe even a five-year plan. It could be a 20-year plan to get it all done.

"Finally, I'd be supportive of revisiting those two positions at some other point, but for right now let's leave them open and move the positions over into the Drainage Department and not fill those positions for right now. I'd have to agree with you. Thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to echo but Commissioner Norton took away a lot of my thunder. As far as educating the public, this is storm-water management that we're talking about. If you built a house over some land that has high water tables and you decided to place the basement over there and your basement is flooded, that is not what the primary focus of this department will be. There has to be some responsibility that the citizens take upon themselves when they desire where they're going to build and what type of home they're going to build.

"The other thing that I did want to say, that Tim said very eloquently, is that this is a long term project. To preface a fellow in World War II, which I happened to be around when he said it, 'This isn't the end, this isn't even the beginning of the end, but it is the end of the beginning' and now we're going to be focused in dealing with these projects. It was Winston Churchill for any of you who don't recognize that. It was when he landed his troops in Sicily, which was part of my homeland. I wasn't there objecting to it, I was over here cheering them on.

"I also want to make sure that I understand what you said today. I think I agree with you, Madam Chair. We're taking two people from Public Works and the job and duties that they are presently doing in Public Works and putting them in this department. So, it is not just the person, but their responsibilities. I would be supportive. I've got to be a little careful with keeping the position open, because a department head might mean that salary stays there and I can fill it at any time. I think what we're saying is we're going to eliminate those two positions in Public Works, but at any time David would come to us and he wants to establish two new positions with new responsibilities, we would definitely look at it. Does that take a motion on our part and a vote, Mr. Attorney?"

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Mr. Euson said, "I think all you need to do is take the recommended action."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, it says authorize adjustment. So, the action covers it, correct?"

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Yes."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, " said, "The two folks that you are moving from Highways to this new Drainage Department, I know their expertise is in drainage, but are there some parts of their job working in Highways that still need to be done in the Highway Department? I don't know exactly what they do. I know both of these people know a great deal about what we are establishing here, but I am trying to decide if there is still a need for someone on the Highway side."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, there are duties that they do perform for the Highway Department. For example, one of the individuals writes right-of-way descriptions for a right-of-way that we need for a highway project. One of the other individuals does special assessments for road projects in a subdivision. So there are other things they do for Highway. I would have to be faced with either finding someone else to do those things or still utilizing them to do those things while they're in the Drainage Department.

"My concern would be probably later on, for example this N.P.D.E.S., we called Chris Carrier at the City and asked how many people do you have working on N.P.D.E.S. and he said, in some fashion or another, they have 37 people working on that. So my concern would be, if these two individuals later on would assume other duties within the Drainage Department and then could not do the Highway functions any more, that being the case, I would have to find someone else to do those things or come back to you and try to recreate the positions, which I know would be very difficult. Those things are always difficult it seems like, to create new positions. But that is the fact of the situation and I'll live with anything the Board wants to do. We could probably find someone else to write the right-of-way descriptions, as far as that one item goes."

Commissioner Gwin said, " said, "But your special assessments for road projects and subdivisions, that is not going to go away and that is not entry level knowledge, I wouldn't think. I would be willing to leave one position in Highway open for these kinds of responsibilities because I'm assuming your folks there are paddling as fast as they can. I don't know that I'm prepared to eliminate both of those positions, because I think there are still responsibilities that must be done in Highways and it also has to do with supervision and to whom these people answer. That's my thought."

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Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chairman. I will not be supporting Commissioner Gwin's modification of it. I think, for right now, we have two people and it was explained to me by David, the overwhelming majority of their work also goes into this department. We're establishing a brand new department. We don't know yet the amount of work those individuals will be asked of. I don't share David's fear. If at any time he feels the justifiable need for creating another position, I don't know that this Board has always been supportive of that and if a new position is required and it is justifiable, I cannot see this Board turning him down for this request. I will support the recommended action that has been presented to us by staff."

Commissioner Gwin said, "said, "Just a thought. If the motion comes to me as it is printed in the recommendation, if two of them are joined together, I'll have to turn it down."

Chair McGinn said, "Where do we go now? I'm hearing some different things. Would someone like to make a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve creation of a Storm Water Management Department and authorize adjustment to the appropriate staffing tables.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "I just want to make sure, does that mean those two positions will move from David's department over and those positions are eliminated, is that what I'm hearing?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's how the motion reads."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, I just want to make sure it was clear. I have a motion and a second, is there any other discussion?"

Commissioner Gwin said, " said, "Yes, Madam Chair. I certainly support the creation of the Storm Water Management Department and need to know that my 'no' vote is not to show lack of

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support for the staffing.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Would you feel more comfortable doing two motions, because I understand your support of the creation, would that be better for you?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “said, “I would rather have it separate. That way I could support the creation of the department, which I think is important.”

AMENDED MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved approve the creation of a Storm Water Management Department.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Now I need another Motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to authorize adjustment to the appropriate staffing tables as recommended.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	No
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Jerry and thank you, David for your work on this topic. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

H. STATEMENTS OF COSTS AND ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY; AND PROVISION FOR NOTICE THEREOF.

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is step one of a two step process. You'll have the second step under the Sewer Agenda. This time of the year is when we accumulate all of the costs for the various special assessment projects that have previously been authorized by the Commission. Those projects have been completed today and costs are assembled and we start the process of leveling special assessments against the properties within predefined benefit districts to bear the burden of the costs of these improvements. The recommended action is to approve the statement of final costs, the proposed assessment role, the notices of public hearing and establish May 9, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider the public's comments on these assessments and take appropriate action.

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“In the street portion, there are seven projects, as listed on the screen before you: Belriv Addition, Huntington Pointe Addition, Salem Meadows, Savanna at Castle Rock, Suncrest, Sunnydale Farms and Town & Country Estates. On the next two screens, they are kind of small to read, but these are the costs. They’ve been assembled by Public Works as modified by the Finance Department to put in the various financing costs for these projects that we’re asking your approval of today to certify these costs, and send them out to the property owners. This is the second sheet that finishes the seven projects. The process basically will be that if you take this action today, publication notice, as well as mailed notice, to each one of the effected property owners of their proposed assessment and the date and time of the public hearing will be given. Also, a phone number in Public Works which they can request technical questions to be answered prior to the date of that hearing. I might add that each of these seven projects was a subject of initiation by petitions signed by 100% of the owners of property within the benefit districts. In many cases they’re developers. None of the homes have been constructed.

“A brief review of the time schedule involved. If we take the appropriate action today, we will have the public hearing on May 9th. Consider a Resolution that would levy these assessments, then the property owners would have 30 days in which to pay in the assessments in part or in full and, if not, they will be a subject of the County’s general obligation bond issue this summer and spread over a 15 year period which we anticipate selling those bonds around the 1st of August, closing later that month and then having permanent financing in place. For those, the assessments would be spread at the same rate that the County receives on its general obligation bonds. I’d be happy to try and answer any questions you may have. Jim Weber of Public Works is also here, who has worked with the projects.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any questions for Mr. Norton?”

Mr. Norton said, “If not, we suggest you take the recommended action.”

Chair McGinn said, “What's the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve Statements of Costs, Assessment Roll and Notices of Public Hearing; establish May 9, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. as the date and time for a public hearing; and authorize notices of such public hearing to be published and mailed as required by law.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. PRESENTATION OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Dr. Charles Magruder, Director, Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have the privilege of serving as the Chairperson of the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force. I would also like to recognize, while we're waiting on the presentation to come up, two other individuals who are here today from the task force, Debbie Donaldson, the Director of Human Services for the County and Doug Winkley as well. This is an update for the Suicide Prevention Task Force of Sedgwick County. What I hope to do today is present a brief reminder of why this is important for us, give you a summary of our activities to this point, give you a very brief outline of our proposed future actions and then talk about what our ultimate goal is.

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“As we’ve presented in the past, suicide is a very serious public health problem that demands our attention. Just as a reminder of that, to give you some of the statistics that we are dealing with. These are nationwide. They’re not just here in Sedgwick County. Eighty-five Americans die from suicide each day. What these pictures represent is this something that affect all Americans from a wide variety of different areas and backgrounds. Suicide rates are highest among white American males ages 65 and older. This is important for us because you’ve heard before, in previous presentations, the changing demographics of our community. We’re going to have more and more individuals in this age category. Some of the risk factors associated with that, these men live alone, they are widowed, they have a concurrent physical illness, and the last item, recent health care provider visit. That is something that is really fairly alarming, if there is a likelihood after visiting a health care provider of trying to commit suicide.

“In terms of other groups that we need to be concerned about, between 1980 and 1996, the rate of suicide among African American males aged 15 to 19 years increased 105% and almost 100% of that increase is attributable to the use of firearms. Among persons age 10 to 14 years, the rate of suicide increased by 100% from 1980 to 1996. Another thing that is extremely alarming, that suicide is becoming this common among people this young.

“In terms of our activities to this point, this does not represent everything, but some of the major initiatives. We did have the meeting called the Suicide Planning Initiative. We had a great deal of community involvement from a number of different disciplines. One hundred fifty five (155) people attended, 41 attended an evening session that was designed specifically to interact with the community and hear from different experts. This provided a number of opportunities for collaboration and networking in a large group. At that meeting, we also had expert presentations, once again, from the Center for Disease Control.

“The main thing that happened, as a result of this however, was the ability to summarize all of the community ideas related to what we should do to deal with this serious problem. We also got a list of people from the community that are interested in helping the task force, specifically, with this effort.

“One of the key things the task force decided, after this meeting, was the manner in which they would develop their committees. What they decided was they wanted to adopt the Surgeon

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General's framework, which is A.I.M. Within A.I.M., there are three primary areas, awareness, which is simply to appropriately broaden the public's awareness of suicide and risk factors, intervention, which is enhancing services and programs, both population based and clinical care, and methodology, advancing the science of suicide prevention, which also includes ensuring that we have appropriate evaluation capabilities for whatever intervention or awareness programs we put in place.

"Now I have provided to each of you, in your boxes, details of different items that fall into each of those three categories. Just to give you a couple of examples now: promote public awareness that suicide is a public health problem, develop and implement strategies to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. These are items that have been delineated in the Surgeon General's report. Examples of intervention: improving the ability of primary care providers to recognize and treat depression, developing and implementing safe and effective programs and education settings for youth that address adolescent distress, provide crisis intervention and incorporate peer support for seeking help.

"Finally, for methodology, a couple of potential examples that the task force and other supporters will explore: developing additional scientific strategies for evaluating suicide prevention interventions and assure evaluation components are included in all suicide prevention programs, something that the County Commissioners have been emphasizing for some time now, encourage the development and evaluation of new prevention technologies, including firearm safety measures to reduce easy access to lethal means of suicide, a particularly important item to consider when we look at the statistics among adolescents. The other thing we have done, that I'll present at the end of this presentation, is talk about our need to enhance our membership on the task force and to add people that meet some of the community desires that we learned about at the Suicide Planning Initiative.

"In terms of our proposed timeline, we will over the next couple of months finalize task force and committee memberships. By July, we hope to be able to come back to you with some of the initial committee recommendations that fall within that paradigm of A.I.M. By October of this year, we hope to present to you the final committee recommendations and I'll actually begin implementation of some of those. By January of 2002, we hope to begin implementing those final recommendations.

"I thought I'd present to you a quote from the Surgeon General that I think summarizes our charge and what we are going to attempt to do in this community. It is to develop a coordinated evidence based approach and this is the best way to use our resources to prevent suicide in America. But even the most well considered plan accomplishes nothing if it is not implemented. To translate A.I.M. into action, each of us must turn these recommendations into programs best suited for out

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communities. The task force and the community members that we have working with that gives us a wonderful vehicle to get this accomplished. Finally, just to remind you of our ultimate goal and we talked about this value that we have, the rate of suicide in our County for 100,000 population, whether the federal statistics are correct at 12.9 or whether it is more correct to say that the value is 10, in reality it is still above what we hope to reach by 2010, with the Healthy People 2010 target. That is what's published by the Federal government for a number of different health objectives.

"Then I just wanted to thank each of you and the County Manager. Your leadership has made this possible for us to be able to begin this wonderful activity. Also wanted to thank the staff at COMCARE and elsewhere who make the work of the task force very easy. There are many, many people who do that but, in particular, I'd like to thank, at least personally, in all the work that I do as a Chair Person, Chris Collins and Bev Baalman for the fantastic work that they do and great quantities of it as well. They make the members of the task force have a very easy job. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions. Before that, I'd like to also recommend two additional individuals to officially become part of the task force, Mr. Ken Cox of the Fire Department and Dr. Jessie Tyson, of U.S.D. 259."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Dr. Magruder. Have the cameras been on this at all? If you can put that up there. I don't know if it would be clear enough or not. I think that is very interesting to see how different entities need to work together to solve this problem. I think the task force came up with that logo, is that correct?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes, Ma'am."

Chair McGinn said, "Did you say you were hoping to expand the current task force that you have right now?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes ma'am. We currently have the two members that I just mentioned are the individuals who we would request be added to the task force today."

Chair McGinn said, "In an effort to get the information out and increase awareness and that type of thing?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes, ma'am. The key is to begin to examine those ideas that came forth from the community at the Planning Initiative. One of the key things that was presented to us was the need to enhance the task force membership to add a little more variety."

Chair McGinn said, "I was looking at our backup material and it said you had about 155 community members there. I thought it was very well attended and I thought the information that

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was disseminated at that was very good. I think it is important to expand this task force and increase awareness, especially on this issue. This is a difficult issue for people to talk about, whether their family has been devastated by a suicide in their life or a friend's family or that type of thing, where they're trying to understand why. But to decrease the amount of suicides, I think this awareness is important because often times it is not about somebody just makes this decision one day and decides to end their life. It is about mental illnesses as well and those types of things can occur from chemical imbalances in their body to something devastating happen in their social life, their job, those types of things. If we can recognize those, we know in this day and age we can help people when they have different imbalances in their own system or have something that has happened to them. I applaud the task force for doing the work that they are and I look forward to hearing the outcome and the recommendations. We have some questions and comments I believe here. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. One of the statistics I would like to hear about more is attempted suicides. I think we hear the rate of how many people actually did kill themselves, but I think it is staggering of how many people have tried and attempted to take their lives under depression or whatever. I think we need to hear more about that, as the ongoing process happens, because I think we would be amazed at how many incidents of attempted suicides are out there that didn't come to fruition, but are people that are troubled and have problems and have to seek counseling, that wanted to maybe take their life or at least attempted it and didn't succeed. Just a comment."

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes, sir. We'll begin to collate that information."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Well Doctor, I commend you on this effort. I suspect we're going to find that depression in the aged is going to be one of the major contributors to, not only the successful completion of, but the attempts too. I echo because of personal experience knowledge of recent trips to health care providers, when an elderly person who is alone goes to his doctor and his doctor lets him know of a serious illness that he has contracted or what have you, that is not a very happy time in their lives and I certainly think that you've set a very strong goal if I read it right, reducing it from 12.9 suicides per 1,000 down to 6, which is over

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a 50% reduction in less than ten years. I would be remiss, Doctor, I have to say I had a hard time focusing on your presentation. My eyes kept wandering to your tie. Is there a particular significance that that tie has for you?"

Dr. Magruder said, "For me personally, sir? Not really. This is a part of the 'Infectious Wearables' collection. Perhaps the primary significance is that when you purchase one of these ties, money goes to support hospitals and so forth. Basically, what they have done is they have taken electron microscopic images of different microorganisms and then they put a little color with it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You mean those are bugs?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes sir. This one here is staphylococcus."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I would mispronounce that word, so I'm not even going to try. Is it possible to just make a donation and not accept the tie?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Norton said, "Pay a little more and you don't have to take the tie."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you very much, Doctor. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "We never know what we are going to get when we let you talk. Besides that, his tie is just a plain blue, Ben."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yeah, what's the problem with your eyes?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "If that is blue then I have a problem and that depresses me."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Doctor Magruder, I certainly am going to support the two folks that you recommended be added to this. Are there certain categories, are there certain slots that you think need to be filled on this Board or are you looking for interested people throughout the community?"

Dr. Magruder said, "We are looking for individuals who have an interest in this overall issue of suicide. If people have a particular interest in certain . . . people that are at greatest risk in accordance with some of the statistics that we've mentioned, we would be particularly interested in

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encouraging those individuals to contact us and let us know of their desires. There are two ways that people can participate in this. One would be, as we've talked about today, asking that new people be added to the task force itself. But the other aspect of this that is very important is that we've got a number of people from the community meeting that want to participate and help the task force members on committees.

“So, even if it is not feasible, for whatever reason, to become a part of the task force, it is very feasible to become a member of one of these three committees that the task force is going to coordinate. We would very much appreciate any one who has the desire or interest who would like to participate to contact us. They can contact me or I'm sure they contact people at COMCARE, Chris Collins or Bev Baalman and relay their interest.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “So, for those folks who may be watching this morning or watching on a rebroadcast. If they do have an interest in being a part of the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention group, they should contact either Sedgwick County COMCARE or the Wichita/Sedgwick County Department of Health, is that correct?”

Dr. Magruder said, “Yes, ma'am. They can certainly contact me. I'm assuming it is all right to contact COMCARE, as well.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I'm just trying to get them to the right place so they can at least let their interest be known.”

Dr. Magruder said, “Either will work.”

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

Chair McGinn said, “While we are on this topic, before we close it, there may be somebody in our audience today or in a rebroadcast that may be having some of these problems. Debbie, do you have the number that folks can call to get help? Do we have the number?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I know we have a number but I don't know it.”

Chair McGinn said, “It might be a good time to go ahead and give that number out.”

Ms. Debbie Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We do have a crisis number that is answered by a person, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That number is 263-3770. I'll say that one more time, 263-3770.”

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Chair McGinn said, “Thanks, Debbie. Thank you, Doctor Magruder.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file the report and approve the recommendations.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That means that we approve the two individuals the Doctor had recommended.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Correct, that’s my intent.”

Chair McGinn said, “Clerk, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

J. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Dr. Magruder said, “Just to give you some information about some recent events. The Health Department participated in the KSN Parenting Fair. This was held at the Century II Exhibition Hall. There were over 5,000 participants that came. We presented a booth on AIDS education and had the staff there all day to answer questions. In terms of some updated program information, per your request, are the items that we will be updating, the Gilbert-Mosley groundwater remediation process. An educational exhibit is now planned to be a part of that. This will be located at Herman Hill Park, near Pawnee and Broadway, and it will illustrate the Arkansas River Basin and

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remediation process. This will be a tremendous educational opportunity for the public to see how these processes work and how this improves our community.

“The remediation system will start shortly and proceed for one year. The City of Wichita plans to drill 13 extraction wells to pump the contaminated groundwater. The collection system will have more than 5 ½ miles of pipe. This will be transported, the water will be transported to the Herman Hill treatment system. After treatment, the clean water will then be pumped into the Big Arkansas River. It is important to point out perhaps that K.D.H.E. has already approved all aspects of this project. It is anticipated that the initial construction will begin very soon.

“In terms of some collaborative efforts, just wanted to make you aware of the recent TB clinic remodeling and to thank Commissioner Norton for taking time out of his schedule to come that day. The staff was very, very appreciative of that. In terms of who we are working with on this, KDHE and the Centers for Disease Control has recently taken a great interest in this. It is no exaggeration to say that we serve patients from all over the world at this facility. We work with the K.U. Medical Center, in terms of being able to use their x-ray facilities.

“Some of the remodel features, we now have a negative air pressure capability in a suite, new ultraviolet lighting and separate entrance and waiting room areas. All of these things serve to improve the safety, not only for our staff, but also for the public. Be happy to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chair McGinn said, “Doctor Magruder, it doesn’t appear you’ve sparked any today.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “What is a sputum induction unit?”

Dr. Magruder said, “This is simply a mechanism for obtaining samples from the patient that need to be examined to determine the potential infection.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is that phlegm? Okay, fine. Thank you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

K. REQUEST BY CITY OF WICHITA FOR CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR MODIFICATION OF EXISTING SOLID WASTE LAND DISPOSAL AREA.

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Department of Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The City of Wichita wishes to change from a municipal solid waste landfill at Brooks location to a construction and demolition landfill after Brooks stops receiving MSW (municipal solid waste) October 9th, 2001. This plan went before the Solid Waste Committee on March 26th. The committee approved that this is consistent with the Solid Waste Plan to build construction and demolition landfills in Sedgwick County. The City of Wichita has representatives here to present their plan to you. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires that their permit application has a signature from the Chair that states that it is consistent with the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Plan. I'll turn this over to Steve Lackey, from the City of Wichita, so he can present the plan."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Steve Lackey, Director, Public Works, City of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have about half a dozen slides that I'll show you what our intent is at Brooks Landfill with the permit change. The Brooks Landfill, as you know, is located at K-96 and West Street, which is in extreme northwest Wichita. The site itself has been under construction, as a landfill, since the mid sixties. There are four distinct cells that have been constructed. Cell A and Cell B are cells that were constructed in the sixties and the seventies at the same time that Chapin Landfill was open at Hydraulic and MacArthur. So their cells are rather small. Cell C was constructed in the eighties and Cell D was constructed in the nineties and is the current site, where we are filling and finaling out the grades that will be completed on October 9th of this year.

"Our plan is to construct a construction and demolition landfill in three different areas on the

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current site. Cell C is constructed in a horseshoe configuration. So there is an area within the horseshoe that the arrow points to that has not been filled. It slopes up gently to the elevation that exists at the top of the fill. Our first phase would be to construct the C & D fill in that area and stay below the elevations that exist today, so that people east of the river or even on the highway, as they're west bound, would not be able to see the operation. The other two phases, phase two and phase three are between Cell B and C and Cell A and D. Currently, today, there is no municipal solid waste filled in those areas, primarily because there is a pipeline easement that goes through, between those cells. We will have to have the pipeline removed and relocated before we can begin filling in those areas and we would anticipate that it would be five to ten years, depending upon the amount of flow that would come into the site, when we would need to use those areas between B and C and A and D.

“The manner of construction that we plan on using and after visiting with KDHE and listening to their recommendations, we would construct a clay liner at the bottom of the site. It would be graded in a manner so that there would be a low area at the bottom of the liner where we would collect any kind of leachate that may form and then we would haul that off and have it treated. Part of the new construction will actually be on top of some of the waste that has already been placed and we have a final cover with a plastic liner over that as well. But we will also construct a clay liner and then go up with the waste that you see there, with the elevations that you see.

“This would be the approximate final level of the waste. Now this is looking down on it from an aerial view, but it is certainly our intent to stay below the existing contours that exist today, so that the construction would not be seen by the residents on the east side of the river. I might add that we gave the people that live in the Moorings a tour several weeks ago. Took them out to the site, pointed out all the areas that we're talking about filling in and we received their support for doing this. We answered all their questions and all their concerns. If you have any other questions, I'd be glad to answer them. Now, it is our intent to begin this operation after the Brooks Landfill itself closes and as soon as we get your approval we will then apply to KDHE and begin the formal permit modification process, which I am sure will include some public hearings down here in the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County.”

Chair McGinn said, “Steve, how many people did you take from the Moorings on this bus trip?”

Mr. Lackey said, “I'm going to guess we had 25 people. We took a M.T.A. bus, not one of the

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large buses, but one of the smaller buses and we gathered out there one Saturday morning. We left it up to one of their neighborhood contacts to contact the neighbors in the area and we had, I'm guessing, between 20 and 30 that showed up."

Chair McGinn said, "So you had a group of folks from all over that can spread the word and they were all right with this."

Mr. Lackey said, "Yes. We thought it was pretty important too, the people that did show up were some of the same people that were not real excited about us expanding on to Kingsbury in the past. So, we made sure that we talked to those people as well."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Thanks, Steve. I appreciate seeing the pictures here. I guess, our task is whether or not your idea is consistent with the Solid Waste Plan. I certainly think it is, because we've determined that construction and demolition debris don't need to be taken to a subtitle D landfill. There are easier places to dispose of it and less expensive. The fact that you're going to stay below the current elevation, that's encouraging to me and I'm sure it is to the neighbors who are nearby. On the initial construction, you said you'd have a clay liner, as I understand, and a low area to collect the leachate should any accumulate there. Did I hear you say that you would be placing some of this on top of materials that are already placed, or not?"

Mr. Lackey said, "We have part of the side slopes that exist within this horseshoe have municipal waste below it and our fill will be separated from it, not only by a liner, but also the liner that exists over the municipal waste today. So, we have a soil cover and a synthetic liner that covers the municipal waste today. In addition, we have a methane collection system on this cell and we will have to relocate some of those pipes that collect the methane."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Are those what those dots are?"

Mr. Lackey said, "Yes. We have several wells and pipe systems on C and D. That's piped out to Colwich to a plant out there."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, and then all of the facilities and the plans that you currently use for cleanup, those remain in place and are not changed. Is that correct?"

Mr. Lackey said, "All the monitoring wells that we monitor today that ring the site and, in addition

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to the remediation system that is immediately east of the cell that intercepts all the underground water systems, we do have a plume that migrated off the site and we're treating that. So we have this site ringed with protection systems as well."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. I think that's all I have for right now. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I don't have any questions of Steve. I'm just going to have some comments."

Chair McGinn said, "I still have some questions for Steve. Steve, can you go back to the slide that has several cells on there. So Cell C is the one with the horseshoe that you're going to use. When that fills up, where are you going from there?"

Mr. Lackey said, "We will be going between Cell C and Cell D. There is an area in there that has not received any type of fill at all and also between Cell A and Cell D. That is where a pipeline easement exists and a pipeline lays today. So, there has not been any fill placed in those areas. We've discussed with KDHE the filling in of that valley, so to speak. We will not fill over West Street. We're either going to leave West Street paved, it is a concrete paved roadway today up at the north edge of the site, but we will fill from the west line of the fill today and then over to West Street and then West Street over to the river, at some point in the future, after we get the pipeline relocated."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. And Cell B is the one that, currently the one that we found the leak, is that correct?"

Mr. Lackey said, "Cell B is where we have contamination, treated for it, and we removed the source last year."

Chair McGinn said, "I don't know if there will be any other leaks in the future or not, but let's say it was in Cell C. I remember that you did have to excavate to get to the source. I guess the same thing would have to happen in Cell C, if you had a leak, you would have to go through the C & D material before you could get down to the . . ."

Mr. Lackey said, "The remediation system we have today runs from here all the way down to the southeast corner of the cell. We have wells that are located here that is treating the groundwater and then it goes to a pump house located about here and we're injecting air into the groundwater today that treats the plume. So, the plume that started up here migrated southeasterly. That is how the groundwater flows, toward the river and downstream. So we've got a significant area here that

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is covering any type of problems that could come out of Cell C. The only other thing that would maybe have to be added in the future, if our monitoring wells on the south side of Cell C picked up any plumes coming out, then we could extend our treatment system in this manner and totally cover the entire cell, downstream. But today our monitoring wells in these locations are clean. The only areas that we are picking up contamination is in this area that we're treating."

Chair McGinn said, "I see you have a system in place to capture the water flow. I guess my question is when you excavated in Cell B, you did that for a reason and probably to decrease the amount of chemicals that were exposed in the groundwater. Would you have to do that same thing in Cell C if that happened?"

Mr. Lackey said, "If we found a source in Cell C that was contributing to the plume, we would have to dig it out. But the source that was contributing to the plume that was going downstream was located in Cell B. We extracted it and our hope is that, since we extracted the source of the contamination, that this system will not have to run near as long as we projected. Once the plume migrates to these wells, they'll be treated and it will be done. Originally the thought was that we'd just keep these treatment wells operating for about 30 years and have to keep them on line. But since we've extracted the source, we feel like we cut that timeframe down considerably. Right now, we have not found any type of source contamination in Cell C at all. It was identified and located and physically dug out of Cell B."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, and I agree with Commissioner Gwin, this is consistent with our Solid Waste Plan. I have some other questions and I don't know that you went over this and if you did and I wasn't listening, forgive me. Can you give me an idea of who you see will be using this and what types of programs that you may do with the money off of this?"

Mr. Lackey said, "The intent is to offer a service for construction and demolition land filling that may come off of housing projects, commercial development, demolition of structures. We could take road demolition, although our own road demolition that we do, in terms of our own staff, we take to another site and we recycle. We encourage our paving contractors and I think they've got programs in place to recycle all the pavement that they generally take off their projects. But in general, the same type of customers that we have today at Brooks, we would consider taking their waste in, provided it fits the description of construction and demolition.

"Now in terms of the revenue that would be used off of this site, the plan is to keep the neighborhood cleanup programs in place that the City of Wichita has funded off the Brooks revenues. That amounts to around \$300,000 a year that we use to use in different neighborhoods for cleaning up alleys or having weekend cleanup programs for the citizens of Wichita. We also

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have, within the contract too, the allowance to allow the City of Wichita to dispose of a portion of their construction and demolition waste as well. It is not our entire amount, but it is a portion and would assist us. At the same time, we are developing a conditional use permit to use a borrow pit east of I-135 and south of K-96, near 33rd and Hillside, where we will take storm debris and also get rid of some of the other waste that we couldn't get rid of here. Our plan is to create a park next to Chisholm Park, expand that park use, and fill in the borrow pit with some of that debris. We would anticipate, if we ever had a tornado like we had before or several ice storms or wind storms, that we would not be able to totally utilize this site, we'd have to take it to the site at 33rd and Hillside. It is our plan to set up some sort of a chipping operation there, in conjunction with our Park Department, and reuse the chips."

Chair McGinn said, "In light of this navigable river issue that I've been hearing about, you guys may be the only guys in town, the way it looks today. You talked about the revenues that you generate, you do neighborhood cleanups, would you be opening those up to other communities, the other 19 communities? If, I understand it right today people from Valley Center, whoever has their trash hauled to Brooks, they pay what somebody from Wichita pays in a tipping fee and you do neighborhood cleanups in Wichita. Would you be opening those programs up to other communities since they're paying for those, too?"

Mr. Lackey said, "That is not our plan, simply because part of the proposal that we've received from the operator that is going to do business here, our proposal was to take a look at the City of Wichita's budget. If we would include other communities, it would impact the finances of the operation. We have to be cognizant of the competition that we're going to have in the community. So it is important for us to try to be competitive as well. Our City Council advised the staff that they wanted to generate revenue to maintain the current programs within the City of Wichita. They did not want to raise taxes to do that and for staff to figure out a way to make the C & D landfill work to that advantage. If there is going to be one, two, three or four other C & D sites within the County, then what we charge at Brooks is going to have to be competitive and we'll have to really be cost conscious. We're not going to have a monopoly like we do today at Brooks Landfill. We're going to be sensitive to pricing, to the community. That is one of the things that we've talked to our contractor about. If we cannot be sensitive to prices to the point where we feel like that it is just simply costing too much to operate the C & D landfill with them, then the City of Wichita may consider staffing up and doing it ourselves and cutting some of the overhead costs so we can be more competitive."

Chair McGinn said, "I agree, I think that this is a great idea for the City of Wichita, but my concern was with the navigable rivers, you may be the only guy in town, so you won't have any

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competition, so everybody will be using that and so it kind of goes back to the Brook Landfill. Everybody outside of Wichita has been paying for those programs too and not receiving the benefits. I guess, maybe as a suggestion or as a thought that if you are, then perhaps maybe they need a different fee structure or to be able to participate as well.”

Mr. Lackey said, “I understand and I think, after October 9th, we’ll all have a better idea how this system will work and where the competition will be and maybe we can look at that in the future.”

Chair McGinn said, “Then the other thing I guess that aroused my curiosity was I looking at your budget on neighborhood cleanup and in ‘99, you use \$22,000 and in 2000 you used \$75,000 and you are budgeting \$75,000 for 2001 and you had said that you needed \$300,000. I guess that’s why I thought maybe you are opening the door up to other communities or doing some different programs or something.”

Mr. Lackey said, “No, there are several different line items in there, and I don’t have my budget in front of me, but we do have a neighborhood cleanup program. We’ve got an alley cleanup program. There is indigent trash service that is mixed into that as well. I can get a breakout of those line items and send those to you, if you’d like.”

Chair McGinn said, “The indigent trash service, just for my own good here, because I do receive calls from time to time where there has been some illegal dumping within the City of Wichita. I hear there aren’t any funds to clean them up. So, would this take care of that type of thing or is that different program?”

Mr. Lackey said, “The indigent trash program was a program that is operated out of our own housing department to where if people meet certain income guidelines then we would fund their disposal costs. As far as illegal dumping, our crews pick up illegal dumping as well. The only advantage that we have today is that we can take it into Brooks and dispose of it with no tipping fee costs. In the future, if it doesn’t fit the C & D definition, then we’ll need to take it to the transfer station and pay those tipping fees as well.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, all right. Thank you, Steve, for explaining that to me. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Are we through with his presentation?”

Chair McGinn said, “I think I have a question for Susan, but I don’t remember it right now.”

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Commissioner Gwin said, "If Steve is through, I have some comments. Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you, Steve for the presentation. It does fit with our plan. I was pleased when KDHE has said that they're happy with the Solid Waste Plan that we submitted to them. It is a system wide approach. It does call for waste minimization. I appreciate the fact that the City of Wichita is willing to help us make our plan a success by considering a C & D landfill. It is something that is important to us. We know that, properly handled, these kinds of materials don't really cause and shouldn't cause a problem for us in the future and so they can be disposed of locally. We certainly don't want to have to pay to transport materials to a regional landfill that we can use or reuse here in our own community. I really appreciate you all helping us make the plan a success.

"I guess, the concerns I have about this are a couple that the Chair alluded to. Whereas I have no problem with your request, I have no problem with your presentation, and certainly will agree that it meets the plan, it appears to me or I have concerns with what I see coming from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment that may be contradictory to what our County's philosophy has been about the way to implement our Solid Waste Plan. We decided, early on, that the private market needed to be a part of this system to make it most effective. We determined that Sedgwick County was not going to be in the business of operating landfills or those kinds of things and that the private sector would be a wonderful partner to help us be a success. The private sector and private businesses create wealth for this community, they create jobs for this community and they certainly create the diversity and the competition that we thought was important, as we discussed transfer stations and other issues.

"I saw the role of government as being a regulator, particularly this government, as being a regulator and someone who just kind of set the rules and made sure the rules were followed. With the paperwork and the information that I get, the issue of the Arkansas River and its navigable stream designation makes, as the Chair indicated, makes this very difficult because if those regulations are enforced, as KDHE indicates they will be, then we have one pending C & D landfill that looks like it will be denied, a private sector one, another one that is currently in existence that may not be renewed, again because of their proximity to the Ark River. Don't get me wrong, I don't want anything to happen to the Arkansas River either. It is a precious part of our community. I guess the ruling concerns me, however, that although the City of Wichita has made every effort to

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clean and remediate and do everything that KDHE and others have asked it to do in response to any difficulties at Brooks, not because of an intent, but because of back in the sixties or the seventies I don't think we had any idea how our actions might effect the generations that followed us.

“But, if you're talking about health and environment, I would think that would be the focus of KDHE, I'm concerned that the pattern I see here would indicate that they're willing to grandfather a facility that has a challenge to remediate contamination and not willing to consider facilities that have, at this point, a threat of contamination. It appears that they may be forcing us to a very clear winner and very clear losers in their decision-making and that troubles me. If competition is eliminated, then I think we, as a community, have a problem. The City of Wichita has done a good job of being able to utilize this space and I commend them, but I am real concerned that we need competition here for us to be successful.

“Another thing that comes to mind is I think I would like the City, as Steve indicated, to be really cautious about putting weight on what materials may already be there. My analogy was, and it occurred to me last night while I was doing dishes, I had this wet sponge that is holding the liquid in, some of it seeps out even as you're washing a plate, a little bit of it comes out at a time. When you squeeze it or you put additional stress or weight to it, even more of that water or those liquids are dispersed. I know that you all will be very cautious in your monitoring and remediation of any of those problems. As I said, my concern is and may be is more with KDHE and maybe I'll have to send them a letter in that regards, but we do need competition in this area and others in this community. I'm certainly going to visit with them to see if we can't assure that for the people of this County. I have no problem and would be more than happy to approve the certification that the City of Wichita has requested that we approve today, because it is absolutely a part of our plan. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, ‘Thank you, Madam Chair. Commissioner Gwin, I want to strongly echo your concerns. The decisions that were made about transfer stations concept of disposing of our municipal waste had as a key element the private sector. As I understand it, not only, I think it is Cornejo and Sons that have a transfer station that is in question as to whether or not they'll get it renewed. They've been in business for many, many years. I question KDHE's reasoning to call that a navigable stream, but there has also been no evidence of any pollution down there and they have a chance of losing their ability to do business. I know that the other C & D landfill that is being proposed has run into obstacles with KDHE. The third, which is the last remaining C & D

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landfill down in the Derby area, has problems with KDHE. So de facto, the City might be the only place where C & D landfill can be transported to and the lack of competition concerns me.

“So I have two thoughts. One would be to publicly encourage anyone that is either presently in the C & D landfill business or thinking of getting into it to please look anywhere else in the County where it might be appropriate to site one and don’t be too cautious of coming to us. We’ll try to accommodate you, if we can. Secondly, for this Board to consider . . . if it turns out that there is only one, and that is a governmentally controlled C & D landfill without the private sector being there, we can always entertain temporarily lifting our ban on C & D waste to our transfer stations as a way of putting out some kind of competition. I had a conversation with one of the private sector people on a transfer station and they indicated a willingness to negotiate a more favorable rate for C & D debris, as opposed to regular waste debris. Just as an idea. I don’t know that it is going to be needed, but that is another option that we could do to ensure the public that there will be competition in the C & D land waste and that would also ensure lowering the prices. That’s just a thought that I had. That’s all I have, but I will be supportive of what the City is proposing.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino. Well, it’s time to move on, I guess. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Steve for being here, and Joe. Appreciate it. Next item."

L. LAKE AFTON AND SEDGWICK COUNTY PARKS.

1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS ORGANIZATION FOR SPACE MODELING FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK, JUNE 9-10, MAY 19, JULY 14, AUGUST 19, OCTOBER 7 AND NOVEMBER 4, 2001 FOR VARIOUS EVENTS.

Mr. Harrison said, "This Agreement is for Lake Afton. The Kansas Organization for Space Modeling has been a long term partner with us for model rocket events at the park. It is a growing organization. They have a two-day event planned in June and then attempt to do at least one rocket launch monthly through the summer and into the early fall. They've been a good partner. We have received a signed agreement that is pretty standard with what we have done with them in the past. We would recommend your approval."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK JUNE 2, 2001 TO HOLD A DUATHLON AND 5K RUN.

Mr. Harrison said, "The Bar Association has been holding this event at Lake Afton Park for a number of years now. We have coordinated the dates with the Park Superintendent. We have received their certificate of insurance and would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH KEITH WORTHING CHAPTER, THE AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF

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SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK OCTOBER 20, 2001 TO HOLD A FUNDRAISING WALK.

Mr. Harrison said, "This is a first time use for this group for Sedgwick County Park to hold their fundraising walk. Their date is Saturday, October 20th. We have received a signed agreement. It is subject to a receipt of a certificate of insurance. We would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

4. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK MAY 5, 2001 TO HOLD A FUNDRAISING WALK.

Mr. Harrison said, "This is also another long term event we've had at Sedgwick County Park. It has been in the Park since 1995. We have received their certificate of insurance, signed agreement and coordinated the date with the Park Superintendent and would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

M. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT (FIVE).

- **SUMNER MENTAL HEALTH CETNER: HEALTHWAVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
- **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS: ATTENDANT CARE, RESPITE CARE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENT GROUPS FOR YOUTH ON HEALTHWAVE**
- **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS: HCBS MEDICAID WAIVER FOR SEVERLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED YOUTH SERVICES**

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- **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS: FAMILIES A.C.T. PROGRAM**
- **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS: WAVES OF CHANGE PROGRAM**

Ms. Donaldson said, "As you are aware, over the last ten years we've expanded the number of contracts we've done in the mental health area. Through that time, we have added, built systems of care, and have done those kinds of things and often those contracts have been multiple contracts with a single agency and, at times, they have started on a calendar year and later moved to state fiscal year or sometimes have started in mid-year because that was when the funding became available or these service needs became apparent. At this point, we are actively working to try to coordinate some of those, in terms of getting closer to a single contract with an agency, so you can be more aware of the full scope of what we are contracting for. We are also moving to get those contracts on the funding year that we are using.

"These five contracts are going to be extended to take them to the state fiscal year, which will make them administratively easier to administer and to understand in the aggregate kind of context. The five contracts are with Sumner County Mental Health Center, the Healthwave Contract, the Mental Health Association, four different contracts. One is for attendant care, respite care and psychosocial treatment groups on Healthwave. A second on the waiver for seriously emotionally disturbed youth. The families A.C.T. Program, and last the Waves of Change Program. I would recommend your approval of these amendments and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, can I have a Motion to approve?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Amendments to Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND APPLICATION DOCUMENT FOR SUPERVISION OF ADULT OFFENDERS, TO BE SUBMITTED TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Community Corrections is a partnership between the state and local communities to provide intensive probation for adults convicted of felony offenses and sentenced to the program by the courts. Community Corrections began in Sedgwick County in 1983. It provides the judges more sentencing alternatives and is cost-effective to taxpayers because offenders hold jobs, support their families, pay taxes, court costs, and restitution to victims and provide community services while serving their probation sentences.

"In order to receive state funding, Sedgwick County must submit a plan each year to the State Department of Corrections. After the plan is approved and the state budget is set by the legislature, we are notified of the amount of funding we will receive in the upcoming state fiscal year that begins July 1. We expect to receive about the same amount we received this year, about 3.3 million dollars for 2002. Our plan is to continue providing two programs with these funds, an adult intensive supervision program, where our officers supervise a daily average of 700 adult offenders that work and live in the community and an adult residential facility program, where we house and supervise a daily average of 70 offenders and provide additional programming to address substance

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abuse, mental health, education and life skills needs.

“Our program also provides additional services to strengthen supervision of these offenders in the community that includes electronic monitoring, rigorous substance abuse testing and surveillance, where our officers make spot checks evenings and weekends at our clients homes and work sites to ensure compliance with court orders. We work closely with the courts and law enforcement to ensure offenders living in the community are supervised appropriately. This plan was reviewed and approved by the Correction’s Advisory Board at their April meeting. It is presented to you today with their recommendation for your approval to submit to the state. I’ll be happy to try and answer any questions.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Plan 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

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3. ADDITION OF ONE GRANT-FUNDED SENIOR LEVEL CLINICIAN POSITION, RANGE 22, TO THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.

Mr. Masterson said “A team of professionals from COMCARE and the Juvenile Detention Facility designed a grant project to better assess and address the mental health needs of youth detained at that facility. The project was approved by the state with funding with federal funds through the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant. The funds provide one senior level clinician position to provide screening, assessment and referral services to detained youth and targeted training to detention staff to better manage this population in our facility. This is a joint project with COMCARE. Their staff will provide necessary clinical supervision and we will house the new staff member at the facility and supervise the daily work. I ask that you approve adding this grant-funded position to the staffing table. I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

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

Commissioner Gwin said, “It sounds like its an important addition. Something we need.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the addition to the Corrections Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chair Carolyn McGinn

Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Mark, thank you also for the work that you've done this last spring, working in Topeka. I know you have to go up there quite a bit, provide them with information, and I hear you're quite the leader up there in helping in that process. We appreciate the work and effort you do to try to make sure that money gets sent back to where the population that needs it is. Thank you very much. Next item."

N. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE A GRANTS MANAGER AT RANGE 24, STEP 9, AND TO ALLOW A PERFORMANCE REVIEW AFTER 12 MONTHS.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Grants Manager position that is before you is a position that is in the Finance Division staff on the Accounting Department manning table. It works exclusively for Human Services, to provide financial management services and ensure grant compliance for their operations that are largely grant funded. The person that we would like to hire, having gone through the interview process, formally served as an auditor with Allen Gibbs and Houlik and in that capacity was responsible for a number of years for auditing the County's grant-funded operations. In more recent years, and for the past four years, this person has been a financial manager for a local health care institution. In that role, she has gained valuable experience and knowledge about the regulatory environment in which health care operations must function and COMCARE, of course, is one of those. So that will be a skill set that we don't currently have on staff and that is very important to us as well. So what it takes to hire this lady is a salary that is above entry level for the position and we're requesting your approval of a policy waiver to allow us to extend the offer to her at the salary that is designated and also to perform an evaluation of her within 12 months, rather than the standard 18 months."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Chris. I'm definitely going to be supportive of this item. You and I talked and I think, Chris, this is really needed. Just so that the public will know, on an annualized basis, what is the salary that this person is being offered?"

Mr. Chronis said, "What you have before you covers for the period of May through December. On an annualized basis, this person will be making approximately \$50,000, just under \$50,000."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. Will this person also be part of the grant writing part of the process or just overseeing . . ."

Mr. Chronis said, "That is not a formal part of the responsibility. She'll provide assistance, to the extent that COMCARE requires it and requests it, but the role of Finance in grants management is more on the back end of the process. We don't apply for the grants, we make sure that the departments comply with the requirements once we've gotten the grants and we help them manage their financial affairs."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. That's all I have, Madam Chair."

Commissioner Norton said, "Approximately how many dollars will this person be overseeing in grant management?"

Mr. Chronis said, "The COMCARE budget this year, I'm working from memory here, is approximately \$50,000,000. I'm sorry, not COMCARE, the Human Services budget is approximately \$50,000,000 and the vast majority of that funding comes in the form of grants to the County."

Commissioner Norton said, "Will there be other applications outside of Human Services where this person can review grants and monitor . . ."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's not the expectation, no. This position is paid for by Human Service grant funding and so it is important that we keep that person focused on those grants. There is another position within Finance that is responsible for other grants of the County."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any other questions? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the policy waiver.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

O. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For the month of March, we had over 86,000 people attend events at the Coliseum. Twenty-six events, 45 individual performances, and net revenues were over \$284,000. Not a bad month at all. Some of the highlights of the month were, we do two Chisholm Trail Gun Shows a year, antique gun shows.

We had over 7,600 people come to the first-quarter show this year. We do about five or six gun shows a year, 60,000 people come to gun shows every year at our place. The Spring Madness Go-Kart Races, now this is a second in a series of in-house created events. Of course, the first one was over the Thanksgiving weekend. We had 250 entries from 17 states. Our net revenues were about \$10,000 from this. Now, we've needed to do this because of the decrease in national touring events. So, we've started to become very proactive. We're creating our own events. This is a winner. We're planning on doing two of these a year, annually, now. Just a lot of fun. This is a whole family affair."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Where do we hold this event?"

Mr. Nath said, "At the arena building, in the equestrian arena."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Are these children in these?"

Mr. Nath said, "There's children, all the way up to 40 and 50 year old guys. They run in different classes and frequently dad and his son will race the same vehicle in their respective classes. They

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have a national association. It is quite the big event. It is a lot of fun to watch.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “What’s the speed? How fast do they go?”

Mr. Nath said, “They can book. I bet you they get up to about 40 or 50 miles an hour. They can move. Lawnmower engines, unmodified lawnmower engines, very strict rules on that. It’s a lot of fun to watch. We also had, for the first time ever, an Extreme Weather Fair. This was a cooperative effort between the Kansas Coliseum and Emergency Management here with the County. We thought it was very appropriate that the day we put it up on the marquee was an absolutely miserable weather day. Of course, Steve Spencer is out there and he can’t even keep his little hood on. It was blowing, it’s raining, it’s cold and it was miserable. It was a fun event. We had approximately 35 vendors, anything from Emergency Management to rescue units, to people who sell weather radios, to safe rooms, to different construction techniques. One of the highlights was the rescue dogs. The kids absolutely loved the dogs. Had about 1,500 people come through the gates. It was presented by KAKE Weather. Channel 10 did a great job for us on that. We’re looking to really expand the event next year.

“We also had two sold-out concerts at the end of the month. Both the Matchbox Twenty concert and the Godsmack concert, which were back to back, were sold out in their respective configurations. Very well received. We had a great time. We were very fortunate to be able to get two shows back to back like that.

“In the sports zone, we had over 22,000 people attend 7 hockey games in the month of March. We had 13,000 people attend six soccer games. Unfortunately, hockey did not qualify for the play-offs this year. Their season ended at the end of the month. Soccer did qualify. They went to the first round and lost to Toronto, two games to one. So both of the seasons now are over. Everybody is going to go regroup and try again for next year’s campaign. If there are any questions, I’d be happy to answer them at this time.”

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for John?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "I guess we have to wait until next month to hear about football. It is exciting that we're winning."

Mr. Nath said, "They looked like the Pittsburgh Steelers out there, they're playing so well. We'll have that one next month."

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

P. REQUEST BY CITY OF WICHITA TO APPROVE THE INCREASE IN JOINT FUNDING WITH THE CITY OF WICHITA, TO FUND REQUIREMENTS BY THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS FOR ADDITIONAL WORK BY THE CONSULTANT ON THE DESIGN OF THREE PROJECTS.

- **DRY CREEK OVERFLOW PREVENTION**
- **COWSKIN CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTSS – KELLOGG TO MAPLE**
- **COWSKIN CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTSS – MAIZE TO CENTRAL**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item P is a request by the City of Wichita to approve the increase in joint funding with the City of Wichita to fund requirements by the Army Corp of Engineers for additional work by the consultant on the design of three projects, including Dry Creek overflow prevention, and the construction of that will be in 2003. Cowskin channel improvements, from Kellogg to Maple, with construction expected in 2002 on that. Cowskin channel improvements, Maize to Central, with construction in 2002 on that also. Sedgwick County's cost will be \$154,798. This will give us an opportunity to obtain federal funding for a portion of the construction. That construction is expected to cost approximately \$12.5 million. I recommend that you approve the funding request by Wichita."

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Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "How much of an increase is it? The total is \$154,798. How much is the increase?"

Mr. Spears said, "Originally, Commissioner, we shared in a study that was in total \$875,000, so half of that is what the original amount was."

Commissioner Norton said, "This is the increase, right here. This is the whole number? Then what is the whole number, if this is the increase, I guess is what I was asking?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "The study was approved for \$437,000, our share was \$437,500. To bring the Army Corp of Engineers in, it is \$154,798 for a total of \$592,298. We set aside, last year, two different waves, set aside some money and then funds that were left over, our joint agreement with the City of Wichita to maintain the Big Ditch, those reserve funds we put aside also. So, the combination of those two funds are \$528,146, for a remaining total to do this project, \$64,152. Now, that \$64,152 can be paid for in two ways, we believe. This morning, when talking about this with Chris Chronis, we received a bill for part of the study. He thinks that is the total bill for the whole study and it may . . . he believes it is. I'm not so sure it is. If he is correct, we won't need to transfer any additional funds. If he is not correct, we'll need to transfer, we'll have to use contingency funds for \$64,152 of which we have sufficient funds to cover that. The money is there. With this increase and the money we put aside, the increase to us is \$64,152."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, my next money question is then when we get to the construction costs of \$12.5 million, it indicates general obligation bonds are proposed. Does the County sell those bonds? Will we sell a portion of them? Do we know yet?"

Mr. Spears said, "I don't think we know the answer to that yet. Like I said a little bit ago, the estimated costs of those improvements are about \$12.5 million. Now we're hoping to get, I believe it is approximately \$7 million from the corps to help with those and that is the reason for this increase today, so we can meet some requirements through design that the corps requires. Now, there is a real important thing called cost benefit ratio and you have to meet these requirements of the corps to obtain any funding from them whatsoever. There are a lot of things we have to do to find out, so we're not quite there yet."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Chris, were you standing by, too? So, the money I'm spending today means I'm going to be able, if I comply with all the rules and regs, might be able to find additional sources of funding from outside the local taxpayer's pockets."

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Mr. Spears said, "That's correct."

Mr. Chronis said, "I just wanted to make the observation that the reference you see to about \$2.75 million of bond funding is a reference that is in a City Council agenda report. That is how the City is planning to fund a portion of that \$12.5 million project cost. The City has not identified how the remaining \$2.75 million of funding would be provided. Presumably they'll be looking to the County to provide that money in some fashion. We've not received that request yet."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Chris. Thank you, David. Thank you, Madam Chair."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the estimate.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

**Q. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' APRIL 12, 2001
REGULAR MEETING.**

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Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Board of Bids and Contracts held their Regular Meeting on April 12, 2001. As a result of this meeting, the following items are being presented for approval today.

**(1) CUTTING MACHINE – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

“Item one is a cutting machine for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommending the low bid meeting specifications from Xpedx for \$10,820.

**(2) LATEX MODIFIED SLURRY SEAL – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

“Item two, latex modified slurry seal for Public Works. Recommending low bid of Beachner Construction for \$1,038,521.12.

**(3) MBPS ATM IMA LINES – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

“Item three, MBPS ATM IMA lines for the Division of Information and Operations, recommending the quote of Southwestern Bell for an annual cost of \$19,050.

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**(4) VARIOUS PAPER STOCK & LABELS – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

“There was one item that was tabled for further review. It was various paper stock and labels for the Division of Information and Operations. If there are no questions, we’d recommend approval of these items are presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

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

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

R. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V01065	\$450.00	5	William Favreau
V01066	\$495.00	2	Chapel Ridge
V01067	\$161.00	2	Village Green Apts.
V01068	\$94.00	5	Cottage Grove
V01069	\$212.00	4	Floyd Goerzen
V01070	\$455.00		Walnut River Residences

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
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V01055	\$201.00	\$523.00
V2009	\$525.00	\$384.00
V2088	\$22.00	\$000.00

3. Orders dated April 4 and April 11, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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:

Operating Engineers Addition

5. General Bills Check Register of April 13, 2001.

6. Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, 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 Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chair Carolyn McGinn

Aye

S. OTHER

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

T. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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

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CAROLYN McGINN, Chair
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BEN SCIORTINO, Chairman Pro Tem
Fifth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

_____, 2001