

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 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 Tuesday, July 10, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Vice Chair Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Lieutenant John Daily, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Shawn McReynolds, Corrections Worker, Department of Corrections; Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Derek Smith, Management Intern, County Manager's Office; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.; Mr. Andy Schlapp, Solid Waste Project Manager; Mr. Darryl J. Fox, Director, Animal Control; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. Ray Vail, Director of Finance, Department on Aging; Ms. Lisa Clancy, Program Director, District Attorney's Office; Ms. Jane Moralez, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Resources; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Jim Osterlund, Project Manager, Facility Services; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Representative Carlos Mayans, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board.
Mr. Dave Jones, Member, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.
Representative Geraldine Flaharty, Member, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.
Mr. K. Gregg Fuson, Member, Sheriff's Civil Service Board.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. David Cline of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, June 6, 2001
Regular Meeting, June 13, 2001

The Clerk reported that Chair McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of June 6th and all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 13th.

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes. We probably need to take these separate. Do I have a Motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6th, 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	Abstain

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13th, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 16-20, 2001 AS "SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW CAMP DAYS."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, I have this proclamation that I'd like to read into the record."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately one hundred fifty youth between the ages of 11 and 15 will attend the fifth annual Sedgwick County Law Camp July 16-20, 2001 at Lake Afton Park; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Law Camp is to create a partnership between law enforcement and youth by providing a positive experience using law enforcement personnel as role models- building self-esteem, confidence and trust; and

WHEREAS, a squad of 10 youth will be assigned to a mentor who will keep track of the activity schedule. The mentors will operate in teams of two, consisting of one Deputy and one Guardsman from the Kansas Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Law Camp is a partnership involving over 25 public and private sector organizations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim July 16-20, 2001 as

"SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW CAMP DAYS"

in recognition of this effort to involve our youth in alternatives to crime and violence.

And today we have Lieutenant John Daily from the Sheriff's Department here to accept this proclamation. Good morning, John."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation 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 R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Good morning, John."

Lieutenant Daily, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of Sheriff Gary Steed and the members of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and the Army Guard and all the other folks that are involved in this effort that has been put on by the community and the Sheriff's Department for many years, we thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "John, do you know how many years that is?"

Lieutenant Daily said, "Seven, this is the seventh year."

Chair McGinn said, "And, evidently, since we continue to do so, it's been a very successful program."

Lieutenant Daily said, "Yes, ma'am, it has. The kids that go to Law Camp have a great time. They interact with the officers and the people from the Guard and they just have a wonderful time out there."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, I want to thank you and the officers and the people from the Guard that take the time out to go do that. And it's probably pretty rigorous training right now, with the heat being the way it is."

Lieutenant Daily said, "It is and the kids keep us on our toes, that's for sure."

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

APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS (FIVE).

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID LIES (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've prepared this resolution of appointment for a term to expire in December of 2002 and I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

- 2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CARLOS MAYANS (CHAIR MCGINN'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.**

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is a four year term appointment to a fifteen member board and the resolution is in proper form. And I recommend you adopt it."

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “I think Representative Mayans is here. Would you please come forward and we’ll have you sworn in and I also understand, I was told David was not going to be here and now I hear he is here today.”

Commissioner Winters said, “No, I was talking about Carlos.”

Chair McGinn said, “Oh, I thought you were talking about David Lies. Okay, all right. Thank you.”

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

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board.

Representative Carlos Mayans, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations.”

Chair McGinn said, “Carlos, I’ve never known you to not have something to say and as you’re thinking about what to say, I guess I’d just like to share with you, I want to thank you for taking the time to sit on this committee. I know we, as local government, have to work very closely with State government and there’s a lot of funding that comes from the State, as well as local tax dollars to help people in our community with these types of issues. And I just want to say thank you, because I know you have worked diligently and overtime trying to help understand the issues at your level and help us

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understand them as well, so that we can work closely together in providing the things that we need for our community. So, thank you very much.”

Representative Mayans said, “Well, I appreciate it, Madam Chair and I do appreciate the opportunity to serve on this advisory board. I think it’s very, very important advisory board. I also appreciate very much the support that I have received in the legislature from you folks and I like to look at it as a partnership, because we truly need you and your input. With that, I will say no more, because I see that you’re got your budget today. A lot of people are interested in that. So, again, I want to thank you very much for that.”

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

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVE JONES (CHAIR MCGINN’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, this resolution would fill the remainder of a term and it expires in February of 2003. I recommend that you adopt it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “And I believe Dave Jones is here today.”

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Mr. Brace said, "Raise your right hand please.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Mr. Dave Jones, Member, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chair McGinn said, "Dave, do you have any comments you'd like to make?"

Mr. Jones said, "I appreciate you appointing me to this position. I'm going to work real hard. There's a lot of issues facing developmentally disabled and physically disabled folks now in Sedgwick County and I hope to work real hard at it. So, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, thank you for taking the time to serve and it's folks like you that come forward in our community to help make it better. So, thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item, please."

4. RESOLUTION APPOINTING GERALDINE FLAHARTY (CHAIR MCGINN'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this resolution would also fill a term and it also would expire in February of 2003 and I recommend you adopt it."

MOTION

Commissioner Scortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin

Aye

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

Chair McGinn said, "Is Representative Flaharty here today? Yes, she is. Please come forward."

Mr. Brace said, "Raise your right hand please."

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Representative Geraldine Flaharty, Member, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chair McGinn said, "Geraldine, please come forward."

Representative Flaharty said, "Thank you for the appointment. I feel a representative's job is that of making connections between people that we serve and State government and I think this will give me a chance to make a better connection between the disabled and State government and a better understanding of what services need to be presented. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, and again, I just want to say thank you to you as well. I know you guys don't have any committees to serve on in the summertime or anything else to do, but your time is valued and your expertise and your knowledge that you bring, both to local government and the State government and we just sincerely want to say thank you for taking the extra time and I think that you'll help us serve our community better."

Representative Flaharty said, "Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Clerk, call the next item please."

5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING K. GREGG FUSON (COMMISSIONER WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

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Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this resolution also fills the remainder of an appointment on this five member board and it expires in January, 2002. I recommend you adopt it."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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 R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "And I believe Greg is here. Good morning, Greg."

Mr. Brace said, "Raise your right hand please."

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board, so help me God.

Mr. K. Gregg Fuson, Member, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Commissioner Winters said, "Madam Chair, I'd just like to make a few comments and thank Gregg for taking on this assignment. Gregg has had experience in his earlier career in law enforcement and has stayed in touch with the law enforcement community over his career now with Concrete Accessories and Gregg, we certainly appreciate the effort that you take in this. This is a very important

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board and we hope that all of the employee relations can go as good as they possibly can but we know there's times where outside groups need to step in and take a helping hand and we appreciate your work. We really think this is an important job and so, thank you very much."

Mr. Fuson said, "Thank you. I appreciate it very much. Look forward to the opportunity. It's an honor and it's a privilege. I left the employment of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department in 1975 and I look forward to interacting again once more. So, thank you very much."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Gregg."

Chair McGinn said, "Clerk, call the next item please."

C. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WICHITA CITY COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD.

- **FIRST DISTRICT: JAY SWANSON**
- **SECOND DISTRICT: BILL CALLAWAY**
- **THIRD DISTRICT: BETH GARRISON**
- **FOURTH DISTRICT: DOROTHY MCKAY**
- **FIFTH DISTRICT: DION AVELLO**

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, the Wichita Airport Advisory Board is created by Charter Ordinance of the City of Wichita. The Board of County Commissioners has five appointments that it recommends to the City Council, who then make the appointments by ordinance. I would recommend that you approve these recommendations and send them to the City."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, do I have a Motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations. First District: Jay Swanson, Second District: Bill Callway, Third District: Beth Garrison, Fourth District: Dorothy McKay, Fifth District: Dion Avello.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin

Aye

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item please."

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

- D. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON 21ST STREET FROM RIDGE ROAD TO HOOVER; ZOO BOULEVARD TO WINDMILL ROAD; WINDMILL ROAD TO 13TH STREET; 13TH STREET TO RIDGE ROAD. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item D is an agreement with the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, for the Sedgwick County Adopt a Highway Program. They will be responsible for the perimeter roads surrounding the Sedgwick County Park and Zoo, namely 21st Street, Zoo Boulevard and Windmill Road. They are represented here today by Mr. Shawn McReynolds. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chair McGinn said, "You said you have some representatives here today."

Mr. Spears said, "He said he would be here."

Chair McGinn said, "Shawn, is this the first year you've started this?"

Mr. Shawn McReynolds, Corrections Worker, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've been doing this for about a year, but we're slowly trying to get the County Departments involved in this. So, it's a slow process."

Chair McGinn said, "You have quite a few helpers?"

Mr. McReynolds said, "Yeah, we have approximately 80 convicted felons that we're trying to help once again be productive parts of the society."

Chair McGinn said, "Was there a reason you picked this particular area?"

Mr. McReynolds said, "We go to Sedgwick County Park and also to the Zoo, so it's familiar."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Well, we appreciate it because we do have two main attractions right around there and so we appreciate all you can do to help keep it clean. Thank you very much."

Clerk, call the next item."

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

E. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

1. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT

- **ROBERT BURNS, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- **LYNDA LAMBERT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
- **SONDRA MORLAN-ROBERTSON, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
- **JULIE SAYLER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**
- **PENNY TEEL, APPRAISER'S OFFICE**

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **MAURITA COWAN, COUNTY COUNSELOR'S OFFICE**
- **SHELLEY TUGGLE, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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3. QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE

• **JANE CARROLL, APPRAISER'S OFFICE**

Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today, we would like to recognize several County employees who have shown a real commitment to develop themselves with skills and knowledge in areas of supervisory management, professional development and customer service. We believe that the results of this development show up in our improvement in our public service delivery.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank their department heads and supervisors who have allowed them time from their jobs to take these courses and also to you, as the Commissioners, for continually funding the Career Development program to provide our workforce this needed training and development.

If you are here as employees to receive your certificates, when I call your name, please come forward. We have here today Sondra Morlan-Robertson, who works for the Department of Corrections and she has attained her supervisory/ management career development certificate. Penny Teel is here today from the Appraiser's Office and she, too, has received here supervisory/ management certificate. Robert Burns from the Sheriff's Department, Linda Lambert from the Department of Corrections and Julie Sayler from the District Attorney's Office have also received their certificates but were unable to be here today.

We also have Maurita Cowan from the County Counselor's Office who has received her professional development certificate. Shelley Tuggle from the Department of Corrections was unable to be here today, but we have Jane Carroll, who is from the Appraiser's Office and she has received her certificate for customer service."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Jo. Jo, before you sit down, I asked you this last time. Do we do this about every four or six months?"

Ms. Templin said, "I try to present certificates every quarter."

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Chair McGinn said, “Every quarter, and so we have people moving through about at that rate.”

Ms. Templin said, “That’s correct.”

Chair McGinn said, “And these folks spent over and above their time here at work, or is there a way we incorporate it in?”

Ms. Templin said, “There are required courses and there are elected courses and most of them are completed during work time and they are offered through our regular training opportunities through the County.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, but they still have to get their work done, so it’s a little over and above the call of duty. I just want to say thank you for taking the time out and making the extra effort to make yourself better, to help us serve our community better and so, congratulations and thank you all for continuing your growth here at Sedgwick County.

Clerk, call the next item please.”

F. SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCEBAC) 2001 ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS.

1. ELECTED

- **LISA CORR, COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICE**
- **SHAWN HORNBAKER, COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE)**
- **DALE WASINGER, CODE ENFORCEMENT**

2. APPOINTED

- **SABRINA HENRY, APPRAISER’S OFFICE**
- **SONYA RICKERSON, COMCARE**

Ms. Templin said, “Commissioners, as some of you may recall, the County Commissioners, back in the early 1990’s, created a committee called the Sedgwick County Employee Benefits Advisory Committee, commonly known now as SCEBAC. This was an employee committee to give input from our workforce on the selection of their county benefits. We have nine employees who are

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elected to this committee by their fellow peers here in our workforce and we have six employees of this committee who are appointed by the County Manager. These employees serve three year, rotating terms of office and I am here today to announce the 2001 through 2004 elected and appointed members to this committee.

Some of them are here today, so employees, when I call your name if you would join me at the podium. Elected this year is Dale Wasinger from Code Enforcement, Lisa Corr from the County Commissioners' Office and Shawn Hornbaker from COMCARE. Appointed to this committee this year is Sabrina Henry from the Appraiser's Office and Sonya Rickerson from COMCARE. If you would join me on congratulating these employees on their election and their appointments."

Chair McGinn said, "All right, well congratulations as to whether you were elected or appointed, and this too is another role that you play and help serve us, as a community, and as an organization because you're most in touch with the employees and the needs that you all have and you can help us, bring back recommendations, as we go forward. So, congratulations and thank you very much for serving.

Clerk, call the next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

G. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) FUNDS.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Derek Smith, Management Intern, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County received notice from the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the availability of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$52,733. A matching requirement of 10%, or \$5,859, is in effect for this program, for a total of \$58,592. The purpose of this grant is to provide local law enforcement with funds to initiate or facilitate current efforts to reduce crime and improve public safety.

A request for proposal was issued to all law enforcement departments within Sedgwick County government. In compliance with the grant requirements, an advisory board convened Thursday, June 28th, 2001 prior to this public hearing to review proposals from various County departments for possible use of these funds. The Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board consists of the following members: Commissioner Ben Sciortino, Galen Davis from USD 259, Louie

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Hentzen from the 18th Judicial Court, Randall Wells from Big Brothers and Big Sisters, John Green from Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and Ann Swegle from the District Attorney's Office.

Sedgwick County received sixteen applications internally this year. The advisory board offers a non-binding recommendation for full or partial funding of thirteen of those sixteen requests. You've received information on the individual requests. I'll summarize by department and address any questions about individual items you may have.

Corrections submitted one request for \$7,500 and the advisory committee recommended approval of that whole amount. The Forensic Science Center submitted four requests, for a total of \$17,000. The advisory committee recommends approval of three of those four, for a total of \$15,500. The Sheriff's Department submitted four requests, for a total of \$20,312. The advisory committee recommends approval of two of those requests and approval for half the funds for a third, for a total of \$13,277. The District Attorney's Office submitted four requests, for a total of \$4,840. Advisory committee recommends approval of three requests and partial approval of the fourth, for a total of \$4,565. Courthouse Security submitted three requests, for a total of \$39,550. The advisory committee recommends approval of two of those requests, for a total of \$17,750.

A public hearing is a requirement of this grant and I'm available for questions. Grants Manager Marty Hughes is also here for clarification. If there are no questions, I'd recommend that you open the public hearing. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Derek before we get started? I don't see any, so I will open the public hearing and accept comment on this grant application. Is there anyone here today who would like to speak to this topic? Anyone here today who would like to speak to this issue? I don't see anyone, so I will close the public hearing."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Application.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

H. PRESENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED 2002 BUDGETS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It’s my pleasure, once again, to present to you the budget. This is the proposed spending plan to 2002. Lots of people had lots of opportunities to help us with this process and it’s appropriate, at this point, for you to understand that this is a work product of lots of folks, many of whom are in the room. Certainly, the leadership of Chris Chronis, the Chief Financial Officer and Renfeng Ma, clearly laid out the policies and gave us the directions and policy choices that you will have before you. Kelly Wallace and Anna Klykova and Phil Ross, who has been reassigned, not because of his budget work but because he’s working on another project. David Miller and Pete Giroux, of the Budget Department, have crunched the numbers and tried to make sense out of this varied and various funding sources and spending plan. Tammy Brandt laid it out and put it in a form that made some sense and of course, thanks goes to Allison and Kristi for the hard work they’ve done on the message and this presentation and I appreciate their effort.

Our mission, I would remind you, has been to assure the quality public service that provide for the present and future well-being of the citizens of Sedgwick County and that’s the policy statement that continues to drive this decision-making about recommended numbers.

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The County goals, we've established those for some time, continue to be relevant today. To establish and maintain and nurture partnerships, to insure effective and efficient delivery of services. You see that we are in partners with lots of folks and continue to do that, knowing full well that we can't do things by ourselves. That we need partners and we saw that this morning, the partnership again with the State Legislature, helping us serve on some of the local boards, is just another indication of our willingness and our desire to make sure that these partnerships work.

To train and encourage and recognize employees, again the precursor to this section was about recognizing employees and training them to step up to the plate, to be creative and innovative in how they deliver quality public service. To foster communication with citizens, to build trust and confidence, teamwork and to ensure informed decisions. And again, part of our staff's work is to make sure that you are given the information you need to make decisions and certainly the public is given information to do likewise. And finally, it's to allocate and use resources for basic and essential services that are responsive to the changing needs.

The budget process, commission priority setting last fall, we spent a couple of days in staff meetings talking about priorities and we reestablished and reconfirmed some of those priorities with you. In November and December we developed the financial plans, with Chris Chronis and Ma and others developed a technology plan. An integral part of how we do business these days is for departments to submit technology plans. It's just not haphazard. It's a review process by employees of this organization to examine what's requested and how it fits with the general scheme of things. Will citizens be served better? Will it be more efficient and will we be more effective in delivering services?

We developed capital plans. Those also occur December through March. A whole strategic planning sessions. Again, those are continually going on, with environmental scans and developing measures by which we will judge ourselves on our success. The estimates are . . . the Ouija boards come out in December through February about how we'll judge our revenue estimates and Gerald Frantz and the Appraiser's Office helps us through that process with assessed valuation assessments and we get a feel, during that period, of how the State will assist us, or how their funds will flow to this community through that time period.

We establish base budget for departments, as you can see, in February and March. Commission has their hearings and we went through all those and you spent that whole week and a half listening to requests and asking questions about operational decisions in departments. We've been refining the budget since then and now through August we will be discussing the budget for 2002 and then, in the two short months after that, we will start the process over.

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The budget overview, the budget is \$269,000,000. There is no change in the mill levy. We are not recommending that it either go up or to go down, but it will be stable this year.

The funding by source, you can see that these are not revenues, this is funding by source. Some of the revenues, however, are Ad Valorem tax at 30%, is the big piece. Going around the clock, if you will, clockwise, the sales tax is 9%, motor vehicle is 5 and other taxes are 4%, intergovernmental, what we receive is 5%, fees for services is 13, investment income is 3 and the cash and reserves is 21% of our total funding by sources.

Expenditures by function, 29% is still public safety leads the expenditure list. It is a primary mission of Sedgwick County. It is not only the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney, but it is Community Corrections and all those, EMS and 911, Emergency Management and all those functions that directly touch citizen's lives in some way.

Human Services, 23% of our budget is Human Services. Much of those funds come from the State of Kansas or through the federal government, through Medicaid or Medicare. Financial management is 20%. The reason that's as high as it is is because it includes debt service. And it includes the transfer of sales tax funds, the sales tax that we receive, to the streets and highways, the commitment you've made, so that's a budget transfer and that's part of financial management.

Public Works is 9% of the budget and you can see the rest. Information and Operations, how we deal with the public and how we exchange information in this organization and how we take care of our buildings, is 6%. Culture and Recreation is 6. Community Development is 4%. General Government is 2 and Human Resources 1.

Expenditures by category, 8% of our expenditures are for goods, pencils, paper, computers, light bulbs, toilet paper. Nine percent is capital improvements, those kinds of issues that will be before you about roads and bridges and building buildings and rehabbing this building and others. Personnel and benefits are 41%. That's a very good number. Lots of municipalities around the country, as a matter of fact a preponderance, are way over 50% and we continue to keep ours, try to look at ways in which to balance that. And contractual services is 42%. They are the largest.

The highlights, prioritizing our investments for 2002, you've directed us last year and reconfirmed last year there were five priorities that we needed to fund. They continue to be youth services, process improvement, demographics, economic development and quality of life. In the 2002 proposed budget, under youth services, we indicated that we will continue to explore and promote and support educational prevention and intervention and, where warranted, a detention and correction measures aimed at community youth. The continuation, in this budget, of the prevention funds and included this year, as last year, the Juvenile Justice Authority funds. Again, the

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concentration, as our statement says, is to intervene, to do prevention, to do intervention when needed and the last resort, clearly, is the detention and graduated sanctions, if you will. And part of this budget is the study for the new Juvenile Detention Facility. You and I are both aware of that facility. We have an agreement with KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) and we need to address it in a more formal way in 2002.

Process improvements, and these are not just technology issues, but some other issues as well. Sedgwick County will explore new and expanded opportunities for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of services, through both internal efforts and collaboration with other local governments. The first one is imaging and technology. This year, we will be placing in the Register of Deeds an imaging process. We make things be more effective and efficient in the next year. We're also planning to do that for the District Attorney's Office, which will assist in record keeping and process.

The second issue is the jail study to identify future alternatives. Sheriff Steed has identified the need, already, to begin to look at how we go about identifying alternatives to building another jail or renting space outside Sedgwick County and we need to thoroughly examine that and more formally, take a more formal approach and look at it differently, if you will. What has worked, worked well in the past but there is improvements that we believe can be made if we try to think this through in an alternative way. There's a proposal to fund that study and to begin to look at those alternatives.

Billing and clerical changes provide higher level of COMCARE quality assurance. You remember that we hired, this year, a group by the name of Mercer, consultants to help COMCARE with its business processes and quality assurances. We're including funding, because of the way the State's funded COMCARE, we now have the ability to fund some of those positions and we want to proceed with that in the 2002 budget, but may come to you sooner than that, when we think it's appropriate.

In demographics, the demographics of Sedgwick County continue to change and we have had a burst of growth, which has provided us opportunities and challenges. Clearly, one of those is this whole issue of EMS and you'll recall that there are several things going on with EMS currently. Tom Pollan, in his budget presentation, gave to us pretty compelling facts that the demographics and the call volume were such that we needed to address the issues sooner than later. Currently, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County are in a study of EMS and how we deliver services and alternative delivery systems, but before that study is completed, I'm still recommending that we proceed with the planning for a new post, EMS post, probably in the northwest, it's been identified, and that we budget for at least two new crews in 2002.

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Advanced voting satellite project is one that has captured our imagination. We understand that the voting patterns of citizens are different than they have been in the past and how do we challenge citizens of Sedgwick County to vote. We've had some struggles with long lines at the last elections, despite the turnout, which was not terribly high, but which was higher than normal. And so, how do we make it easier, faster, smarter and so, we're going to explore ways of establishing a voting satellite project. We don't know where that might be. It might be at the Kansas Coliseum. It might be at the Extension Service. It may be in the parking lot of Boeing, if they would allow that. But we think there's a way to take the voting process to the people rather than asking them to come to us for advanced voting.

The third one is mental health services in the jail. We continue to see a problem with more and more incidences in the jail of those people that happen to be incarcerated having mental health problems. This causes some difficulty with discipline while they're there and certainly it causes some problems when they get processed out of the jail. We understand this is a policy that does make sense. That de-institutionalizing mentally ill people does make sense. That's the approach that the federal government and the State has taken. The consequences of those actions, and I'm not being critical of those actions, but the consequences is that the local governments end up dealing with mentally ill people differently than we have had to in the past. We are recommending that we put some mental health professionals in the jail to provide some direct services to that client population.

Economic development clearly continues to remain a very high priority for Sedgwick County. We'll invest in technology and infrastructure and quality of our work force to support economic base which is diverse and globally competitive. We have neighborhood vitalizations. We have partnerships . . . we continue that program, because we think part of the economic development is mom and pop shops and making neighborhoods viable economic units. The easy ones, the glorious ones are the big jobs that come and that's under the partnerships to promote and support economic development. We are partners with the Chamber of Commerce and the World Trade Center to provide those activities and we will continue recommending funding those. We have almost \$15,000,000 for roads and bridges and \$10,000,000 for a Kellogg and Tyler interchange, which we think is also part of the economic development strategy.

Quality of life issues, we'll devote resources to being a safe and health community for all our residents, economically, socially, environmentally and physically. Chair McGinn has challenged us to develop and set aside the Heritage Trust Fund for historical preservations for not only county-

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wide but in some smaller communities and we have done that in this budget. Health Department reorganization, we've addressed the funding for that. We are in discussions with the City of Wichita about how to transfer those responsibilities and how to make those services be part of the Sedgwick County system.

It's been suggested of why we're doing that and it's really kind of pretty basic, I think. Sedgwick County, one of the core issues that we're dealing with is providing social services to families and individuals who are needy. It includes mentally ill. It includes people who are . . . physical addictions to drugs and alcohol. It has to do with prevention of . . . involvement in youth activities, helping to prevent some of those youth who are at risk from getting into trouble. Part of that process is certainly physical health and physical preservation and prevention of health issues. If we approach these issues holistically, and I think we can, if and when we are responsible for the Health Department, I would expect services to be delivered in a different sort of way that is more holistic and more responsive to public needs.

COMCARE services are changing. The way, and you will see in a bit, that the State has changed the funding formula for COMCARE. It will provide us additional funds, but there's always strings attached and with those additional funds there are recommendations that different activities or different services be increased and that waiting lists be reduced and there's a plan to do that which will be revealed to you, as we're still putting the meat and bones on that, in the next week or two. Finally, the quality of life is the Ark Valley Lodge restoration that will get us to the place where that building will be a useful, functioning building, rather than the home for some wayward pigeons.

The other important issues that we have, that I want to talk to you about this morning, are Truth in Taxation, the mental health changes, maintaining and developing the top quality staff and continuing investments in technology, mental health care, roads and facilities.

The State Legislature changed the tax lid some time ago, the tax lid legislation, and they indicated that we would now have a Truth in Taxation process. The first bullet is, it's an attempt to restrict tax levy growth to increases from new construction and changing property use. The formula is that you can use for your budget processes, someone builds a new building or a new house or if land changes from vacant lot to some other use that produces a higher assessed valuation, you can use that. It prevents us from taking advantage of growth and assessed valuation because the economy's hot because values are increasing in our neighborhoods. The State Legislature says the local governments . . . well, you shouldn't use that as part of your budget process because of that economic growth and that should be . . . if you're going to use that, you have to take some affirmative action. And if you're going to use it, you must pass a special resolution to continue providing priority services to our citizens. Those of you who have been around for a year or two remember the first year this was in and we had the formula on the board, which is mystical and only can be divined late at night by Chief Financial Officers who lead boring lives. So, we're not going

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to bore you with the formula, because it's impossible.

What I'm told, and I'm going to go on blind faith with Chris Chronis who's divined these numbers somehow, that we are about \$48,000 under the tax lid. That means that if we keep . . . if assessments hold as we have expected, if there's no surprises between now and August about our ability to spend money or new programs that come that aren't within our spending plans, that we can adopt this budget, if those two conditions are met, without have to pass a special Truth in Taxation resolution. So, we will continue to keep our eye on that and keep an eye on assessed valuation. If assessed valuation drops, we may have to, if we don't want to pass a Truth in Taxation, would have to lower our spending limit and so we will keep you apprized of how we go through that.

There are big changes in mental health. I've been talking about this for a couple of months to you. The new State plan eliminates grant funding. It provides one general budget. It puts the risks and responsibility upon us to bill Medicaid and Medicare appropriately and timely and to have a high collection rate. The better we do our job at that, the more revenue we can receive and fund programs that we need. So, we have some risks involved in this. The \$2,000,000 that we expect, about 2.3 million dollars, can be used at the County's discretion for staffing and programs and we have begun collecting some additional funds. We are recommending that in this budget, now, and this will change rapidly, that 13.5 additional administrative and professional staff will be hired, once this budget is approved and I would like to have those people on board before the first of the year. We have the funds and I would recommend that we do that. This comes out of the study that Mercer has provided to us about business plans, quality assurance and to get things in a process so that we can start collecting revenues from Medicaid and Medicare on a timely and a more appropriate basis. And we will be back to you with detailed plans of how this might work.

As the mental health changes continue, as a result of these, COMCARE will see an additional again 2.3 million dollars and I will be recommending, as part of this process and all this information came only recently, all this information came together only recently, before we had an opportunity to include it in the books but we will be back to you in two weeks about crisis intervention, about four or five people for that, case management, you know we are committed to providing case managers in the schools and we're talking about 20 or 30 case managers for those positions and how we phase that in. We have some additional folks for childhood development and we have a whole issue about administration and H.I.P.A. requirements. We've had a brief conversation about how that Presidential Declaration has affected us. COMCARE is clearly one function of Sedgwick County that will be involved. EMS is involved, because of our billing processes with that. The jail, because of our clientele, will also have part of the responsibility. We think that Corrections might have some and certainly COMCARE. So, there are four or five organizations within the County

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that have those issues. We need to look at it systemically and we don't need to be having rules and regulations for each of the departments and we don't have answers for that yet.

C is the employees. We'll provide a 3% salary increase for 2002. We maintained a quality health insurance program, and we do. Our employees do contribute to that. We're expecting that contribution rate to be 17% in 2002 and we will undertake, with the Human Resources Department, a study again of compensation and classification. We are examining, very carefully, how we go about paying people in this organization. We have had a traditional, what I would call a traditional municipal program, where people automatically get step increases because they've been here for another year. We want to examine why that is effective and why it's not. Should we not be paying the shining stars more than someone who is barely getting by? Should we be paying . . . what do we do about how to motivate most of the people who come to work every day and do a good job, a great job, how do we continue to motivate them? So, we're going to examine those questions and come back to you, we hope, with a plan that makes some sense, that uses pay systems as a motivation tool for this organization.

Finally, we're investing in technology. We continue to do that. We continue to find ways in which investments in technology touch citizens in a way that is helpful. It helps us to reduce cost and personnel and other ways and we really do more effective and efficient delivery of services than we would be without the use of technology. We will continue and implement the Enterprise Resource Planning System. That will be on-line January 2nd, 2002 for the finance process. The HR, Human Resources, our paychecks, how they look, how we will get paid will be up and running by April of 2002.

We are anticipating your approval of updated lab equipment for the County Forensic Science Center which will help them be more effective and up to date. We are requesting video technology for Internet broadcasting for not only training but for this meeting or snippets of this meeting that are relevant to the public. We think, in that way once again, the public will have access to information about what it is you do and what it is Sedgwick County can do for citizens and, in this technology age, this is an engaging system and governments using the technology that's available to us.

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Code Enforcement is the inspection tracker. This is a hand held device similar to what we're doing in the Appraiser's Office, where inspections can be done on-site. Occupation permits and other permits can be issued in a much more timely fashion. Part of this program, we've made Code Enforcement much more efficient by a number of other items we've done previously. This continues to be a way in which we can affect how we deal with contractors and people building buildings in a much more effective way.

The Capital Improvement Program, from 2002 to 2006 our facility investments are 97.5 million dollars. Our infrastructure improvements are \$119,000,000 for a total five year CIP of \$216,000,000. For the 2002 CIP, the projects that we will begin in 2002, it's \$63,226,102. We're investing in our facilities. The investment in our facilities would be planning for a new EMS post in the northwest, begin construction of the Ark Valley Lodge, tennis courts at the Sedgwick County Park. We've put that in. It's not a high-dollar item. It is a high-usage item and affects lots of folks that use that facility. The fifth-floor remodeling for the District Court that's been on the books for a number of years. We'll be starting and we hope to be completed by the end of the year and we're hopeful that that can occur. And of course, new emergency sirens for Emergency Management.

The investing in our infrastructure, where we'll spend the preponderance of our money on widening Rock Road to four lanes, from 87th Street South to K-15. The 13th Street widening, between K-96 and 159th Street East. Widening of 85th Street North, a half mile east of Meridian. Widening of Meridian, between 47th and 71st Street South. The railroad grade separation will begin in Haysville. The repair of the bridge at 13th Street North, between 151st Street and 167th Street West. Construction of Idlewild to provide drainage between Clifton and the Big Arkansas and construction of Cowskin diversion channel south of Haysville. And you'll see that those last two are some of the beginnings of our process for dealing with surface water in Sedgwick County.

So, the total 2002 budget recommendation is \$269,465,702. It is unchanged mill levy rate. The Fire District budget, the total budget for the Fire District is \$8,051,547. Again, this is a zero mill levy increase, at 15.4 mills. We will continue to maintain service levels and we will complete the second year of a three year vehicle replacement program.

The Sewer District, and we've included this, is a zero budget. This is a 1.658 million decrease. It's a zero mill levy. You'll recall that we've sold the Sewer District in March of 2001, eliminating the funding requirements that were sold to the City of Wichita. We need to be reminded that the Sewer District remains in effect, because of some of the debts that it has that will be paid off in the future,

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but it gives us an option to finance future projects through the Sewer District, if development warrants. So, it is in existence, whether it has a function now or not is almost irrelevant. It's relevant for taxpayers, since they're not paying anything.

The opportunities for the public to engage in this process, the recommended budget will be available on-line tomorrow, July 12th, for public feedback. You can review the budget on-line, at your leisure or the public's leisure, anytime after tomorrow. The copies will continue to be placed in the Wichita Public Library branches. Public hearings of the Regular Meeting on July 25th, which is in two weeks, and August 8th, which that's the date we anticipate adoption of the budget. We expect it to be adopted on August 8th. And that's the end of the budget presentation for the 2002 budget. If there are any questions, I'd be glad to answer them."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you, Mr. Buchanan. So, as of tomorrow, we can see it on the Internet. And do we have a search devise, like if we want something in Community Development, we can plug that in and will it go to it or what's the process on that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "There should be . . ."

Chair McGinn said, "By departments and they can go into it that way. Okay. And otherwise, people can get copies, or look at copies at the Wichita Library System and all the branches."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Or come down here and look at a copy."

Chair McGinn said, "Or they can come down here as well. Okay. And then next steps, the public hearings. Go over those one more time."

Mr. Buchanan said, "In two weeks, August 25th . . . July 25th, thank you. Next step is July 25th and then the second public hearing will be August 8th and that's the same day that we adopt the budget. So, we would take public hearing on the 25th of July and then on August 8th and then at some point later in that day you will adopt the budget, after considering the public's comments."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, thank you and thank all of you who have worked on this. Started reading through some of the summaries and that type of thing. I think it's been put together very well and I know it takes a lot of work to get that done and then we get to go through and mess it up a little bit, not a lot, maybe a little, before the final adoption date. We have another question here from Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, Madam Chair, I just wanted to follow-up on your comments of next steps and just make it clear. I mean, there are always a number of folks that do want to address the Commissioners on budget and for us to have time to think about that, the July 25th would be the time to

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do that in a public meeting if there are groups out there or individuals that want to address the Commission, that's the day they need to mark on their calendars to come see us. I just wanted to re-emphasize that. You had said that, but I just wanted to make sure everybody was clear."

Chair McGinn said, "And do we have like time-certain that we can tell people, when they call in, like it will be early in the agenda?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Public hearings are always one of the first things on the agenda. Certainly, my guess, it would occur some time between 9 and 9:20, the beginning of the public hearing. We have some routine matters to take care of, Minutes and those things, but it will be the first item on the agenda."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess my question is, when do we have a chance to ask some questions, if we crunch some numbers and looked at things. Is now appropriate, or is there another time?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We are . . . You can ask questions now. We'll be prepared to answer them. If you would like to have a meeting with me or any department or finance folks, that's appropriate, so we can do that now or later."

Chair McGinn said, "Generally, we receive and file, but if you want to start."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just had some provocative questions I'd like to throw out, generally, to let the public know what I'm talking about, too."

On page 243, this is operating reserve. It went up dramatically from the budget that was submitted to us and I was wondering kind of where those numbers came from, how you crunched them a little different? Public Safety went up from \$750,000 to \$900,000 and this is our general operating reserve contingency kinds of funds. Was that a, from the challenge from the Bench here, to get you a few more dollars in that contingency? Is that what that is?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "There are, on 243, there are four reserves listed. We . . . The numbers went from 2001 budget of about 2.2 million dollars to about 2.6 million dollars, almost a \$400,000 increase. Some of those increases were \$100,000 in operating reserve and a big chunk is in the Public Safety reserve. We're concerned, in the Public Safety, we reserved some monies for out-of-county housing and for those kinds of issues that occur in the jail that we just have a hard time predicting a year and a half

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ahead of time, or a year ahead of time. We think that's a prudent reserve, based on the number of people that are in the jail currently and what we might end up facing in 2002, unless we come up with some alternative plan of reducing the number of folks in the jail."

Commissioner Norton said, "The Commissioners' Reserve went up from \$500,000 to \$600,000. Am I reading that correctly?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. There's been some conversation among the Commission to raise that even more. I think you and I had that conversation. Is there more money to put in a contingency, where we have a little more wiggle room, as Commissioners, throughout the year?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "As we proceed through this process, I'm sure there will be opportunities to take a look at that and increase that number."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, good. One of the things, as I went through, on personnel and a lot of different issues and we can look at them individually, from the original budget to this budget, almost all of the County budgets and personnel went up, anywhere from 2 to 7%. Was there money found? It didn't look like the FTEs (full time equivalent) went up but the dollars went up. Can you explain that? I don't know that I understood why and in some cases the narrative didn't change. It said personnel came in minus 2.1% under, but in fact it's up 4.7%, just as an example. What is that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We gave you some preliminary numbers in May about personnel costs. What we did, at that point, was reserve the COLA, the 3%, and put that aside, in a different place. We didn't distribute that to each of the departments because we didn't know whether the 3% COLA would in fact be possible this year. We were talking about 2% and 2 and a quarter and hadn't firmed that number up. So, rather than create false expectations, with department heads and employees about what that number would be, we separated it. So, when we gave you the budget figures, the COLA was not included. In this budget, since we're recommending it, it is included in each department's budgets and that, in turn, raised departmental personnel costs."

Mr. Norton said, "I tried to crunch those numbers, adding in the 3%, because that's what I thought it was. In some cases, it seemed like it was more than 3%. Why is that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Here's the other reason that would occur is that . . . and you'll see these personnel numbers change between now and August. We take snapshots, how many employees we have working, where they are in this pay system. So, if someone who is entitled to a step increase in August of 2002, that would be included in this document. It may not have been included in the document you saw earlier, but now we're starting to refine it. And so, not only is the COLA included, but the step increases are included in these budgets. And as we go further down the line, through

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August, personnel costs will become more refined, and they'll fluctuate a little bit."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, and we don't have to hammer the details today, but I would like to look at that and make sure that number . . . the other thing I would challenge is that, in some cases, the narrative doesn't match, at least in my mind, doesn't match what you're saying in the line items. Some of those percentages are just like they were in the original proposal, so if you're reading the narrative, it doesn't match up to what's been proposed. Is there money available for neighborhood revitalization somewhere? I couldn't find that. Not just budgeted for Sherdeill and that department but monies we could put into neighborhood revitalizations."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, that was a question that I was going to ask later, but we had originally budgeted \$200,000 and I'm not seeing it there on that page either, when we approved that program last budget year, page 177."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think it's great that we have someone on board to do neighborhood revitalizations but I think we've got to have some monies available to put into it."

Chair McGinn said, "In last year's budget, we approved the \$200,000 and that was where I had my sticky note is find out why that is different for next time."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I know it was your intent to do that and certainly it was our intent to include that. I can't answer that question. We'll get back to you. We think we have an answer. We'll get back to you."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "That last thing I had, and the others I can do individually, is work force initiatives. We talk about that. Are there some monies out there for like the Aviation Training Center that we've been bantering back and forth where we have some monies to put into that, if it comes to fruition?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes. I will point that to you later. We've entered a partnership with the City of Wichita, the school district, the State of Kansas and local businesses to create a work force initiative to help train aircraft industry workers. We're committed to doing that. The commitment was \$50,000 this year. We've paid that payment. The commitment was \$50,000 for next year and that's in here

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someplace.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay, good. That’s all the questions I have, Madam Chair. Thanks, Bill.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Bill, am I right in assuming that we’ll have some advanced notice as to what citizens or what groups might want to talk to us at the public hearing portion so we can get a feel for about the amount of time. Won’t they have to come by your office with their intent to speak or can they just show up, unannounced?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “On public hearings, there’s no requirement to register or call the office, so people will just show up. I would suspect it will be a couple of hours at the public hearing.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I was just thinking that if anyone wanted to speak to the item, it might be helpful for us if they would let us know what particular item they were concerned with, so we could more readily focus on what particular item in the budget that they’re concerned about but that’s fine, too.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioner, we’ll try to inform some of the folks that have been here in the past of that information. It’s always helpful to know the information ahead of time, so that we can do our homework and be prepared to answer the questions.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Correct. Thank you, Madam Chair. That’s all I had.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. I’m not sure I needed to say this, but I heard Commissioner Norton refer to the original budget and I don’t personally look at that as the original budget. What we were doing back in March or whatever, as we spent a week, that was a draft. I mean, that was the first blush of what the budget was shown to us as. And it continues to be refined and so, I think it might be a little misleading to refer to that as the original budget, or even this, because it’s not going to be the original budget until we adopt it on August the 8th. So, even this is subject to changes and it certainly is different from the documents that we looked at as we went through the individual departments. So, I don’t know if I really needed to say that or not. I thought that might help clarify at least why, as we compare this with what we’ve seen in the past, there are some differences.”

Chair McGinn said, “Well, and it’s basically, to tie into that, it’s what Chris and his group have gathered together from departments, so it’s a place to start for us and then the Manager does his refinement and then we get to put the final crunches on it. So, thank you for that comment,

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Commissioner.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Madam Chair, I think Tom’s very right. I mean, that is a draft and if I did say original budget that kind of takes it out of context. I did have some questions, as we’re moving through the process, of how those numbers start getting crunched and I thought I wanted to do that in public, as opposed to small meetings here and there. So, yes, I understand where you’re coming from, Tom. That we’re moving from draft to original proposal to final budget. Thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. I guess I just had a couple of comments before we wrap up here. I thought it was interesting, one of the comments you made, that our personnel was 41% of our budget and that that was a very good number, when you compared other municipalities. When I hear municipalities, I think of a city unit. Are you saying that as a mix of city and county governments and that kind of thing?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “I was referring to local governments, both city and county.”

Chair McGinn said, “Local governments, in general, and generally they run on average over 50% and we were at 41%.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We’ve had comparisons at the presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports in the past we’ve had presentations where Allen, Gibbs and Houlik uses some comparisons about various criteria and one of them is the cost of personnel in relationship to the cost of the entire budget. And that’s where some of that information comes from.”

Chair McGinn said, “Well, I think that says a lot about running an efficient organization and so I commend you and staff as well for keeping that percentage down. The other thing, just real briefly for clarification purposes, as the City of Wichita continues to do with us the study on EMS, the joint project that we’re looking at, you had talked about looking at increasing crews and then also a facility and I believe, if I read this correctly, if my memory is right, the crews was going to be dependent, based on the study, and then the facility in the northwest community, it sounded like that was something that we have already planned to go forward on or is that also going to be contingent upon the study?”

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Mr. Buchanan said, “The facility, we think the facility needs to be in the northwest. The study, with the City of Wichita, will be completed before the implementation of the 2002. If the study would come up, after consideration, that that post needs to be located some other place, we’re more than willing to look at that. We’re not locked in. It is our guess, at this point in time, that that’s where it’s going to have to be. Crews, we think, based on the information that Tom Pollan presented to us, that two crews for EMS would begin addressing some of the service needs that we’ve already identified. I think that’s essential, no matter what the study says. If the study says that we need four crews, then we have reserved some funds to deal with that increase also. The study might say there’s a way to reallocate the resources, or a way to become more efficient or effective and so, we’re prepared to be as flexible as we can with this budget. I don’t want to lock us into a position, but we need to prepare, we need to understand that we’re going to have to increase service levels for EMS. The decision is how much and when. And that’s what this study will help us do.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right, thank you. Okay, and then just one final comment, I guess. You know, you talked about our goals and those types of things and one is prevention programs and the health of our community. And we’re going to, you have a proposal in there to add people in our jails, physicians, case workers, whatever they’re called to help the folks in our jail system and we know a lot of times, people that go through our jail system are there for a short time and one of the arguments is they’re not getting any treatment. As we continue to have pressures upon our jail population and that type of thing, I think this is a very good program to have in there, because we, again, sometimes people even as adults make the wrong turn and if we can do anything to straighten them out and keep them out of jail, that would be very good for our community.

All right, I don’t see any other questions for you, Mr. Buchanan, and we certainly thank you for your presentation today and I’m sure there will be lots of discussion between now and August 8th.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Thank you very much, Commissioner.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “I think we’ll take about a five to ten minute recess.”

The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 10:20 and returned at 10:33.

Chair McGinn said, “I’ll call the meeting back to order. Clerk, call the next item please.”

I. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFER FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2001, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “And I have with me Joe Norton, our Bond Counsel from the firm of Gilmore and Bell. The action before you is a resolution to authorize the sale of \$11,220,000 of General Obligation Bonds. This is a follow on action to several actions that you’ve taken previously, which I’ll describe in just a few minutes.

These bonds will finance a range of projects that you see on the screen here. There is one road project, 109th Street North, between 151st West and Ridge Road. There are six bridge project, the largest of which are the K.T.A. bridge at Central and the bridge on North Meridian, between 109th and 117th Streets North. This also provides funding for the household hazardous waste facility that is to be constructed in the Stillwell Complex and it provides funding for a variety of storm water projects, south of Wichita, in the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County. The total amount of bond proceeds for general facilities is a little over \$9,000,000. In addition, there is a little over \$2,000,000 worth of funding for special assessment projects. A total of seven street assessment projects and a total of ten sewer assessment projects and you have taken prior actions on each of those to authorize the projects and so forth. What we are doing now is providing the permanent financing for those projects.

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We are selling a total of \$11,220,000 worth of bonds, if you approve this action today. The total financing, as you see on this screen, is a little bit more than that because of prepaid special assessments. We received a total of just under \$98,000 of prepaid special assessments since we finalized those assessments a month or so ago, up until now. And so the total amount of funding on this entire project is \$11,318,674. It's for those projects that I identified on the prior slide. We estimate the costs of issuance for these bonds, including the underwriter's discount, will be about \$243,000.

You have taken a series of actions previously pertaining to this bond issue. This is not anything that should be new to you or to the public who has been watching these meetings. In fact, before the first entry on this slide, back in March of this year, you authorized construction of the various County projects through a series of resolutions that you adopted and in those actions you initiated protest periods for the bonds that we plan on issuing for roads and the household hazardous waste facility and you declared your intent to reimburse the County for various expenses that we might incur on those projects, prior to the issuance of bonds. All of those actions took place in March. We received no protests on those two items that were subject to protest petition.

In early April, you adopted the final costs and the assessment roles and you set the date for public hearings in May. Then you adopted the assessments on the various projects that are to be funded with special assessments. Today, we are asking you to authorize the sale and set the sale date. And in just a minute Joe Norton will described for you the details of the resolution that's before you. If you approve that action, then we plan on conducting the sale on August the 1st of this year. You will adopt the final budget on August the 8th and we will refine the debt service number that's in that final budget, based on the debt service that we incur as a result of this sale conducted on August 1st. And then finally, on August the 23rd we will close the transaction. We will conclude the sale and obtain the bond proceeds and proceed to pay the bills for those projects.

These bonds for the County projects will have a maximum term of 20 years and the special assessment projects will have a maximum term of 15 years. We estimate, based upon current market conditions, that the County projects will require annual debt service for that 20 year period of approximately \$720,000. The special assessment projects will require annual debt service for that 15 year period of approximately \$200,000 and all of those expenditure obligations, those debt repayment obligations, have been factored into the financial plans that we have been presenting to you for the past several months. With that I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have about the transaction and if you don't have any questions, then I'll turn the floor over to Joe Norton, who will described the bond resolution that's before you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino, is your question for Chris?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yes, it is. Chris, could you go back to the first slide where you're

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showing the bonding obligations and then the prepaid assessments. When we got the special assessments in, did that then reduce the amount that we needed to bond?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

Mr. Chronis said, "Had we not received those prepaid special assessments, the size of the bond issue would be slightly higher."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay and has the time period for receiving special assessments now been shut off?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That is closed, yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So the net amount that we have to bond is 11, 2."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Chris."

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore and Bell P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Chris indicated, before your action today is a resolution which does several things. One, it does establish August 1 as the sale date for this \$11,220,000 bond issue. It approves the notice of bond sale, which we have prepared. It sets forth the bid parameters for the bonds and, once again, we're utilizing as an option the availability of binders submitting their bids over the Internet which was something that was brand new we did last year as a change in State law and was well received and I think, as more and more time goes by, more and more bidders will utilize this function, which makes it easier for them to bid. The easier it is to bid, the better opportunities we have to achieve lower interest rates.

The action also approves the preliminary official statement, which is the information about the County, the demographic information and so forth, which has been prepared and assembled. That will be disseminated by A.G. Edwards, your financial advisor, also over the Internet, as well as hard copies to those who desire that. If all goes well today and you adopt this resolution, and we do recommend you do, I will be back on August 1 with hopefully some bids for the bonds which will provide some interest rates very acceptable to you. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Winters said, "I have just a question. I guess, my hesitancy is I thought that this is a public hearing but it's not, is it. I'm sorry. That's the reason I was pausing. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "If there isn't any other discussion, Clerk, call the vote please."

VOTE

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

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

2. DEMOLITION OF A COMBINED SHOWER AND RESTROOM LOCATED AT SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have a facility demolition request for you. We haven't done this in quite a few years. The park superintendent has requested that we demolish a shower room at the Sedgwick County Park. It's been out of service for several years and it's served us well but it's past its time."

Here is a picture of the facility in question. It's on the north end of the park. Here's a map of the location. The park staff will demolish it. They estimate the cost to be about \$500 and they'll fund that from their operational budget. CIP Committee recommends approval. Do you have any questions?"

Chair McGinn said, "I was just curious. Is that the old shower/ bathroom for . . . it used to be Horseshoe Lake there? People used to go swimming there or something?"

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Mr. Giroux said, "Yes."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, I didn't think we'd have any questions on this, but we do. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "It's just I'm curious why it's coming to us from the Division of Finance. Why isn't it coming from Mark Sroufe or Jerry Harrison or you know someone in that bureau. It's a piddly amount of money."

Mr. Giroux said, "That's correct. It's just a facility demolition request is a Capital Improvement related item and that's the only reason that I brought it forward. I've coordinated with staff, as well as Legal."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, I just didn't understand the change in the process. This seems not worthy, quite frankly, of your time or trouble."

Mr. Giroux said, "The established policy that covers CIP includes this in one of the provisions."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "We probably haven't been demolishing many showers or restrooms in the past, so this is one of their first attempts."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, I'm glad that's all it was. I thought we were going to save the shower campaign here. Thank you, Pete. Is there any other discussion or questions for Pete?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the demolition.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye

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

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

J. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

1. CODE ENFORCEMENT REORGANIZATION.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Over the past four years, several factors have changed in the environment in which Code Enforcement works and I’d like to outline those three major changes.

First of all, over the past four years, we’ve had a continuing decrease in the number of permits that are issued by Code Enforcement. We attribute that to quite a few annexations of the developing neighborhoods in the past four years. Our total permits have declined about a third in the last four years.

Secondly, application of technology has made a difference in how Code Enforcement does its work. Previously, they’ve been using a mainframe application to take care of all their data needs, record permits. It was a specially written program on the computer mainframe. Since then, we’ve gone to a specialized application that’s available to many units of local government. It’s to reduce the amount of paperwork that we need to process and move around. There’s a common database that’s used by a number of different departments, so no longer, in order to get a copy of something, you have to call Code Enforcement, they type it out or print it out and then mail it or fax it to someone else. The other departments can go in and look at it on the same database. This way they also have access to zoning information, to GIS, the Appraiser’s Office, so it becomes a common database and information can be shared electronically.

Third, they’ve been working smarter. In the past, we’ve had inspectors for four different areas: electrical, plumbing, building and mechanical. If you need an inspection on your building, you may have to call out one, two, three or four different inspectors at different times. Our folks are now combination inspectors, so they’re certified in all four trades. So, most of our inspectors are combination inspectors. That way, if you need an inspection, one person goes out. They can

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handle anything that needs to be done at that site. So, we are working smarter and working harder, but it's been a more efficient use of our resources.

Due to these factors, we're proposing a reorganization plan to you. It increases the efficiency of the department. It will reallocate two positions elsewhere, to other County needs, which will result in increased public services and that's, essentially, the nuts and bolts of the reorganization plan. We've had a decrease in business and an increase in productivity. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions you might have."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Irene. You know, when I first saw this, I thought it had to do with our changes in Code Enforcement from our three months ago episode that we had, but evidently, this is something that's been worked on for a long time. Especially when you talk about people who are cross-trained and the technology. And so, it looks like we're making a more efficient department. So, okay. Well, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino, I believe you were next."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, Madam Chairman. Irene, does this equate out, since we're going to be more efficient, do we save the County money?"

Ms. Hart said, "We save the County money in Code Enforcement. I can say that we save the County money elsewhere, but I don't have those exact dollar amounts."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "How much in Code Enforcement? Using one person as a combined inspector, as opposed to individual inspectors, is there a savings?"

Ms. Hart said, "That's difficult to come up with a dollar amount. I know that the mileage has been reduced. The number of hours that it takes to build a building, through the inspection process, that's been reduced. There's been efficiencies, but I don't have dollar amounts tied to those. The Tidemark, the new software program, it's difficult to tell you how many fewer hours it takes to do a certain task or to communicate and share information."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It would be interesting, perhaps not now, but if we're doing . . . because I think this sounds like a very efficient way. Instead of having a separate inspector for all four disciplines, to combine them so that if he or she is out there, he can do two or three different inspections. And it would be nice if we could share with the public, if you have it later on, not right now, let us know how many personnel have we reduced, how much we've saved. That would be great."

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Ms. Hart said, "It's designed as a payroll incentive. If you come in at a beginning inspector level and you're certified in one trade, you're at one level, but once you get your second certification you can go up a notch. So, there is an incentive built into the payroll system to do that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guess my point is, in the past we had inspectors that were set aside for just this discipline, this discipline, this discipline, this discipline. If now everybody is cross-trained to do all, does that mean less employees?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Ms. Hart said, "Yes, it does and that's one of the things that's reflected through this reorganization."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, if you could show us, not today, but give us some kind of paper to show us how much of a reduction in employees it was, how much dollars it would save because of this efficiency, I'd be interested to see that."

Ms. Hart said, "Okay, we'll see what we can do."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. The other real plus I see here is that Animal Control has asked us for quite a while for some additional clerical support. I've felt that's an unmet need that we've just not been able to get to, and so I'm encouraged that one of these folks now will be moved over. And in kind of a partnership, that person will be able . . . that position will be able to be used for clerical support for Animal Control and I'm glad we're finally able to do that in some way."

Ms. Hart said, "What that will do is free up one of the Animal Control Officers who's been in the Office. That will put a trained individual out in the field and we're looking at moving that person to more of an afternoon and evening to assist people in the evenings and better serve the public in that manner."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So, it will benefit two departments then, I think, very well with this reorganization. I appreciate it. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "That will help decrease some of the complaints we get, because of the after-hours time, it's frustrating to people. All right, are there any other questions for Irene? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the approve the reallocations and staffing.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS TO CREATE A JOINT BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Andy Schlapp, Solid Waste Project Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “A few months, I was asked to take a look with the City of Wichita at the Health Department and look at

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ways we could functionally consolidate that department and run it more efficiently and use our resources better. As we moved forward, we said, you know, there's certain expertise that each of the governing bodies have and let's us allow this transition, or this functional consolidation to use the expertise of each governing body better, as we provide services in the future for the community.

The City and the County have worked very hard. I've worked with Ernie Garcia, Chris Cherches and Bill Buchanan have had some meetings and I know you guys have also had some meetings in your Compact 2000. And we've come together with a process to move forward. We have an agreement, in principle, of what the Health Department will look like in the future and we have now been tasked to make that happen. We have work groups to see how that's going to work and how we move forward.

One of the processes that was identified to us is that, as we move forward with this new thing, is that the Board of County Commissioners will become the Health Board and so the Health Board has to answer to the Board of County Commissioners and right now it answers to a joint board. And in that statute, it says if we are going to make any changes, we need to notify the other governing body by July 15th. So, that's what I'm here to do today, is ask you to do that, to allow us to give notice that we want to withdraw from this agreement. We're not saying this transition is complete or done, and our hands aren't tied. Just because we do this, we can't go back to what we had before. What we're saying is, as we move forward with this process, this is one of the steps we need to take. So, today I'm here to ask you to adopt that resolution for our intent to withdraw from the joint Board of Health."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, and I just want to make that clear that this is just part of the process that we go through to make the changes, if we decide to and we take those steps, as those come along as well. And we can always go back, if we need to. But, I think, as we look at this change, it's to be more efficient for our community, as far as we do provide a lot of public health services and so, we can have our hands closer to those types of things that we have there at the Health Department, as well as the City has some areas of expertise that they'll be closer to, as well."

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "Madam Chair, if I may please. I think it's important for you to understand, and the public to know, that this motion, resolution and this process of withdrawal is mutually agreeable with the City of Wichita. Chris Cherches and I have talked about it. He and I had a conversation and we were trying to figure out who's agenda it would go on, because it could go on either one of our agenda, and I drew the short straw. So, that's the reason. It's not hostile, adversarial in any way. This is mutually agreeable, understood by both parties. It's a necessary box to check in the legal processes."

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Chair McGinn said, “Right, and so, do they not have to put it on their agenda then?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Only one party needs to do it and we . . . frankly, we were just a little further ahead in the process and thinking than they were. In a weak moment, Chris Cherches said, would you do it, and I said yes, instead of extracting something from him.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. All right. Thank you. Any other questions for Andy. If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

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 R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

3. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GARDEN PLAIN, KANSAS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.

Mr. Darryl J. Fox, Director, Animal Control, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is an interlocal service agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County and the City of Garden Plain. Garden Plain has accepted the ordinance number 529 of the City of Wichita, where it is going to go by the agreement of the Sedgwick County codes. In the previous times, we have just been giving limited service to Garden Plain but now, if you would sign this agreement, it would give us control over Garden Plain where we would be able to prosecute

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violations for the City of Garden Plain.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

K. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH STEPHANIE BROWN, PH.D. PROVIDING PAYMENT FOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of Deborah Donaldson. 3113 Council is an interagency, interdisciplinary team of community service providers that meets to address complex and emergency consumer needs and it’s chaired by Wayne Burns, who is the Director of Family and Children Services in COMCARE. The contract before authorizes payment to Dr. Stephanie Brown for an in-home observation and assessment that was

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recommended by the 3113 Council. Dr. Brown provided 41 and a half hours of service. The result from that was a detailed report that was utilized in delivery of service to a young child. State funds attached to the children's program are available to funding. The recommended action is to approve the contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH SHREEJA KUMAR, M.D. TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.

Mr. Kaufman said, "As we've heard earlier today, there continue to be increased demands, in this case, for appointments with psychiatrists. New standards regarding access to services are being implemented and they've created wait times for appointments. We've identified a need for additional psychiatric services. Before you is an employment agreement with Dr. Kumar, a board certified psychiatrist. Dr. Kumar primary function will be to staff the medication clinic at Community Support Services. She'll also deliver services and see consumers at Crisis Intervention Services and our Addictions Treatment facility. Funding source for this contract is our Community Support Services State grant. Be happy to answer any questions."

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Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Have we had any estimate, with the hiring of this psychiatrist, that waiting period that’s around six weeks, with her being full-time . . . I don’t know if it’s a her or him, does that get reduced down? Do you have any estimate on that?”

Mr. Kaufman said, “We anticipate that that will drop wait times at the busiest clinics to one to two weeks and help us shorten wait times at the additional clinics as well.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right. Any other questions for Tim? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

3. CONTRACT WITH TRAVELIN’ TAXI, INC. TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

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Mr. Ray Vail, Director of Finance, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I ask you to approve a contract, transportation brokerage, for Travelin’ Taxi to provide door-to-door transportation 24 hours a day, seven days a week to transient dependent populations in Sedgwick County. No additional funds are requested and the contract has been approved by Legal. And I ask your approval.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, do you have any questions? Yes, Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I’ve never heard of Travelin’ Taxi. This is a legitimate, bona fide, licensed business?”

Mr. Vail said, “Yes, they are. It’s a van.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, it isn’t a taxi service in Wichita, where you call up and you need to go to the airport and Travelin’ Taxi will take you.”

Mr. Vail said, “No, it’s a van to transport disabled people.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “How long have they been in business?”

Mr. Vail said, “I don’t have that knowledge. Valerhy Harmon would.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Are they in business just to provide this service?”

Mr. Vail said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay.”

Chair McGinn said, “I think it’s part of our transportation program. We have a number of people that coop in that department.”

Commissioner Winters said, “The only thing is, I just wanted to make sure this is a legitimate company. I mean, I’ve not heard of them before and maybe . . . I know that a regular taxi service needs to be licensed by the City of Wichita. It needs to have a franchise with the City and I just wanted to make sure. I’m going to vote yes but if you’d just check out and make sure that this is a legitimate company and perhaps let us know that, I’d appreciate it.”

Mr. Vail said, “We will do that.”

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Chair McGinn said, "If there aren't any other questions, 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 R. Norton	Aye	
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters		Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino		Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn		Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

4. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH FINCH HOLLOW SENIOR RESIDENCE, INC. REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES.

Mr. Vail said, "Commissioners, we're here to ask you to agree to modify the contract with Mennonite Housing for the service coordinator at Finch Hollow. We've been in this agreement since 1997 and H.U.D. has requested this modification. There is no additional funds and Legal has reviewed and approved this modification of this contract."

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

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Modification of Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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L. GRANT APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS.

Mr. Smith said, “States and units of general government that have authority over correctional facilities that incarcerate or detain undocumented criminal aliens for a minimum of 72 consecutive hours are eligible to apply for State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funds. Sedgwick County sends data to Justice Benefits Incorporated who, in turn, analyzes the data to determine the total number of days that Sedgwick County is eligible for compensation. Sedgwick County approved an agreement to work with Justice Benefits on S.C.A.A.P. during the February 14th, 2001 Commission meeting. Justice Benefits will receive 22% of the S.C.A.A.P. award above the established base line contained in the agreement to provide federal reimbursement maximization services. The base line is \$179,299. This reflects the S.C.A.A.P. funds that Sedgwick County has received before working with Justice Benefits. Sedgwick County received \$293,800 in 2001, which was an increase of \$114,000 with Justice Benefits’ help.

Payment calculations are based on the information provided by Sedgwick County, through the electronic application process. They are verified by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The final calculations for all applicants are considered in relation to the available appropriation, to determine the applicant’s percentage of dollars but we won’t know exactly what we get until they determine the total pool of money. I’d recommend that you approve the application. I’m available for questions. We’ve got Marty Hughes here also, if you have any questions.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, I have just a brief question of Marty or somebody. As a percentage of our jail population, how many of these . . . undocumented means illegal, right? Illegal aliens that are in our jail.”

Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance, said, “Well, we send the . . . the data that we send to Justice Benefits includes all the inmates in the jail, but I never really looked at it and analyzed it to tell what the percentage was of the alien population versus the citizen population of the jail.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Would that be relatively easy to find out? I’d like to know what percentage, how big a problem this is for us. If that would not be . . . if I could find out what percentage or even a hard number, ‘x’ number on an average day, ‘x’ number of our inmates are of this category.”

Mr. Hughes said, “Sure, we can get you that information, because we’ve got the data so we can just pull it up for you.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "All right, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I assume that there's some reason that we need Justice Benefits to help us do this. I assume there's a reason we can't do this ourselves."

Mr. Hughes said, "Well, in the past years we had done, up through 1998 I think it was, we had done it ourselves and Justice Benefits came to us with the possibility of enhancing what we were doing already and also looking at other programs that the Justice Department funds, other programs, and looking into those and see if there's other ways Sedgwick County could enhance its grant funds from the Justice Department. So, you know, they helped. Obviously, they helped some. Our reimbursement increased last year over the year before."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Application.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

M. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

1. GRANT AWARD FROM JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY, AND

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**ADDITION OF ONE GRANT-FUNDED CASE COORDINATOR POSITION,
RANGE 20, TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S STAFFING TABLE.**

Ms. Lisa Clancy, Program Director, District Attorney’s Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I actually have three items under M. The first one, as you said, was for the Juvenile Justice Authority for the Juvenile Diversion program. We have been awarded \$180,421. It’s for the continuation of the Diversion, Intermediate Intervention grant, in addition to a full-time position. We currently have three full-time juvenile coordinators. That does include the new funded position that we just received, a legal assistant and one office specialist, all with full benefits, training education and also transportation for the youth and family if they have appointments that they need to go to that requires them, under their agreement with the Diversion program. There’s no match required and I ask that you fund this newly funded position. Any questions?”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the grant award and approve the addition to the District Attorney’s Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

2. **GRANT AWARD THROUGH FEDERAL BYRNE GRANT, AND ADDITION OF ONE GRANT-FUNDED SENIOR JUVENILE COORDINATOR POSITION, RANGE 21, TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S STAFFING TABLE.**

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Ms. Clancy said, “This is . . . we applied for federal Byrne grant to add to our adult diversion and this was done in April, 2001. We are asking for two funded full-time employees, one which is a senior coordinator, another one which is an office specialist. In addition to that, we are asking for full benefits, two computers including monitors and software. We will be working with COMCARE to do a treatment plan for this drug component of diversion. The total project cost is \$79,973. The required match was 25%, which is \$19,984 which has been provided through the use of County contingency funds. Salary and benefits are \$77,437, equipment is \$2,500. This diversion, the addition to this diversion program for the drug component is basically an alternative to formal adjudication. It gives anyone who has been . . . an adult, obviously, who has been charged with a specific drug offend to divert from the court process and do diversion at that point. So, I would ask that this Byrne grant be accepted and added to the Staffing Table of the District Attorney’s Office.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any questions on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the grant award and approve the addition to the District Attorney’s Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

- 3. GRANT AWARD FROM MIDWEST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA AND ADDITION OF ONE GRANT-FUNDED PROSECUTOR POSITION TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S STAFFING TABLE.**

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Ms. Clancy said, “This grant is from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking area. We have been awarded \$103,032 which is made through Office . . . available through Office National Drug Control policy. They have targeted specific counties for what they call hot-spots for met amphetamine and Sedgwick County happens to be one of the hot-spots. So, they approached us for this funding. What we are asking for is . . . the total project cost is, again, \$103,032. There is no match that is required and that is staffing one full-time prosecutor to specifically handle met amphetamine cases. Assistant District Attorney Mike Jennings is here today if you have any questions also for this grant. We ask that this is authorized, an addition to our Staffing Table.”

Chair McGinn said, “Well, the good news is that we’re receiving money for this and the bad news is why we are.”

Ms. Clancy said, “Right. Yeah, I don’t know if it’s so great that we’re a hot-spot.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the grant award and approve the addition to the District Attorney’s 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 R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

N. RECLASSIFICATIONS AND REALLOCATIONS FOR FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 2001.

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Ms. Jane Morales, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to request your approval of the first and second quarter of 2001 reclassifications. The process that we use for reclassification is surveying other organizations in the public sector, performing a reclassification study, which requires a questionnaire being completed by the incumbent, incumbent and supervisor interviews and evaluating the position using the Sedgwick County position management plan.

During the first and second quarters of 2001 we had 168 requests. We denied 101. We are bringing 65 reclassifications, reallocations to you and two positions, recommendation from the Fleet Management Staffing Table. The budget impact for the first and second quarter of 2001 is \$29,490 for 2001 and for 2002, \$94,192. I request your approval and glad to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Just on the savings, was this savings from the original 2001 budget and had they budgeted that these reclassifications would go in? Is that the savings?"

Ms. Morales said, "Reclassifications are handled in the individual department's budget. You have to be funded through their existing 2001 budget, if I understand what you're asking."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, on the savings, we had a 2001 budget for salaries and because of denying the 101 positions . . . in other words, were all 168 reclassifications budgeted for 2001 and because we denied these, that's how we saved."

Mr. Morales said, "No, they were all 2001 funded, the positions, and we are making some changes to 65 positions and deleting two."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so had we approved the 101 we would have been over budget in 2001? Am I asking the question correctly?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "You're right on track. These reclassifications were outside the budgeting process. These requests would have been for reclassifications mid-year because something has changed. So, we didn't anticipate those increase salary expenditures. The inclusion of the 65 that have been approved is a \$29,490 additional expense in salary line."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, it says savings, is the question I had. It says it's a savings of \$29,490 and then in . . . it's a savings of \$94,000."

Ms. Morales said, "That is a typo. I didn't even notice. That is a total typo."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “So it has a negative impact in the two quarters of \$29,490 and then for 2002 it’s \$94,000 negative impact. Not a savings.”

Ms. Morales said, “It is not a savings. I am sorry.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That clarifies my question.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Now we get it.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, there was some savings from the elimination of the two positions but that . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, I’ve got it now. Thank you. That’s all I have.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, all right. Any other questions for Jane?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the reallocations and reclassifications.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

O. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, good morning. Dr. Magruder had a conflict and requested this be delayed and therefore I would recommend you defer.”

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Chair McGinn said, “Defer for one week? For next week?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to defer this item indefinitely.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

- P. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH DONDLINGER & SONS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECTS 632-32-2805 AND 632-32-4452; BRIDGES ON 55TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND WEBB ROAD. CIP NUMBERS B-337 AND B-338. DISTRICT #5.**

Mr. Spears said, “Item P is approval of a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final with Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company for two Sedgwick County bridge projects, included in one contract, both located on 55th Street South between Rock Road and Webb

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Road designated as B-337 and B-338 in the Capital Improvement Program. There will be a net decrease of \$9,397.67 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, “Commissioners, are there any questions for David?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Modification of plans and construction and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

Q. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETINGS OF JUNE 28 AND JULY 5, 2001.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Board of Bids and Contracts held a regular meeting on June the 28th of 2001. The following items are being presented today for consideration.

**1) ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE- CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY**

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Item one, engineering services for building infrastructure for Capital Projects. Recommend to accept the negotiated price with Mid-Kansas Engineering for \$123,900.

2) MODULAR CABINETS & SHELVING- CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

Item two, modular cabinets and shelving for Capital Projects. Recommend the low bid of Material Handling for \$16,559.

3) SAND SPREADERS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

Item three, sand spreaders for Fleet Management. Recommend the only bid received of Midwest Truck Equipment, including trades and options, for a total of \$34,620.

4) MOTOROLA RADIOS & EQUIPMENT- FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Item four, Motorola radios and equipment for the Fire Department. Recommend the sole bid of Motorola for \$26,361.60.

5) VOICEMAIL SYSTEM- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Item five is a voicemail system for the Division of Information and Operations. Accept the sole bid from SBC DataComm for \$63,196.80.

The second meeting was held on July the 5th, 2001. The results of that meeting is as follows.

1) APPLICATION/ TECHNICAL SOFTWARE TRAINING COURSE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Item one, application and technical software training courses for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend to accept the low proposal of New Horizons to contract for computer training classes for one year.

2) CITY SURFACE MIX- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

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Item two, city surface mix for Public Works. Recommend the low bid of Cornejo and Sons for \$57,750.

3) ROCK SALT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

And item three, rock salt for Public Works. Recommend the only bid received of Ritchie Sand for \$80,255.

If there are no questions, I'd recommend these items be approved as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm just curious, on the July 6th meeting or whatever it was, the last item for rock salt, are there only two vendors in this area that can provide rock salt? That should be a pretty easy item to get a bid on."

Ms. Baker said, "There are two. The other is Hutchinson Salt and they did not bid. But that's essentially where the salt will come from."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But they were sent a request?"

Mr. Spears said, "Commissioners, there are two locations. One's in Lyons and one's in Hutchinson and that's the only two. In fact, they both deliver salt all around the . . . I mean, not all around the United States. Not out to California but back east."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I mean, does Ritchie Sand purchase the salt from one of those two?"

Mr. Spears said, "They deliver it to us, yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "All we're looking for is a truck, the person that would go up there and pick up the sand [sic] and deliver it to us?"

Mr. Spears said, "They buy the salt and they deliver it to us. We don't have the trucks to go up and get it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that but what I'm questioning about is you've got Ritchie Sand and then you've got Cornejo, you've got a lot of companies that have a lot of trucks. Who else did we send the request for quotation to?"

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Ms. Baker said, "We sent these two, based on history."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Pardon me?"

Ms. Baker said, "We sent to these two suppliers."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And who was the other supplier? You've got Ritchie Sand."

Ms. Baker said, "Hutchinson Salt."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But Hutchinson Salt has the salt and somebody else goes and picks it up."

Ms. Baker said, "They will bid . . ."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Stop. Hutchinson not only sells the salt but delivers it. And they chose not to bid."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But no, my question is in the future, since what we're looking for is a company that has trucks that can go pick up the salt and deliver it, we should send it out to more truck companies to see what they would bid on it."

Ms. Baker said, "Well, we can attempt that again."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think we should. Because maybe you could have some competitor to Ritchie Sand Company."

Commissioner Winters said, "Excuse me, we could deal directly with the salt mine ourselves and buy the salt. If we're just looking for a trucking service, there are a lot more than two dump truck companies out there that have fleets of trucks that could move it."

Mr. Spears said, "That's right. Commissioner, we go through the same thing with the delivery of chat, delivery of crushed limestone, screenings and that sort of thing."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Can't we just go negotiate a price with the salt company and then find somebody to pick it up and deliver it to us. It seems maybe we'd get a better price in the future, maybe."

Chair McGinn said, "But does the truck liner have to be different because it's salt?"

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Mr. Spears said, "No, not really. No, it's not a specialized thing to haul. They just have to wash it out when they're finished."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is this something that we could . . . is it so crucial that we have to accept Ritchie Sand or should we defer this item and go see if we can negotiate a better price?"

Mr. Spears said, "We'll do whatever the Commission desires. I mean, it's not a problem. We order it now to get the cut-rate rate in the middle of summer but that's just a little joke here. We've got plenty of time. We're not in bad shape now. We did almost run out of salt, so we do need it before winter."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, in your opinion, based on what we've paid in the past, is this \$22.93 a ton, delivered, is that a good price or is that a high price?"

Mr. Spears said, "No, I'm sorry. The truth of the matter is it's higher by, I believe, five or six dollars a ton than we paid before."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Does that include the cost of the salt?"

Mr. Spears said, "I don't know."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's just the delivery of the salt."

Mr. Spears said, "No, this includes the salt and delivery."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Has the cost of salt gone up?"

Mr. Spears said, "I don't know, Commissioner."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm assuming it has something to do with the cost of fuel."

Mr. Spears said, "Well, you wonder what the explosions over in Hutchinson had to do with it, too. For many weeks we couldn't even get a delivery last winter."

Chair McGinn said, "Could you maybe just get some of that information and send us e-mail or do you want to defer this item to put out for bid again?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I mean if we could save the County some money. I'm not too concerned about winter. We're still in the middle of summer and, in my opinion, if we could save the County some money, maybe we could defer this and David could go, or somebody could go and just ask the salt company how much is it per ton of salt and then try to contract with someone to go pick it

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up and deliver it. It may be . . . it may turn out to be Ritchie Sand, but . . .”

Mr. Spears said, “We can’t just go out and contract with them. We’ll have to bid that out also.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Right, but I mean, we didn’t go, . . . on this particular instance, we didn’t go to any other trucking company other than the salt manufacturer and Ritchie Sand. I don’t know. Cornejo has dump trucks. There’s ten or twelve companies. Maybe they’d be willing to bid on this for us. I’d like to make a Motion. I don’t know how to do this.”

Chair McGinn said, “I want to ask a question before you do this. The salt, is that based on market, like grain, or is it we have a certain price for summer?”

Mr. Spears said, “I do not know the answer to that.”

Chair McGinn said, “Well, you just said this is a good time to buy salt.”

Mr. Spears said, “Oh, I was joking. Most people don’t even think about buying salt in the summertime except for us.”

Chair McGinn said, “True, but that’s sometimes when it’s off season. You do get a better price. That’s why I was asking the question.”

Mr. Spears said, “If it was going to be low, you’d think it would be low in the summer.”

Chair McGinn said, “So, we’re not up against some deadline, salt prices are not going to be off sale in a few weeks.”

Mr. Spears said, “You certainly don’t want to wait till winter because then it thins out, because everybody wants it.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, got it.”

Ms. Baker said, “And Commissioners, if I may note, this is also advertised on the website and we have constant dialogue with firms within the community.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I understand that, but you’re saying if you’re a trucking company, it’s your responsibility to look at the website to see if we have any bids for trucking companies. I still think it’s incumbent upon us to solicit the bids, too.”

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Ms. Baker said, "I'm just implying that there could be other factors as well, as to why others didn't bid. Timing, this is a busy time of year for a lot of firms."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exception of Item 3 of the July 5th Meeting and defer that item until such time that we might be able to get other requests for quotations.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Mr. Euson said, "I would suggest you just defer it."

AMENDED MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exception of Item 3 of the July 5th meeting and that that item be deferred indefinitely.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "The only thing, I didn't know you were going to take all of that. I had another question on Item four. I was just curious, since it has to do with radio and there's a lot of brands out there and vendors. Is there a reason for that?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes, Motorola is the standard, the County standard. We are testing and have been testing a couple of other brands and we have had some problems with those."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, so traditionally we use Motorola but we do continue to look at other products as well."

Ms. Baker said, "Yes."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes, on Item one, Pars Consultant was considerably less. I read the narrative here. Do we not have information on those companies we send bids out or request for proposals out to ahead of time so that we know that they're legitimate or whatever?"

Ms. Baker said, "Knowing their legitimate in what regard?"

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, we were asking for some information on clients and their protocols and whether they can do the job. I mean, was that a blind send? Is that what that was?”

Ms. Baker said, “No, we just reviewed their proposal and had several questions and we went back to that firm and asked additional questions and they didn’t provide any of the information that we had requested or didn’t dialogue any further so, after three weeks, we decided to go ahead and visit with Mid-Kansas Engineering. Par is out of Overland Park. Mid-Kansas is out of Wichita.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Just a follow up, real quickly. Were these attempts at communicating just through letters or did we actually make a phone call and they refuse our request?”

Ms. Baker said, “Telephone communications. They did come down one time for an interview and we asked for some additional information and we went back and we called a couple of times and they did not provide any additional information.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “What did they say? Once you’re on the phone with them and we say, we need this. What do they say? No, go to Hades or . . .”

Mr. Jim Osterlund, Project Manager, Facility Services, said, “I had them down for a interview to make sure they understood the scope of the RFP. They were very vague in their comments then. I requested a site visit to several of their customers in the Kansas City area and requested that several times over the phone. They never responded back. It finally got to the point where I said, I can’t negotiate with you unless I can verify that you’re a legitimate company.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Are there any other questions for Iris? We have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

R. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

One Easement for Drainage on Sedgwick County Drainage Project – BFI Addition.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010101	\$449.00	5	William Favreau
V010102	\$158.00	5	William Favreau
V010103	\$254.00	5	Cottage Grove
V010104	\$433.00	5	Robert McComb

3. Agreement with Culligan Water for on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

4. Appointment of Gilmore & Bell P.C. as Rebate Analyst for Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bond Programs issued by Sedgwick County and Shawnee County, Kansas.

5. Sponsorship of BUY.COM Tour in the amount of \$15,000.

6. Orders dated June 27 and July 4, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

7. Authorization per K.S.A. 79-2012 to withhold delinquent personal property taxes under the County Treasurer's certification dated June 26, 2001.

8. 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:

Eighty-Nine Addition

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9. **Payroll Check Registers (three) of June 12 (poll workers), June 22 and June 29, 2001.**
10. **General Bills Check Registers of June 29 and July 6, 2001.**
11. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Question. On item four, has that firm acted in that capacity previously, or is this a new assignment for them? Do we know? Can you just get back to me on that? I'm prepared to approve it. I'm curious as to whether or not they've acted in that capacity before."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I believe so, but I will get back to you."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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S. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, potential litigation and legal advise and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 12:00 p.m.

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
Vice Chair Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. and returned at 12:11 p.m.

Chair McGinn said, "Let the record show that there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before this Board? Mr. Manager, Mr. Counselor. This meeting is adjourned."

T. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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