

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 27, 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, June 27, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Vice Chair Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Administration, COMCARE (Comprehensive Community Care); Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Jan Kennedy, Treasurer; Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Office Director; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Dr. Kelly Bender, volunteer.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Sally Fahrenthold, Lutheran.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Chair McGinn was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, May 30, 2001

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of May 30, 2001.

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to look over the Minutes of the Meeting. What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 30,2001.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “We’re going to wait just a few seconds for Commissioner Winters to make his way to the podium. Now, will you call the next item please.”

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD

A. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD TO DR. KELLY BENDER.

Commissioner Winters said, “Commissioners and ladies and gentlemen, it’s certainly my privilege today to talk about our Community Enrichment award. At the beginning of this year, our Chair Commissioner Carolyn McGinn encouraged us to take some time each month and recognize some citizens who really go above and beyond in their work for community efforts throughout this County. It’s a time when we can acknowledge the contributions of some of our citizens, as we continue to try to make this a quality place to live, work and raise our families.

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Today, it's our privilege to make this recognition to Dr. Kelly Bender and his wife, Vicki is here and so if both of you would come up, I would like for both of you to stand up here. This was really a collaborative effort between Commissioner McGinn and myself. Unfortunately, Carolyn McGinn is out of town today, so I have the distinct honor of being able to talk about Kelly and Vicki for just a few moments. Also in the audience today are their daughter, Brianna and her husband, Clifton Voth and we're certainly pleased that you are here today. My wife, Jerry, is also here in the audience today and Gerry and I know Kelly and Vicki from back in our days at Southwestern College in Winfield and I guess Best said we were in college just in the sixties.

Kelly is originally from Ulysses, Kansas and Vicki is from Medicine Lodge. Kelly has served churches in Manhattan and Topeka and Olathe and here in Wichita. And Vicki has of course been an active participant in all of those points of service, in all of those communities, as she was here in Wichita. Kelly has been an active supporter of Families and Faith, in his nine years at First United Methodist Church.

Over those nine years, his television ministry has reached out to many individuals that were unable or unwilling to attend services in person. His message of inclusion and hope are an important part of the United Methodist Church mission to get in touch with those in need. People riding in their cars or listening to the radio at home have frequently heard his message on weekday mornings. Simple messages, those emphasizing family time at the dinner table, advice on how to deal with sibling rivalry, marriage tips and ways to talk to teens make an impression in the morning hours when so many are rushed on their way to work or school.

His downtown congregation has been instrumental in out-reach programs for their neighborhood. Kelly has helped establish a drop-in center for the homeless, an after-school program for at-risk youth and a cooperative ministry with Head Start. All of these efforts show his dedication to the community and his unique ability to get involved in a hands-on way to make a difference.

Since its beginning, Kelly has served as the president of C.O.R.E., Center-City Organized Revitalization Effort, that has promoted revitalization of the downtown area, using the time and talents of many congregations in the downtown area. This is where Commissioner McGinn first met Kelly and began to work with Kelly and wanted to, through that involvement, was to extend here sincere appreciation and thanks for his work.

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This summer, Kelly is ending his ministry here in Wichita. Kelly and Vicki will be moving to Scottsdale, Arizona to continue their work with the church in Arizona. We want to take this time to say thank you to both of you for all that you've brought to this community, Wichita and Sedgwick County. We believe that as people such as yourself continue to work for a vibrant, good community that we are better and we will continue to grow better. We want to wish you the best in your new endeavors. They will certainly be gaining an active couple who will be very, very responsive to their community needs.

So, with all of that, I would like to present to you the Sedgwick County Community Enrichment award. We hope that you would at least recognize this as this community's, one small bit of this community saying thank you for the work that you've done here."

Dr. Kelly Bender, volunteer, said, "Thank you, Tom. Appreciate it very much."

Commissioner Winters said, "I know there's a couple of other folks from your church here. Why don't you introduce them and then just make a couple of quick remarks."

Dr. Bender said, "Two of my colleagues are here, Pastor Nancy Goddard and Julie Corr. Thank you. I appreciate this. I know it must have come over Tom's dissenting vote, so it means all the more. Thank you for this recognition. I am part of a faith tradition that recognizes that, as pastors, we're appointed not only to church but also to the community. And so, I've been doing what my tradition expects of me. I do hold you in my prayers, especially around difficult issues like what to do with our garbage. And know that I'm appreciative of all of your support of our Center-City Organized Revitalization Effort. I do believe, as do all of us who are part of our downtown congregations, that our city is only as strong as its heart. So, on behalf of all of the folk who have shared with me on that project, especially, all the folk with whom I'm privileged to share ministry from, First United Methodist Church, thank you. This will be a fond reminder of my years here in Wichita."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Dr. Bender, when you get to Arizona, could you check and see the availability of landfills down there? We want to let you have a little sniff of Wichita. Could you call the next item please."

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NEW BUSINESS

B. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH HEIDI STEINSHOUER, MD TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Administration, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is an employment agreement with Dr. Heidi Steinshouer. Dr. Steinshouer will be providing psychiatric services at our crisis program on a half-time basis. She replaces Dr. Gary Porter, who retired in January of this year. Dr. Steinshouer will provide twenty hours of psychiatric time per week to individuals in crisis and to our Crisis Transition Team that focuses on individuals at greatest risk of returning to the hospital.

Funding source for this is the Crisis State Grant. The recommended action is to approve the contract. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions of the applicant?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item."

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2. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES ESTABLISHING A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

Mr. Kaufman said, "Commissioners, this contract represents a one month extension of the current contract representing Fiscal Year 2001. It designates COMCARE as the local mental health authority. This contract is renewed annually. The contract is currently in negotiations and is expected to be completed within one month, but not prior to the end of the current contract period. This contract would allow for COMCARE to receive a payment representing the first quarterly payment for State Fiscal Year 2002. And if there is a difference between that payment and the negotiated rate, adjustment would be made to the second quarterly payment. The recommended action is to approve the contract and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any comments on this?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item."

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3. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE OF WICHITA, INC. PROVIDING THERAPY AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

Mr. Kaufman said, "Commissioners, this contract amendment represents a number of previously individual contracts for a variety of mental health services provided by a community partner, Family Consultation Services. In conjunction with the upcoming State Fiscal Year, we are consolidating the various small contracts for a variety of services into one large contract that covers all services. This effort should improve our contract monitoring capacity and it will allow for additional flexibility in delivering services to consumers in need.

The contract is consistent with previously combined contracts. It does add additional services to be provided to children at the Wichita Children's Home and the provide for five therapists, in partnership with COMCARE staff, that will be in the Wichita Public Schools this coming fall. Funding source for this contract is State dollars. Recommended action is to approve the contract and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Amendment to Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Absent

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item."

C. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO PROVIDE MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I bring before you a contract which is the Medicaid Administrative Assessment contract with the Kansas Department on Aging. This contract allows for reimbursement for the provision of assessment services, which is a requirement. An assessment is done by a case manager, prior to the provision of any services in the development of the plan of care. This is a payment for service contract, which has a rate of reimbursement of ten dollars per unit of service which is fifteen minutes. There are no additional funds required. This contract has been reviewed by Legal and the recommended action is to approve the contract."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any questions of Annette on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item please. Thanks, Annette."

C. ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH BERLIN-WHEELER PROVIDING COLLECTION SERVICES FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Ms. Jan Kennedy, Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My request is that you approve the addendum to the agreement which extends our relationship with them for two more years. To give you some information, the earliest year that we turned over, which was a couple of years ago, they've collected over 6% of. That's 1991 delinquent judgmental property taxes. For 1998, which they don't get until they've gone through the courts to be judgmental, so they're a year older than that, they've collected 32%. The total they've collected for us is \$683,000 plus. That's free money. It's money we would not have otherwise. Their overall collections have averaged 17%, which considering when we turn them over they were five years old, I think that's pretty good. Their overall fee is actually lower than the contract amount, at a little over 29%. I would entertain any questions."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any questions of Jan? Jan, I have one. Just to jog my memory, what is our financial arrangement with this company?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "It's a collection agency, sir, and the contract has a specified amount that they collect and we reduce the undistributed taxes by the amount of the collection fee."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Well, my question was what is the fee that we pay this person for this service?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "The contracted amount is higher than what we've actually been paying. The contracted amount is 31%, 33%. You should have a copy of this."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Well, I did and I couldn't see it on here. That's okay. That's no problem. I'll read the fine print here. And this is just an extension of that contract, is that correct?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "33 1/3%."

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Vice Chair Sciortino said, “33 1/3% and this is just extending this contract two years.”

Ms. Kennedy said, “That is correct.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Thank you. Any further questions or comments?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just have one quick one. Jan, I don’t need an answer now, but it might be interesting, I don’t know if you or Clancy or somebody who works on this has done any comparisons with other counties our size around the country on these collection rates, how we stack up with other counties. And it’s not material in this approval of this extension today. I’m going to be supportive of that, but I just think it might be an interesting statistic to know, as you give those numbers. We know what we’re doing but how does that really compare with some other counties, a point of interest. I would not want anybody to spend a lot of time reinventing new numbers, but if somebody would have those, I think it would be interesting to see those.”

Ms. Kennedy said, “It may be fairly available through NACo (National Association of Counties).”

Commissioner Winters said, “If it’s easy, I’d like to see it. If it’s hard, we’ll think about that.”

Ms. Kennedy said, “The laws vary from state to state and so, the comparisons may not be apples to apples. But certainly, there’s no reason we can’t do that. This company does specialize in personal property taxes in Kansas and they do this for many other counties, including Shawnee that I know of. So, I will give you some Kansas, as well as what I can find out from NACo.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Thank you. Any further discussion on this item? What’s the will of the Board please?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Next item please. Thanks, Jan.”

D. PARTICIPATION BY SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2001 BLITZ BUILD.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Office Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning you have a request before you to allow Sedgwick County employees to participate as paid volunteers for the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build August 13th through the 28th. Four houses will be build during the period on the corner of 27th and Millwood. Habitat for Humanity is an international non-profit organization known for providing homes, at cost, for very low-income families. Over 100,000 houses have been built, world-wide.

Homebuyers must contribute 400 hours of time on Habitat approved activities as a down-payment. That could count for their whole family to participate in that number. Habitat finances home purchases with a 20 year, no interest loan. All houses will be approximately 1,150 square feet. Blitz builders will begin August 13th at 8 a.m. on sub-floors that have been built over basements.

Three houses will have four bedrooms and the remaining house will have five bedrooms. Basements will be finished, to accommodate the extra bedrooms. If all goes well, the houses will be ready to be moved into end of day on August 28th. Senator Sam Brownback and his staff, plus Eastminster Presbyterian Church will work on two homes and Habitat has invited the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County to build the other two. An average of 24 full-time staff will work every day, Monday through Friday for two weeks and two days the third week. Wichita Area Builders Association are providing leadership, so that we can all go in the right direction.

Koch Industries is funding the Brownback house and Eastminster Church is funding their house and Habitat is seeking donors to pay for material cost for the other two. An intern will go to the project site, the plan is for an intern to go to the project site at the beginning and end of each workday to have staff sign in and out, just to verify that they were there and then time records would be e-mailed to their supervisors. Housing

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Office staff will coordinate the volunteers and an effort will be made to match skills and interests to the tasks but, you know, this is going to be . . . really, you don't have a lot of choice, you know. There's surely some skilled people in this County that know how to do housing, but for most of us is just going to be pointed in the right direction and go for it.

Habitat has selected all the homebuyers. They're ready to go and I want to add that the skill trades will be subbed out so that when they turn on their hot water, they get hot water and the heating and air will work and electrical will turn on correctly. The sheetrock will be installed by volunteers, but the taping and mudding will be contracted out. So, if you have any questions, I'll try to answer them."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "I think we have, Brad. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So, how do you identify the Sedgwick County employees who might like to do this?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Well, I thought we'd post it on e-line and post the opportunities and then supervisors can kind of identify those and send them over to the Housing Office. We'll coordinate with Habitat, the Blitz team and get people signed up. People will be working on Saturday, but the deal we've worked out with Ed Randels and Finance is that if you participate in this project, you're only going to work 40 hours a week. We're not going to be paying over-time for Saturday work. Now, the Executive staff, the exempt staff could work on Saturday or whatever. Rich has already said that he'd be glad to do that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Rich is going to be out there helping, is he. I guess the other question is, I like this. I mean, I like the opportunity for employees to participate in worthwhile projects and to benefit the community. I think, when I talk to the Manager or whomever about this, I also talked about the issue of people working on election days. You know how Marilyn Chapman, our Election Commissioner, always kind of has to scramble for folks to help staff the polling places. I think if we're going to give folks an opportunity, County employees, to work someplace else and to be paid for it, for the benefit of the community, I think we ought to open the doors up and look at other opportunities for them to do that, too. It helps them. It helps the community. I think it demonstrates our presence and our commitment to making things better here. So, I'm very supportive of this and look forward to watching Tim build a house."

Commissioner Norton said, "I've built three with Target Stores so I understand how to do this. I've done insulation. I've done roofing work and I've put on siding."

Commissioner Gwin said, "There you go. I can just standing there and kind of go, 'over there'. I can do that."

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Mr. Snapp said, "You know, in addition to the Wichita Area Builders staff, they do need kind of crew leaders."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I can point."

Commissioner Norton said, "I've got the dunlap disease so I look like a foreman, so I could probably fit in real well."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "What's the dunlap disease?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I've gotten so large, my belly done lapped over my belt. You had to ask, didn't you."

If I might, this is a great . . . I've worked with Hanna McCann down in Haysville after the tornado and they build several homes down there. It is a great, great organization and I think it would be wonderful if maybe the County Commissioners could pick a day that we all went out and worked together in harmony. And I could work on the left side of the house and you guys could work on the right."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any further questions? I have a question, Brad. How does Habitat for Humanity pick the individuals that will receive the home and what financial considerations does that individual, if any, have to do to be able to have the home?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Well, they just put out an application process. People apply and they usually tell their story of their situation. I know that one of the homes is a tornado victim. I could determine whether they lived in the City or the County but I know they did lose their home in the infamous tornado. But they're all very low-income people, at or below 60%, which is for a family of four about \$33,000. They're usually well below that. They do have to put in 400 hours of labor and it could be on their house, a neighbor's house, it could be office work at Habitat, it depends. It's just a Habitat approved activity. Then they have the zero interest loan, through Habitat, for 20 years, so all the money goes back to Habitat to build other homes."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Well, that's fantastic. Just to expand a little bit on what Commissioner Gwin said, if any County employees would like to volunteer, I've got some problems in my yard that need handling."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I don't think you'd qualify."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Well, I just thought I'd mention it."

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Mr. Snapp said, "It could be a practice project."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any further comments on this item? Hearing none, what's the will of the Board please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve participation and authorize paid volunteers to participate in the Habitat Project.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item please."

E. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2001.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Board of Bids and Contracts held a Regular Meeting on June 21st, 2001. As a result of that meeting, the following

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items are being presented today for consideration.

**1) BEDS AND MATTRESSES- ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITY
FUNDING: CORRECTIONS**

Item one, beds and mattresses for the Adult Residential Facility. Recommend the low bid, meeting specifications, of Bob Barker Equipment for \$26,321.10.

**2) PROJECTORS AND EQUIPMENT- CORRECTIONS
FUNDING: CORRECTIONS**

Item two, projectors and equipment for Corrections. Recommend the low bid of MCSI for \$10,228.

**3) SNOW PLOWS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Item three, snow plows for Fleet Management. Recommend the sole bid of Midwest Truck, with trade-in, for a value of \$42,186.

**4) TELESCOPING STEEL SIGN POSTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item four, telescoping steel sign posts for Public Works. Recommend the low bid of National Sign for \$25,840.

**5) PRECAST REINFORCED CONCRETE BOXES- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item five, pre-cast reinforced concrete boxes for Public Works. Recommend the only bid received of Wichita Concrete Pipe for \$66,327.85.

**6) CHANGE ORDERS FOR AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENTS- COMCARE
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Item six, change orders for air conditioning replacement for COMCARE. Acknowledge change orders

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from Even Temp for a value of \$2,760.10.

**7) AUTOMATIC FOLDER/ SEALER- DISTRICT COURT TRUSTEE
FUNDING: COURT TRUSTEE**

Item seven, automatic folder/ sealer for District Court Trustees. Recommend the only bid meeting all specifications of Associated Business Forms for \$10,530.

**8) CISCO PHONES AND EQUIPMENT- DIVISION OF INFORMATION &
OPERATIONS
FUNDING: JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY**

Item eight, Cisco IP phone and equipment for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the sole bid of S B C DataComm for \$47,299.90.

DEFERRED ITEM FROM BOCC MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2001

**1) PAVING OF SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO PARKING LOT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX FUND**

There was an item deferred from the County Commission meeting of June 20th that appeared on the Bid Board Minutes from June 14th and it's paving of the Sedgwick County Zoo parking lot for Public Works. Recommend the low bid of Kansas Paving for \$212,238.35.

If there are no questions, I would recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Do we have any questions of Iris? Iris, I just have one. It's not a real big one. Item one, would you explain to me what specifications were missed, like ATD American, what did they not include that you felt needed including?”

Ms. Baker said, “The core specifications are the ones that pose the biggest concern in that bid.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “The what specifications?”

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Ms. Baker said, “The core specifications, the steel for the framing of the bed. And we specified angle iron for mattress support. These are bunk beds, stacked bunk beds and in the bid from ATD they were proposing rolled steel, not angle iron. They had also changed some of the specification on the posts that they were proposing as well.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Okay, thanks. If there are no further questions, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Sorry, Commissioners, we can certainly do the Consent Agenda but I have put in your packet a request to take an Off Agenda Bid Board item. It was deferred at the last meeting and if you would consent to do that, I have a recommendation.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Okay, we have a recommendation for an Off Agenda item. What is the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Buchanan said, “The Ark Valley Lodge is a project that has been moving along and we were prepared to make a recommendation about architectural services for that lodge. And I understand clearly that the road to Hell is paved with good intentions and the intentions were that we would have the right people at the right meetings to explain our positions and that did not occur.

The Ark Valley Lodge, Chair McGinn, with your consent, appointed a committee of folks to work on the Ark Valley Lodge, to give you and me some recommendations about how to proceed with the building. One of their tasks was to recommend an architectural firm. So, we went to request for proposals and received four of those. That committee, after interviewing, sitting down and hearing presentations from all the architectural firms, recommended the firm of Law Kingdon. As our process and procedures require, that recommendation was forwarded to the Bid Board. We didn’t send . . . and I’ll take responsibility for that, we did not send anyone to the Bid Board to explain what had occurred. Bid Board received the documents and made their decision solely based upon price. And the Bid Board did their job, in that respect.

When I discovered what had occurred, I thought it would be important and prudent to examine . . . and the Bid Board recommended another architectural firm. That firm was Shaefer, Johnson, Cox and Frey. After receiving that information, with Iris Baker’s help, we called both firms and asked them to have a conversation with me and Iris and Kathy Sexton and Derrick Smith about their proposals so we could learn more about them. And after those interviews, I concluded that we accept the proposal submitted by

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Law Kingdon at a negotiated price of \$75,500 and the reasons for me are pretty clear. One is that Law Kingdon presented to us a more relevant, more recent experience dealing with buildings that are on the National Historic Register. This building is on the National Historic Register and it's been my experience, here and in other communities, that that's a process by which it needs tender loving care just to get through the processes. I think their experience is more recent and more relevant, in my opinion.

The timeline that Law Kingdon presented to us was considerably shorter than that of Schaefer, Johnson, Cox and Frey and I think that is a relevant factor. We don't think it needs to take as long as is being proposed. And there was a clear demonstration by Law Kingdon that this was a project that was important to them and wanted to give it primary care.

I think, for those reasons and because they have negotiated a price voluntarily at a different rate, that I would recommend that you approve the hiring of Law Kingdon as the architect for the Ark Valley Lodge."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any questions of the Manager on this Off Agenda item?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I just have one and I'm sure I know this, but again, this is the recommendation from you but also from the committee that Chair McGinn had pulled together that walked through their whole process of what they wanted to do."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I don't want to diminish the role of the Bid Board. The Bid Board looked at papers and didn't go through the process. They, unfortunately, made a decision that they weren't fully informed about and that's my responsibility. The Ark Valley Lodge Committee, I did not sit with them, nor did Chair McGinn, in that process but this group of citizens and employees who we're appointed made that recommendation."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Mr. Manager, so what you're saying, the Bid Board didn't do anything wrong. They were doing their job as they were supposed to do it. It was because of lack of information. All right, fine. Any further questions or comments?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just a comment. I guess, when the Manager then or when this Board receives two differing opinions, I appreciate the process stopping for a moment and going through an interview process to learn more about it, because from two very important groups who advise you and this

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Board you have a difference of opinion. I appreciate you stopping for a moment and visiting with each of these entities and coming back with a recommendation. I'm comfortable, based upon what your discussion here about the more recent, relevant activities, the shorter timeline, which I know is important to the Chair, and how important this particular project is to Law Kingdon. I can certainly support your recommendation today. Thank you."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any further questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to select Law Kingdon as the architect for the Ark Valley Lodge.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

F. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. Two Easements for Right-of- Way on Sedgwick County Miscellaneous Drainage Projects – at 77th Street North and 279th Street West. CIP #R-264. District #3.
- b. One (1) Easement for Right of Way on Sedgwick County Road Project 624-795; Left turn lane at 23rd Street South and 199th Street West. CIP# R-263. District 3.

2. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised

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monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Old</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Amount</u>
V01025	\$256.00	\$375.00
V01081	\$467.00	\$444.00
V010169	\$212.00	\$585.00

3. **Order dated June 20, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
4. **Authorization per K.S.A. 79-2012 to withhold delinquent personal property taxes under the County Treasurer's certification dated June 14, 2001.**
5. **General Bills Check Register of June 22, 2001.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend that you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any other items to come before this Board? Commissioner Norton."

G. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "I have two. On July 3rd and 4th, Haysville will be celebrating their 50th year of incorporation. And I'm sure Mayor Armstrong will be sending out invitations, but I would like to cordially invite the Commission and staff to come out, if you don't have other things to do, and enjoy 4th of July in Haysville. They'll have fireworks at night. They're going to have activities all day long and they'll have a talent show. Friday night, they're going to have a street dance with the Funtones, so it should be a great celebration of 50 years of incorporation for the City of Haysville and I'd like to extend a warm welcome from the south-siders to all of you.

The final thing I had was on Saturday . . ."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Yes, go ahead and expand on this if you would."

Commissioner Norton said, "You were waiting for me to come up with this one, weren't you. On Saturday I participated in my second Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon. Last time, Vice Chair Sciortino was a partner of mine, a teammate, and we bowled well together. This time we were in competition and I would like to humbly remit that I had to pay him five dollars because he beat me on the game we went head-to-head and in his second game, which we didn't have a bet, he bowled 247. So, that's pretty good and that was a no-tap, so that if you rolled a nine you still got a strike, but that's pretty darn good."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Don't diminish the significance."

Commissioner Norton said, "Probably the only bad thing is he came back and we played golf on Monday and he hit a 247 at golf. He was pretty consistent."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "What he's not saying, that was my drive."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And you did turn around and donate the money back to Big Brothers and Big Sisters."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "We donated all that whole entire five dollars back to Big Brothers and Big Sisters."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And you had a good time."

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Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Had a great time and I have to say something else. There was some other friendly competition between the Haysville Times, the newspaper in Haysville against the Daily Reporter in Derby and I was bowling on the Daily Reporter’s team and the bet was which team could collect the most funds and I will admit publicly that the Haysville team buried us. They collected over \$1,400. We thought we did great coming in at \$500 but they bet us almost three to one, and the only thing I can say is wait till next year. But the big recipient in all of this and the big beneficiary was Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I’ll tell you what, it’s different bowling with strobe lights and smoke. I mean, you can’t even see where the lanes are.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Ben, that was the bathrooms. We actually raised over \$5,000 out there. So, it was a very worthwhile Saturday.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “It was a nice little tri-city participation. Any other items to come before the Board?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I have something. Earlier this week, the Zoo released its newest female lion to the Pride of the Plains exhibit. And I was out there at 6:30 in the morning to watch this event. There’s always a little uncertainty how lions released to that kind of open environment are going to react and we stayed for quite a while. We were prepared. There were Sheriff’s Deputies with real weapons, if needed, veterinarians with dart guns if needed and a lot of us with track shoes on, just in case. And luckily she did come into the exhibit, followed the other lions out. So, she’s a little less comfortable in her environment yet than they are, but they’ve had some time to be there. But she is a very attractive lion. Will be the next mom at the Zoo, so we’re waiting for those things to happen. But want folks to come back out and get to know Nemesis. I would hope we rename her because her name is Nemesis and I’m a little concerned about that, but want to invite folks to come back out and meet our newest lion on exhibit at the Pride of the Plains. She’s pretty slick.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Great. Well, if there are no other items, then this Meeting is adjourned. Thank you.”

H. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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