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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 1, 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, August 1, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, COMCARE; Ms. Jacque Wedel, Sales and Marketing Manager, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disability Organization; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; 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

Mr. Wayne Burns, Director, Family and Children Community Services.
Mr. Winston Brooks, Superintendent, U.S.D. 259.
Ms. Michelle Shue, Director, Children's Services, Family Consultation Service.
Ms. Judy Frick, Executive Director, Communities in Schools.
Dr. Rosemary Mohr, President/ CEO, Mental Health Association.
Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell P.C.
Ms. Diane McNabb,

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Ms. Lakshmi Kambampati, Hindu.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, July 10, 2001

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of July 10, 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 approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2001.

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

CITIZEN INQUIRY

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A. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE THROUGH SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Madam Chair, I would suggest that you defer this item."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer the item indefinitely.

Commissioner Winters 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

NEW BUSINESS

B. PROPOSAL FOR SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS RELATED TO CASE

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MANAGEMENT CAPACITY ISSUES, INCLUDING ADDITION OF POSITIONS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) STAFFING TABLE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Buchanan said, “We have a cast almost of thousands today to do this presentation and we’re going to split it up in several different ways. I thought it might be helpful for you to have some background for me to frame the issue. We are going to ask you to increase our staffing table by 20 positions. Those 20 positions will be case managers and work in the local schools. What they will do and how they will do their jobs will be presented to you by Debbie Donaldson and her staff.

About ten years ago the State of Kansas took a whole initiative of how to deliver mental health services differently in the State and several goals were outlined. One was to have more local control and the second was to eliminate people from State hospitals who didn’t need to be there, was there a better way in which to deliver services and a restructuring about how all those services were financed. The financing plan ten years ago was a four legged stool, local tax support, the second leg was grants that the S.R.S. would give to local health providers, health authorities like COMCARE and others around the State. It was certified match. Then there was a billing to Medicaid for services that we provide for those people who are income eligible to receive those services. The program worked very well. We deliver services, we’ve provided lots of intervention in families’ lives and children’s lives that were positive in the mental health field.

A couple of years ago, Governor Graves put together another task force to reexamine how the State of Kansas and how local governments were delivering mental services to the citizens. Out of a series of meetings, a year or so of discussions with Secretary Schlansky and the Governor, staff, and mental health professionals like Debbie Donaldson from around the State came up with a conclusion that more money at the local level could provide more services. How were they going to structure that? Out of those discussions a new way in which to finance mental health services was devised.

The old system that we talked about had four legs to the stool and the new system has a different approach. The new system still calls for local tax support in the 2002 budget. We know those numbers are about the same as we’re contributing for local tax support. So there are no new local

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tax dollars. The certified match, which was in a form of a grant from the State to us is going to be eliminated. This was to be in used in position with Medicaid funds and they're not going to do that any more. They're going to continue to give us grants but reduce the amount of grants and in exchange for that the State will allow us to bill Medicaid at a higher rate, which is perfectly legitimate and perfectly okay with Medicaid. This is not like the stuff that we've read in the paper about the billing of Medicaid for nursing home care that really doesn't happen that states are balancing the budget on. This is not like that program at all. This is established rates for care that we can bill because now we have the power, the ability to charge Medicaid the full rate for services and they're willing to pay. The risk, however, is on local governments. We're going to take the risk that we can bill accurately and in a timely fashion. If we can do that, there is more money to be had and more services can be delivered.

Since the first of the year we've increased, revenues have started to come in, at a rate that was higher than we had before. That rate is about \$2,000,000 a year more in revenues coming into Sedgwick County than we had previously. This program that we are presenting to you today is a first step in a series of six or seven steps that we are going to be bringing back to you in a three to four month period about increasing services to citizens of Sedgwick County. This first one is for 20 case managers. The money is there, the program works, we're receiving the funds and we can provide this service.

The other good piece of news is that this piece of action that we are asking you to take today is really about walking and talking. You have established some goals through the mission statement, some goals for Sedgwick County. One is to allocate resources for basic and essential services that are responsive to the challenging needs of our community. Clearly, these needs, and you will hear about the needs from the mental health staff, that these are new and different. One of the other goals is to establish and maintain and nurture partnerships to ensure effective efficient services. Well the partners in this deal are significant, U.S.D. 259, the Haysville, Mulvane, and Derby School Districts, Family Consultation Service, Mental Health Association, and Community in Schools. So we are in this process, in a partnership, to deliver services and we happen to be the conduit by which this is going to happen. Debbie.”

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I would next like to introduce Marilyn Cook who is the director of Clinical Operations at COMCARE and Wayne Burns, who is the director of Family and Children’s Community Services and they will discuss this project further and give you more detail about how that will work.”

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Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director of Clinical Operations, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're excited to talk about this new initiative this morning with you and to address any questions you might have about it. It is, essentially, I'm going to talk about why we are doing this and Wayne Burns is going to talk about how we're doing this new initiative. The whole idea is essentially to bring mental health services to kids in schools rather than bring kids to mental health services. Nationally, this is known as co-location. A little bit different than traditional services that have been provided in schools in the past because a lot of these services now would be what we call community based services. Actually, services have been provided in schools for a long time by school clinicians as well as mental health providers in the community. However, the incident at Columbine in 1999 really shocked the nation into looking at the need to look at services further for kids in the schools. We are very happy to have been invited by U.S.D. 259 to be able to participate in this project with them.

Fairly recently, last year, Judy Frick from Communities in Schools led a project that was funded by the Kansas foundation to look at an increased presence of mental health clinicians and providers in the schools. We met for a number of months. A report was published last August, I believe it was, that was a very comprehensive report but it also had a list of barriers as well as strategies to overcome those barriers. Some of those barriers included parents' concerns about their children being stigmatized by receiving mental health services, kind of general lack of understanding of what mental health services were needed and necessary in the schools, funding complexities, since we have different funding sources, communication issues, confidentiality issues, the issues went on and on. We also looked at some strategies and began meeting as a community to look at this issue. Given all those barriers, you might ask why are we interested then in pursuing this. That is what I want to go over with you this morning.

One of the reasons we need to have mental health services in the schools or an increased amount of services in the schools is that nationally 3% to 5% of all kids have a severe behavioral problem and yet only a third of them receive the care that they need for those programs. Over 52,000,000 youth attend over 114,000 schools nationally with a little over 6,000,000 adults in those schools. So when you put all those numbers together, about a fifth of the U.S. population is at a school in any one day and we want and need to be there as well.

There are a lot of advantages to seeing children in their natural environment and that is because we can observe them there. Kids spend a lot of their day there and that is where we want to spend time with them as well. We'll have better access to youth. We have a lot of problems now with no show rates with parents that have a difficult time arranging changes in their work schedules to get kids the treatment when they come to us. We also realize that kids are conditioned to learn in schools in a different way than going to an office outside of the school. We'll have an opportunity to have first hand observation of kids.

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We went to a summit on mental health services in schools this spring and listened to a national speaker talk about a young man that he was working with. It was a shy young man who had self-esteem problems, a lot of different problems. One of his treatment goals that he shared with his therapist was to be able to approach a particular group of kids at one of the tables in the cafeteria and feel comfortable sitting with them and feel invited. So the therapist worked with him on some opening lines about how he might approach that table and sent the young man on his way and he tried it. He was very determined to do what he felt he had practiced and what was the right thing to do. He went up to the table that day, approached the table and one young man and gave the opening line that he had been practicing and one of the bullies at the table looked at him and said shut up and caused all the other kids to get up and leave. Now what is the percent chance that young man is going to try that strategy again? Low, very low. In fact, the next week when the therapist checked himself on how this child was performing in school he was sitting with a table of physically handicapped children and it was the only place he felt comfortable in the cafeteria. With a clinician on site, there is more of a likelihood for us to practice what we are working with with children and to reinforce the treatment goals that we establish with them.

Mental health staff are also going to be available to consult with teachers. There will be enhanced opportunities for school based clinicians that U.S.D. 259 hires and works in the school to be able to do more prevention activities than they have been able to in the past. There is a reduced stigma for kids to receive services in school rather than leaving the school and going elsewhere. It is a win win situation for everyone. There are enough children with needs that we will be able to work with them closely. School support staff, and that is another name for their clinical staff, have been overburdened and they will have some help. At this point, principals and teachers should have an environment that is easier to teach in and an environment where it is easier for the kids to learn and this should be helpful for kids and families.

What are we anticipating as outcomes? We're anticipating that there will be improved grades, attendance, and behavior on the part of kids with severe behavioral problems. There will be a decrease in inappropriate referrals to special ed. A lot of time, I heard a story a couple of weeks ago with someone that was interviewing, that a teacher went up to her the first day and said this one is not going to make it in my classroom after having spent an hour with him. So we are hoping that we can intervene and not have so many kids removed from the classrooms and help support them in the environment where they can learn. We're hoping for an improved school climate behavior wise and in their ability to learn, kids abilities to learn. Throughout all of this, hopefully there will be an increased awareness of mental health issues that all of us are facing.

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The services we are offering will be a wide array of services. There will be clinicians in the school, and Wayne is going to talk about this in a moment, but we will do assessment, we will do individual and group treatment and in fact the clinical staff will also have the ability to do some in home therapy. We will be consulting with teachers, as I have said. We'll have case management services in the schools with the ability of the case managers to hook kids up with the resources they need. We're going to have attendant care although we decided to call it something else. For purposes of billing, we will call it attendant care but we've decided to call it student support because we're realizing that is probably something that is going to be more easily understood and appreciated in the school system. Prevention, and then parent advocacy will part of that as well. So I'm going to have Wayne come up and talk about how we are going to do that."

Mr. Wayne Burns, Director, Family and Children Community Services, said, "I want to talk about the implementation aspect of this in reference to the co-location project and also in regards to the Derby Therapeutic Day Care School. In reference to the co-location project, there are ten schools that have been selected that we are looking at presently for providing these services. A coordinator has been selected. An offer has been made to a coordinator that has experience in a school setting and also in a mental health setting.

Five therapists will be identified. The therapists will cover two schools so they will be moving back and forth between those schools and then providing oversight in regards to services provided by 20 case managers. There will be two case managers per school. We will also have the parent's support component. What we are going to be doing with this is to identify how the parent's support becomes part of the actual team in working with the case managers, also with the therapist and coordinator to identify what are the service needs of the family, the family needs may exist in reference to the relationship with the school, with the district, or issues in the community that transpose into the school setting.

In reference to the student support workers or the attendant care providers, what we'll be looking at in regards to this is the fact that there will be some children that will need services right in the classroom setting. We'll need to be looking at dynamics of each classroom and we're looking at 10 schools. We're looking at 10 settings that may have totally different rules in each of those settings. Then you break that down into the independent classroom and what you have is expectations of teachers, expectations of the support staff, which would be through the school, which would be the social workers and psychologists that are employed by the schools themselves and how those roles will interface with one another. So what we'll be looking at is finding a mechanism by which the team of the school and the team of mental health becomes one team in order to service the needs of the child.

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In reference to the services that will be provided, these services again as I mentioned will be in the schools and also as much in the community. There are so many dynamics and so many stresses that go on that impact children's ability to learn. Children, many times, as we all know will bring their issues from the community and from the family into the classroom. Sometimes they portray this through behavioral manifestation, sometimes they portray this through lack of communication or over communication. They draw attention to themselves sometimes and this is where the support worker will begin to identify these children, look at this from a preventative standpoint, be able to identify what is going on, what do we anticipate as possible concerns, how do we intervene, how do we pull this whole system together.

There will be a great deal of consultation with teachers. Again, when we're looking at school settings, when we're looking at classrooms, the teacher's in charge of that classroom, we're walking into their turf. Whenever we have a support worker that goes in, a therapist that goes in, or a case manager or even a coordinator walks in to say 'okay, there seem to be some possible concerns going on', there are rules we'll need to follow. Many times those rules are not written. Those rules are just given rules that they are going to have to try to understand how to interface, how to provide services to the child without drawing attention to the child. While we have found out that with the younger age children what we may be looking at is we have children that are wondering 'this child is receiving some services what about me, when do I get my time with the individual'. This is something we're looking at in regards to how will a child receiving services be perceived by other children in that classroom.

We'll be focusing on prevention. Again, prevention is critical in this process. We want to get into the classroom, identify concerns, so that when a child comes into the classroom for the first day that we don't have a child being removed from that classroom and moved to another setting immediately. As we all know in reference to school settings, there are sometimes histories that need to be looked at because of siblings, because of issues that have been talked about between teachers. You're going to be getting Johnny, Johnny was a real handful last year for me and you're going to get him this year. With these services we hope to prevent those problems from emerging later on down the road.

One of the mechanisms by which we will receive children into this project will be through the I.E.P. process, the Individual Education Plan. Some children will be identified through that plan, other children will be identified just by a counsel that exists within the school that begins talking about problems or concerns. What you may have is a teacher that comes in and says 'you know, I could

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really teach well in this classroom if this child weren't there or this child did not cause this type of disruption and create an environment that I can't teach in'. What we'll be looking at is what are all the mechanisms for those referrals. Some of those referrals will come from mental health doing some identification also. Being able to see something in a classroom that maybe a teacher is not seeing, how a child is not engaging, how a child is beginning to pull away or withdraw and anticipating potential problems that might emerge.

The co-location project will have referrals go through the coordinator. The coordinator is going to be the individual who is going to be overseeing schools in reference to this project. Their job is going to be huge. What they are going to be doing is to make sure that all the releases are in place, that everything is well understood by everyone, including the family, as to what these providers are going to be doing and how the role of the school personnel may be changing at the same time.

In reference to the other project we're looking at, which is the Derby Therapeutic Day Care program, again this is collaboration of two community mental centers, this would be COMCARE and Sumner Mental Health in reference to services to three school districts. That would be Haysville, Mulvane and Derby. What we also have in regards to this is that we have been told by the principal there is going to be a maximum of 30 children. Probably in the first year there will only be 24 children. I asked him, in our discussions that were taking place last week, okay if 24 this year then how many in the second year and he just laughed and said well we might go a little bit over that. That's what I am sort of anticipating. What we have is that there are case managers, they're showing a great interest in going into this project. It is anticipated that we'll have that finalized with those case managers coming up by the end of this week and we'll have them ready to go in reference to that project. The final thing I want to present in regards to the schools is that we are looking at a total of four elementary schools, three middle schools, and two high schools at the present time. Any questions?"

Chair McGinn said, "We have some questions, but do you want to hear the full presentation?"

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have some questions but I'd like to hear the whole presentation."

Mr. Burns said, "I'll turn this back over to Debbie."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Next, I'd like to introduce Winston Brooks, Superintendent of U.S.D. 259 and let him say a few words. We've been spending a lot of time working on this project."

Dr. Winston Brooks, Superintendent, U.S.D. 259, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm going to be a little bit repetitive perhaps in some of the things that have already been said. I'll try to minimize that. The expansion of mental health services to the students in this community and in particular my specific interest, U.S.D. 259, is critical. Not only is it critical, I think it makes good common sense, something that I try to come back to many times in my work week and I'm sure you do too. Staff from COMCARE and from the County Manager's Office have worked closely for over a year now with staff from U.S.D. 259 and myself. I want to personally thank Ms. Donaldson and Mr. Buchanan for their partnership and their willingness to sit down and kind of beat out the details.

It is no secret and it is publicized frequently about the Board of Education and our school district needs to address special education issues in our school district. It is a horrendous task before us and the school district. Last year alone, over 600 students walked into our school district after September 20 with I.E.P. in hand who came here from either other states or other districts that we were required to try to meet their needs. Moreover, and I have a hunch that we have a tendency in this district to over identify special ed youngsters. In large part, I'm beginning to believe that perhaps that is because we have no other avenue in many ways to deal with dysfunctional students and dysfunctional families. In my opinion, the enhancement of mental health services in the schools not only is good common sense, but perhaps will be an avenue we have to deal with that. What I'm really hopeful for is that at the end of our first year, if you all approve this, we can sit down and evaluate whether or not several things have occurred. First of all, I'll be real interested to know whether or not our special education referrals have decreased. I'm really hopeful and my hunch, and I've talked with Mr. Buchanan and Ms. Donaldson enough, and we had a conversation with John Sullivan the other day, my hunch is that with these mental health services it perhaps could reduce the number of referrals that we're making internally which will be a very good thing, particularly if we're misidentifying youngsters.

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I think we also ought to look at student achievement. I'll be very interested and I know you can't just use one year, it will take two or three years to be able to really get a true test, but I'll be interested in looking at what happens to student achievement in the schools where we have these services. If this works, student achievement ought to be on the increase there. I'll be very interested in looking at that.

I'll also be very interested and I think it is another method of evaluating the effectiveness of it is a survey perhaps of the families involved and whether or not they think that this is something beneficial to them that helps meet their needs. Then more importantly, if all this works we'll end up providing a better community in which we all live.

I think we're a long ways from having these questions answered and certainly at the end of this coming school year we'll be able to do some evaluation, but the proof will really be there two or three years from now and long term solutions. What I can tell you is that I do believe that these local issues need to be addressed at home by qualified people, qualified people that we have in the school district and qualified people that you have through your resources, not by unqualified legislators in Topeka. I think too many times as we've discussed this issue over the last two or three years it keeps coming up, we sometimes have unqualified legislators who try to mingle into this business and I really am hopeful and I've had enough conversations with Bill to know that we will work passionately on this until we get it figured out and we're able to make it work here locally for us.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation to the Commission for your partnership with U.S.D. 259. I want to publicly express my appreciation to the County Manager. I know this isn't necessarily on the topic and he didn't pay me to say this, but he soon will, one way or the other. Bill has truly been a friend over the course of my three years as superintendent, not only a friend but a colleague and someone that I really do believe is in partnership and has the community at heart and I want to publicly say that I appreciate his leadership, his friendship and his mentorship over the last two or three years that I've known him. Thank you very much."

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Chair McGinn said, “Debbie, how many more do you have? Two more? I’d just like to ask a couple of questions of you. First of all, thank you for coming here today and sharing the 259 thought pattern and the process that has gone on. One of the things you said was that 259 possibly over identifies special ed children, I just want to make sure I’m clear on that. Meaning that perhaps they don’t have a physical disability, they don’t have some of these other kinds of needs, it is maybe more of a home life situation or something that may be causing mental illness or mental illness genetically, is that what you were saying? Pull them out of some of the other programs you have and perhaps being identified here? Clarify that.”

Dr. Brooks said, “Correct, everything you said was correct. It is fairly simple to identify a child who has learning disabilities, you simply identify what their intelligence quotient is and compare that to their academic achievement and if their intelligence quotient is high enough and yet their student achievement is low enough there is a formula that you kind of apply and say that child is labeled L.D. That is a lot more difficult when you get into the business of identify children with behavior disorders. There is no formula for doing that. It is really a parent/teacher referral. My hunch is that many kids come to school very angry because they come from dysfunctional places at home many times. Sometimes that is not the case, but many times they do. The only solution that many of our teachers have, although I hope they spend more than an hour, I heard somebody say that after an hour with that child they decided they were special ed, I hope they spend more than an hour with them. But there is really no other avenue but to look at placing them in a special day school or something like that. I really believe that with these mental health services available at the school that we can look at addressing the mental health needs, they may not be special education at all. If we can address their mental health needs at a very early age, that better meets the needs of the person that has the problems that better meets your needs and it certainly better meets our needs because we reduce the number that we are referring into special ed who may not need special ed.”

Chair McGinn said, “I’ve noticed over the past, I look back and think about my high school years and how many people were in some of these programs and very few in comparison to what we have

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in there today. I don't think genetically we've changed that much, I think maybe society and how we discipline or how we parent at home has caused probably some of these problems. If we can identify that and help parents as well as the students that will be good. Thank you for that clarification. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Let me understand it right. If I understood you right, presently a student or a child with behavioral problems, not retarded or what have you, right now he or she is being placed in a special ed class because there is not an alternative at the present time, is that correct?"

Dr. Brooks said, "That is one avenue, but that is probably the most common of all avenues."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That is one of the things we're hoping to be able to reduce with this effort that we're trying to start."

Dr. Brooks said, "Correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Am I right in assuming you're fully supportive of the County's effort in this direction?"

Dr. Brooks said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

Ms. Donaldson said, "I would now like to introduce Michelle Shue, who is director of the children's program for Family Consultation Services. She'd like to speak for a few minutes about this project."

Ms. Michelle Shue, Director, Children's Services, Family Consultation Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of Family Consultation Service, I would like to express how excited we are to have the opportunity to expand our continuing partnership with COMCARE and meeting the mental health needs of our community. Our agency is extremely appreciative of the increased revenue made available to fund the start of this program. Family Consultation Service has a rich history of providing off site mental health services in the schools dating back 10 years. Our experience in the Plainview area at Colvin has consistently demonstrated the many benefits of a

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school mental health partnership reaching children and families who may otherwise not have access to needed mental health services. We've also served the community at the Healthy Children Center located at Lincoln Elementary since 1998, again collaborating to make services consistently and conveniently available to families.

I would like to update you on our progress in this endeavor. We have identified a current staff member at Family Consultation Service to serve as lead clinician for this project, Laura Turner Gearing seated in the back row. Laura will function as liaison with COMCARE as well as providing supervision to the additional four clinicians. Laura brings several years of experience as a school based clinician to this project as well as already established collaborative relationships with several individuals in U.S.D. 259. Additionally, we are in the process of hiring four additional clinicians, at least one of whom may transfer from our out patient program.

As other people have mentioned here earlier this morning, the function of the clinician will be to identify children in need of behavioral or therapeutic intervention, to collaborate with teachers, other schools personnel, and assign case managers to develop appropriate service plans. Another function of the clinician will be to provide direct services to identified students in the school setting or if need be in the student's home. We plan to be fully staffed by September 1 of this year.

It is our belief that by providing services that have traditionally only been available on an out-patient basis within the student's natural school or home environment that more children will have better access to mental health services with less social stigma attached. It is my belief that this is really an outstanding example of two large and dynamic systems, U.S.D. 259 and COMCARE coming together as partners to bring services to our most vulnerable citizens. Our agency is really proud to be part of this collaborative effort. I appreciate your time this morning."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Ms. Donaldson said, "I would now like to recognize Judy Frick, Executive Director of Communities in Schools. Judy has lead many of the pioneering efforts in our communities, in terms of actually having services in the schools. Judy, if you'd like to come up and say a few words."

Ms. Judy Frick, Executive Director, Communities in Schools, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know the role of Communities in Schools is to connect the services and resources that

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already exist in the community with the kids and families who need them at the school site. So obviously, we're very pleased to be part of this partnership. It is kind of interesting in reflecting 10 years ago when we started and we talked about bringing therapists into the schools, I mean it really raised the hackles for principals. They were very concerned about the liability and all of those things. You can see that times have changed a great deal and I think it is really very exciting. I also think this project is going to be a very good start in bringing the community together to work for children. I think that the need is so great that I look forward to the possibility of adding other partners to this whole initiative.

The role of Communities in School specifically in this project is to work closely with U.S.D. 259 and COMCARE to develop and implement training to facilitate this whole process. Years ago, I heard someone say if you want to have integrated services you need to have integrated training. It really makes sense that if we're all going to work together we're going to be more effective if we also experience staff development and training together so that we can work better as a team. Obviously, it is the kids and families who are going to benefit. Thank you."

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

Ms. Donaldson said, "Other individuals I'd like to recognize in the audience today are Rosemary Mohr with Mental Health Association. I'm not going to ask Rosemary to say anything at the moment because we have an agenda item later with her contract that includes some funds for this school project and I'll give her a couple of minutes to discuss that when we get to that agenda item. I also have three Mental Health Advisory Board members here today, Doug Winkley, Billie Lively, and Carl Galler. At this point I would recommend approval of the agenda item of adding the 20 additional case managers to the COMCARE staffing table and I think anyone in the audience would be open to any questions you might have."

Chair McGinn said, "Looks like we do have a few questions. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I think I'm going to be supportive of this project. I think it has the potential to do some good in the schools. I really think if a child has a behavioral problem that may be based upon the fact that he has a dysfunctional family or he lives in a bad neighborhood and he's got next to the wrong type of people that are educating him on anti-social behaviors, the child shouldn't just be placed in a special ed class as sort of a caretaker role because they don't know what to do with him. He or she does need some special help. In looking at the backup, it looks like there is really . . . I don't see any way that we can't approve this because we've already approved a coordinator position to oversee this program. We've already signed a contract with Family Consultation for five mental health professionals, we've already approved a

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contract for attendant and family advocacy with the Mental Health Association. To say no to the case managers would be kind of silly. I think things that have already been done ahead of time that make this perfunctory, I have to admit that I didn't know when we were approving some of these that it would also have another leg or two to the stool but it does look like given the backup there is very little we can do but approve it, but I can approve it on its own merit.

A couple of questions that I had. Can mental health services be provided to a student without parent consent? That's a little different than classifying them as a special ed. I guess the question is, does it require parental consent in order to offer mental health services to a child?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Not on an emergency basis. That will be part of what we will be doing at enrollment is working with parents to sign consents. We've already had a lot of discussion about that. That would be part of the role of family advocacy would be working with families to make sure they understood the benefits of the services if we did not have a consent to treat and to obtain that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So will it be required upon enrollment that parents automatically consent to any mental health services that would be required for the students?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Not automatically, but they would be given that option."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. I guess the only concern I had was that there would be a reduced stigma. It would seem to me that if a child was being called out of class to go see the in-school mental health clinician or in-school case manager for mental health that kids would pick up on that quicker than if there was a note from the parents saying Johnny had to go to the doctor at three o'clock with no explanation of what type of doctor that might be. I assume you're going to be able to work through it, but that was just in hearing that part of the presentation I saw that there could be some potential for more stigma as opposed to less stigma from their peers."

Ms. Donaldson said, "If we are successful, it is our belief that the staff will so blend into the school environment and be truly a part of that team that it will not stand out and that in fact the work will become so much a part of the natural environment that it will be a help and a support but not something where you're going to go see your psychologist kind of way of doing business. So we're seeing this as being more natural, of happening in the schools, and I think many parents are concerned that you are going to take the child who is actually transported to a mental health center or a clinic and in this way they're actually being worked with in the community, someone is actually right there when they need the help."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Will there be and I'm going to go back to the parents because anti-

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social behavior often times has its root cause in the home, will the parents, someone, be giving their permission that maybe in order to deal with this child's anti-social behavior the parents need to get into some kind of therapy or discussion to maybe shut the faucet off that is maybe causing some of the . . . will we be doing anything with them?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Absolutely. Part of this, when we talk about working with the community, it is not just the schools but we believe we will also be providing some in-home family therapy through Family Consultation which is certainly an area of expertise they have and that the case managers will be at the home working with the family. It is real hard to focus on dealing with these issues sometimes when families are worrying about where they are going to live, what they're going to be able to eat that next night for dinner and help them connect with those resources and I know that is a lot of what Communities in Schools does with families is try to connect them with resources also."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So we are going to try to have a totally integrated effort?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Like I say, I'm going to be supportive of it because I think it has the potential to succeed. The only thing I would caution everybody, whenever you start up a new program, especially when it is going to be integrated and there is going to be more than one entity involved in the integration, is crawl before you walk and not walk before you crawl and I'm happy to see that we're only going to start off in ten schools and not try to just instantaneously put everybody in all the schools at the same time because I think that would be chaos and I think we're going to learn a lot this first year that maybe we'll be changing and refining and improving the second year or the third year. I'm glad we're starting out slow so that we can be efficient and not be five miles wide and one inch deep. I'm real happy with that. Thank you. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Chairman Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I guess just a quick comment and then a couple of concerns or issues that I just want to mention. I'm also going to be supportive of this, principally because of our commitment to children and young people in this community that started here at Sedgwick County several years ago with our commitment to prevention funds, specifically along the areas of crime and delinquency. We really did begin to realize and see the light that the earlier you work with young people the better off you are. I think this project is going to go very well with our commitment to young people and making sure that they're growing up as well as they can and that problems at a very early age can be helped with, worked on and hopefully make it a lot better

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for the young person and for our entire community. This plan, to me, is right on that task so I'm going to be supportive.

The two issues, and I'm not going to ask these as a question necessarily, but they are areas where I think we need to pay special attention. One is our direct billing of Medicare/Medicaid. If that was an easy task, everybody would do it. That is not an easy task. I'm certainly not an expert on it. I know though from past experience with our E.M.S. in which they've had difficulties in that billing process in the past. We're really going to need to have some very good people paying very close attention to how that works.

Then the other part, which I think is very workable but it is the type of thing that can really be a detriment, is Judy Frick talked about the staff training and development. I heard others talk about the team approach. When you have those two good-sized bureaucratic institutions, the school district and COMCARE, 'well this is the way we do it, no this is the way we do it'. I just hope that doesn't become some kind of a problem or issue. I think people are really going to have to work on that. It was good to hear Winston Brooks say that we're going to keep working on it here locally until we get it figured out. I would hope that we don't let some personnel issues, because it is going to be from our standpoint and the school district's, it is going to be key the personnel that are involved. If the wrong people are involved or the people who don't know how to collaborate and don't know how to work as partners get involved, it can lead to an unsuccessful program. Those are my only two concerns but I think it sounds like a good project.

In reference to Commissioner Sciortino talking about how we've already started some of this, I think I really didn't know how big this whole project was going to be. I think that is maybe what we didn't realize is what the opportunity and the potential with the new way of accessing Medicaid funds was going to be. I just don't think we saw that as a big item, but it truly is going to be a big item and it can truly change significantly the amount of federal funds and the work that we're going to be able to do in the community. Thank you, Madam Chair."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm very supportive of this and certainly will vote to approve it. To go back to a couple of Superintendent Brooks' words, he said it was critical and I believe that. He also said it makes good common sense and I believe that too. That if a school district can lower its special ed referrals to just those children who have learning disabilities and those special education

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challenges, if you can improve student achievement by assisting the child and its family in the area where it really needs it, you do in fact end up with a better community and I think Doctor Brooks was right on when he said that.

The story that Marilyn told begs a question. You have a young man who has been in counseling and gotten some therapeutic assistance try to achieve a goal that he has in mind. That's all well and good, but then he went about the job of trying to achieve that. He was rebuffed. Where in this system do we look at sensitivity or understanding or empathy or acceptance from the traditional student, traditional children? If my child or I am one of the kids who goes to the reading lab, math lab, or to the mental health lab from my regular classroom, then Commissioner Sciortino is right, the other kids get it. They understand that you are going to go to the reading lab because you have trouble reading. They understand you go to the math lab because you have trouble with your math or speech or whatever it is. If you go to the mental health lab or whatever that might be, then what must you do then to get the typical student to understand what this means? Isn't that important too? I know it wasn't mentioned as part of this process, but it seems to me that the young man Marilyn referred to might have been more successful had that table of students been informed themselves, understood what it was that we're dealing with here. We have diversity training in this organization, we have training about sexual harassment, training trying to get you to understand what it is that other people feel when you say or do certain things around them. I guess that begs the challenge then, how are you going to help not only the special needs kids but how are you going to help the traditional students in the schools understand these kids? I think that is maybe a bigger challenge."

Ms. Donaldson said, "I think part of that is the teacher consultation and that is the advantage of being in the school because when you're in the school the clinician can walk in there and they could see what happened, why it didn't work and whoops maybe that wasn't the best way to approach it. But then that tells them what needs to happen in the school and probably the consultation with the teachers to work with some of these other students. If you hadn't been in the school, all you would know is that this individual that you were working with was very shy about ever trying that again, but you weren't there to see why it didn't work, two, you weren't there and had the relationships to work with other staff to provide another intervention that would be successful and would hopefully

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change that school environment. That's the advantage of being right there."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I agree. I think that is an ongoing challenge to acceptance and understanding. Thank you, Madam Chair."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I think this is a wonderful program and one comment about what Betsy said I think is very true. When you have people in the schools, the kids connect. When you have community policing in the schools, they're there for a specific item but kids that are problems connect with them but so does the rest of the school to get to understand. Communities in Schools have been doing this for ten years. They're in the schools with the presence to deal with those kids who have the worst problems. Don't think they don't connect and spread the message to all those other kids that maybe don't have family problems, they don't come from dysfunctional kinds of things, don't have a health problem or baggage that keeps them from surviving in the school system. I think having the people there, making them blend in, will let them systemically help the problem just like you said, Betsy. I have a number of questions. One, what are the schools that we are going into?"

Mr. Burns said, "The schools that have been identified are, the elementary schools are Minneha, Gardner, Enterprise, Funston and Griffith. For the middle schools there will be Coleman, Hamilton and Truesdale. For the high schools, there will be West and South."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think that is great. My comment here is that I want to be sure that these weren't all low and moderate income, free and reduced lunch schools but kind of a broad perspective. I think we found out and one of the examples was Columbine, that's a very high-income, wealthy socioeconomical school and they had problems. Mental health problems doesn't mean that if you come out of a poverty kind of school that you're going to have more problems. Certainly, they have a risk of problems at home with poverty and all that but kids have a lot of baggage even if they have it pretty well at home, financially."

"Number two, what is the time line for other schools? How will we integrate into other schools and move forward on that? There is a huge need and ten schools, although I think this is wonderful, we really do need to move forward. I agree with Ben, we don't want to go too fast, but we need to know where we're going next."

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Ms. Donaldson said, “First, it needs to be clear that we’ve also made the commitment that if there is a child that needs to be serviced in any other school, we will go there and make sure those services are provided during this first year. We also, as we are able to move through the schools, will assess at points how soon we can add additional schools and certainly at mid-year we’ll be looking at where we are and then certainly at the end of the year we’ll be looking at what have we been able to accomplish and will we be able to add additional schools the following year.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Talk a little bit about the outlying schools delivery. You have a partnership with three schools, is that delivered at all three schools or is it a center where kids are serviced?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “This will be a special day school focused on those individuals who have special needs, particularly the mental health needs.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And where is that located?”

Ms. Cook said, “The elementary and middle school will be in Derby and the high school will be in Haysville. It will be in the Hemphill Building, the name of that one and then in Derby behind Carlton. There is a Boys & Girls Club there that has classrooms and there will be two classrooms there.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Are the numbers enough right now as far as covering the people in the schools? Some of them are pretty large schools, are two case workers in each school going to be enough?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “That is something we really don’t know at this point. It is really going to involve getting in there because we will be focusing on those with the most severe emotional disturbance which is still a small percentage of our population, but certainly those most in need and when they’re having trouble in school the school knows it.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Discuss a little bit about the case manager scenario because there are people who like that and people who don’t. Some people say they’re just case managers and they don’t have the disciplines to really get deep into the child’s psyche to help them. Talk a little bit about case managers and why it should work in this scenario.”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Case managers are trained in the strengths model. They have some extensive

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training in that focusing on the strengths of that child and their family and how to maximize those. They're truly the centerpiece in terms of service provision bringing in what other services may be necessary. Not every child needs individual therapy. Not every child needs medication management. But the case manager makes sure that child and family will get what they need. Our ideal is they get exactly what they need, no more, no less."

Commissioner Norton said, "Talk about what happens once they have identified a need that escalates. How do they get psychiatric help and that?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "We have medication and medical services available through COMCARE as does Family Consultation Services. So those can be immediately available through our crisis program also. So if something escalates we certainly can respond. We also will have a mobile crisis unit available during the day as we've talked about in our crisis plan, that the team can go to any school at any time during the day and we'll make sure that is available if that is one of the needs."

Commissioner Norton said, "One of the things we talked about as you explained this, you and the Manager, I'm concerned that you have the crisis unit to go in but how we're going to be proactive in all those other schools. I would urge us to look at a model that would have some people in and out of the other schools trying to identify early those problems as opposed to waiting until it is a crisis or identified."

The final thing I've got, as we move forward and we put more and more case managers and we need more and more people, what are we doing to mine for other partners to get ready for this? We obviously can't do all of this ourselves. We're going to have to have many more partners as we go into all the schools. Are we looking right now for all those other partners out there that can go in and help us?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Since we don't know fully what the need will be and what is going to be involved, we continue to talk with individuals and particularly folks who have developed programs specific to this kind of need. For example, Breakthrough Club has developed a transitional age program for those 16 or older with serious mental illness. We believe that when we get in the high school, we may find students that very appropriately should be served through that program. We've had some preliminary discussion with them in terms that they may need to expand that to serve those individuals. Part of it is going to be getting in there and really have some good data for you a year from now about what the need is and how it is being served and what we would project across the school system."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have. My last thing is a comment. I think this is a

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wonderful program. I hope we can move forward in the next couple of years. I'm totally supportive. It is a great partnership between the school and the County and the Communities in Schools, Family Consultation and other entities, to make things happen right for kids in schools. I think it is wonderful. Thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is this just for one year? Then we reevaluate or we already made the decision that this will be successful and it is an item."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Of course we've made the decision that this will be successful, but yes, it is our belief that this will become truly a part of the treatment continuum and actually over time we're really wondering if we can find ourselves moving more and more out of the way we provided services and actually doing more and more of those in the schools. We may well transfer what we do today more into the schools."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that, but for right now, we made a commitment to U.S.D. 259 that these 20 case managers, the five therapists, et cetera, is now in and it will go forward as an infinite item or is it a one year commitment? I don't know."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Let me try to answer that. There has been no discussion about an end date. This is not a pilot program. If the need exists and the revenues continue to flow, there is no reason to stop the program. We've not suggested to them that it is a one year or five year deal."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It isn't a pilot program. Somebody will have to tell us or our funds dry up before we would cease this program or if it turns out to be totally unsuccessful and we have to modify it."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Right, like anything we do, we will evaluate it continually throughout the process to make sure it is being successful and having the impact that we are anticipating."

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

Chair McGinn said, "I'll start with that because I know I had a discussion with you and the Manager about how we're going to fund these projects and we are able to look at and see if the funding will not happen and we can cut that off to decrease the risk to local government. I think other people also need to understand the money is coming through Medicaid and if it is not there, the program won't be there either. I think that needs to be very clear too. I think it sounded like or

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at least you guys gave me a comfort level that we'll be monitoring that and if at any point in time we see the funding won't be there we can cut that off and decrease the risk through local government.

The other thing, I guess I'm going to kind of summarize a lot of what has been discussed and some of the issues that are a little bit important to me. One has to do with the working with school counselors and case managers. Twenty or thirty years ago if you had a problem in school you went and saw your school counselor. They have some background in this area but they evidently don't have the same kind of experience and some of the backgrounds that our case managers have. I hope that they are able to work closely together. That will enhance the program even more.

The other thing I heard was at enrollment we try to find these people and sign up for mental health relief. I hope that is done in a manner that is not . . . if a family thinks they seriously have a problem, that is a good time to get their signature. I don't want to see us grow a program because I think what I've seen with some parents is they don't have discipline and control over their children so it is quite easy to say I think they have a problem. So I don't want to see us just grow these programs. We really need to find those folks that really do have a problem. That is just an area that I think we need to be careful with. I sincerely believe that there are folks out there that are in need of these services and I'd hate to have others in there who don't need to be and take away from those funds.

The other thing, if I can read my notes here, I wanted to say that I'm going to support this program too because of our commitment to youth. As what we've seen over the years, as we started doing prevention programs, look at where we started with that and look at where we're going with some of those programs and it is the integration with family. It is not that the kid is bad, his behavior is bad and why is the behavior bad? A lot of it has to do with their environment around them that they go home in and that type of thing. Now I'm seeing that we don't just treat the child. We need to look at the whole child's environment and we need to integrate what is going on at home. I think that is very important, because I think over the years we've seen the parents quit parenting. Parents forgot the word no. Kids need to be told no. That's part of showing affection to that child, that you care enough to tell them no and that type of thing. I think that is why this is important to understand what is going on at home, help those families, teach them how to be parents and that sort of thing. I know that is a whole other issue that grows out of what we're doing in the school but I think it is also a very large component of this.

The other thing, I guess, and I believe you answered and I understand we're in Derby and Haysville, but Valley Center, Maize, Andale or somebody called and said we need some help here, and if I

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understand it right we'll be there to help them if they need that."

Ms. Donaldson said, "That's correct."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. It sounds like you put together a very good program. It sounds like we're working together with the other entities out there, the schools, Communities in Schools, some of the folks who have already been out there so we're not reinventing the wheel. We're taking what we know and trying to enhance and increase the efficiency and help those students that aren't being helped.

Just one other thing I wanted to go back to that I didn't bring up. When Winston was here I think that is also a very important thing. I think kids get thrown into the special education component and they don't need special education dollars. If we can help these kids through this, that will free up some of the special education dollars where those kids really need it and I know that is an area that is really suffering because it is not getting the dollars trickling down from the federal government. I'm excited to see how this program works in our community and I'm looking forward to seeing what we've learned in a year from now. Thank you and thank all of you who came to share some of the components of this whole idea and project. Thank you, Debbie. Commissioners, if there aren't any other questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the proposal and the additions to the COMCARE staffing table.

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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DEFERRED ITEM

C. CASE NUMBER CON2001-00028 – CONDITIONAL USE FOR A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY, LOCATED NORTH OF 101ST STREET NORTH AND WEST OF BROADWAY.

Commissioner Gwin said, "Madam Chair, we've received a communication from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department who has informed us that the Verizon folks have asked for a deferral on this item until August 15th."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to defer the item until August 15th.

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

D. AGREEMENT WITH BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT KANSAS COLISEUM.

Ms. Jacque Wedel, Sales and Marketing Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a marketing agreement with Butler County Community College for two signs, one in the north end of our concourse and one in the south in the amount of \$5,000 cash investment. That is a three year agreement and it is one of our standard marketing agreements. We recommend approval. Any questions?"

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Chair McGinn said, "I don't see any. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Jacque."

Ms. Wedel said, "Just one other comment. We are finding some other additional interest from other colleges, such as Friends and Hesston College and other colleges in the area for a niche that we're kind of developing. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

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E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CLIENTS.

Ms. Donaldson said, "This first agreement is with Johnson County. This is a renewal of an ongoing agreement. Johnson County Mental Health Center is in charge of providing services to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and also experience a mental illness. So they contract with us across the State to provide this service and this is the contract that we have had with them and it provides \$15,595 to provide therapy services for this specialized population. I'd be glad to answer any questions and I'd recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Debbie, just educate us a little bit. Are these citizens who live in Johnson County that are deaf and hard of hearing and we're providing the service through COMCARE? Why doesn't Johnson County provide that service to their citizens?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Johnson County is responsible for the services across the State, not for the residents in their County, so this is specifically for Sedgwick County residents. They receive the funds to do this and then they disseminate them across the State to provide that to residents who live in other areas."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, we are purchasing services from Johnson County to provide services to the citizens of Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "We're purchasing them but they're paying for it?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "They pay for it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Then they're purchasing from us."

Ms. Donaldson said, "They provide the service but they have the deaf and hard of hearing school up in Johnson County and they are seen as having some special expertise and so they contract with individuals across the state so that service can be available throughout the State of Kansas."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “We’re purchasing services from them but I think I understand it.”

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

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

2. AGREEMENT WITH GAYATRI SINGH, M.D. TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES TO COMCARE CONSUMERS.

Ms. Donaldson said, “Commissioners, this is the Contract with Dr. Singh to provide four hours of medication management services per week. It will be \$80 an hour with a total for the year of \$15,180. I’d be glad to answer any questions and would recommend your approval.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

3. CONTRACT WITH ARROWHEAD WEST, INC. TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL AND ADULT DAY SERVICES.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this is an ongoing agreement we have with Arrowhead West for consumers who are mentally ill and live in a facility. You remember the group of individuals who have been identified as developmentally disabled and they were not. Their disability was a mental illness. So the mental health side has picked up the funding for those individuals at \$85,102.39 of State funds, I would recommend your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton Moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

4. AGREEMENT WITH HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION AND CONSULTATION

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SERVICES.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, throughout the State, there is always a struggle to identify psychiatrists who have a specialty in working with children and adolescents. We are fortunate that we in fact do have a child psychiatrist on staff and this agreement is with Horizons Mental Health Center in Hutchinson in Reno County and they are purchasing some supervision and consultation time from her for their medical staff to provide these services. They pay us \$125 an hour for that consultation supervision. Be glad to answer any questions and would recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Debbie, to educate us. It says services will be provided via tele-psychiatry treatment. Could you explain how that is done?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "We have telecommunications capability at the children's program which is a TV screen and so when our psychiatrist provides consultation and supervision she doesn't have to drive to Hutchinson, she goes and turns on the machine. They have one at their end and she works with the staff via that avenue other than having to travel."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is it live interactive?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "It is live interactive."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So our child psychologist is dealing with their staff, it is not providing psychiatry services for the client that needs the service?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "That's correct, although they could bring someone in and have her view them on the monitor and ask them some questions if they would chose to do that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So have a studio at COMCARE that have that . . . I didn't know we had that interactive capability."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes, actually we have two of those."

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

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions?"

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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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

5. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, as you are aware, we are continuing to try to pull our agreements together and the one with mental health association is a culmination of many of those efforts. This particular contract provides a wide array of services to consumers and children and family members in our community, COMPEER residential services, a wide array including services to the schools. The full amount of that contract is \$1,155,406. I'd like to turn the podium over to Rosemary Mohr and give her an opportunity to say a few words about the services."

Dr. Rosemary Mohr, President/CEO, Mental Health Association, said, "We have had a long and very positive relationship with COMCARE with respect to developing and providing a full array of services for children and adults in Sedgwick County. It is actually a fairly unique relationship

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across the State but one I think we all feel very proud of. I am especially pleased now that we'll be a part of the team that will be working in the public school project. We have, in the past, had some attendant care workers in the public schools and certainly some parent advocacy as well as COMPEER and Pathway Programs, participating there through Communities in School. This will be an expansion and certainly some new ground will be covered. We'll be working particularly with the attendant care program where we'll have workers in classrooms, specifically assisting individual children.

I'm old enough now and I've been a part of this whole system long enough to have seen the magnificent sorts of changes that have occurred. Certainly from over 20 years ago and more recently from mental health reform as it started about 10 years ago and it has been wonderful to see how services are brought back to the community and we no longer have the kind of situation that existed at the State hospital years ago where people were sort of terminated at the door and it was their job to get back to Wichita and figure out how to get services. We're a long way from that.

I might just mention a little about parent advocacy. Through the federal grant earlier in the nineties we had the opportunity to develop the parent advocacy program, a group of parents who work as staff and help sort of bridge that gap with parents who are not so willing always to seek out mental health services, who have not always had a good experience with the various systems. They work with those parents as peers. They show them what the resources are. They kind of take them by the hand initially to access services and they've helped build some trust and confidence in the systems within the schools and certainly within mental health. We're very pleased to be a part of that as well as to be a part of now what is happening with employment for adults and the development of a lot of alternatives for them in the community. I think the outcomes have been very positive and we see in the reports that are made to the State. This doesn't happen because of our program or probably any one program but it is a result of a lot of team and shared effort and you should be congratulated because I know mental health is only one of your many priorities and you play a very significant role as does the COMCARE staff in making it work. We appreciate and value being a part of it. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

Ms. Donaldson said, "I would be glad to answer any questions and would recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "If there are no questions, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Amendment to Contract 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

6. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE POLICY, COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICES PROVIDING FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES.

Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disability Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you is an interim service contract with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The Agreement will cover the months of July, August and September 2001. It is simply an interim measure that has been instituted while they are trying to determine whether or not we can match additional federal funds that would be utilized to increase reimbursement rates for service providers, specifically cost of increasing wages for director service care staff. This Agreement provides for \$964,435 in direct payment to Sedgwick County and designates another \$6.2 million in State and federal funds to be billed directly by providers of service in Sedgwick County. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

7. CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE HOME HEALTH CARE, INC. TO PROVIDE INCOME ELIGIBLE/SENIOR CARE ACT SERVICES THAT ALLOW PERSONS TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I bring before you the Contract with Progressive Home Health Care for fiscal year 2002 for the Income Eligible Senior Care Act Program. These programs provide needed care to individuals ages 60 and over to help them remain in their home. Services include personnel care, homemaker services, respite care, personal emergency response, management, as well as specific purchases that will enable the client to maintain their independence in their homes. These services are provided in Butler, Harvey, and Sedgwick County. The budget for this program is for Senior Care Act, \$344,971. This is State monies that is matched two to one through the County mill levies in Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County. The Income Eligible Program is \$566,522, which is 100% State funded. The County mill levy dollars have already been approved in the previous contract and this is just a contract with Progressive Home Health Care for the fiscal year 2002 and we would recommend approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. How many clients does this serve, do you know?"

Ms. Graham said, "Between the two programs, approximately 400, 300 to 400."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is that at any one time?"

Ms. Graham said, "At any one time. It is based on the amount of the care plan for each client so that does vary. Right now we are in a waiting list for these programs across the tri-county area due

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to the limited budget from the State dollars.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Contract 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

8. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, USD 259 TO PROVIDE A GRANT-FUNDED SUSPENSION REDUCTION PROGRAM AT EIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is another school project and partnership with the school system. The project is called the Program Development Evaluation Suspension Reduction Project. The project is funded with

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juvenile justice prevention funds and is operated by U.S.D. 259. This amended agreement provides funds for a second year. This project includes an organizational development process called P.D.E. in the targeted elementary schools that is intended to reduce disciplinary referrals and suspensions and to begin to develop a plan that can be replicated district wide.

The process involves several components that are intended to increase staff's commitment and to equip them with the necessary skills to achieve the results. The process identifies specific factors resulting in suspensions and choosing specific interventions to address those factors. Extensive monitoring of the implementation and outcomes are provided by outside consultants who are the developers of this organizational process to aid the school staff in making decisions to achieve the results.

The process was implemented this year in four schools with positive results. This year, this coming year, based upon what was learned, the model was refined and will be expanded to eight schools for about half the cost. The target this year is a 20% reduction in suspensions at those schools. The funding provides two coordinators to work on the implementation at the eight schools and the contract with the outside consultant to continue providing expertise on the P.D.E. model to provide training to the coordinators, to the staff, problem solving expertise, and evaluation. The amended agreement is for \$131,400. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Mark, talk to me a little bit about how the program was refined from last year. Last year was the first year of this program, is that right?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes. This is a demonstration project where we're trying to rigorously examine the disciplinary practices that are in place in the schools to demonstrate what works and what doesn't and then refine it down to a model that eventually and we're hoping for next year, can be replicated district wide without our funding assistance. What we've learned from the base line year, which was the '98-'99 school year, suspensions in these four schools was reduced 45% per thousand students. Significant growth in changing staff and student behaviors was observed. They gained acceptance at the schools to establish school wide discipline plans that also carry into the classroom which, when going to select additional schools this year, was an important factor in

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gaining acceptance with principals who want to be part of this project.

Each of the schools that was involved last year saw positive results and wanted to continue to be part of the process. I think the students behavior tracking provided important data for the school teams to make decisions and that helped them to make direct changes. That tracking system is going to be used in the eight schools and the school system is looking at expanding that district wide possibly this year. So there were some significant gains that were made.”

Chair McGinn said, “I’m curious, of the eight schools that we’re going to expand to, are any of them the schools that we just talked about a little bit earlier that the case managers are going into and I’m wondering if we’re working together here on this. I think that some of what I heard earlier was we need to look at the discipline in the schools, the classroom, and I believe it was Wayne said it was different from classroom to classroom, teacher to teacher, and that type of thing. If you’re seeing some success or some kind of consistency in these disciplinary practices, I would hope that rather than you being out here and them being out here, that we’re working together on this to see if we can make all of this a little more efficient as well. Has that even been discussed yet?”

Mr. Masterson said, “There are three schools that are part of this project, Minneha, Funston, and Griffith, two of which were involved in the first year. Griffith is one that we’ll be going to this year. I would add an additional point that this project and the district and their schools uses a second step curriculum which teaches pro-social behaviors and remember we’re just elementary schools here. We’re focusing on reducing elementary school suspensions. That second step curriculum was established in all the four buildings we were in and that goes to the teaching of pro-social behaviors in the classrooms.

Has their been coordination between the juvenile justice and this project? Just as far as an awareness of the buildings. I think we’re just now getting down to the planning phases for the coming school year. We don’t provide staff who actually work with kids in this project. This is a project that organizes the team that exists in the school to provide information to do their job with school resources.”

Chair McGinn said, “Right, but I’m still saying that what we learn from this can go hand and hand with what we’re doing with COMCARE. I would certainly encourage you and Debbie and others to work together to see what kind of efficiencies we can gain on this. Thank you. Chairman

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Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Mark, did I hear you right in saying that this is going to be an expanded program that is actually going to cost less funds involved? Did I hear you say that?”

Mr. Masterson said, “Yeah, that is the good news. This is a demonstration and research project to employ a model to identify and prove what works, that school policies can then be changed to replicate the model throughout the entire district. Last year we spent \$253,000, this year we’re proposing \$131,000. We had four coordinators last year, one at each building, now we’ll cut down to two to implement it at eight buildings. We would expect next year that we will be able to no longer have to supplement this and it will go forward and be replicated district wide.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Good, that sounds like a good project. I’d remind the Commissioners and those others who are listening that when we went through the process of beginning juvenile justice reform in 1998 and 1999, one of the three objectives that we had in this community was to attempt to have an effect on early anti-social behavior that was demonstrated by a significant number of expulsions from elementary schools. This clearly was the result of one of those objectives of the planning committee and the planning team in juvenile justice reform issues. Mark, it sounds like it is developing a program that is going to be successful and we’ll be interested in hearing more about it next year even if the answer is that we’re not funding it, I think we’ll still be interested in knowing the success of this coming year in the eight schools. Thank you. Keep up the good work, Mark.”

Chair McGinn said, “I want to hear you expand it to 16 and cut the costs. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I think it is admirable that we’re cross functional with some of the new programs in some of the schools. As I look at the numbers though, I’m concerned that if we look at the base line at Chisholm Trail School, it is going the other way. What is the empirical evidence? Did we have a change in staff, administration, have the demographics of that school changed? What’s happened there?”

Mr. Masterson said, “I can’t answer that accurately. I can say that I’m sure that is one of the reasons that it is one of the expansion schools. There are several factors that go into picking which school for a replication project like this one to have a good cross section of schools to be sure that it

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works and then it can be replicated out across the district. That suspension rate I'm sure is one of the key factors that resulted in Chisholm being selected."

Commissioner Norton said, "What was the four original schools?"

Mr. Masterson said, "The four original schools were Minneha, Lynnwood, Gamon and Funston."

Commissioner Norton said, "Kind of mixed results there."

Mr. Masterson said, "When you start out this project and go in, they were implemented a little bit differently at each place and that is part of this process, to get the teams working. Each of the coordinators that we funded were used in a little bit different way at each of those schools. Then you begin to generate the data and then identify the causes for suspensions and what kind of adjustments can be made to make changes to reduce that. Through that continuous learning and dialogue, you begin to refine your model. That is the process that we are one year into and those refinements now will be replicated out at eight schools."

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

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. I want to take up a little bit on what our Chair just said. I have to assume that if we dramatically reduce suspensions it has to be because we've reduced anti-social behavior, which were the cause of the suspension. That is going hand in glove with what this new project that we're working and I would think that if you're already doing something in two of those schools that we're getting ready to do something in and showing some dramatic results, that there has to be some integration or sharing of what the school has already done to do what is being requested of COMCARE to do through some other provider. Am I right in my assumption that this suspension reduction is generally upon reducing anti-social behavior of the student?"

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Mr. Masterson said, "Improving school behavior in the classroom by having consistent practices and a uniform discipline policy across the school, I would envision that in these schools when the principal sits down to put together their team that is going to use this data having these additional members to be able to make part of that team will be an important resource. We don't tell them how to do it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Right. In other words, 259 is already doing something in this area that is showing pretty dramatic results. I do think we need to make sure there is some good coordination between the two groups. There are two other things that I want to make a comment on. I like the fact that we're focusing on elementary because if you can get this child that is 7, 8, or 9 years old to change their anti-social behavior they're going to go into middle school or high school with a different attitude which should reduce the overall anti-social behavior at those scholastic levels.

"Last thing, I would encourage the Manager to work real closely with you because there are other departments that I'd like to have them take your expertise and doubling the services and cutting the cost in half. I think we might be able to find a pretty valuable niche for you to consult. I really liked what I heard there. That's all."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "For clarification then, Griffith, Chisholm Trail, Adams and Lewis are being added or have they been a part of this?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Being added."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So all the backup material then just shows the information for those three years before they become a part of this program so we can see where we're starting?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, because it appears those four schools need some help because the numbers obviously are going the wrong direction. I'll be interested in next year's report to see how we do."

Mr. Masterson said, "Like Superintendent Brooks said, two or three years worth of data is really necessary to look at and you can go back in the previous year's data to see we have that and we're

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starting to build a good foundation of data to be able to make decisions with.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you Mark. Any other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

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

F. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. ADDITION OF ONE OPERATIONS MANAGER POSITION, RANGE 23, TO THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE STAFFING TABLE.

Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds Department. greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m requesting today that the Operations Manager Position for the new household hazardous waste program be added to the staffing table. As you know, we are scheduled to open this program on Earth Day of next year and we have a lot of work to do. I’ve got quite a list of projects for this person to do. We need to write the specs for the processing equipment, we need to develop an R.F.P. for the disposal, we need to order all the equipment and operating supplies and the list goes on and on. I believe it is necessary that we put this position on this fall.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Joe, talk to me a little bit about what will this person do after we're open. There is not a great deal of backup material as far as what this person is going to do. I saw your e-mail the other day and it was 'we need to get going'."

Mr. Brunk said, "This person will be in charge of the day to day operation of the facility. They will be the one there that will be greeting the customers as they come in. They'll be the one there that is overseeing the contractor with the proper separation of the different products. They'll be the one that is making sure that the safety precautions are followed. They really will be in charge of just the day to day operations of it."

Chair McGinn said, "The swap and shop and all that."

Mr. Brunk said, "The swap and shop, they'll be checking people in and out of that."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "When is Earth Day?"

Mr. Brunk said, "April of next year, I'm not sure of the actual date."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Joe, household hazardous waste will fall under the supervision of noxious weed department?"

Mr. Brunk said, "Yes, it is going over to Public Works and then underneath me."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "If this isn't going to open . . . will this individual, I see the salary requirements, will they already have knowledge in how to write R.F.P.s and do all these things? I would assume other personnel within the County will be doing that for an individual not that they would be doing that."

Mr. Brunk said, "Well, right, a joint effort. We think at this salary range that we can get somebody that has experience in hazardous materials, maybe somebody who has operated a program like this.

I just spoke with Iris Baker this morning and we've got a timeline where we can work with purchasing for an R.F.P. for the disposal company."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Has this already been budgeted for 2001?"

Mr. Brunk said, "Yes. The money is there from my current solid waste fees."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is that correct?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes. In personnel matters, there are two elements that are required. One is to make sure the funds are there and they have been budgeted as part of the process out of the solid waste fees. The second part of the involvement of the Commission is approval of the staffing table.

What we did when we adopted the budget for 2001, we didn't get approval to increase the staffing table for that position. We think it is appropriate to get that position established now, go through the advertising process, interviews. That is going to take a month or two, for sure, to bring this person on as Mr. Brunk said, in the fall."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, to me it seems like we're coming on awful early on another staff person that won't have all that much to do until we get closer to having the building built and the operation rolling. I know the dollars are only \$51,907 and that is small potatoes, but I'm not convinced that there is enough work for this person to do eight hours a day even if he comes on in September or October and the operation won't open until April, the target date, and overhead, just normally, walks into any organization on two feet. To me, it seems like we're kind of being premature in hiring this person and I probably won't support it. Thank you."

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Like the Manager was saying, it will probably take you at least a month or two to find a qualified candidate and of course we want to get the most qualified candidate we can find. If this person is working someplace else, they'll probably want to give notice. It is going to take a while. We need to get the process started now. Also, I think it is important for the person to be here while we're building the new building and being involved with that process also. The other thing, he needs to work with Purchasing and that's the way we always do these things because Purchasing doesn't have the particular expertise of this type. So you need that person to help guide the process. We think it is important to go ahead and get them on now."

Chair McGinn said, "So we don't have anybody out there right now that we're thinking about for this position."

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, that's why we'll advertise."

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Chair McGinn said, “There’s a couple of months and like you said that person would have to give notice and we’re in to November perhaps at the earliest.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Madam Chair, I think I am going to be supportive of this. It would appear to me that even if things went relatively smooth that it still could be October before this person was here. I certainly share Commissioner Sciortino’s concerns about making sure that we’re not spending money unwisely here but I also don’t think we can wait until February or March and hire somebody and expect them to be up and running with just a short lead-in time. With the anticipation and not saying it specifically, I think this could be mid September or October before this person is hired so I’m going to be supportive of this. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’m not against hiring someone to oversee household hazardous waste, we need that. My objection for this and why I won’t be supportive even starting to look right now, I think we could locate someone fairly quickly, 30 to 60 days, and have that person on board. That still leaves them seven months before the operation is on and I question whether or not that person can be fully productive. For \$38,000 you’re not hiring someone to oversee the building and construction of household hazardous waste facility. We already have people who have already done that. Design plans are already completed. This individual isn’t going to come in and say no, what I want done is this, this, and this. I don’t believe we’re going to give that person that type of authority. I don’t think that if that person comes with any expertise in what type of materials they need to purchase for the facility, that person coming on in January is certainly going to have enough time to purchase that. I just think it is a little premature and it may be pinching pennies here to say that if we bring that person on in October I think it would be more appropriate at the first of the year. That’s the reason I won’t be voting for this, the position has to be filled, I just think it is premature. Thank you.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Chairman Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. The only thing I was going to say and I don't know where the rest of you are. I'm prepared to move forward today but I would also . . . there wasn't much detail in the backup of our agenda today about the actual cast and all the events that need to get done before April comes. If there are those who would like to defer this for a week or two while we get some additional backup I would be comfortable with that. Again, I'm still comfortable with moving forward today so I'm just trying to get an indication from the others."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The only thing I got is what you got, an e-mail from Joe saying we need to have this person hired right away and I think I e-mailed him back and said 'who is we'. It is up to you. You can certainly go forward with it. I'd like to see some more backup. Maybe I can change my mind."

Chair McGinn said, "I would agree with Chairman Winters because I'm not sure how this is going to go and it could end up dying. I'd rather have us gather a little more information and maybe bring it back in a couple of weeks. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I could support approval today."

MOTION

Chair McGinn moved to defer the item for two weeks until they have more information on the position and the timeline.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 2. ESTIMATE FROM PHILLIPS PIPE LINE COMPANY FOR PIPELINE ADJUSTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 833-I, J, N ½ K; WEBB ROAD BETWEEN THE NORTH CITY LIMITS OF WICHITA AND K-254. CIP# R-238. DISTRICT #1.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item F-2 is the approval of an estimate from Phillips Pipe Line Company for necessary adjustments to one of the three pipelines impacted by the road project on Webb Road, between the north city limits of Wichita and K-254, designated as R-238 in the Capital Improvement Program. The cost of the adjustment will be \$8,216.96. The pipeline is in a private easement. I recommend you approve the estimate."

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

- 3. ESTIMATE FROM PHILLIPS PIPE LINE COMPANY FOR PIPELINE ADJUSTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 624-795; LEFT TURN LANE AT 23RD STREET SOUTH AND 199TH STREET WEST. CIP# R-263. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item F-3 is similar to the previous item in that it is also an approval of an estimate from Phillips Pipe Line Company for necessary adjustments to two pipelines impacted by

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the construction of intersection improvements at 23rd Street South and 199th Street West, designated as R-263 in the Capital Improvement Program. The cost of the adjustment will be \$20,146.97. The pipelines are in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the estimate.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

4. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH CUTLER REPAVING, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – ASPHALT SURFACE REJUVENATION. CIP# R-175. DISTRICTS #4 AND #5.

Mr. Spears said, “Item F-4 is approval of a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final with Cutler Repaving for the Sedgwick County asphalt rejuvenation projects on Pawnee, between Woodlawn and Rock Road and at the intersection of Maize Road and 53rd Street North, designated as R-175(A) in the Capital Improvement Program. There will be a net increase of \$123.40 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Let me understand this. This contractor wants us to modify, the whole project was almost \$120,000 and he figured out that he made a mistake of \$123 and he wants

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to modify it, is that correct?”

Mr. Spears said, “There was no mistake. It is a variation in quantities from what was figured from what was actually built. This is really an excellent piece of work that they did to only be \$123 difference in a \$120,000 project.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, normally just a small one one thousandth of a percent or whatever would be that they would just go ahead and do the project.”

Mr. Spears said, “That is the net, some things went up and some things went down.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “It just seemed like a very small amount to say that we need to have an adjustment here.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

5. RESOLUTION RELATING TO EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS OR

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**SUBSTITUTIONS IN STREET LIGHT EQUIPMENT TO BE FURNISHED
BY KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY. DISTRICTS #2, #3 AND
#5.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item F-5 is a resolution prepared by KGE for modifications to street lighting in Sedgwick County. The resolution calls for the removal of ten 16,000 lumen high pressure sodium streetlights replaced with ten 27,500 lumen high pressure sodium streetlights along the bridge in Derby; the removal and replacement of a streetlight at 6401 S. Seneca; also at the request of the City of Haysville, the removal of a streetlight at a7429 S. Meridian. They have since installed a light on 2nd Street, east of Meridian; and finally the removal and replacement of a streetlight on Main Street in Cheney and Old Highway 54. There will be an increase in the yearly compensation of \$407.67. This will make the annual compensation for streetlights paid by the County to KGE \$95,869.49. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

**G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR
MEETING OF JULY 26, 2001.**

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Ms. Iris Baker, Purchasing Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Board of Bids and Contracts held a regular meeting on July 26, 2001. As a result of the meeting the following items are being presented today.

(1) STEP VAN – FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item one, a step van for Fleet Management. Recommend the bid of Kansas Truck Center with trade-in and options for \$54,783.

(2) TRAINING ROOM FURNITURE – DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT

“Item two, training room furniture for the District Court. Recommend the low bid of Scott-Rice for \$13,928.41.

(3) MAINTENANCE FOR DESKTOP EQUIPMENT – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

“Item three, maintenance for desktop equipment for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the proposal of Siemens Business Services for an hourly rate of \$42.

(4) WORKSTATION FURNITURE – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

“Item four, workstation furniture for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from Goldsmith’s for \$11,654,88.

(5) ETHERNET FIBER MODULE – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

“Item five, Ethernet fiber module for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote of SBC Data Comm for \$12,796.80. Recommend the approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any questions for Iris?”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "On item one Iris, who were the other two vendors that we had sent out the request for bids on because this is a pretty standard piece of equipment. I'm just amazed that nobody else bid on it."

Ms. Baker said, "There are some specifications that are not standard so it limits the three vendors and I'll send you the information on who those vendors are and what their feedback was when we required."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, that's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "What's the will of the Board on this item?"

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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$11,220,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2001, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY

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BECOME DUE; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the final action that we will be asking you to take for this year's bond issue. You've previously taken a series of actions as you recall most recently a couple of weeks ago when you authorized us to conduct this bond sale. We have done that this morning and need to report the results to you and have you formally approve the sale to the low bidder and adopt the bond resolution.

The bonds that we are proposing to sell, once again, total \$11,220,000. In addition to those bond proceeds, we have a little bit less than \$100,000 of prepaid special assessment to apply against a series of projects that are going to be completed with this financing. Those projects include: a road for \$1.5 million, I believe it was six bridges for a total of \$4.75 million, the construction of the household hazardous waste facility is a little over \$1,000,000 dollars, a variety of storm water drainage improvements in the area south of Wichita for about \$1.7 million dollars, a variety of special assessment projects, as I recall, about \$2.2 million or \$2.1 million in total special assessment projects for streets and sewers and then an issuance cost which will total about \$243,000. All together, we have about \$11.3 million involved in this financing.

These will be General Obligation Bonds. They are secured by a pledge of the County full faith and credit. What that means is that bond holders have the legal ability to compel us to levy property taxes in order to repay the debt that will be created by this bond issue. It is not our intent to repay all of the debt with property taxes, however. About \$2.1 million of the debt, as I said, is funded from special assessment projects and it is our intent that that portion of the debt will be repaid by those special assessments that already have been imposed. Additionally, a portion of these bonds will go to transportation improvements and a portion of that, it is our intent, will be repaid by the dedicated sales tax that goes to road construction projects.

These bonds are dated as of today. We expect to close the sale approximately August 23rd, about three weeks from today. That is when we will actually have the proceeds. The County project, the roads, bridges, household hazardous waste facility and drainage project are intended to be a maximum maturity of 20 years. The special assessment projects have a maximum maturity of 15

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years. You see here that we have included in the structure of the deal a ten year call, the ability to recall the debt ten years from now or any time after that if the market at that time allows us to do so and save the County some money.

We have been reaffirmed for the rating of our debt. All three of the rating agencies that we use, Moody has reaffirmed their AA1 rating, Standard and Poors has reaffirmed their AA+ rating and Fitch has reaffirmed their AAA rating. AAA is the highest rating that is possible. That is the absolute best that can be achieved. The ratings of the other two services are one notch below AAA in each of their rating structures. They call them different things but each of them is just one notch below AAA rating. So all three rating agencies consider the County to be an extremely good credit.

In fact, in reviewing the ratings with the analyst, we were told by all three agencies that they consider the County's economy to be a point of strength.

You'll recall that traditionally over the years rating agencies have expressed some concern about the concentration of aircraft manufacturing in this sector and some concern about what might happen to the economy and to the government's ability to repay its debt if the aircraft industry took a downturn. Well, we're in that downturn right now. There is a softening of the economy that is hitting the aircraft manufacturers fairly hard right now. The fact that thus far our community and our government has weathered that downturn very well is a point of strength to all three of the rating agencies. Our expectation is that once we go through this down cycle of the aircraft industry and recover and go back into an up cycle, we think we will be in a very good position to ask both Moody and Standard and Poors to consider very strongly the possibility of upgrading us to a AAA because at that point we will have been able to show them that the concerns that traditionally they've voiced about Sedgwick County have no validity. So we think that is very good news.

Once again, we expect to close these bonds on or about the 23rd. That's when we'll have the proceeds. Now I'd like to turn the podium over to Diane McNabb from the firm of A.G. Edwards and Sons and they serve, as you know, as our financial advisor. She will explain the interest rates that were bid on these bonds and how those compare to current market conditions. Following Diane's presentation, Joe Norton from the firm of Gilmore and Bell, who serves as our bond counsel will come up and discuss with you the technical actions that we are asking you to take today to accept the bids and approve the resolution. We also have in the audience Robin Busenitz, from Gilmore and Bell and Mary Byrne who you know is the County's investment officer and also manages our debt administration and each of them have been extremely helpful in putting this deal together. As I normally say when I stand up here before you and I'll say it for Joe as well, we don't do the real work on these deals, they do. We just get to stand up here and take the credit. With that, I'll turn the podium over to Diane McNabb who will talk you about this particular deal, what interest rate we got and how those fit into today's market."

Ms. Diane McNabb, Financial Advisor, A.G. Edwards and Sons, greeted the Commissioners and

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said, "It is good to be with you guys again. We took bids today and it was a good day in the market. If you can tell, the market has improved since the point at which we sold them last year. Last year, the bond buyer 20 index was at about 5.6, today it is at 5.2. It has been about a 40 basis point improvement and the County experienced the same type of improvement in the rates that you received today. Last year we were slightly over 5% and today we achieved a 4.62 approximately. Don't we all wish we could borrow money for 20 years at 4.62%.

I think it is worth noting that the bond buyer 20 index is an average of General Obligation Bonds that mature over 20 years. The County's bonds of course, part of them are 15 and part of them are 20 but I think that if you make the comparison to the bond buyer 20 index then you notice that the index is at 5.2 and the County's bonds were at approximately 4.6, that's a significant improvement or better than the index. So you can see that Sedgwick County bonds are obviously highly demanded in the market place. The high credit ratings that the County has also impacts that great rate that you get.

We received seven bids. Again, we received seven bids last year and as we've noted in the past, each one of these bidders is not actually one bidder. For example, UMB, the one shown as number six, had ten underwriters in their bidding syndicate. The winning bidder, Harris Trust Company had six underwriters that bid in their syndicate. I think that when you compared the Harris bid and then the UMB bid, which was the high bid, you notice how very little difference there is between those two bids. That indicates that the market priced these very tightly, as aggressively as they possibly could price them and there was good consensus within the market as to how these bonds would trade. Morgan Keegan was a new bidder this year. They are based in Memphis, Tennessee. The only bidder that did not bid this year that bid last year was Sun Trust Bank and that was because their lead underwriter was on vacation this week. It is hard to imagine that bids can sway by that but they certainly do.

The other thing that I just wanted to mention in course of working with the rating agencies, they all three came back and were incredibly complementary of the prospectus that the County had prepared in connection with this issue. They basically said that it was in fact the best official statement that they had ever had the opportunity to review and that it is so thorough and explained every aspect of the County's operations that S & P did not even need to ask any questions. They had absolutely no questions that needed to be addressed subsequent to their reading that official statement. I think that says a lot about Chris and his staff and the work that they've done to keep up with the capital market. Access to the capital market and acceptance by the capital market is what allows the County to achieve such low aggressive interest rates and it is the type of information and the market

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confidence that they will continue to receive this kind of information that adds to the demand for the County's bonds. I think Joe takes over from here if anybody has any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "I don't see any."

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I think the preliminary official statement was very well received. As you may recall, this is the document you received previously that she is talking about. If you have that, it is a good primer for an overview of the County operating as well as financial information. It is one of those things that you might take a few minutes to review if you have not.

As Chris and I had indicated, you have two formal actions that need to be taken today to confirm this sale. One is to award the sales bond to the lowest bidder, which is Harris Trust and Savings Bank and their syndicate and secondly to adopt the resolution which we have prepared which implements these interest rates as well as the call features and the retainment terms that have previously been discussed. The document has been prepared and reviewed by the County Counselor's Office and I believe it is today recommended for your consideration. You may take separate actions or join these actions together in one motion if you so desire. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Joe or Chris, I'll just ask this as a general question, it is kind of related. How far down does bond issuance have to go as a percentage to have us start looking at refinancing other issues that are in a calling . . . does it have to be more than a point? When does that start to look like it might be attractive for us to refinance some of our present debt?"

Mr. Norton said, "I'll try to address that and if Chris or Diane have anything to supplement they can. There are a variety of factors that need to be taken into consideration. As I had indicated on this particular issue, we have the right to call these bonds in advance of maturity ten years after the issuance date. Similar bonds that are currently outstanding have life call provisions. So it is not like a home mortgage where you can pay it off tomorrow. So one thing that needs to be taken into account is not only the difference in interest rates but how long do we have before we could pay that off because we cannot achieve any savings until we can get to that date. So we need to escrow money for that. As you may recall, about four or five years ago we did a major refinancing of

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County debt and achieved some significant savings and looked at those particular issues at that point in time. I know Diane has been reviewing the outstanding issues and we've done some analysis and we're not quite there yet in order to achieve enough significant savings to justify the cost of doing that refinancing. I think she is behind me here wanting to talk so she will probably give you some more information about that. It is not quite as simple as doing a home mortgage refinance."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that. I guess the basic question is do all of our issuances have call dates that we could review and have an option should the market be more favorable. That's the question I have."

Mr. Norton said, "Simple answer, yes."

Ms. McNabb said, "You had asked about how much interest rates have to move. Just as a ballpark on a 20 year issue, I would say probably about a full percent to a percent and a half."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great, thank you."

Mr. Norton said, "Should the market get a little better and we get closer to call dates we may very well be back at some point in time. It's done on a regular schedule to take a look at that."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Joe?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to award the sale of the bonds to the lowest bidder, which was Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and 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	Aye

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn Aye

Chair McGinn said, said, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010115	\$234.00	4	Valley View Apartments

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>
V95088	\$550.00	\$550.00
V2085	\$320.00	\$255.00
V2094	\$129.00	\$000.00
V95117	\$207.00	\$213.00
V99053	\$600.00	\$600.00
V2047	\$179.00	\$339.00
V010175	\$294.00	\$389.00
V95088	\$386.00	\$550.00

3 Plats.

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

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Hidden Creek Addition
Spurrier's Sunswept Acres 2nd Addition

4. **Order dated July 25, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
5. **Payroll Check Registers of July 20 and July 31, 2001.**
6. **General Bills Check Register of July 27, 2001.**
7. **Budget Adjustment Request.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Is there any other business to come before this Board?"

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J. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "I have three things. The first one is this Saturday, we will be having a drainage meeting on the projects down south. We're kind of having a town hall meeting for the 200 people who live in that area to explain exactly what the project is going to be and to also explain that some of the project in the neighborhood may require some special assessments and some money out of their pockets. We're framing that. The storm water management department will be there along with P.E.C. and other representatives to explain to the citizens exactly what the drainage is going to look like, where and when, what the construction will look like and what their participation may have to be to be sure that we have that out on the table. The big project obviously is in the budget and we're going to pay for it but there may be some small things that have to be done that the home owners will be required, if we go ahead and do it as a County project, they may have to kick in some special assessments. Does that frame that pretty well right Dave?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes sir, that is exactly correct. We're looking forward to the meeting and finally getting this project underway. It has been talked about for a lot of years and I think we're all pretty excited about it."

Commissioner Norton said, "It is in Haysville at the Haysville Activity Center and I think it is 1:00 p.m. Other citizens could come if they like. We have sent an invitation, a letter from myself to each one of the homeowners out in that area, in the targeted area, to make sure that they're invited to come and understand what we are doing. I think this is a great step for how we are going to handle drainage improvements and spending of County money and making sure that the constituents understand number one we're doing something but number two what the limitations are, how they may have to participate, and get that all out on the table so there is no mystery, no talking at the coffee shop of what we did or didn't do and people really know, at a rudimentary level, what the County is doing for them.

The second thing I've got is tonight is the 47th anniversary of the Urban League and there is a dinner tonight. I think that is a great celebration for an organization that has done some wonderful things throughout the country and certainly in the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County.

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Finally, Mulvane Old Settler's Day is not this weekend but the next weekend, August 16, 17, and 18. Old Settler's Day is over 100 years old. If you've never been out there, it is one of the oldest and largest kind of community events not only in the County but in the State. I will have a booth out there. I'm urging department heads, Commissioners, to come out and meet with constituents and lets tell everyone at least in the south part of the County that participates in that, all the good things that we do as a County. I've gotten responses from several department heads and individuals that they will have representation out there. I'll be handing out literature and talking with constituents. I think it is a good way for us to get the message out to the people of what the County does do, what our programs are, where we spend their money and maybe answer a few questions they have. I would urge people to come to Old Settler's Day and enjoy some cotton candy or some of the entertainment. Thank you."

Commissioner Gwin said, "You're right, that's a great event and folks from all over the area come to that. It is like a reunion of that community. A lot of folks come back every year just to be part of that event. It is a lot of fun."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other business?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes for consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, potential litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 12 o'clock.

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

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

Chair McGinn said, "We're in Executive Session."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. and returned at 12:10 p.m.

Chair McGinn said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2001. Mr. Euson, did you have anything?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "Yes, while we were in Executive Session, we discussed a worker's compensation claim involving an employee by the name of Larry Gregg. It is our recommendation that you approve a settlement in this case in the amount of \$19,073.40."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the settlement amount of \$19,073.40 for the worker's compensation case of Larry Gregg.

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 Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Is there any other business to come before this Board? Mr. Euson? Mr. Buchanan? This meeting is adjourned."

K. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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