

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 25, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, July 25, 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; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disability Organization; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Renfeng Ma, Budget Director, Division of Finance; Mr. Dave Rush, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. Richard Chebultz, Operations Manager, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Carolyn Risley Hill, Chief Executive Officer, Starkey, Incorporated.
Mr. Dale Bukaty, Chairman, Senior Services Board.
Mr. Karl Peterjohn, 11328 Texas Street, Wichita, KS (Kansas Taxpayers Network).
Ms. Kathy Dittmer, 823 Litchfield, Wichita, KS (Board of Health).
Ms. Jacque Clifton, 2301 S. Water, Wichita, KS (Envision).
Ms. Delpha Vincent, Senior Companion Program.
Mr. Fred Ervin, Member, Sedgwick County Extension Service Board.
Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Sedgwick County Extension Service.
Ms. Vicki Shepard, Director, Tri-City Senior Center.
Ms. Rosa Molina, Executive Director, Medical Service Bureau.
Ms. Carol McBeath, Clerk, City of Haysville.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Donnita Hostetler of Hospice Care of Kansas.

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FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

INTRODUCTION

A. INTRODUCTION OF CAROLYN HILL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF STARKEY, INC.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm not here today as Director of Human Resources, but rather as the Chair of the Starkey Board of Directors. And we are on the threshold of a really happy day for us. By the way, we also have two other board members present, our treasurer, Ron Tersian, and our Vice-Chair, Gayle Dodie are here today. Before I introduce Carolyn, I just wanted to say a couple of things. I didn't pay much attention, honestly, when the Starkey Inc. was undergoing a lot of problems. I mainly read about them in the paper as I was being considered for a board membership. And I guess what I'm happy to report is that, as we look to the future, we have a fifteen member board that has twelve new and excited members and three great ones from the old board.

We have a new CEO, following a national search, that her background, and I'll go over it a little bit here, is just unbelievable. We're in the process of hiring a new CFO. We have new attorneys. We have a new audit firm and we're back on our feet and running. And we're very pleased about that. I think the thing that we're excited about most is that we have roughly 300 employees and we serve 300 folks on a given day or more, their family, their friends, their neighbors and they're all touched and influenced by this organization. I think one of the reasons we wanted to be here this morning is the County is a very important partner to Starkey. It's a strong funding entity for Starkey. Virtually all of the funds that we use that come through the federal or State government, go through the CDDO and Collin and I are going to be friends.

Lastly, and certainly not least, I think the thing that really I felt good about, beyond belief, was the

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selection of Carolyn Hill as our CEO. Carolyn started with the SRS here in Wichita. She had done an internship and did an internship with Vocational Rehab Services, which I think was here beginning to deal with developmentally disabled folks. Then she became a social worker with SRS. I'll fast forward and say, in checking her references and I was able to do that. We had a selection committee and I happened to draw her. It was such a pleasure to listen to the integrity and the growth and the executive competence that she's demonstrated for 20 years.

She started as a social worker for SRS. She spent 13 years in the Wichita office. She worked her way up through that hierarch. She ended up in Topeka as a commissioner, reporting directly to the State Secretary of Aging for what, four years. SRS . . . I said Aging. Oops. That's my old Freudian slips there. SRS and then, in the last six years she's been traveling as a consultant throughout U.S. and Canada for Child Welfare League of America, helping set up strong boards, strong leadership and strong processes.

The bottom line is, in this person we've found leadership excellence, we found board strength, we found strategic planning strength, we found integrity and we're very excited and unless she does a radical change in the next year or two, I would expect that the person we've found over the last twenty years is the person that will run Starkey for a few years to come. So, I wanted to introduce Carolyn Hill and, by the way, I asked . . . I noticed it's Carolyn Risley Hill and I said, because when I wrote C. Hill on your e-mail it says chills and she said that's why."

Mr. Carolyn Hill, CEO, Starkey Incorporated, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Doug. It's too bad my mother can't be here. She would have appreciated that introduction. Members of the Commission, County Manager, it's a pleasure to be here this morning and I want to express to you Starkey's appreciation for your support and concern over the last few years. It meant a great deal, I would say, to both the staff and the parents. We have a very committed staff, a very committed group of parents, an extremely strong board and thank you, too, for some of that. You made recommendations to us and two people joined, including one of your former colleagues, Bill Hancock, is now on our board. So, I think we are positioned to do great things in the future. You know, we have many goals at this point that have to do with improving our programs and returning to the premier status that Starkey once had in the community.

It will be a long road to some of those things, like re-accreditation, but we'll get there. And I want to assure you that anything you want to know about Starkey is yours. The books are open. Everything's open. There are no secrets. You know, there are two things that we will not discuss and that's confidential information related to the people we serve and to our staff. But otherwise, we are an open book. So, thank you again. I'd be glad to entertain questions, if anyone has any."

Chair McGinn said, "We do have some questions, but first I want to say thank you and welcome. And it looks like Starkey is going to have a whole new look and I'm glad to see it's going forward

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and it's a good organization for our community. It has been for many, many years. And so, people like you continue to help us help them, make them a success as well. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Well, I also want to welcome you and I know the last couple of years have been very trying. I think Starkey has already gone through a complete evolutionary change with the board, with just the mental thinking process of what their mission is. This all got started by some really seriously concerned parents, because of their fear of the clients that you serve. I, for one, was involved in it pretty deeply, along with Commissioner Hancock and I can't be more pleased at the makeup of the board now, that we have a professional. My only concern is that you're going to have to deal with Doug, but I'm sure you're going to be able to manage around that. And we are just extremely pleased, because Starkey does have a very needed . . . they provide a very needed service to some clients that would be lost without these services. And one of the things that was of concern to the parents that kind of got to me, emotionally, was some of these parents are starting to age and they have some children that depend on them and they are looking for, and need the comfort to know that when they are no longer here, that someone, Starkey, can be continuing to look out for the welfare of their children, which are your clients. And I see nothing but good things happening to Starkey. I also see Doug Russell coming and lobbying us for money and we'll have to deal with that later on. But, I'm just extremely pleased and I welcome you to Wichita and wish you the best success."

Ms. Hill said, "Thank you so much."

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

DONATION

B. DONATION OF \$400 BY WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE USED FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) CHILDREN'S ART SHOW.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This next item is a donation from Wichita State University that's used for our Children's Art Show. As you remember, you had several individuals from that art show who did come and display their art, the winners. I also would like to show you that a lot of that art has now been captured in a calendar for these children and adolescents who did this work. It's a very attractive calendar for folks and we hand those out and also sell them for \$9, for anybody that's interested. But it has captured the work of these young artists."

Chair McGinn said, "Is that 2001?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "This is 2002."

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Chair McGinn said, "Oh, okay. I was going to see if we could get them for half price."

Ms. Donaldson said, "There's part of 2001 and then we've got 2002, but I thought it was a great tribute to these young people who struggle with such serious mental illness. And a number of agencies and groups went together to help make this calendar happen, which included Ford County Mental Health Center, Horizons Mental Health Center, Wichita State University, SRS and Newman University."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, great. Looks like a wonderful program and it's nice to see all the entities coming together to make it possible for them. How can people get a calendar, if they would like to have one?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "They can call us at . . . they could call the children's program at 681-1185."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, all right. Thank you, Debbie."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Accept the donation and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

AWARDS

C. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AWARDS.

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- 1. GIS STORM TRACK APPLICATION**
- 2. MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX ESTIMATOR**

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, I am pleased to share with all of you that our employees of this organization have, once again, put their great minds together and by doing so and working together have been presented and given an award by the National Association of Counties. I’d like to first read about the first one and then have someone from the GIS team just share a couple of moments about that application.

The GIS, first recognized was a software program created by Geographical Information Services staff to track tornados and other storms. The GIS Storm Track application assists the Emergency Management Department in identifying affected properties in which roads need to be barricaded. It geographically displays, to Public Safety and Public Works officials, the path of the storm so that key decisions can be made in a timely manner during and after the storm. And I believe also, we can learn about what kind of property was lost and what the cost of that property was. So, I would like to present the NACO award to our GIS recipient here and would like for you to share a little bit about how you guys have put it together and the process. Congratulations to you and everybody that has helped out with this.”

Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I appreciate that. On behalf of our GIS Department that did a fantastic job. It’s been a very long process enhancing this particular program. We started off with a gentleman who is now the head of our department, GIS Department, John Rogers and some of the other staff about a year and a half ago and has included two other people, Jan Keathley who did a lot of the work up until now as far as pulling the data together, the necessary requirements for the system and then David Comberrel, who is our ace programmer on this particular application and did an excellent job. And Bob Myers is here as well. Bob does some of our data development, which is a very unheralded thing. It’s like working in the trenches but if he’s not there and if our data development people aren’t there the data isn’t correct and you can’t actually get the correct data out of the system. And so, we think it’s a fabulous system. We’re very honored by the NACO award. It’s been nationally recognized in other ways and we appreciate the hard work our staff has done.”

Chair McGinn said, “Introduce everybody.”

Mr. Vogt said, “Absolutely. This is Bob Myers, David Comberrel and John Rogers.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, guys. Well done. Good job.”

Chair McGinn said, “And I know Kathy Sexton has a big part with our GIS group and I’ve said

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this before and I'll say it again, GIS is one of my favorite departments, because they make all kinds of neat maps and you can do all kinds of things with it and it's a great tool, when you're trying to share with the public about different things that are happening in your community.

The second NACO award recognized the Motor Vehicle Property Tax Estimator program, which is the software application created by our Internet Services staff to provide car dealerships and citizens with a quick and easy way to calculate taxes due on a vehicle being considered for purchase. The software is available at the County's website, at www.segwickcounty.org and provides an alternative to calling the County's Treasurer's Office or the tag office for such information. This is a really slick program, too and I know it's been out there and in use and been very popular already. So, Jan Kennedy, our Treasurer, would you please accept this award from NACO and congratulations."

Ms. Jan Kennedy, Sedgwick County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. I'm very pleased. Naturally, this is not something that can be done by one person. And the Treasury Department, particularly the tag office, I have our manager here, Patrick Broz. And we've partnered, initially, with Kathy Sexton because it is in the technology area and our particular guru was Greg Faber, who primarily managed the part of actually putting the pieces together to make it work. So, it has been very beneficial, for not only our department, but also the Appraiser's Office, who gets . . . they've anticipated about a 30% reduction in the phone calls. And people can have the information twenty-four, seven. So, if you're thinking about trading a car, I suggest that you go and see this. It will do that for you."

Chair McGinn said, "Great. Congratulations. I'd just like to say creation of these programs is a clear indication of Sedgwick County's commitment to providing high-tech tools to provide services in a smarter and more efficient way. And I think that helps, in the long run, save money and provide quicker services to our community. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just wanted to add that Jan Kennedy and I were able to be in Philadelphia for the National Association of Counties annual meeting this year and were recognized by that national organization in Philadelphia at their presentation and I think it's important to know that outside agencies, outside groups involved in county government are looking for new and innovative and they look at it as research and development of new systems. And so, the Treasurer,

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Jan Kennedy and I were certainly pleased to be there on behalf of Sedgwick County when they recognized those counties that are doing innovative processes. So, thank you. That's it."

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

RETIREMENTS

C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.

1. JIMMY SIMON, SHOP SUPERVISOR 1, FLEET MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Russell said, "Okay, I'm Doug Russell and this time I'm Director of Human Resources for Sedgwick County. The first gentleman who is retiring is not here today, Jimmy Simon. He's a shop supervisor in our Fleet Management Department with almost four decades of service with Sedgwick County. He's got 39 years when he retires. He recently had a pretty bad car accident and is still recovering. So, he will not be here but obviously with four decades of service, he's seen and done a lot.

2. PAMELA JACKSON, OFFICE SPECIALIST, COMCARE.

Mr. Russell said, "The second retirement is Pamela Jackson, who is an office specialist with COMCARE. Pamela is retiring after 14 years of service. After 14 years of service, she indicates that she will now be able to devote more time to her grandchildren, their school and sports events. Intends to work part-time until her husband retires and then they plan to travel. She's worked in COMCARE for 14 years. So, where's Pamela? There's Pamela. This is a certificate of appreciation signed by the Commissioners."

Chair McGinn said, "And on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and all of us here at Sedgwick County we want to thank you for all your years of services and wish you the best in retirement and hope you have a great time and will always come back and visit your friends here at Sedgwick County. Congratulations."

Commissioner Winters said, "Madam Chair, if I could while you're coming back, I'd just like to make a comment. I would like to just make one comment concerning Jim Simon. I've known Jim Simon for a very long time, high school classmates in Viola years ago. And one of the interesting things, and we certainly wish Jim the best of recovery from his recent automobile accident, but not only has Jim worked for this county a long time, his father was also . . . his entire career was spent in Public Works with Sedgwick County. So, that's certainly a long tradition in the Simon family

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here and so we certainly wish him the very best in his retirement.”

Chair McGinn said, “And his recovery. Clerk, call the next item please.”

PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY 2002 BUDGET.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioner and said, “This is the time that we have set aside for you to hear from the public about the recommended budget. So, rather than take a lot of time reviewing that, we did that two weeks ago and there have been copies made and I’m sure that those people who are interested in the budget have done their research. It would be appropriate for you to open that hearing and allow the public then to talk about their interests and concerns about our financial plan, our financial picture for 2002. After the public hearing is over, I would ask Chris Chronis then to come to the podium and we can put up Levy Live and show you what has occurred, what we’ve talked about yesterday and how that has affected us and how we plan to attack it and to show any other changes that you want to make at this time or we can make all the changes in two weeks. But this will give us an opportunity to review where we are and where we’re headed. So, if it’s your pleasure, Madam, to open the public hearing.”

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, do you have any questions or comments before we open the public hearing? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Manager. We will open the public hearing and accept comment on the 2002 budget. So, please come forward to the microphone and give your name and address.”

Ms. Dale Bukaty, Chairman of the Board, Senior Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m really just here today to say thank you for the funding that the programs for Senior Services have received. I know that you have a lot of juggling to do with funds and hard decisions to make and I just want to say thank you for remembering the frail segment of our population.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, Dale.”

Mr. Karl Peterjohn, 11328 Texas Street, Wichita, Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have spoken with you in the past. It’s almost a regular, annual event but I think I’d like to preface my remarks today by thanking the staff in the Budget Office for their assistance in being able to answer a number of questions and points regarding the proposed 2002 County budget. There’s a number of challenges that have been presented and I’d like to kind of focus my remarks on two points. One which I don’t think will be a surprise for the members who have been on the Commission for a while and that’s obviously we’re in a situation where the budget document talked

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about a 5.3% increase in assessed valuation and a large part of that increase is coming from folks in businesses who have not made any changes but who have gotten an increased valuation from the County Appraiser. And of course, even if the mill levy remains flat, those folks will end up paying more in property taxes next year. And of course as Representative for taxpayers and in my role with the Kansas Taxpayers' Network, we've often focused on both State and with local issues and the transition and the community college area, if you refer to page 189 of your budget, there's a reduction of approximately \$700,000 in the tuition that the County has to pay in 2002, because of changes that occurred at the State level. And that \$700,000 is for tuition that doesn't have to be spent anymore at the County level and out of County funds and I would think that would be appropriate to use that money to help roll back that assessed valuation increase. And so I would urge you today, as you go through your budget deliberations, to look at giving some of it back and not spending it elsewhere.

The second point that I'd like to make, which I think is focused on a bigger and broader issue and one which you all may not be able to address directly is the rapid discuss that's appeared recently on the downtown arena situation. And from looking at the budget and some discussions following it, there's also been discussions about remodeling the Kansas Coliseum at a cost of over \$50,000,000 and it's unclear exactly how that would proceed, in light of the downtown arena. And of course when the voters voted upon it in 1993, it was only Wichita City voters who voted upon it and I would urge this Commission, if this issue is going to come up, I think this is a community-wide decision that includes more than just the residents of the City of Wichita and I think a vote that would cover the entire Sedgwick County would be in order. The proponents of a downtown arena have not been clear where they are coming from and, in terms of whether this is going to be a city project, a county project or some other type of project and I think it's important that this receive community-wide support, since I believe the folks in important communities in this county, like Derby, Haysville, Valley Center and I don't want to limit it but I don't want to read the whole list, should have a say in this issue, too. So, I appreciate your hard work in the budget area. I think there is some room where we can keep the property tax bill and, of course, obviously if you look at the property tax revenue growth, it continues to increase year by year, even if the mill levy remains absolutely level because of the increased assessed valuation. I appreciate your time and if you have any questions, I'll stand for them. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "I don't see any questions right now. Thank you, Karl."

Ms. Kathy Dittmer, Member, Wichita/ Sedgwick County Board of Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I reside in Riverside, which is in Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn's district. I am here today as a member of the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Board of Health and EMS subcommittee, they sent me. First of all, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Commissioners and the County for their support of the Health Department, especially in the area of personal health services and preventative services. Your leadership and help in those areas has

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been noticed by the Board and is greatly appreciated. We also want to thank you for your continued support in staying on top on issues that involve our EMS system and the delivery of ambulance services to all the residents of Sedgwick County.

In lieu of what was in the paper today, I should be embarrassed to be here, but I'm not. I will proceed. The EMS subcommittee and the Board of Health is, for the most part, pleased with the EMS budget and see that it will help us continue to do a good . . . that the EMS staff will be able to do a good job. Our only major concern is in the area of staffing. EMS crews have not increased or expanded since 1996. We are very hopeful that a plan of four crews will be implemented to this year as soon as possible, and two in January of 2001 [sic]. Your board and your subcommittee wanting a perfect world, would also ask that you have your Finance Department, you Safety Director Mr. Lackey, and EMS stay attune to what is happening with the increase in call volume and perhaps there may be need to consider two more crews in July of 2002. What is happening currently is EMS calls are going up. They never level off any more and we are concerned that the response time stay as good as it is or improve, so we can keep our great record and our great service to the population of the County. Thank you for your time."

Chair McGinn said, "Kathy, we have a question. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Let me understand this, Kathy. You're actually asking for six new crews, two immediately, you said 2001, but you meant January of 2002 and then two more in July of 2002?"

Ms. Dittmer said, "We stay attuned to the statistics and watch what's happening with the call volume and it may very well be necessary to consider a crew in July of 2002."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so in an ideal world, you're saying that there's a possibility that we need six new crews?"

Ms. Dittmer said, "Yes."

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

Chair McGinn said, "Okay."

Ms. Dittmer said, "When you find that million dollars."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you, Kathy."

Ms. Jacque Clifton, Representative, Envision, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here

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representing Envision, a private 501-C3 non-profit agency in Wichita. We are located at 2301 South Water and we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and visit any time and learn more about our agency.

Envision provides services, resources, training, employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or low-vision in this community. We also provide services statewide and we have expanded into regional services. This morning I would like to give a summary to the Commissioners of the project Envision submitted to the Department on Aging called Senior Outreach and Services, an outreach program for Sedgwick County seniors. We were seeking funding for this program from the 2002 mill levy budget and were recommended as a supplemental to the budget. We've talked with the Department on Aging groups and they had recommended the project for full funding.

Envision has been part of this community since 1931 and, over the past seventy years, choices and resources we offer to people have grown but so has the population of blind and low-vision individuals coming to us for services. Every seven minutes, someone in America will permanently lose their eyesight. It's very likely that, in your lifetime, you or someone you love will become blind or severely visually impaired. This is especially true in the senior population. The leading cause of blindness in people over fifty is macular degeneration. At Envision, we are aware that the fastest growing population of people who need our specialized supports and services is the population over age fifty-five. It is estimated that there are over 5,000 people over age sixty-five with some type of visual impairment in Sedgwick County alone and at Envision we handle several hundred phone calls each year from people looking for services for themselves or someone they love.

The intent behind the proposal, Senior Outreach Services, that Envision submitted to the Sedgwick County Department on Aging was to begin to locate funding to provide vision rehabilitation services and support to Sedgwick County residents age fifty-five and over who are experiencing vision loss and feel that their life is over and their independence is gone. Currently, Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance do not cover vision rehabilitation services. Yet these services are vital to helping a person maintain their lifestyle and independence.

I have with me this morning Tina Purdy, who is a rehabilitation teacher at Envision, a certified rehabilitation counselor and she directly works with these individuals and if you have any questions, we're happy to answer those. But today we're here to ask that the County Commissioners and the County Manager look at the funds once again and see if we can work together as partners to fund this innovative and critical service for Sedgwick County's senior population. Envision could help provide the support and services that a family desperately needs during a time of sudden vision loss and what they see as a loss of independence. We can share several real-life stories about Sedgwick County residents who had given up all hope that they remain independent members of the community because they could no longer see well enough to drive or to cook or to do the day to day activities they have done all their lives. Envision is

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committed to being a strong community service provider and we can offer our services to help keep Sedgwick County residents living in their homes and remaining independent and active in their community. We hope to work with the County on this important and vital program. We are also committed to continue looking for funding, in collaborations that will provide these services to seniors. Envision will also continue to help seniors advocate for third-party payment for these services and until that time comes, we hope to find support from the community to help fund these efforts. Thank you very much for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions and I also have some quick statistics about the proposal that we submitted, if you would like to hear those.”

Chair McGinn said, “We do have a question. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you. I think one of the reasons we had that . . . our staff didn’t support this request was that it was difficult for them to distinguish how this program differs from existing aging programs designed to allow older adults to remain in their homes. Can you counter that, because it does sound different to me. I’m not aware that we offer vision services.”

Ms. Clifton said, “There’s currently one major program in the State of Kansas that’s operated through State of Kansas Vocational Rehabilitation Services. It’s called KANSEL. KANSEL is statewide. Currently, they are very understaffed and have a high caseload of individuals they serve. They go out to communities and work with a group of people for three days to get some basic skills and then they have more phone support resources. Our program is designed, because we’ve met several hundred new people throughout this past year through seminars and outreaches, who need more intense services and training in their home. They might need someone to actually go in their home and help mark their appliances, talk to their family members about how they can travel with their visually impaired loved one, things like that. We are here to help the State of Kansas provide better services. We’re here to help the County and our residents.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “The other thing, for clarification, did I hear you say that Medicare and Medicaid and your private insurances do not pay for this kind of rehabilitation?”

Ms. Clifton said, “No, those medical insurance programs will pay for doctors, some surgeries but they do not pay for the Braille instruction, the orientation of mobility, which is travel in the community, travel independently. They don’t provide a good outlet for people to get adjustment counseling to deal with this change. This is a very traumatic and life-changing event for most people.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And how would these people be referred to you?”

Ms. Clifton said, “We would be conducting outreaches, we would send out mailers. We currently have a very strong information and referral system and we get several hundred calls per year from

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people. So, we kind of have that in place already. We just do not have funding to serve these people.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay, and your funding request was for \$8,400, is that correct?”

Ms. Clifton said, “Yes and I did kind of break it down into numbers. We said that we would serve, this first year, forty individuals and their families in their homes and that would be through adjustment counseling, Braille, using books on tape as a way to read, different devices designed to keep them active and reading and in their home. Travel skills, independent living skills and support to families to help them through this time. We estimated that we would have 240 program hours available to these families and each family will require a different level of support and need. But we also have built in ways to touch and reach other people. We’ve said at least 25 people will benefit from our information and referral program where we either help them find other services or we have other services available at our agency and then 75 people in the community will be reached through community health fairs and outreach efforts. So, it really brings the total number for the first year to 140 Sedgwick County residents, which lowers the cost of the \$8,400 to \$57.14 per person.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “If you have that information in writing, would you leave a copy of it with our staff, so they can copy it for us to consider. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks. Jacque, I was interested in the number of people served and you’ve answered that. Are these new people served, or people you’ve already got into the system and are these pretty hard numbers of people that are kind of on waiting lists that you know that you can get into the programs immediately?”

Ms. Clifton said, “We know that we have probably 300 names that have contacted us in the last year and a half for services in this age group that we do not have funding to serve. We have tried to provide services through sliding scale, through private pay and collaborations with other agencies. So, we have an immediate number that we can serve. But over the past six to eight months, we have conducted some education fairs on macular degeneration and through that we’ve had 90 people at a seminar in Wichita. We’ve had 160 placed on a waiting list for additional information and these are people who have no connection to what’s out in the community. Envision is the first time they’re receiving information. They are hungry for the information. They come to hear the doctors and then they want to know, ‘well, what can I do now?’ So, there’s a lot more people out there than we’ve had contact with, but we have a very good list right now.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "This is coming through the Department on Aging, is that correct?"

Ms. Clifton said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "What are the demographics? Do you have younger people that come before you or is this all a senior population?"

Ms. Clifton said, "We serve from birth to death. We have all ages. We have a large employment division and we offer employment and job training and different services for working-age adults who are blind. We work with the deaf-blind population and we work with the developmentally disabled population. We have several different programs and in the rehabilitation department alone, we have 20 plus services that we offer to the community, specialized services."

Commisisoner Norton said, "But this will target only the aged population."

Ms. Clifton said, "This is only for the senior population, which currently we do not have funding for."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, that's all I have, Madam Chair."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. So, let me understand this. Presently, if a senior citizen calls wanting some of this, you just say 'I'm sorry, we don't have funding for your age demographic' and you don't serve them. Is that correct?"

Ms. Clifton said, "No, we try to help as much as we can. We have developed resource manuals. We've compiled information around the State to help people. We have served people without funding and when we learned about the opportunity to come forward and present a grant, we were very excited to learn that there was funding. But we are committed to serving people and we do a lot of it without funding."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Primarily, are you referring them to a source where they can get the help, is that the primary part of your service?"

Ms. Clifton said, "The State of Kansas. We make most of our referrals to the State of Kansas Senior Program, the KANSEL program or we work with low-vision specialists in the area and we will refer them to a low-vision doctor maybe for in depth assessment and some ideas for resources."

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Sometimes we have our specialists go out into the home and talk with the family and give them some ideas about how they can make some changes quickly and then they just follow up with us.”

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

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. I don’t see any more questions. Thank you, Jacque.”

Ms. Delpha Vincent, Volunteer, Senior Companion Program, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m with the Senior Companion Program sponsored by Riverside Health System. And I just wanted to come here today to say thank you for your support for our program. I do send a quarterly report of the demographics of our program and I think all of you have received those and I just kind of want to reiterated that our program serves two groups of seniors, lower income seniors who . . . they live in poverty and are unable to get out and volunteer in their community and they go into the homes of the frail, homebound people and provide light housekeeping and assistance so they can stay in their own homes. This program does make an impact on these people’s lives.

One of our companions who . . . her income is less than \$600 a month and she volunteers more than her four hours a day and I mentioned to her, I said ‘what did you do before you had this program’ because she’s always out more than she should and she said, ‘I just stayed home and cried all day’. And then, on the other side, both groups of these people have . . . most of them have been married all their lives and now they’re older and alone, they’re widowed usually, most of them are. And the other side, the client side, we had one lady who was despondent and had talked about committing suicide, not only to her neighbors, but to a service coordinator and we got a companion in there and three weeks after the companion was in there, the third week the companion knocked on the door and she opened the door and she was all dressed up and she says ‘let’s go steppin’. That was her way of saying let’s get out and they were together for about a year and a half before that person died.

And so, I just wanted to let you know that this program does make an impact in these people’s lives and it enables these two groups to get together and enhance their lives in their later years. So I just wanted to say thank you, unless you had any other questions.”

Chair McGinn said, “I don’t see any questions right now. Thank you for being here. Okay, I’m going to close the public hearing. Good morning, Fred.”

Mr. Fred Ervin, Member, Sedgwick County Extension Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, “My portion will be very short here. I have a twofold purpose. First of all, to thank you. This is a great process to be able to come and make an appeal again and to also say to you and to convey the appreciation of the Extension board for all of your support and your funding and they certainly wanted to make sure that I did that and I did it several times.

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The second reason for being here is, again, as we see it up here . . . that's a lot clearer now. I'm telling you, you all are really coming uptown. But again, to appeal again for the supplementals, the Extension supplementals that were not in the Manager's recommended budget. And you know, I've got to tell you, with the story that was in the paper this morning, I certainly understands, the board understands, Bev understands that your fiscal plate is certainly full and I was telling Chris Chronis that. I said, 'You know, coming up here asking for supplementals after seeing that report in the paper is going to be a little bit tough' and Chris says, 'Yeah, but I bet you'll be able to do it'. Oh yeah. Yep, I'm going to do it. And that's basically it for me. Bev with discuss with you those supplementals and I will certainly stand if there are any questions on behalf of the board. Bev."

Ms. Beverly Dunning, Director, Sedgwick County Extension Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to, as Fred says, to once again say thank you for your support in the past and to ask you for these two supplementals. The first one is for program support of our personnel and it's the COLA and that's the one that's very important to all of our employees, because we have discussed programs with you before and I think you've had input into our programs and we appreciate that but without a little encouragement sometimes those programs are hard to carry on.

The second one is . . . the supplemental request is for Extension support staff to become County employees and Chairman McGinn asked for that figure and the reason that we're asking that is to help transition them, as County employees, so that you would have that part of the budget and I think that would be helpful for you, as well as for us. And if you have any questions about our programs or about these requests, I'd be glad to try to answer those."

Chair McGinn said, "I don't see any right now, Bev but I'm sure we may have some here later."
Ms. Dunning said, "Okay, thank you so much. Appreciate it."

Chair McGinn said, "Is there anyone else that would like to address the Board about the 2002 budget? Anyone else here today?"

Ms. Vicki Shepard, Director, Tri-City Senior Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm not here to say anything profound. Actually, I wasn't even going to speak. I was trying to make Annette comfortable by not getting up. All I really wanted to do was to make a comment that we really do appreciate the support of all of the funding that you give to all the senior programs in Wichita, in Sedgwick County and the surrounding areas. I just want to also put back on your plate to remember the importance of senior centers, of all the services that we provide. We're kind of a source for seniors to come and then we kind of rally them onto the next area that they may need to go. But again, that's really all I wanted to say was please remember the senior centers, that we are an important factor in the community and we will continue to do so and educate the seniors and,

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hopefully, keep them as independent as possible. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. Thank you, Vicki.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I really don’t have a question, Vicki. I do want to just say thank you for coming, even if you weren’t planning on saying anything. We appreciate hearing from you. For you newer Commissioners, and I don’t know, Carolyn and Ben, if you were here but a few years ago there was an ugly rumor out that Vicki’s funds were going to be . . .”

Chair McGinn said, “That was our first budget.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And the support that Vicki has from the seniors that she works with was outstanding and overwhelming and we heard from everyone who, I think, Vicki has ever come in contact with in her work with senior citizens.”

Ms. Shepard said, “Except my probation officer.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I just want to say thank you, as you represent one of the people that works in the senior centers and we do appreciate that work and we appreciate everything you do and all of those others who are working in your same capacity. So, we appreciate your being here today.”

Ms. Shepard said, “I appreciate that. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Yes, we learned very quickly that year. Good morning.”

Ms. Rosa Molina, Medical Service Bureau, “I always try to take the opportunity to come and speak to you and, number one, I want to thank you for funding our program and just, basically, I brought some statistics from last year. I always like to bring this up to you so you’d know what we have done with the money. And of course my job wouldn’t be complete if I don’t advocate for the seniors. I have many cases that I can share with you, especially when it comes to seniors that are taking on-going medications for chronic illnesses. And I would like to share today with you a case of a lady that we have been helping before but because the medication that she was taking no longer worked, they put her on a new one and the name of that medication is Epigene. It’s basically to treat anemia from bone marrow. And this medication alone costs \$80,000 a month. So, you know, we always hear, we always read, but here is a case of a senior lady, white female, 89 years old. She was put on this medication just recently because the other medications would not work. What we found out, this medication, the company that makes the medication has an assistance program, so we’re going to enroll her in our pharmaceutical drug programs and this is how our agency has taken the lead and the effort to do all the paperwork for the client and doctors, in order for our senior clients to continue taking their meds. So, I think that, to me, was an eye-opener. I think this is a

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case that I have to bring up to you, so that we can all realize what seniors are going through. It's real and it's right here in our communities. So, I think this speaks for everything that I was going to tell you."

Chair McGinn said, "I have a question. Just curious. It says 99% of your clients live in the city limits of Wichita and the remaining 1% in Sedgwick County. Is there a reason why or is the information not getting out?"

Ms. Molina said, "Probably, probably not. Although we're becoming more and more known among the private practitioners, the physicians. We are limited to Sedgwick County. A lot of times seniors do have a problem coming to our office and unfortunately we don't have any outreach. The senior centers are, I guess I can say, our outreach and they are the ones that refer them to us. But, like in many cases, seniors just have so much problem with transportation."

Chair McGinn said, "Sure. Okay, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Rosa and I have known each other for many, many years and I will say that I have never found anyone that takes on a job with more passion than you do. I was also going to bring up the fact that there was a . . . it looked like there was a big disparity between inside the city limits, outside and am I right in assuming that the senior centers throughout Sedgwick County have all the information of what services your bureau does provide?"

Ms. Molina said, "They do."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so they can then refer some of those seniors to you if they see one that might fit in your category."

Ms. Molina said, "Right. Yes, sir."

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

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, all right. Thank you."

Ms. Molina said, "Thank you very much and I again, would like to thank you for the funding. You guys have a great day."

Ms. Carol McBeath, Clerk, City of Haysville said, "I really had not planned to do this but I decided that I probably should. I live in Haysville and I am the City Clerk for the City of Haysville. Under that very large umbrella is the senior center for the City of Haysville. My main purpose is to let you know that we very much appreciate the money that we receive from Sedgwick County mill

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levy funds. It's not just important for us to have that money. It's essential for us to have that money. Without it, we would not be able to have our senior center. We would not be able to keep it open. The City of Haysville, obviously, contributes some funds towards that as well. But without the funds from Sedgwick County we would not be able to keep it open and I wanted to thank the Sedgwick County Commissioners for keeping the seniors in mind. That group of citizens is very important. They don't do a lot of their own lobbying, but we feel it's important to keep them active. Our senior center helps do that and I think the senior centers across the County helps keep seniors in their homes, helps keep them interactive with other people their own age, gives them something to do outside their homes and we very much appreciate your support. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Carol. Is there anyone else here today that would like to speak to the 2002 budget? Last chance for today. All right, I'm going to close the public hearing and leave questions to the Bench. Chris, are you ready to move to Item F?"

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, ma'am. I think I am."

F. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2002 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner, I've asked Chris Chronis to lead us through this session. This is the time of the year and the part of the agenda . . . this is the time of the year for the budget process, where you establish the limits of taxes and expenditures. After you pass this resolution, we will publish the proposed budget in a local newspaper. That action that you take sets the limits that you will not collect more taxes than you've declared that you're going to collect today and limits your ability to spend above that limit, unless you go through this whole process again. So, it's not impossible. This day is commonly referred to as the 'last up day' because this is the last day in which the budget can go up. Once you establish those numbers today, that does not mean that you can't reshuffle what's in the budget or slice the pie any differently. You're going to create how big the pie is today and then in two weeks will be the adoption of the budget and the slices of pie might look different, but it will not be any bigger. It could be smaller. You could choose to reduce the budget but, after today, it will not get any bigger.

We have published and presented to you a budget that Chris will talk about. Total expenditures of

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\$269,465,702 and that's what our recommendation is and you will see that in a minute, I assume. You will see that the recommended budget is of \$269,465,702 and you will see . . . well, Chris, why don't you walk through these changes, please."

Mr. Chronis said, "Before I do, though, I'd like to make a brief opening comment. The budget that we're considering right now really serves three purposes and they're all equally important. First, it's a policy document. It's a statement of your policy priorities for this community. Secondly, it's an operating plan. It sets the work program, if you will, by which all 2,400 of your employees will function over the year 2002. And finally and perhaps most importantly, it's a communications tool. It's the way that we, as a county government, communicate with our citizens, our constituents, about what we're going to do with their money. Preparing that budget really is a balancing act. You've heard today from constituents who think that we should reduce property taxes. You've heard from constituents who think we should fund services that we have not previously funded, and finally, you've heard from citizens who would like us to increase funding for services that are currently in the budget to some degree, but not as much as they would like. Each of those categories of request are legitimate. Each of them are important, especially to those people who presented them to you and to the people they represent. And I wish we could do all of them. The fact of the matter is that we can't. The act of putting together a budget is one of balancing all of those competing interests and coming up with the plan that best represents the interests and priorities of you, as the elected commissioners of this County and, in a larger sense, of this community, of our citizenry.

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The total budget that has been presented to you, as Bill said, is a little over \$269,000,000. We started putting this budget together around the first of this year. It's a dynamic document. We are putting together a budget, until you final adopt it on August the 8th, that's the scheduled date this year. This total budget of \$269,465,000 is different from the budget that we reviewed with you in May. In fact, we need to make some changes to this budget, because of new information that has become known to us since this was published. And I briefed you about those yesterday in the work session and they were the subject of an article in the newspaper today and the first thing I'd like to do is go over those changes and show you what the impact will be on the budget of those changes. Once I've done that, then I think it's appropriate for you to have whatever discussion you feel is appropriate and to suggest what changes you would like to make to this budget. As you suggest those changes . . . Excuse me, as you adopt those changes through a vote of your body, we will enter those onto this screen and you'll be able to see, in real time fashion, what impact those changes will have on the total budget and on the total property tax levy that we are proposing for next year.

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Our budget is \$269,465,702, as originally recommended. That budget includes \$80,309,790 of property taxes. That level of property taxes in the recommended budget is actually about a 1/10 of a mill increase over the current level. However, we have now gotten new information about property values. The assessment process continues up until October of this year. So, the total value that we have to work with, for tax purposes, is changing even as we speak. In the period of time since the recommended budget was put together in late June and now, we've received new information from the Assessor that causes us to change our estimate of taxable values that we will have for next year. And I want to emphasize that that is our estimate. That is not a number that we've gotten from the Assessor or from anybody else. We get best information available from the Assessor's Office and we in Finance put together this budget, including the valuation estimate. So, based on the information we've received from the Assessor, we now have reduced our estimate of taxable values for next year and that has an impact on the level of property taxation of about \$304,000. It reduces the property taxes in the budget by \$304,000. That, in turn, eliminates that mill levy adjustment that was in the original recommended budget. So, as of today, what I am proposing to you is a budget that has \$80,005,774 of property taxes and, based on our current estimate of taxable values, that money will be generated by the same tax rate that currently is in effect.

Now, I need to switch this. Excuse me here. Bear with me. Ma, how do I get to page two. Thank you. Thanks, Ma. And by the way, I should say that, once again, I'm the guy who has not done the work but gets to take the credit. The work on this budget has been done by Ma, who just stepped up here, our Budget Director, and by our budget analysts who are scattered throughout the room here, and you know them and I want to applaud the efforts that they've done in putting this budget together.

Okay, so we have thus far reduced the amount of property taxes in the budget, based on the change in taxable values that we now believe to be correct. In addition to that, as I explained to you yesterday, we feel that it's appropriate to increase the budgeted salaries in the Sheriff's Department by a total of \$691,780. That is, essentially, the second half of the pay adjustment that you approved for the Sheriff's Department earlier this year and that is being phased in throughout this year. We download . . . we create the salaries budget from data that we download from the Human Resources system. And when we downloaded it, at the time we downloaded it, this second half of the salary increase had not yet been entered because we hadn't yet phased in that portion of it. And so, through our oversight, we simply neglected to include this in the recommended budget. It needs to be there because it's an action that has already been approved.

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Our Emergency Medical Service, as you heard from one of the people who testified before you earlier today, is experiencing a substantially increased call volume this year over prior years. Far higher than prior years and higher than was expected this year. We based next year's budget on our expectations for this year. Those expectations now have been exceeded. We're being called out more often than we thought we were going to. That's driving up the costs of the fleet that is used by Emergency Medical Services. We need to adjust the budget next year to reflect those higher fleet charges that EMS is going to incur, because they're traveling more miles. They're going out on more calls. The estimate of increase in EMS fleet charges is \$182,198.

The sum of those two numbers, those two changes is \$873,978. We propose to fund those changes by reducing the amount that we have recommended in the budget in what we call the reserve for health and life. That reserve account is an account in the general fund that we set aside, hoping that we never have to spend it because much of our health plan, as you know, is self-funded. That means that whatever claims come in for employee health, we have to pay. It is not a fully insured program, where a premium is set at the first of the year and the insurance company is at risk for whether or not the claims will be greater or less than the premiums. We are self-funded, which means that we bear that risk. In order to manage that risk, we traditionally have a reserve for health and life in the general fund that allows us to pay for those claims, if they are higher than the amount that we have contemplated in the premiums that we've assessed to all of our operating departments and to our employees. We're proposing to fund the adjustment of the Sheriff's pay and the adjustment of the EMS motor pool charges by reducing that reserve for health and life by a corresponding amount, so that there is no net impact on the total budget amount, nor is there an impact on property taxes.

The final adjustment that we need to make today is in the Fleet Management budget, which is an internal service fund of the County. That's a fund that operates essentially as a business. We adopt a budget for them and that budget is funded by charges that are paid to them by their customers and their customers are County departments. We have increased . . . or we are proposing to increase the EMS budget because they're traveling more miles and their vehicles require more fuel and more maintenance as a result. They will pay that money to the Fleet Management Department, to that internal service fund.

Now, what we need to do is increase the internal service fund by a corresponding amount. The

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reason that the \$218,000 doesn't equal the \$182,000 is that we are also, in this budget, bringing the Health Department over from City operating as a managing partner to the County operating as a managing partner. This is the transition of management of public health that we have been talking about that's under negotiation with the City right now. Hasn't been adopted, but as you've seen from the budget document, we have identified the proposed transition plan over a four year period and the fiscal impact that will have on both us and the City. What it means, from a budgetary sense is that the Health Department budget will not be fully reflected in the City's budget. It will be fully reflected in the County's budget. A portion of that is their fleet charges that they've been paying to the City. Now they'll be paying them to our Fleet Management Department. We need to increase our Fleet Management Department's budget in order to provide that maintenance to the Health Department and that, when added to the \$182,000 for EMS, results in the \$218,000 adjustment in Fleet Management.

That increase in the Fleet Management budget is fully funded by fees that it receives from those two customers, EMS and Health Department. There is no tax impact from that change. That does, however, increase the total amount of the budget by a corresponding number. So, if you accept these proposals that I'm suggesting, the revised total budget amount is what you see up at the top, \$269,683,702. The amount of taxes required to fund that budget is still the same, \$80,005,774. That's lower than what was in the published budget, because of the change in valuations, but not because of any of these changes in funding of operating departments.

Those are the changes that we know about today that we need to propose to you. Between now and the final adoption of the budget, which is currently scheduled for August the 8th, we expect to continue to refine the budget. We will take one last look at all of the revenues, item by item, and determine whether or not the amount that we have estimated for next year still appears to be an accurate number, based on the additional history that we have accumulated in the month since the budget was published. We will take another look at the expenditures to make sure that we have adequately accounted for all of the costs that we know we will incur next year, based on the services that we're expected to provide.

To the extent that any of those factors changes, then on August the 8th we may be proposing additional changes to this budget to you before you adopt it. None of those changes will cause the

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level of property taxes to increase above the final level that we set after today, because as the County Manager says, what 'last up day' means and that's the informal term that we use, what that means is after today we're going to comply with the State law that requires us to publish an ad saying what our budget is going to be . . . or proposed to be next year and what level of taxes we're proposing to levy in order to fund that budget. And once that ad appears in the newspaper, we are frozen at that ceiling. We can't levy any more property taxes than that amount without going back through the entire process. So, we will be sure that whatever changes we bring to you on August the 8th don't require any additional property taxes over the level that is finally set today.

That's everything that I need to say to you. I'll be glad to answer any questions, if you have them about this. If there are none, then I think it's appropriate now for you to discuss among yourselves what changes, if any, you would like to make to this budget and I'll just serve as your stenographer."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Chris, I have a couple of questions. One, on the health and life reserve level, you said you're taking that down. Can you tell me what percent you're bring that down to?"

Mr. Chronis said, "This \$873,000 is approximately 20% of that reserve, as it was originally recommended to you."

Chair McGinn said, "And is that an industry standard level?"

Mr. Chronis said, "No, there are no standards, because different governments fund health and life in different ways. We fund about half of our program through this self-funding mechanism that I described to you. Other agencies do it differently. They may or may not see a need to have that kind of a reserve."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, and then on the Fleet Management change. The difference there, you said, had to do with the transition of the Health Department. It was about \$35,000."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct. A portion of the Fleet Management."

Chair McGinn said, "Give me some examples of what that is. I mean, . . ."

Mr. Chronis said, "The Health Department, the public health agency, has a number of vehicles that their staff uses to go out into the field to provide services. When the Health Department transitions from oversight by the City to oversight by the County, those employees will become County

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employees and the vehicles they are using will become County vehicles and it will be our responsibility to maintain them, to replace them in the future as those requirements surface.”

Chair McGinn said, “So, are these public health vehicles, as well as like Code Enforcement and those types of things?”

Mr. Chronis said, “No, these are public health vehicles.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, all right. And the only other question I had, and you may want to just get back to me on this. I was just curious about . . . it’s been awhile since we talked about the demand transfers from the State and just curious about . . . I don’t remember how we ended up at the end of the session. How much we lost there through dollars that were supposed to come from the State to the counties.”

Mr. Chronis said, “If you will look on page 489 of your budget document, you will see a beginning of the revenue details that fund the general fund and that’s where all the demand transfers go. Towards the bottom of the page, number 331, I’m sorry, number 330, is city/ county revenue sharing, which is one of the demand transfer and you see that in the year 2000, we actually received \$2,714, 454. In the current year, we budgeted \$2,690,999 and next year we are budgeting \$2,740,742. The line below that, called LAVTR, which stands for Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction, that’s another demand transfer that we receive from the State, and by the way, for the benefit of anybody who isn’t aware of the term, the term demand transfer is used to refer to revenues that the legislature has set aside, statutorily for distribution to local governments. They are demand transfers in the sense that they are a statutory obligation of the State to provide on the basis of some formula. The debate that you referred to, the discussion that goes on back and forth between local governments and the State has to do with the fact that, for the past several years at any rate, the State has chosen not to fund demand transfers at the amounts that the statutes say they should be funding them. We are receiving less than the statutory obligation of the State. So, for LAVTR, Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction, in 2000 we received \$4,411,225. In 2001, that is reduced to \$4,079,517 and in 2002, in the recommended budget, that is further reduced to \$4,029,820.

The final demand transfer is the City/ County Highway Fund and that’s buried farther back in here and I don’t think you particularly want me to take the time to find it. But we have a similar experience. Demand transfers are down and we are projecting, in aggregate, they will be down again next year.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right. Thank you for that explanation. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, thank you. Chris, good presentation and I think this is . . . this document, this budget is the result of a lot of work from a lot of folks, including Commissioners

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this year, and I think we've got a very good document here. My question now is, I guess, procedural a little bit about today and then two weeks from today. With these events that have come about just this week in changes some of your numbers, there are always a number of things that Commissioners have some passion for or some interest in and, in the past on that last budget day we've had that discussion on whether to include those at that time or not. Is this a discussion that we need to begin to have today or do we have time to really talk about that next week? And I don't think we're talking about millions of dollars for sure, but we don't want to get down to that point on August the 8th where some of us have some real interest in some projects and find that there is absolutely no room for us to do negotiations on that last day and, again, handling these budget balances is always a bit of a issues."

Mr. Chronis said, "In the discussions, the questions that you've asked me since the recommended budget was delivered to you, I've not heard anything suggested that causes me to think that you need to take actions today. I would encourage you, though, if you have something that represents a substantial expenditure that we haven't talked about that might conceivably have some tax impact, I would encourage you to talk about it today, so that if we decide to have that tax impact, we can do it before we advertise the budget. I'm not aware of anything that would fall into that category, but then again, I'm sure that you're thinking of some things that you probably haven't shared with me."

Mr. Buchanan said, "If I may add also, my conversations with you would not indicate that we're not in a position to be surprised by any large ticket item. The second thing is, the longer we drag the process out, and I'm not necessarily inclined to drag things out, but the more information we will have. In two weeks, we will have a bond sale. We've anticipated, based on the current market, what that might mean for us in the future years. That may produce a happy surprise or it may produce some opportunities to struggle with that but it will be definitive information. We will have better information on some of our other revenue lines and as we continue, as the Personnel continues in an organization that has 2,500 employees, in two weeks we will have a different staffing table that will lead us to different conclusions in two weeks. So, what I'm suggesting is that there . . . we can proceed today, if you would care to. If you want to wait, you will have more definitive information in two weeks."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well, then I guess I would just say that we could probably wait a bit, but I would just then maybe make a quick rundown for both staff and for my fellow commissioners. I mean, I'm certainly interested in the Extension Service and making sure that they're able to meet their task. I've had discussions with the Register of Deeds, Bill Meek, and I believe he's got a couple of issues that I'm certainly interested in addressing. The Sheriff had just

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one very small, one of his supplementals had to do with Exploited and Missing Children's Unit and we're in a partnership there with SRS and the City and so I'd like to certainly think about that. Then, this morning, hearing this proposal from Envision. I don't think I know enough about that but I'd sure like to have some information from Annette about what all that means and I'm not ready to make a commitment, but the presentation sounded to me like it was pretty well-meaning and then, saying that, I'm still back to this \$80,005,000 is the number I'm going to support and not anything above that. So, thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Chris, I want to get clear a little bit. I'll refer to this item that's on the screen right now. The increase in the Motor Pool, as it regards to the transfer over of the Health Department responsibilities, if indeed that comes to pass, what I heard you say this morning I think and I think what we discussed yesterday one on one is that while we'll have to increase our expenses, we're going to get additional revenue that will offset it and make it a wash on our budget."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And then also I think you said the increase in Motor Pool supplies or whatever for EMS will be offset by additional charges to that department."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, my question to you is, if they haven't budgeted for that increase, will they be asking to increase their budget by that amount or will they figure out some way, within their budget, to absorb that cost?"

Mr. Chronis said, "The Health Department is budgeted."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, no, no. Forget that. I meant on EMS."

Mr. Chronis said, "I'm sorry. Oh, EMS. The EMS portion is the number that is on row 12, \$182,000. What we're proposing to do is two actions in two different budgets. The first action is to increase the EMS budget by \$182,198. That's to pay for the higher fleet charges that they're going to bear."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, got that. So that's why that expense is a wash, but then it's

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also a negative on the budget.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Then in the increase of fleet budget, that \$182,000 becomes revenue that will support the increased spending there.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but what it means is an increase in our expenses of \$182,000 or whatever, \$182,000 because EMS had to increase their budget to offset this additional charge.”

Mr. Chronis said, “That’s true.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay.”

Mr. Chronis said, “But we’re proposing to fund that, to budget that by reducing that reserve for health and life, so that there’s no affect on the total.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I understand that part. Now, my second question was on that healthy life reserve [sic] and I want to thank you and compliment you for going real slow with me, because that was one that I was having a hard time digesting, but I think I have it now. That’s a reserve that we set aside that we don’t feel we’ll need but we set it aside in case the amount that we really feel that we’ll need to offset health claims exceeds what we really anticipate might occur.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Yes, that’s correct.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, by reducing that by 20% and if I looked in the budget that was actually pretty dramatically increased this year to protect us, you don’t feel that reducing that by 20% we’re putting ourselves in jeopardy and might have . . .?”

Mr. Chronis said, “No, that’s a risk I’m willing to take.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Madam Chairman, I don’t have any further questions about this. I know we’re going to get in now a general discussion, but I would like to just make a comment on a couple of things that I heard some of the people say on this and I think it’s appropriate here. One was were Karl came up, talking about the increase in valuations. He was basically talking about commercial, I believe. If I’m not mistaken the business increase in valuation of 5.3%. As you all know, we’re charged by the State to determine fair market value for each and every property that we evaluate. And it’s a tough thing for us to do, but when we find an area that’s under-evaluated,

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that's not fair to the other taxpayers and if I understand the information that I received, we've got giggered pretty strongly by the State that we were undervaluing some of these commercial properties and I believe our attempt this year was to get more in line with what State statute demands of us is that we do value the commercial properties as close as possible to what fair market value is and by trying to reduce that or keep that undervalued, that puts more pressure on the residential homes and that's not fair.

The other thing I heard was, with regards to the downtown arena, and I support Karl's position 100%. If indeed the funding mechanism for the downtown arena is determined to be some kind of County-wide tax, then I am one that would support it going to a vote of all of the citizens of Sedgwick County. If it's something that the City of Wichita determines that they want to do just within their borders, then that's up to them what they decide to do there and we really shouldn't comment on that, one way or the other. But the remodeling of the Coliseum right now is in the budget. It doesn't mean that that's going to go forward and I believe that we're going to be wanting to look with interest to see what, if anything, might materialize with the downtown arena and depending on how that plays out will determine how and to what extent we remodel the Coliseum. But I just wanted to let the public know that I would be one that would be supporting, if there's going to have a be a County-wide tax to fund the downtown arena, that I would be one definitely in support of taking that to a vote of the people. So, that's all I had on those two items. And I guess, for right now, that's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino brought up a good point and I didn't have it on my list, but I also think in Mr. Peterjohn's request to ask the question County-wide he has a valid point because it appears to me that, from the information that I get from staff and others, that if a downtown center is constructed then the taxpayers at large would have to subsidize to a greater degree the Kansas Coliseum's operations and I think that's what staff tells me repeatedly, that the Coliseum will not be able to support itself if that happens and so since it's a County operated facility, that responsibility would come to all citizens who live in this County. It wouldn't be huge, Ben, if it were just a funding mechanism to construct were just for the folks who live in the City of Wichita, but there would be an impact as to the operations of the Coliseum. A couple of issues that I'm going to need some further explanation on before next time is the issue of funding level for personnel. I want to assure that the recommendations from both the Manager and Budget would allow the departments to carry out the missions that they must do for this County and to understand completely the funding recommendations for those departments. Both small and large departments are expected to do a yeoman's job for the people of this County and I want clarification on some of those recommendations.

Further, I have some concerns about some Capital Improvement Projects that have been adjusted

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and I will address those that have been adjusted in my district. Central, from 143rd to 159th, was previously scheduled to be constructed in 2002. That construction date has been moved back to 2004. Thirteenth Street North was to have been widened and then paved completely from K-96 to 159th. That was to have been done in 2003 and now been moved back to 2005. Twenty-first Street North widened from K-96 to 159th, was to have been done in 2004 and now isn't even on the book. It's in future which means it may never happen. I am concerned that some of the other CIP projects or there's some decisions made or recommendations made that are impacting, and I'm completely parochial and there may have been other adjustments in other districts too, but obviously we are seeing some changes in projects that have been on the boards for quite a while and I know that my constituency has been eagerly awaiting these projects, as they've been on the book for years and now that they're being slid at least two years back and, in one case, not even . . . hadn't even made the five-year chart. That's a concern to me and a concern to my constituency and so I need to understand the causes for those and would urge my colleagues to compare previous Capital Improvement Projects that have been approved and the recommendation this year and how it affects some of those major projects in those areas. I suspect it is a result of our limitations, our self-imposed bonding limitations, but I also suspect that it has a great deal to do with a proposed \$10,000,000 contribution for some construction on Kellogg, which quite frankly I have not supported.

Further, then on some of the information that came to us this morning, Ms. Dittmer I think made some valid points about EMS staffing issues. I appreciate what has been recommended but I certainly concur with her that we really do need to keep a very close watch on the call volume and the work that we're asking those men and women to do, and make sure that they can meet the response time that this community establishes as important to them.

I too am intrigued by the Envision proposal. As a person who is seeing the first signs of macular degeneration, and dealing with an aunt who is dealing with that now, that's an interesting . . . I mean, it's an interesting process as to whether or not those kinds of training, rehabilitation services are available to folks. This is not a condition that can be cured. It's a condition that has to be endured and so if this program might help with that. I'm interested in learning some more about it and, Annette, as you brief Commissioner Winters, put me on that list, too.

I am a supporter of the good work that senior centers do. I like, as we go forward, to visit each of you then about some minimal increases in some requests from some of the senior centers, as recommended by our Aging Advisory Board. I think, on the top of it, those are the things that are most important to me and I'll look forward to visiting with all of you in the coming weeks and getting some more information from you, Mr. Chronis, and others about personnel and CIP projects. So, thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Chris, I did forget to ask you one other question. It’s on page 489 of our budget. It’s line item 341. I’ll give you a couple of seconds to find that. It’s under the SRS, JJA Juvenile Detention Facility. I noticed a dramatic increase from 2001 to 2002. If my math was right, about 31% increase. How comfortable is JDF, or how comfortable are you, given some things that the State sometimes does to us, that that increase will be forthcoming?”

Mr. Chronis said, “I would like to have Ma come up to the podium and answer that one, please.”

Mr. Renfeng Ma, Budget Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The revenue estimate for 2002 from that source is based on the increased rate from the State. We feel comfortable that we are going to get that amount.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “They did make an adjustment on the rate that they would give us, so you’re just using their formula and coming up with it.”

Mr. Ma said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “The only other question I have about the budget and the demand transfer things is . . . and it’s not a question of Chris Chronis. It’s just a general question. I’m still just kind of ‘duh’. If there is a State statute that mandates that we get ‘x’ number of dollars and that’s in the statute how the State can say, ‘Well, I’m sorry, no matter what it says, we can change the law to fit whatever we want to do’. I don’t understand how that works and I guess I never will. But, Commissioner Gwin, on the Capital Improvement project, I do believe that the reason, and somebody can correct me, that some of these projects were moved forward I think . . . or backwards was because of that cap that we have imposed on how much we can bond or fund. I think that’s correct.

As far as the Tyler and Maize Road project, I had a conversation with David on that because he had a legitimate concern, thinking that if we bonded that, that with the additional monies out of his budget that he would have to go to service it and I had a discussion with the Manager also on it and a couple of the other Commissioners and that is not the case on those two projects. If we decide to go ahead and keep that in there, I think the understanding was those two public work projects were above and beyond the scope of Public Works and that we would be funding that through a different mechanism, or servicing that through a different mechanism and it wouldn’t come out of the ongoing sales tax revenue, or what have you, that David gets on an annual basis for those two specific projects.”

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, but if your going to bond that one, which it proposes to do so, that gets in the way of, in my case, three projects that were also going to use bonded money and I suspect that's the reason they're being moved."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I wasn't aware that those other projects that you had wouldn't just be funded out of Public Works."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, bonding is bonding."

Mr. Chronis said, "I'm trying to figure out how to respond without getting into too much detail. The CIP changes from year to year, based on a variety of factors. One, as you pointed out, is the debt ceiling that we have imposed on ourselves by County policy. We are fairly close to that ceiling, as we speak and the plans that we have for future projects, as I've explained in other presentations to you, will take us over that ceiling. But the presence of that ceiling, and in combination, the reduction of sales taxes that we've experienced over the past couple of years, the reduced receipts that we've received from the State has caused us to change some of the funding plans to push projects out. We talked about that earlier this year. We made some changes in the current year CIP to replace some sales tax funding of current year projects with debt funding of current year projects and to eliminate some projects from the current year's CIP. So, we've pushed some projects back in time, because of funding limitations and because of our internal debt ceiling. Additional, the CIP changes from year to year, as new information becomes available to the departments that are responsible for those projects and they reprioritize. They determine that, for whatever reason, a project that may have been pushed back in an earlier CIP now is more important and needs to be brought forward or a project that was relatively current, relatively soon to be completed in the CIP, for whatever reason needs to be delayed because we can't do it that fast."

Now, I don't know precisely what has driven the changes in the project that you cite, but it's a combination of those factors that causes projects to change from year to year and you will see changes like that in each and every CIP that we bring to you. I will tell you that the Tyler and Maize project was not taken from funding that we otherwise would have provided for the County's CIP, for the projects that are normally the responsibility of Public Works. What we did was take the Public Works CIP, came and visited you after we did our debt presentation earlier this year, and got a consensus from you that you wanted the Tyler and Maize project in the budget that we presented to you and so we took the Public Works CIP and we added Tyler and Maize on top of it. And the only way that we could do that was by adding ten million dollars of debt financing to pay for it, because we don't have that kind of cash sitting around that we can write checks to the City of

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Wichita for. So, we added that project as a new layer on top of the proposed Public Works CIP program and we added \$10,000,000 of additional debt to fund that project. That \$10,000,000, as I've explained to you previously, is a part of what's taking us over the debt ceiling. It's not all of what takes us over but it contributes to that total CIP requiring more debt than our current ceiling will allow.

If we elect not to do that project, it seems to me the appropriate response is simply to delete that project from the CIP, delete those bonds from our debt financing plans and move on."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And I appreciate that explanation. I really do. And just as a point of information, as you know from our conversation, I didn't support that project because of the impact it would have on our self-imposed debt limitation and I thought that that would inhibit our ability to do other things that I believe are strictly our responsibility. So, just as a heads up to my colleagues, I probably will not support a CIP that contains that and I realize I might be in the minority. Otherwise it wouldn't be in the book but I think there are other projects that we are solely responsible for that are being either pushed into the future or not done at all because of that project. But I appreciate your explanation and thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I guess this is more of a comment, as we're kind of all over the board, but I did want to make a comment about the Health Department change-over. For the Manager or the staff that maybe here are involved in that, it's my understand that part of this division is going to be between the preventive health care programs and the environmental type programs. And as I look at our budget and see those items that are listed to remain with Sedgwick County, or be under Sedgwick County's purview, in the preventative health care side I see listed the regulation of child care facilities, which I think it's an accurate place for this to be housed. These folks are RN nurses. They do interact with Dr. Magruder on a regular basis and they license child-care facilities all over the County, wherever they are in the County. And it's my understand that the City believes that part of that . . . That that's going to be under their purview so our budget book is not exactly, I think, in tune with what may be really happening. If there's any way that anybody is

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interested or if anybody is interested, I would be very supportive of this group being under the County's operation, as opposed to the City's operation and I don't know if that's anything that really needs to be determined by the time we finalize this budget. I would think it probably doesn't need to be but I think our budget needs to clearly reflect what's going to happen."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, everything that you said is correct. That decision doesn't need to be made by the time we adopt this budget but the budget document does need to accurately reflect the specific programs that are changing from City management to County management and, at this point, that particular program is being considered a part of the environmental health activities that will remain under City management. I believe that continues to be the subject of some discussion between the folks that are putting this transition plan together, but that's the current expectation."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, well thank you. Well, if I can have one little voice it would be I think this is much more of a preventive health kind of program than it is an environmental issue. So, thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "I think everybody has said just about everything, except I'm going to let Tim talk here in just a minute, but I just I wanted to visit just quickly about the things that I'm going to be looking at and supporting and that is I've been working with the Extension Office since January on trying to visit with them about how they fit into the programs that we do and I think that they are in need of some additional funds and so I'm going to be working to support them, one way or another.

The other, the Exploited and Missing Children's Unit, I'm going to support but I still have some questions with Sheriff Steed about that. I still continue, even though you had a nice explanation about the road projects and the bonding, I still have some concerns about how those things do fit into our existing projects and not to have you go over that more. We'll talk during the week. As Commissioner Gwin said, on EMS I think that is something that we need to continue to look closely at. Kathy Dittmer expressed it quite well. We do have very good service that we do offer and we need to continue that same standard of service and even make improvements, if that is needed.

The other thing, I guess, I think Commissioner Sciortino and Commissioner Gwin, I believe, addressed to Karl Peterjohn about the Coliseum. That's something that we've had hanging out there as a budget item because we do need to make some improvements to that facility and probably would have moved on that a year ago but we continued to wait to see what the outcome, the decision is on the downtown arena, trying to be partners with everybody else and make sure our

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facility works with theirs and that decision will help us decide what we're going to do with the Coliseum and what its purpose will be in that. So, we continue to wait for that answer, so we can make those decisions.

I had one other thing . . . I know what it was. Chris, also when you publish this, I asked you about Cowtown. I noticed that their total budget was in our total budget and I don't know if that's going to be removed or not. We fund them employee base. We're the portion that makes it a living-history museum. Other than that, Cowtown facilities, the land, everything is owned by the City of Wichita and I'm just curious as to why we put their total budget in ours and is that going to be in this one that's published?"

Mr. Chronis said, "We can do it either way you prefer, whichever way you prefer. The entire budget of both Cowtown and the Zoo are contained in this budget document because, as I explained to you, those are generally considered to be facilities that the County has some management responsibility and control over. In the case of both of those organizations, much but not all of the staff is on the County payroll and the County has agreements with the real operators of those facilities concerning the level of funding that we'll provide and what that funding will go for. In order to accurately reflect, in the budget document, what the County is up to, for those things that it has responsibility for, we elected a couple of years ago, in the case of both Cowtown and the Zoo, to show clearly the amount of tax support that was being provided to each facility and then, additionally, to show how much other money and from what source was provided to operate those facilities.

So, in the case of Cowtown, you see the tax support of the budget, you see the positions that are funded, the County positions that are funded, and then you see an additional amount of budget and funding support that is received from outside sources. That's the money that is brought to the table by the people who operate the facility and by the City of Wichita through whatever contributions they make. In the case of the Zoo, we show a budget for the Zoo that reflects the County tax support and then, in addition to that, and shown separately, we identify the additional budget authority that is required to operate the Zoo that is brought to the table by the Zoo Society through our contractual arrangement. So, the purpose of the exercise is to show accurately the full cost of those operations that are generally identified as something that the County is responsible for. Now, we don't have to do it that way. We didn't do it that way until a couple of years ago. We can, if you wish, merely show the direct County funding for each of those facilities."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, to me it's a little bit muddled, because the Zoo is different because we assess exact . . . some mill money to the Zoo every year. I look at what we do at Cowtown and

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then, again, you know then I could ask the question then why don't we include the Kansas African American's Museum's entire budget in our budget, because we own the building. We fund the majority of their budget and that type of thing. And so . . ."

Mr. Chronis said, "It may not be an adequate reason, but the reason is that in the case of the Kansas African American Museum none of those employees are on our payroll and we don't exert any management authority over them as a result. We simply write a check to them, as a result of the appropriation that you put in the budget."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I really don't have a lot. We've covered most of the things but I did want to reiterate the items that I've written down that I have an interest in. The Extension Office, I'd like to hear more debate. Pass the COLA on to the . . . the debate on to whether they should be County employees or not. I think that's real important for us to discuss, as we move forward. I don't understand all the legal ramifications of a State-funded organization having County employees and I'd like to hear more about that. EMS crews, I don't understand the back-up that we've been given that we got from yesterday's discussions that shows addition of four crews, post five and post twelve, for \$559,000, yet we're talking about only two crews. So, does that mean two crews immediately and then worry about . . . have the money encumbered for the other two if we need it?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Exactly. The EMS budget that's been recommended to you includes funding for two crews on January the 1st. There has been some discussion about what additional requirements, if any, EMS has. We have this joint study that is ongoing right now between the City and the County about EMS services and what the best service delivery mechanism is and so forth and once we receive that consultants report, we feel that we'll be in a better position to know exactly what resources, if any additional resources are required for EMS if the consultant should come back and support additional crews based on service that is currently provided and the increasing call volumes, then we've got the funding earmarked in the budget to fund two additional crews."

Commissioner Norton said, "If it says two crews is all we need, then we've saved that money."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Envision, I thought that was provocative and I think I would

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support that. I would like a little more information. Register of Deeds, I visited with Bill Meeks, as I know other Commissioners have, and I support a modification of his original request, which I think was like five and a half people. I think we've trimmed that down and compromised. I'm in favor of the Sheriff's supplemental. I think that's important. I have a little heartburn on the Maize and Tyler interchange, as do other Commissioners, although I think I will support it. I think there was some conversations where we committed that we were going to do it and I think, at the eleventh hour, to back out on that wouldn't work well with a major project. I know citizens in my district do benefit from that, as do all people in the County. My heartburn comes from that I've got a corridor in my district, at 47th and Broadway at the turnpike entrance and 235 and the confluence of 35 and 135 that is a mess too and has still not been looked at by the City of Wichita, in partnership with the County and it's going to be a major, major project and I hope, when the time comes for that one to be looked at, that the City will belly-up some pretty big money too, like we're doing right now to fix that because it's a very important interchange to the south-side for economic growth and I guess my challenge would be, that if we're going to put in \$10,000,000 on this project, I'd like to challenge the City of look at that project and remember what we've done for them.

I had a little bit of a question and I probably will get with David on this, on the CIP item for the Meridian widening. There's \$700,000 put there, although the big money comes much later, at another time. Is that for studies and traffic flows and all that, Dave?"

Mr. David C. Spears, Director/ County Engineer, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir. This \$700,000 would be for the design and then the larger money would be later for construction."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. The final thing is that I think we've made some major inroads on drainage. I think we've got some pretty good money in there. My concern would be the next four or five years, as we look forward that we continue to put several millions of dollars into the drainage plan, to be sure that we can do some of these projects that have been outlined. Of course, that's a real core value for the south side but I know there are other places in the County, as we grow, that will continue to have drainage problems. I think Ben obviously has a few in his district, but we're going to have more in other areas. So, we need to continue to work on the drainage.

The final two things that I have is very small money but I want to have them on the record. I've kind of talked with other Commissioners about it but I would like for them really hard-wired into the budget somewhere. One of them is \$25,000 for a leadership academy for youth that I would like to work on for the County and tie in maybe with Wichita's Promise, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters but I would like to earmark that money somewhere in the budget, if we can. And the other one is \$15,000 for the Arts and Humanities Days that I think is very important to for us to give some support to the Sedgwick County/ Wichita Arts and Humanities Council. I don't know where we drop that into the budget, but I would like to see us have some dialogue on that.

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That's all I have. Thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Before I go to Commissioner Sciortino, I guess I'd just like to clarify the Maize and Tyler. That was never an official vote. It was a conversation between two Commissioners and it started from the System Enhancements, so when we began that process we went together with the City about what kinds of things can we all put together and pool together as partners to the State to try to bring some of that System Enhancement money home and so, that didn't happen. We didn't get the money and that type of thing. So, I just want to clarify that there was never an official vote on that but I'm sure we're going to continue to discuss it and, like I said, my biggest concern is just how it affects our other projects and that's what I want to make sure I'm clear on. That it's not going to hinder some of our other projects and our bonding in the future. And I'm certainly going to benefit from it. That's an area of town that I'm constantly traveling through, but I need to see how it fits in with our other projects. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Chris, I was looking at the page on Cowtown, when Chairman McGinn was talking, and I just had a couple of questions on that. It's on page 195. I noticed that it indicated that our actual amount of dollars that we're committing to it is going down and I assume it's going down by approximately the same amount, well not quite the same amount that the personnel and benefits are going down. A couple of things are concerning to me. Where it looks like it's been a straight line budget, contractual hasn't changed, commodities hasn't changed, the only reduction was about \$14,000. I guess that's what that is. Reduction of benefits cascades down to a reduction in our contract. But I did notice that we don't have anything under fee revenues. Don't we charge these visitors something for going in there? Should that not be included?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, but the County doesn't collect those fees and doesn't have a right to those fees. The organization that operates the facility does. And for purposes of the budget depiction, the \$1,271,000 is the entire amount of funding that is provided by outside sources, including the fees that are collected by that agency, by those operators."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, their budget is higher . . . their expenses or whatever are higher

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than \$1,271,606. This isn't 100% of the . . . Of the \$1,712,000 in expenditures, is that the total . . . ?”

Mr. Chronis said, “That’s the total cost of operating that facility.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Then if you add grant revenue and County revenue, that adds up to \$1,712,000 . . . what do they do with the fee revenue?”

Mr. Chronis said, “Well, it’s a part of the \$1,271,000. Of that \$1,712,000.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. Got it. And then I did notice that they sort of just plugged, they didn’t budget any increase in visitors nor any increase in revenue per visitors. Is that realistic? To me, I would think if it’s a business, you’d be budgeting some increase in amount of products you would be selling, but that’s not the case. Right?”

Mr. Chronis said, “I can’t tell you how realistic it is, but as you know Cowtown has been operating without a permanent director for all of this year and is experiencing some difficulty.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “But any additional revenue that they may get, would that reduce the amount that we need to fund?”

Mr. Chronis said, “No, it would not.”

Chair McGinn said, “We just fund employees.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, okay.”

Chair McGinn said, “That’s all we fund.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, I got it. And I also would like to enter into some dialogue about the Extension Office, when we get to that, as to whether or not they should be our employees or not. But that will be at a later date. That’s all I have. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “One thing, while we’re on that page. Commissioner Gwin pointed out, on page 195, when we go to print this, in the overview they have ‘Old Town portrays Wichita during the years . . .’ and so we’re not quite sure if that wording is correct there, about the sixth line down. It should be ‘Old Cow Town’. And some other stuff that’s underlined. We kind of wonder why that is. All right. Okay, Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, thank you. Just one additional comment, I guess, about the Tyler and Maize and I know that we can all be working in the same direction and agree to

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disagree. I think, though, it is important to go back to how we got here and, as we were working towards the new highway program that was enacted by the legislature, we agreed to team up with the City of Wichita as local units of government put more money into projects, there was a better chance of getting State Highway funding and we agreed with the City of Wichita that we would contribute to a couple of projects, including this at Maize and Tyler, to put local commitment forward to help receive highway enhancement funds from Kansas Department of Transportation. Maize and Kellogg was not selected and thus did not receive the State funds. The City of Wichita then made the decision to go ahead with the project. They said they will make up the amount of funds that the State did not put into the project. So, I feel that we've made at least a commitment, during that presentation, to K.D.O.T. for these two intersections and that's why I'm going to continue to be supportive.

Now, if we've got other major road projects that need to be considered and this has had a detrimental effect on them, I mean, we've got a couple of Capital Improvement Projects in here that, if we need to slip the Juvenile Detention Center a year, if we need to slip 911 a year, if we need to have a serious discussion about raising our self-imposed limit on debt, knowing that it is self-imposed and one that's not there by statute, I'd certainly be willing to consider that. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "I don't know if I want to continue to comment on that or not. Like I said, I haven't decided whether I'm going to support this or not. And, like I said, it'd be a benefit to some of my constituents, as well as myself. But, again for the record, that this discussion was . . . and if I have to go back and get the Minutes out, though, it was for only system enhancements and, as you said, if we could partner together, show the State we're partnering, we could bring more money home from the State to our community and it was the understanding, though, that it was just system enhancements. But anyway, not to belabor this point, because I think once we continue to discuss here in the next week about how it affects our other programs, it may not be a problem at all. So, I think that's the major concern. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, again, I'd like to go on the record as saying I do support the Tyler and Maize project. When we made a commitment with the City, and you're correct. It was when we were going after system enhancement dollars, but our commitment and the consequences of that commitment doesn't change, whether system enhancement dollars fund the other portion of it or the City of Wichita agrees to pick up the slack. If we made the commitment under system enhancements, it would still have whatever consequences to our other CIP projects would have happened because that commitment is still locally generated and it would be our \$10,000,000. System Enhancement did not come through. I was mildly surprised that the City of Wichita said that they would figure out how to absorb that. But to use that as a reason not to go forward with the

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commitment, I think, would be giving a bad message because nothing changed as far as the consequences of that commitment and whether the money came from the State or the City, I think we should really give that serious consideration. We have some major employers out in that area that would be beneficial to have a better thoroughfare working there. I think all the citizens of Wichita would have occasion to use that and it's one of those unique Public Works projects that is way out of the scope of normal public works projects. But I will be supportive of that project. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And I'm sorry, just a couple of more sentences about system enhancements. It's my recollection that the priority of this Board was crossing of the Big Ditch and I think that was the project that I most wanted to see us be able to secure, particularly with State assistance. It is my belief that once we were denied Systems Enhancement money, that that money was no longer available. Obviously, I'm in the minority, but my commitment to participation was based upon the State being a partner and was also based upon the priorities that I think this Board set. And I don't believe this project was our top priority. But be that as it may, it's obvious we're going to agree to disagree on this one and we'll go forward and certainly the will of this Board will prevail. But, as I said, my interest in bringing out the information was to look at projects as they effect folks with expectations in my district of long-term projects that have been on the books for five years and to have those then be misplaced or displaced. So, I don't want to go on any more with this. I'm sorry."

Chair McGinn said, "That's all right. I think there's been a lack of understanding and perhaps different perspectives of this and we've all had an opportunity to have our say on this. Okay. Is there any other questions for Chris? At this time we need to have a Motion."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm prepared to make one, based upon the discussions that we've discussed today, it isn't in your opinion there isn't any reason for us to change the numbers that we see up there on the board?"

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Mr. Chronis said, "No, ma'am."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Authorize the County Manager to publish a notice of hearing and establish August 8, 2001 as the final hearing date on the 2002 Sedgwick County Budget.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, now I believe we need to recess Regular Meeting and go to the Fire District Meeting."

G. RECESS TO THE FIRE DISTRICT #1 MEETING

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Fire District Meeting at 11:14 and returned at 11:20 a.m.

Chair McGinn said, "I'll call back the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Clerk call the next item please."

Commissioner Winters left at 11:21.

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NEW BUSINESS

H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

- 1. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH BREAKTHROUGH CLUB OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION/CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO SEVERELY AND PERSISTENTLY MENTALLY ILL RESIDENTS.**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Normally, this particular item would be a renewal of a contract, but as you're aware we're amending our contracts together, so that when you do look at a contract next year, you're going to see that full amount for that particular agency and what all is funded. So, that is why this is an amendment. This provide funding for psychosocial and maintenance based management program. It's for \$189,692 and those are State funds. I would recommend your approval and would be glad to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

Commissioner Winters returned at 11:22.

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2. AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES PROVIDING GROUP PRACTITIONER STATUS TO COMCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE OF ELIGIBLE CONSUMERS.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioner, this particular item is a managed care contract where they provide coverage for a certain number of eligible consumers. It's basically an insurance plan for the individuals covered. I would recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Debbie, I tried to look through this the last couple of days. I got a little bit confused. Who pays what to whom on this?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "They pay us a certain amount. It's like Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. We do business with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. If we see someone who has that coverage, they pay us a certain amount for that service. This is the same thing."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. So, we become a group practitioner. Is that correct?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Right. It like any agreement that we would have with any insurance company. This is unusual. You've never seen these on the agenda."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Right. But I mean, somewhere in the agreement it said refer to Exhibit A to see the fees and Exhibit A was blank. Do we have a schedule that says what they pay for what, because we don't know what that is."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes, we do have a schedule."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And you're comfortable that that schedule is adequate."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes. When we work with them on these, our belief is they need to cover the cost of the services, because we don't feel that it's appropriate for the County to subsidize an insurance company because they don't pay adequate fees."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, okay. You might want to just, since it indicated that we would see it, you might want to maybe let us see a schedule of those fees and what they pay for what. Because it does indicate that it's in our backup and then it's just blank."

Ms. Donaldson said, "We'd be glad to do that."

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Agreement subject to seeing the fee schedule and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "I can't believe you would ask permission if you could add something. Okay, next item."

3. NOTIFICATIONS OF GRANT AWARD (TWO) FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING (KDOA).

- **SENIOR CARE ACT**
- **STATE GENERAL FUND CASE MANAGEMENT**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I bring before you two notice of grant awards from the Kansas Department on Aging. One is for the Senior Care Act and one is for the State General Fund Case Management program. Both of these applications came before you on May 23rd of this year and so now we've received a notice of grant award for two of these programs and just bringing those before you today.

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For the Senior Care Act program, the total funding for that is \$334,971 from the State funds. That does require a two to one match. Those County dollars for our portion have already been approved in the budget and for the State General Fund Case Management the total dollar amount from the State is \$94,692 and that is totally State funded. Would recommend today approval of that.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Notifications of Grant Award and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

4. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2002 AREA PLAN FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING.

Ms. Graham said, “What I bring before you now is the Fiscal Year 2002 and 2003 Area Plan. This describes how the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging intends to operate in Harvey, Butler and Sedgwick Counties during the next two federal fiscal years, which begins October 1st, 2001. Included in the area plan are administrative objectives, council recommendations for allocation of Older Americans Act dollars.

The area plan is reviewed by the Butler and Harvey County Commissions and they have both approved and authorized the Chair of the Sedgwick County Commission to sign the plan. The plan is required to be in to the Kansas Department on Aging by October 1st, 2001. If there are any questions, I will answer those. This does also cover, like I said, the three counties, Sedgwick, Butler and Harvey and the services funded under the Older Americans Act include 3B supportive

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services, which are community based and in-home services. The 3C nutrition, which are both congregate and home-delivered meals and the 3F disease prevention health promotion and a new funding source for the next, which was authorized last year by the federal government, is the 3E national family caregivers support program. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer those."

Chair McGinn said, "Any questions for Annette? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the FY 2002 Area Plan, and authorize the Chair to sign the application and related documents.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

Chair McGinn left at 11:26.

- 5. FY 2001 NOTIFICATIONS OF GRANT AWARD (FIVE) FROM KDOA FOR THE TITLE III OLDER AMERICAN'S ACT PROGRAM.**

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Ms. Graham said, “These revisions are due to the State Department on Aging reallocation of funding under the Older Americans Act for this current fiscal year, which end September 30th. We took these new allocation funds to the Advisory Council, who reviewed the services and the allocations in the currently funded programs and so these reflect the change in the notice of grant awards for five programs. And these are the 3B grant respite program, the 3C two grant congregate meals program, two 3C two home-delivered meals programs, and one grant 3D for a health screening programs.

The grant scope had been reviewed and approved by the Central Plains Advisory Council on Aging and these items are already within the Older American’s Act Title III 2001 budget as approved. We would request your approval of these changes.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Is there any questions of Annette on this item? Hearing none, what’s the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Notifications of Grant Award and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item.”

6. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “At last week’s meeting, I presented and you approved the funding for our State funded Juvenile

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Justice programs for State fiscal year 2002. Today I have a series of contracts for programs and services to be continued with those funds.

The first item is an amended agreement with Wichita State University to provide professional services to support the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. The amendment extends the current agreement through June 30th, 2002 and provides up to \$40,264 for these services. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn returned at 11:28.

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Mark, from my viewpoint it appears that this has been a very good arrangement. That Wichita State is doing a very good job. Do you want to make a comment? I mean, we probably would have other choices, but what's your real gut reaction here about how this is working?"

Mr. Masterson said, "It's been invaluable to us. Their expertise in criminal justice and in setting up the evaluation systems has been most helpful. The technical expertise in preparing the numerous grant applications to the State and the outcomes data, getting that set up to where we have good outcomes data and that process, has been very helpful and I strongly recommend we continue it."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, that's basically what I thought you were going to say and, you know, I would even encourage you perhaps, when you notify them that we're going to renew this, maybe just add a note expressing the thanks of the Board of County Commissioners for their participation with us in Juvenile Justice issues. They have been very helpful and we might have had a lot more difficult time getting to where we are if we hadn't have had their help. And so I would appreciate it if you would extend our thanks for their work."

Mr. Masterson said, "I will do that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I agree with Commissioner Winters. I have heard some good things come out of this agreement with WSU, but would you share with us the amount of not to exceed, how much that actually increased from the previous year?"

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Mr. Masterson said, "State Fiscal Year 2001, \$40,264 was the not to exceed item. This is \$44,617."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, that isn't what it says in the backup. The backup says it increases the not to exceed total compensation by \$40,264. So, does that mean it doubles it?"

Mr. Masterson said, "No, it does not mean that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so we have to make a change that increase the not to exceed total compensation by four thousand something?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes, it should say . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What should it say, so that we can make that correct, at the Board, when we approve it?"

Commissioner Winters said, "That's the backup material. That's not the contract you're looking at. We're not approving the backup material."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, I'm sorry. Well, the backup material does say 'parties agree that in no event will the total compensation provided by the facilitator exceed the amount of \$40,264. That should be forty-four, whatever he said. Is that correct? In the actual amendment to the contract, should that reflect forty-four or what? It's on page 92 of our backup, Mark, if you have a copy of it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, because the amendment would appear that there is no change in the compensation level and if there is, we need to correct it."

Mr. Masterson said, "\$44,617 is the amount my documents show. I'm looking for it on the . . ."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, Don Banks has already signed it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But Don has already signed it, so I guess he's happy with keeping it the same as last year so let's not argue about it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I guess not."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, we'll just leave it the same way."

Mr. Masterson said, "Okay, \$40,264 then."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and that's the same as it was last year."

Mr. Masterson said, "By the document I have in front of me."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's fine with me."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm going to vote to support this. If there's a problem there, bring it back to us, Mark and we'll correct it again."

Mr. Masterson said, "I will do that. I apologize."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Have them come in and genuflect on why he signed something . . ."

Mr. Masterson said, "Basically, we bill for the services that are provided and that's the top figure."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

7. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE TO PROVIDE GRANT-FUNDED JUVENILE INTAKE AND

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ASSESSMENT CENTER CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioners, this agreement continues the Case Management Service program provided by Kansas Children's Service League to targeted youth and families who come through the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center a second time and have no other case management services. The agreement provides \$148,990 for this program. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Any discussion?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one question real quick. Mark, is Kansas Children's Service League doing okay with their payments and everything? I noticed they've been in the discussion about with Youthville and a lot of the other agencies about having problems with funding. Are they doing okay with their funding?"

Mr. Masterson said, "I really couldn't speak to that, overall. In the programs that we provide, we're doing well."

Commissioner Norton said, "Being compensated, no late payments, everything's just . . ."

Mr. Masterson said, "No, we're meeting our obligations as we've established contractually."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions? Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin Aye

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

8. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS TO PROVIDE A GRANT-FUNDED FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING PROGRAM.

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioners, this agreement with the District Attorney's Office provides \$141,738 to continue the Family Group Conferencing program, which is a specialized Juvenile Diversion program. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

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9. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS TO PROVIDE A JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM.

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioners, this agreement provides \$180,421 to the District Attorney's Office to continue the Juvenile Diversion program. The program diverts juveniles charged with first-time, lower level crimes from formal court processing by providing them with an opportunity to make amends and avoid having a juvenile conviction on their record. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

10. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS TO PROVIDE JUVENILE DETENTION ADVOCACY SERVICES.

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioners, this amended agreement with the District Court continues the Detention Advocacy services at the Juvenile Court, which are provided by contract with Legal Services of Wichita. The services include legal representation and case management to low-income youth in secured detention. The program helps us to insure that our limited space in Juvenile Detention is being used for the right people. One hundred forty-six thousand, nine hundred

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seventy-three dollars is provided for State fiscal year 2002 for this program. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Are there any questions for Mark?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I'd only make one comment. I think this is a good, good program. It was, you know, realized that juveniles that do have someone advocating for them tend to stay there less time than those who have nobody there who is trying to assist them."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

11. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE TO PROVIDE A GRANT-FUNDED MULTI-SYSTEMIC THERAPY PROGRAM FOR JUVENILES.

Mr. Masterson said, "This agreement with Family Consultation Services provides \$250,000 to continue the MST, or Multi-Systemic Therapy program. This program provides an intensive in-home intervention with juvenile delinquents and their parents, as an alternative to being placed outside the home in a facility like we operate at the boys' ranch. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. And Mark, this is the second year for this program, I think. We've extended these agreements on a number of these. It might be advantageous, someday in the future, maybe in the fall when we get cranked up, to have a little bit of detail maybe about how some of these, particularly new programs and I know this is, I mean, this is a new program that we're using in prevention and trying to get some kids on the right track that I think is having some good success. And someday, when we've got time, we need to hear about the details on some of these programs because, again, this one is a new and I think we'd be very interested in seeing how it's working."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Any other discussion?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just have one question, Madam Chair. Just for my own edification, and maybe there's somebody out here. Could you give us the definition of multiple systemic therapy? What is that?"

Mr. Masterson said, "It's a therapeutic technique that has been applied to different target populations and heavily studied and proven to be affective. We implemented it here to try to be affective in reducing out-of-home placements by providing an intensive in-home intervention."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, if you could, this is just for me for later, but if you could get me kind of some backup on . . . I'm confused about the word 'multi-systemic' as to what the denoted meaning of that. Any kind of backup on it, just for my own reading, would be appreciated."

Mr. Masterson said, "I'll get that to you."

Commissioner Winters said, "And that's why I mentioned that it might be good to, you know, we've approved several of these programs and, again, I think it would be good if we take a look at some of them. Mark and I have been to seminars where they've presented, you know, detailed programs about this one in particular and I think it's got some real merit and possibilities but I think we need to be taking a look at how it's really working and how it's effecting the population in the detention facility. I think this is a good one that we ought to have some more detail on."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, thanks. That's all I have."

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Chair McGinn said, "Okay, any other questions for Mark? We have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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

12. NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR START-UP FUNDS RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROJECT.

Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disability Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm seeking your approval this morning to accept final grant award from the State of Kansas for a community integration project start-up funds. The funds will provide funding for one or more clients to cover the cost of obtaining a new rental property, getting set up with clothing, furnishings, et cetera. As I say, this will be the last such agreement under the State's plan. The funding pool has dried up and we will seek other alternative funding in the future to cover these costs of reintegrating individuals from State hospital placements. Be happy to answer any questions you may have."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Notification of Grant Award and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. AMENDMENT TO THE 2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) TO ADD BRIDGE PROJECT #B-217, BRIDGE ON 85TH STREET NORTH OVER THE BIG ARKANSAS RIVER BETWEEN HOOVER AND RIDGE ROADS.

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First we've got a little geography lesson for me. I've got it corrected on the slides, but it's actually over the Wichita/ Valley Center Floodway and we'll correct the agenda."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Commonly referred to as the Big Ditch?"

Mr. Giroux said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Giroux said, "This is . . . Again, we've had a flurry of activity in approved K.D.O.T. projects. This was originally submitted in 1997. The project has now been let and it replaces an obsolete bridge, again, on 85th Street North."

Our share is a little less than we originally anticipated, \$350,187. That's about 20% of the total project costs. We do have available funds within the 2000 Sales Tax Road and Bridge fund from end of year carry-over as well as savings over the estimates in the actual cost of what was bid. C.I.P. Committee reviewed it extensively and does recommend approval. You have any question, if I can't handle them, I'm sure Mr. Spears can."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the CIP amendment.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

J. ADDITION OF ONE HYDROSTATIC FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE TRACTOR TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FLEET.

Mr. Dave Rush, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item is actually replacing an existing tractor that's been at the Coliseum for a number of years. And it's been recommended that we shift it into the fleet so that set-aside money will be for replacement in additional years. It's not an addition to our fleet, but to the fleet at the Motor Pool, yes. Questions?"

Chair McGinn said, "Are there any questions, Commissioners?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just one, if I can. That's already been in your budget to replace that item?"

Mr. Rush said, "Yes, we've absorbed it in our budget. We had planned on replacing it and then it was decided that we needed to slip it over into the Motor Pool, Fleet Management so it will be money set aside in additional years."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, all we're doing is moving an existing asset from your direct responsibility over to the Motor Pool to handle the upkeep and maintenance of it and then you'll be charged on the upkeep and maintenance of it."

Mr. Rush said, "On the new one, yes."

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the addition to the Sedgwick County fleet.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

K. RESIGNATION OF ALAN R. POST FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. Post has moved from the State and I would ask that you take the recommended action on this item."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Accept the resignation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, at this time I'd like to take an Off Agenda item."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to take an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner, I was going to cover that under Off Agenda on the consent."

Chair McGinn said, "Oh, I thought you told me this morning that it was an Off Agenda item."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'll withdraw my Motion."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'll withdraw my Second."

Chair McGinn said, "All right, next item."

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L. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR INSPECTION OF BRIDGE HINGE PINS ON SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 773-V-4335; BRIDGE ON 375TH STREET WEST OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE NINNESCAH RIVER. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item L-1 is an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to do in-depth ultrasonic inspection of hinge pins on the bridge located at 375th Street West over the south fork of the Ninnescah River. This inspection program began in 1988 and will continue into the future as we monitor these bridges. The cost will be shared by both parties at an 80/20 split. Sedgwick County's share will be \$754.40. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Commissioner Winters said, "I have just one question. David, in these projects, we have found some bridges that did need to have these pins repaired and replaced, have we not?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we have and we have done that. We have put them in the CIP and we have done several of them."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, this is really a safety issue."

Mr. Spears said, "It's a safety issue required by the federal government, because there was a bridge in New York that failed and actually fell in. We have, I believe we have eight or ten of these types of bridges, out of our 659 bridges, so we're right on top of it."

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.

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

- 2. RELOCATION, REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMS GAS PIPELINES CENTRAL, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 817-B-1236; BRIDGE ON MERIDIAN OVER JESTER CREEK BETWEEN 109TH AND 117TH STREETS NORTH. CIP# B-424. DISTRICT #4.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-2 is the approval of an agreement with Williams Gas Pipeline for the relocation of their 20 inch line in connection with the bridge project on Meridian over Jester Creek, between 109th and 117th Streets North, designated as B-424 in the Capital Improvement Program. The cost of the relocation will be \$130,412. Their line is in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

Chair McGinn left at 11:50.

- 3. RESOLUTION RELATING TO EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS IN STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO BE FURNISHED BY KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-3 is a resolution prepared by KGE for modifications to street lighting in Sedgwick County. The resolution calls for the installation of six streetlights along Highway 54, between 135th and 167th Streets West, and the removal of one streetlight at the intersection of 167th and Highway 54. There will be an increase in the yearly compensation of \$1,341.66. This will make the annual compensation for streetlights paid by Sedgwick County to KGE \$95,461.86. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item please."

- 4. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER**

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ONE AND FINAL, WITH RITCHIE PAVING, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 592-17 THROUGH 21; 109TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN RIDGE ROAD AND 151ST STREET WEST. CIP# R-220. DISTRICTS #3 AND #4.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-4 is approval of a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final with Ritchie Paving, for the Sedgwick County road project on 109th Street North, between Ridge Road and 151st Street West, designated as R-220 in the Capital Improvement Program. There will be a net decrease of \$44,843.55 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chair to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item."

M. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Dr. Charles Magruder, M.D., Director, Community Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Just to give you some information on some of our recent activities. We recently participated in the Wichita Clinic Walkfest. We had a number of our personnel involved in that. This is an event that is routinely a part of the Wichita River Festival. We had Health Department people participate in this and one of the basic perspectives here is to showcase the health benefits of walking as exercise, particularly given some of the research that’s been published recently, this is quite timely. We had a total of 75 participants from the Health Department who participated. A golden shoe was awarded to the organizations who have the most participants. We have been fortunate enough to get that award for the past five years. We proudly display that in the Health Department building.

In terms of a program update, one of the other things that we’ve tried to emphasize recently, starting with our own staff, is the importance of seatbelts and how this applies to various safety issues. And the time frame that we looked at this, we found that 73% of all Health Department employees were wearing their seatbelts. Clearly, we have a little more work to do there, even amongst our own staff. But this is a little higher than the average in Kansas, which has been found to be 68%. We took this opportunity to give people information on the importance of seatbelt use. We also provided information about airbags and talked about a very important issue, child safety seat laws.

Wanted to also update you on the Metropolitan Medical Response System. As you may know, this basically is a process that the federal government has started, nationwide. We are a tier-three entity. That is, we’re an organization that has gotten funding in the third year of this process. It’s largely based on the size of your community and the basic motivation for this is to insure that we have the capability to respond to a catastrophic event that would involve the use of biological or chemical weapons. Recently, the federal government came to visit us, it’s Health and Human Services that provides oversight for this process, and they gave us a very nice report as to our activities to this point and we were offered and accepted an 18 month extension to the current contract that provided an additional \$200,000 to us. This money will primarily be utilized to purchase pharmaceuticals that can be used by first-line responders and also by hospitals in the event of use of a biological weapon or a chemical weapon that we would need specific things for that we don’t normally have.

Also want to update you on the Health Alert Network. This is something that the E.O.C. apprized you of that the County has been supporting considerably and basically this is a process that’s in

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development that will enable local health departments, throughout the State, to be able to communicate with each other more effectively and more readily about different emergencies that may come up. Some activities that we've had with that recently, we sent out, from here in Sedgwick County, a survey that went to all health departments in the State of Kansas. We were fortunate enough to get 90% of those returning information to us. We're now compiling those results that will help us assess what are some of the deficiencies in local health departments throughout the State of Kansas, in terms of being able to establish this important communication link.

In terms of some collaborative efforts, I've talked about this before, but just to make you aware of our recent activities, the Earth Awareness Researchers for Tomorrow's Habitat, acronym E.A.R.T.H. We have more than 200 junior high students who attend this particular workshop. This was the culmination of that year-long process, where we talk about the importance of water conservation, potential impacts of pollution and also educate people about different weather aspects that impact all of these things. This, as I mentioned, completed the student's year-long curriculum for this process and a number of people are very enthusiastic about it.

I'll be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Commissioners, do we have any questions of Dr. Magruder? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Dr. Magruder, I know that Reno County had a problem with Hepatitis that we read about in the paper and I think that we had been asked to help assist them in part of that. Was your department involved in that and I certainly am supportive of trying to be as helpful to any of our neighbor counties as we possibly can. Is there any update or can you tell us about what happened in that event?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Well, to very briefly, sir, basically Reno County became somewhat overwhelmed by the number of individuals that they determined needed a particular type of immunization, Immunoglobulin, to potentially protect them from Hepatitis A that they may have been exposed to. They requested assistance from us in order to provide those immunizations. So, we sent our van, our portable van and three or four of our nursing staff, depending upon which day you talk about, plus some of our personnel that provide clerical support for those individuals and we helped them for a day and a half to get caught up on that backlog and so they were there about half a day last Thursday, all day Friday and now everything seems to be in order in that situation.

Many thanks to the E.O.C. for assisting in that effort and also for making certain that communication occurred properly and they also were extremely helpful to us in providing us necessary resources that we had to have to keep the van functioning properly and also for our own

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staff to be able to communicate with each other. We would not have been able to complete that process successfully without the support we received from the E.O.C.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right. Well, thank you. Well, I certainly appreciate your efforts in trying to help a neighboring county. So, thank you.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Any further questions of Dr. Magruder? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Thank you, Doctor. Next item.”

N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2001.

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Minutes of the July 19th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and there are two items for your consideration.

**1) TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES- FACILITY MAINTENANCE
FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

Item one, trash collection services for Facilities Maintenance. It was moved to accept the proposal,

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including alternate, of Waste Connections, for \$4,992 a month. That will be a two year contract.

2) CISCO CALL MANAGER VOICEMAIL SYSTEM- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

Item two is Cisco call manager voicemail system for Facility Project Services. It was moved to accept the quote of SBC Datacomm for \$14,498.30. This is being purchased off the State contract 021137.

I will be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Do we have any questions? Yes, Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Jerry, on the trash collections, how have we been doing that in the past? Have we put that out for bid in the past?”

Mr. Phipps said, “Yes, that is correct. It has been out for bid but that contract has expired, so we’re just been going month to month basis right now.”

Commissioner Winters said, “How does this new bid compare to what we’ve been paying?”

Mr. Phipps said, “I don’t have those figures in front of me, but Mr. Richard Chebultz, who did sit on that committee, does have that information available.”

Mr. Richard Chebultz, Operations Manager, Division of Information and Operations greeted the Commissioners and said, “It’s going to save us about \$2,400 a month from what we’re currently paying in service for that same service.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And so do we have miscellaneous carriers now collecting it or is it all with one vendor now?”

Mr. Chebultz said, “The majority is Waste Connections. We have one site, I think, that has Waste Management and another one that had Johnnie-on-the-Spot, but all of it now will be Waste Connections.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So, we put all of our properties together and just had one bid then?”

Mr. Chebultz said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And tell me again what the number is here? And I guess I’m saying

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this in light of the fact of our changeover in methods of waste disposal here. Tell me again what the numbers are?"

Mr. Chebultz said, "With this contract, we will save just a few dollars short of \$2,400 a month less than what we're currently paying."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, our trash collection rates are going to go down."

Mr. Chebultz said, "Correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "And I would assume that one of the reasons is we're paying more attention to what we're doing and trying to throw away as little as we possibly can, but even with the changeover, here's an industrial customer who's been used to paying over \$5,000 a month actually going to be able to save some money. In this case we will. It's very interesting. Thank you."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any further questions? I have one. Maybe both of you could stay here because I'm a little confused on the backup. If I look at it right, it says the trash collection for various county departments, the monthly total is \$4,440. Then it says the alternate monthly total is \$552. Now, . . . but then it says here, 'including the alternate for an estimate of \$4,992 a month. Is the alternate \$552 a month or \$4,992 a month or what is that?"

Mr. Phipps said, "The alternate is \$552 a month. It's added to the \$4,440, for a grand total of \$4,992."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Got it and that is a savings of about \$2,400 what we were paying monthly. Okay, that's fine. That's all I have. Thank you. If there's no further questions, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

O. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010107	\$511.00	5	William Favreau
V010108	\$385.00		Walnut Grove Apartments
V010109	\$353.00	2	Prairie Estates
V010110	\$560.00	2	Travis G. Sharp
V010111	\$506.00	4	Elliott Pannell
V010112	\$106.00		Wade Batterman
V010113	\$237.00		G. Y. Knoop Trust
V010114	\$299.00		Walnut Grove Apartments

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
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V010135	\$25.00	\$162.00
V01083	\$243.00	\$265.00
V99079	\$426.00	\$475.00
V20107	\$405.00	\$405.00
V20114	\$221.00	\$141.00
V01055	\$523.00	\$138.00
V01057	\$495.00	\$225.00
V99056	\$197.00	\$88.00
V98004	\$199.00	\$78.00
V20010	\$234.00	\$330.00

3. **Agreement with LakePoint Home Health Services providing Developmental Disability Community Services Provider status.**
4. **Certification that the Application for Approval to Establish and Operate a Solid Waste Processing Facility Medical Waste Transfer Station is consistent with the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Plan.**
5. **Order dated July 18, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **General Bills Check Register of July 20, 2001.**
7. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, I recommend that you approve the Consent Agenda, with an additional Off Agenda one which would be an agreement with Jarold Harrison to provide consulting services and that would be a Consent Item number eight. I would recommend that you approve that Consent Agenda."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Do we have to . . . I'm sorry. Question. Do we have to, Mr. Euson, make a Motion to consider an Off Agenda item?"

Mr. Euson said, "That has been our practice to do that."

Commissioner Norton said, "We can just add that as Item eight and then approve the Consent Agenda though, can we not?"

Mr. Euson said, "I don't see anything wrong with just adding it as Item eight. It is just a Consent Agenda item."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, so I don't have to have a separate motion?"

Commissioner Norton said, "You'd have to add it and then you'd have to authorize . . . then you have to okay the Consent Agenda."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to add item eight to the Consent Agenda which would be the agreement with Jarold Harrison to provide consulting services.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any questions? I have a question, Mr. Manager. Is Jerry going to stay as an employee or will he commence . . . when does he commence being a consultant and not an employee?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "He's going to remain an employee until January 2003. His status would change sometime in July from Assistant County Manager to special consultant."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Okay, but he'll be a special consultant in July of 2002?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "But he'll still be an employee, he'll have all the benefits and everything?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Until 2003 but if he's going to stay as an employee, why is he a consultant? I'm confused there just a little bit?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Because Jerry has decided to take retirement, he wants the transition period to be as long as we needed to adjust the organization and so, from July . . . in discussing it with him, we talked about changing his status from July, 2002 to January of 2003 rather than be an assistant county manager he would have some other special duties and we chose the title 'consultant'."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Okay, I guess. I guess that's okay. I have no further question. I have a Motion. Is there any further questions on this Off Agenda item? Are we taking this as an Off Agenda item?"

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Commissioner Norton said, "That's just to add it on and then we still have to vote on . . ."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "So, we're making a Motion to add this. Okay, a Motion has been made and Seconded to add this item eight on the Consent Agenda. Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Any further business to come before this Board? Mr. Norton."

P. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "Boy, this has kind of become my time, hasn't it."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "It certainly has. At least we're off camera. That's one good thing."

Commissioner Norton said, "One thing, and I don't want to steal any of Betsy's thunder, but the date for Zoobilee has been announced and I think if people want tickets, they better send in their information now, because that's the hottest ticket in town. I really don't have anything else, Mr.

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Vice Chair.”

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. Any further comments. No other items, this meeting has been adjourned.”

Q. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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