

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 22, 2001**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, August 22, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Gary Steed, Sheriff; Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications Department; Ms. Kristin Gill, Dispatcher, Emergency Communications Department; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Donna Goldtree, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Dona Goltry, Principal Planner, Current Plans Division, MAPD; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management Department; Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager; Mr. Steve Bell, Resource Coordinator, Project 275, COMCARE Family and Children's Community Services; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Dr. Charles Magruder, Director, Community Health Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. William McKinley, Member, Solid Waste Management Committee.  
Chaplin Gene E. Stamm, Recipient of Bronze Medal of Outstanding Service.  
Ms. Carol Bradford, Program Director, AmeriCorps\* VISTA, Safe State Kansas/ Interfaith Ministries.  
Mr. Joe Miller, Chairman, Wichita/ Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council.  
Mr. Paul Jasinski, Director of Development, Breakthrough Club.  
Mr. Alex Clayton, Boy Scout.  
Mr. Brandon Green, Boy Scout.  
Mr. Nathan Parker, Boy Scout.

### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Reverend Lois Harder of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:      Regular Meeting, July 25, 2001**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2001.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "Next item."

**APPOINTMENTS**

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**A. RECOGNITION OF APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM G. MCKINLEY AND DWAYNE SHANNON TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "These two appointments are appointments that by statute the City of Wichita has the ability to make. They have made the nominations and they do take effect by virtue of the fact that the City has made them. There isn't any formal action for the City [sic] to take in forms of a resolution but it is appropriate to recognize these appointments and allow the appointees to be sworn in."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to recognize the appointments.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

Chair McGinn said, "Is William McKinley here today? Please come over to the podium and we'll have our Clerk swear you in."

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

*I, Bill McKinley, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee so help me God."*

**Mr. William McKinley**, Member, Solid Waste Management Committee, said, "I do."

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**Mr. Brace** said, "Congratulations."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. McKinley for taking time to serve. I just want to double check. Dwayne Shannon I don't believe is here today. Clerk, call the next item please."

### AWARDS

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF BRONZE MEDAL OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO GENE E. STAMM.**

**Mr. Gary Steed**, Sheriff, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my pleasure this morning to introduce you to Chaplain Gene Stamm. Gene is being recognized this morning by the Sheriff's Department for his outstanding service to our community. Gene has been volunteering to assist inmates, through our Christian Ministries to Offenders, at the Sedgwick County jail. He has been doing this for many years. He started we think about 1972 in doing this. We're not quite sure. He recruited the individual who eventually became the head of the official Christian Ministries to Offenders program at the facility. Gene started somewhere in 1972 when he was asked to deliver Bibles to inmates at the Sedgwick County jail and he said he would do that but only if he could come along and meet the inmates and he has been there serving every since. Recently, he has decided that he is going to cut back on his duties. I don't know how much. I still see him around the facility an awful lot.

It is my pleasure today to provide Gene with our bronze medal of outstanding service. You'll notice it is a plaque. We give medals to the deputies. They have uniforms so they can wear them. What we do is mount the medals on a plaque for our citizens. Gene, thank you very much for your service to our community."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Mr. Stamm, would you like to make a few comments. I am sure you have at least a few interesting stories, over the years."

**Chaplin Gene E. Stamm** said, "Recently I was in the hallway there dealing with some inmates with a deputy. The deputy said, 'Chaplain why do you keep coming back'. I told the deputy that Jesus talked about prisoners at one time and he said 'once you've done it unto the least of thee you've done it unto me'. So that's why I keep coming back and that's why I shall keep coming

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back. I'm thankful to Reverend Cowan, who recently died, for envisioning this ministry and then Chaplain Allen for putting it all together, Chaplain Braswell for taking care of the expanded part of it here now with the new jail, and all the many volunteers. We have so many good, quality volunteers over the years. I am thankful for that, too. I appreciate this. This is very nice. Thank you very much."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Stamm for all the years that you have done that. I know that a lot of times people end up in jail just because they made a bad decision and we shouldn't forget those folks in there and they continue to need ministry. I appreciate the time that you devote to that. Thank you. Clerk, call the next item please."

### **C. RECOGNITION OF KRISTIN GILL, EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHER, FOR RECEIVING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS' (APCO) TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD AND KANSAS CHAPTER OF APCO TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR.**

**Ms. Diane Gage**, Director, Emergency Communications Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is kind of a fun one and I'm really enjoying this today. Kristin was nominated for Tele-communicator of the Year for the Kansas Chapter of APCO, the Association of Public Communication Officials back in February and in April she won the Kansas award and they had submitted her application on to the International APCO. In about June we found out from APCO that she had won the international award. We really had high hopes of coming out and sharing this with her. She lives down in Haysville and we had plans to drive down there only to remember that she was on vacation that day and we caught her in the parking lot of McDonalds in San Antonio, Texas, which I think was just as much a shock there as it would have been had we found her at home.

Kristin has been with our department for just three years. During this time, she has really stood out as someone who is dedicated to the job and puts in 110%. Some of the things that went into the application for her to receive this award, it's just not one call where she did an amazing job and had the luck of the draw in answering the phone, this is a constant thing. She's been very instrumental when officers have apprehended people in serious crimes. She is very good on the radio when

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dealing with chases and crisis. It's someone that, if I were to call 911, and better yet if my family were to call 911, she is someone I would want to answer the phone if I were the person needing help. We're real fortunate to have her working with our department and we're so thrilled that she will be honored at an international event like this. She received her award in Salt Lake City about a week and a half ago and we're here to share it with you today. Like to introduce you to Kristin."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Congratulations."

**Ms. Kristin Gill**, Emergency Services Dispatcher, said, "Thanks. I just want to say thanks to my department for having all the faith in me that they did and this just means so much to me. I'm really glad to share it with you guys, too. Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "It looks like a very nice award. Diane, you said that it wasn't just one call. Do you put tapes on there or does it have to do with officers and other people?"

**Ms. Gage** said, "The application was originally submitted by two supervisors, in fact I have one of them here, Jennifer Chambers is here with us this morning. They want to know what her daily job performance is like. It is about a seven or eight page application that we send in and we include examples of what she has done, specific examples. We'll provide tapes of some radio traffic, if we can, and basically show what Kristin's overall performance has been like while working for us."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Okay. Great. You're a great asset to our community. I hope people don't start calling and asking for Kristin. I know from personal experience, we had a wreck on our corner at one time and called 911 and I'm talking a hundred miles an hour and then they wanted me to run back or something. I don't think they realized how far I was from the corner. I didn't have a mobile phone at the time. I know your job is very important, as far as being efficient and time and efficiency is very important in your role and being calm to those of us on the other end that sometimes can get a little excited about these kinds of things. Congratulations and we're glad that you're here at Sedgwick County. Clerk, call the next item."

### **CITIZEN INQUIRY**

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

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**Ms. Carol Bradford**, Program Director, AmeriCorps\* VISTA, Safe State Kansas / Inter-Faith Ministries, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm standing in for Jennifer Ricken who was not able to make it today. Every time we lose another child to gun violence we hear a great deal of outrage at the senselessness of the tragedy, but rarely do we hear about a tangible opportunity to do something to prevent more children from dying. I am here today to tell you and the Sedgwick County community about one such opportunity. It is called the ASK Campaign. The Ask Campaign, ASK stands for appropriately enough asking saves kids. It simply urges parents to ask their neighbors if they have a gun in their home before sending children over to play. It is a comprehensive national public health campaign developed by PAX in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics. ASK encourages individuals, as well as the entire community, to store their guns safely and responsibly.

ASK is important because more than 1.2 million elementary age latch-key children have access to guns in their homes. Over 52% of all gun owners do not properly store firearms by unloading them and locking them up and 43% of parents who own guns do not lock away guns in a place where children cannot access them. This impacts not just the very young children but older adolescents and young adults. Suicide risks increase five fold when guns are in the home. If a gun is unlocked, the risk increases to six fold and if the gun is loaded the risk increases nine fold. Every year, thousands of children are killed or seriously injured with adults' guns. The ASK Campaign provides a practical opportunity for parents to protect their children from gun violence.

Monday, this past Monday, August 20th, was National ASK Day, the first of its kind. Parents across the country committed to asking a simple question that could save their children's lives, asking if there are guns where their children play and if those guns are properly stored, unloaded and locked up. ASK Day occurred at the beginning of the back to school season and provides an important message that all parents should keep in mind, as they send their kids to friends' homes in the new school year. So, as we think about sending our children back to school, I urge the citizens of Sedgwick County to think about a real opportunity to make all of our children safer in the coming school year. I hope all parents will join Safe State Kansas in a commitment to asking if there are guns in the homes where children play and if those guns are unloaded and locked up. Thank you for your time."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Carol. I guess I wanted to ask you, you said that this past Monday was the first one, so this is a new program that is starting?"

**Ms. Bradford** said, "The National ASK Day is a new program. PAX, the national organizing committee is not a new program. It has been around for a few years. This is the first National Ask Day."

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**Chair McGinn** said, "I don't know if it is fair to ask you this since you're filling in for Jennifer, but do you know, have you followed, as long as this has been around, any statistics about gun safety? The reason I bring that up, our family, we're not hunters, but I made my kids take Hunters Safety any way just to learn about gun safety and I took it also. I was very impressed with that course and how they go over and beyond how teaching about gun safety and I didn't know if that is a program that you guys, I guess, maybe see some improvement as far as people locking up guns in the home and that type of thing."

**Ms. Bradford** said, "Not all hunters safety courses that I'm familiar with stress safe storage of guns in the home, but those that do we applaud, simply because safe storage used to be routinely taught in hunters safety courses and should continue to be taught routinely. The emphasis sometimes on safety education is on educating children, when the point should be in educating parents and making sure the parents are responsible and not abdicating their responsibility to protect their children."

**Chair McGinn** said, "That's why it was good for me to take that class because I didn't know all that and so it certainly helped and I think it helped my children, too, as well as respecting those types of things. What I'm also hearing is that perhaps every course does not put that focus on that."

**Ms. Bradford** said, "Every course is taught a little bit differently. There are recommended guidelines and we do strongly urge that when people become more educated about guns they become more educated about the total picture of guns and that includes safe storage."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Carol, how do you respond to the individual that maybe . . . I understand hunting rifles and the sanity of keeping them unloaded and locked, but what about the individual who maybe has a handgun that is there for protection if an intruder breaks into the house and if that gun is unloaded and locked somewhere they may not have access. How does your group feel about that?"

**Ms. Bradford** said, "It always seems harsh to fall back on statistics because everybody's story is a little different, but, over the years we've seen that 43% or that guns that are kept for self protection, guns that are kept loaded and unlocked are 43 times more likely to kill the owner or a member of the family than to ever be used against an intruder. While we hear a lot in the media about home invasions and about intruders, because it is a devastating situation, we don't hear about the teenagers that get hold of guns who are not depressed, who are not mentally ill in any way, but simply because they are impulsive end up damaging themselves. We also don't hear as much about some of the more sensitive domestic violence and acquaintance violence cases which account for

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the vast majority of gun homicides in this country. So, while I would want to respect someone's fear that their home is not safe, that they are not safe in their own home, I would encourage them to pursue other means of safety, simple things like getting to know the neighbors, turning on the lights, making the home less intruder friendly."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So, actually most of the harm for children comes from hand guns and not hunting rifles and shotguns, is that correct?"

**Ms. Bradford** said, "Most of the harm to children comes from hand guns, overall in America. In more rural settings, where there are more rifles and shotguns, long arms, then the incidence of damage to children increases. Whatever is available is likely to be the instrument of damage. In the urban area that is hand guns and in the rural area that's long guns."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "I apologize for saying that maybe you didn't have all the answers because it sounds like you do. Thank you very much, Carol for being here today and presenting this."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
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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### NEW BUSINESS

#### **E. PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING OF 2001 "ARTS AND HUMANITIES DAZE."**

**Mr. Joe Miller**, Chairman, Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to talk with you today about the 2001 Arts and Humanities Daze. What is Arts and Humanities Daze? It is going to be a series of month-long events held during October, which is National Arts and Humanities Month, that will highlight the wealth of arts that are available to Sedgwick County residents. The Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council is the organizing sponsor for Arts and Humanities Daze here in Sedgwick County. Our goal, as the Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council, is develop those days into a major cultural event to promote the Arts to Sedgwick County residents and beyond. Our long term goal is to develop this event into a major festival that will provide funding and support for the Arts throughout Sedgwick County.

How do we plan to accomplish this? By developing partnerships with cultural attractions, such as the Sedgwick County Zoo, Old Cowtown Museum, Sedgwick County Historical Museum, Art Museum, Bontanica, and many others. In the past, the Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council has requested and received a nominal amount of funding from Sedgwick County to promote the Arts. We chose not to request those funds this year, since they didn't offer Sedgwick County much visibility or return on your investment. Instead, I am here to ask your support for the 2001 Arts and Humanities Daze so that we can develop it into a signature event for Sedgwick County. Arts and Humanities Daze will offer you a highly visible return on your investment. We would list Sedgwick County as a major sponsor on the 10,000 brochures we plan to print and distribute throughout the County. We would also include you as a sponsor on other print and broadcast advertising that we plan to do.

On a personal level, we would invite you to attend any of the numerous events that are planned during October under the Arts and Humanities Daze umbrella. In that way, you could experience first hand, the wealth of arts that are available to our citizens. Consultant Alf Nucifora has told us that we need to strengthen cultural tourism and the promotion of the arts. We think Arts and Humanities Daze is an excellent vehicle to accomplish those goals. It is also an excellent example of what can be accomplished with a positive public/ private partnership.

The Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council has a \$40,000 matching grant from the Forrest C. Lattner Foundation to use to establish the 2001 Arts and Humanities Daze. The City of Wichita has committed \$25,000 toward the grant match. I'm here to ask the Sedgwick County Commission to add your support in the amount of \$15,000 to the 2001 Arts and Humanities Daze so

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that we can reach the final goal of matching the Lattner Grant and thereby develop the Arts and Humanities Daze into the first-rate cultural attraction that citizens of Sedgwick County deserve. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. I would be glad to answer any questions that you might have.”

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you. Trying to think back. We talked about this a few weeks ago and it is my understanding that somehow we're going to involve all 20 communities of the County in some way with this Arts and Humanities, and I was just curious if you have given some thought as to how we're going to involve them?"

**Mr. Miller** said, "I don't know that we have any definite plans at this point because we don't know for sure what Arts organizations there are in some of the outlying communities but we do intend to contact them and to work with each of the communities in whatever way we can. Obviously, our promotion will cover the entire County, so that County residents will be able to participate in any of the events that we have planned for the month."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Okay. And it says here the following organizations have already committed time and support, I don't see the Kansas African American Museum on here. Are we working to perhaps get them a part of this?"

**Mr. Miller** said, "Yes, we are."

**Chair McGinn** said, "All right."

**Mr. Miller** said, "It is an ongoing process, so the list you have may not be up to date, but we're still working with as many organizations as we can identify trying to bring other events under the umbrella of the Arts and Humanities Daze."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Thanks. I'm on the Arts and Humanities Council, as is Doug Russell with the County and I think we're very supportive of this. Obviously for 2002 we put some money in there. This is the first year of the event and because of the matching funds I think it is very important that we help get this off the ground this year, so that our money will be well spent for the next year. I'm very, very supportive of this. I know Charla Sanderson is here today and she is with Arts and Humanities Council, too and John D'Angelo is here with City Arts and could probably

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answer some more detailed questions if we need to, but I think this will become a very large signature event for the City. In the arts community, I would hope it would become like the River Festival. It would become that big and would showcase, hopefully, the whole County and arts organizations out of the small towns would be available to come forward, too.”

**Chair McGinn** said, "I see that what we're adding and what the City is adding is a supplemental to the Lattner Foundation.”

**Mr. Miller** said, “The Lattner Foundation is a matching grant.”

**Chair McGinn** said, "Is that one grant or do we get one for each year? How does that work?”

**Mr. Miller** said, “At this point, we just have a grant from the Lattner Foundation for this year. Obviously, we'll approach them again but no guarantees on that.”

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino. Thank you very much.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I think I could support this project. I know we don't have any money in the budget for it and I was curious as to why it was taken out of the budget. We used to fund it but we didn't in 2001.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I think I can answer part of that. The Arts and Humanities Council I don't think was in our 2001 budget. There is not money in there. If I remember back correctly, back to August of 2000, we were putting our budget together and I even had some last minute conversations with Doug Russell and there was some question about what they were going to be doing. I think we left it at the agreement then is if there becomes a specific project that you are going to work on that you want our assistance, come back to us. The thought process was, a year ago, that well if we don't know exactly what they are going to do or we don't know what the program is we're not going to have them in the budget and so they weren't. So, there wasn't really a formal commitment made but at least I'm one Commissioner that said to Doug, you get something that is on the planning table, you're going to do this project, you're going to do 'x', come back with it and I'll sure be supportive of trying to do something. They weren't in this year's budget but this is a specific project to me that looks like it is going to be exciting and fun and a lot of activity associated around it. So, I'm going to be supportive of this and I think it looks like a good project.”

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "That answered my question."

**Chair McGinn** said, "We did drop off around \$10,000 for the Arts Council for next year. So, this is substituting that."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "This is for this year and not for 2002."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I assume the same idea is for 2002, we've got it in the budget, but show us what it will be used for."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "This October festival will be ongoing project, is that not right or is it to be determined?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think the board really wants this to become a signature event that will be ongoing. It will be like the River Festival kind of event showcasing hopefully and we've really pushed, to showcase Sedgwick County, not just some inner city arts things but everything within the County to make this a regional event. I think it can be done. We have a wealth of art and humanity kinds of organizations and this umbrella organization will hopefully pull them all together. I think, systemically, we'd like to even do events out in the small towns where we can and we're working on that now, trying to get all of them involved in it. I think you can feel comfortable with Doug and I both on the board that we will . . ."

**Chair McGinn** said, "I don't know about that but we can maybe approve it, if you don't keep pushing it."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "You can see that there's a distance between us here. Thanks for your support, Carolyn."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I echo what the Chair just said, when you say Wichita/Sedgwick County and then it turns out to be just a Wichita event. We've got our name there but a lot of the other communities feel that where's the involvement in the other areas of Sedgwick County besides Wichita. So I would encourage the board to really look at ways that you could include Haysville and Sedgwick and Derby, just to try to get involvement in some of the other communities, so it is more of a County wide effort. I'm going to be very supportive of this."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you for your extra input. Appreciate that and Tom. If there aren't any

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other questions or comments . . .”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the proposal and authorize funding of \$15,000.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you very much for being here today. Next item."

**F. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING FOR TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Paul Jasinski**, Director of Development, Breakthrough Club, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to present to you our proposal to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing for tenant-based rental assistance. First of all, the proposal is to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. They are administering federal dollars that will be flowing to communities based on the application process and we're asking for \$300,000 in tenant-based rental assistance vouchers that we would be administering over a two year period. This program is a collaboration between Breakthrough Club, who will be acting as the lead agency, COMCARE of Sedgwick County's homeless program and the Sedgwick County Housing Authority. Both Breakthrough Club and Sedgwick County's homeless program have prior experience with T.B.R.A. As a matter of fact, Breakthrough Club is currently in the second year of a \$100,000 T.B.R.A. grant

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that is going very well and we're currently assisting about 23 families in meeting their housing needs.

The population to be served with tenant-based rental assistance is primarily people of low income. When you think of safe and affordable housing, I think it is something that typically we take for granted. However, for people who are of low resources, it is something that is very difficult to find and tenant-based rental assistance is there to help kind of bridge that gap. One specific to the proposal that Breakthrough Club is putting forth is to help people who have a severe and persistent mental illness and also meet that income qualification. We're also anticipating, during the course of the grant, that we'll be helping roughly 100 families.

The way the process works is, after we get the announcement from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing that we have the tenant-based rental assistance grant, we need to start spreading the word and make a community announcement. We anticipate doing that through the media, as well as through some of the other homeless coalition and other agencies that serve people who have a mental illness, and also people who are struggling to find safe and affordable housing. At that point, we begin to accept applications from the community and then rank-order those and start looking at who fits the qualifications, verifying that and getting them set up in apartments.

As far as the need for rental assistance, I have a couple of statistics that come to me from a publication called Opening Doors. The first one is that in the year 2000 there is not one single housing marketing in the United States where a person with a disability receiving social security disability income could afford to rent even a modest efficiency or one bedroom apartment. The other statistic that came up in our research is a comparison of the increase or the growth in S.S.I. monthly payments between 1998 and 2000 versus the growth in the cost of a one-bedroom fair market rent during that same period. In the State of Kansas, we saw a 3.6% increase in S.S.I. benefits and at the same time, housing grew by 11.4%.

Since this is a collaboration, I thought it might be helpful to look at what the responsibilities will be through the project. First of all, Breakthrough Club, our executive director will be serving as the overall kind of the buck stops here person for the project. Our housing director will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of Breakthrough Club's portion of the project. That is the person who receives the applications, is rank-ordering them. Our director of finance is responsible for writing monthly reports to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing on how much assistance goes to which families and ultimately which landlords are getting how much money. COMCARE's homeless program, the program director is responsible for overseeing that portion as

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well, on a monthly basis. They will be monitoring the reports and their housing specialist is responsible for the day-to-day operations. The Sedgwick County Housing Authority has graciously agreed to provide housing quality inspections in the County.

At this point, I'd like to ask for your approval of our application to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing and indicate your approval by signing the applications. I'm also prepared to accept any questions at this time."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Could you go back to the previous slide. Kristi, stay there for a moment and go back one more and I want to talk about this one. The qualifications up there where populations served, do they have to have both one and two? They have to be persons of severe and persistent mental illness and also low income?"

**Mr. Jasinski** said, "Yes, but if I could ask you to envision an inverted pyramid for a moment and at the point that, through housing vouchers and programs we've assisted everybody who meets both one and two. Then we would go on to just persons who are of low income. But, with our current grant, we have about \$100,000 in housing vouchers over a two year period and I'm a little foggy on the numbers. I think we had around 250 applications and were able to assist about 22 families. I'm reluctant to think that we would get beyond one and two."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'm a little confused. Is our primary goal to serve low incomes individuals that have a mental illness and then once was satiate that market we go down to just low income?"

**Mr. Jasinski** said, "That's correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Now to the next slide. Who directs, like you had \$300,000, which of those three entities, are they each going to get \$100,000? Who directs where the money goes, assuming we get the grant?"

**Mr. Jasinski** said, "The grant, the way it is written, is the Breakthrough Club would have \$200,000

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to administer and COMCARE's homeless program would have \$100,000 to administer and the Sedgwick County Housing Authority is acting kind of as an advisor, also helping us with maybe some names of folks who might be able to apply for the program."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And then, if I did my math right, it is roughly about \$250 a month and you said you hope to serve 100 families. Do you anticipate . . . I'm sensing that we probably have more than 100 families that are low income with some individuals with persistent mental health, do you really feel it is realistic that we can get to just low income families?"

**Mr. Jasinski** said, "No, I think we're going to be dealing all with low income families who have a mental illness."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Great. Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "This is for how many years? One year?"

**Mr. Jasinski** said, "A two year program."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What happens to those folks that we've given them assistance to for two years, is there a chance to re-up this? One of my concerns is that people with low income, mental health problems are going to get into this and that is the only way they'll have assistance and then in two years the money falls away and they're right back where they started, unless there are some mechanisms to continue to assist them."

**Mr. Jasinski** said, "There are a couple of answers to that. Number one is we will most likely, I would say almost definitely, be applying for this, as it comes available again in the future. But part of the way we envision this is sort of as a stop gap, I don't know if that is the right way to do this, there is a long waiting list for assistance in the form of Section 8 assistance. The waiting list is beyond two years, but this could be something to help somebody while they are on a Section 8 waiting list or assistance through another program. Part of what we envision is that we would be helping them apply for other programs and also it would be our hope that maybe some of those families would have an income that would rise through vocational support and things of that nature where they would not qualify for the vouchers at that point."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I just think it has to be hooked in with other things like job training or whatever or they're going to end up right back in the same thing. It is like giving a guy a fish or teaching him to fish. I want to be sure we have a mechanism there. That's all I have."

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Thanks.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Just a follow-up to Commissioner Norton. Since this is all we know for sure is if we get the grant it is for two years, I assume \$300,000 a year for two years.”

**Mr. Jasinski** said, “No, it is \$150,000 a year.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “That makes my figures down to \$125 as opposed to \$250 a month. Are these people that become recipients clearly understanding that the only commitment from us is a two-year commitment. No question about that they’re going to assume this ad infinitum. That they know that the only thing we can guarantee is two years?”

**Mr. Jasinski** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay. Thank you.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “All right, are there any other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Application 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	Absent
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.”

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

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

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have been insistent upon making sure that we don’t create positions that we don’t need and making sure that we don’t fill positions that aren’t necessary. We’ve taken a look at this position and, through the works of Andy Schlapp with the Health Department, have found another way in which we can provide this service without creating the position. I would like to table this indefinitely.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to table the item indefinitely.

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, “Next item.”

**H. CASE NUMBER CON2001-00028 – CONDITIONAL USE FOR A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY, LOCATED NORTH OF 101<sup>ST</sup> STREET NORTH AND WEST OF BROADWAY.**

**Mr. Marvin Krout**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD), greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m happy to report to you that this item has been withdrawn. There are a few Boy Scouts who are here hoping they would see some people throwing things at each other, like a typical zoning hearing, that Dona Goltry from our staff has brought. This is the case where we had a tower fairly close and in view of the picture window at Broadway and 101<sup>st</sup> Street. The applicant, Verizon, now feels that Western Wireless may be more flexible in dealing with them on alternative locations, so they’ve withdrawn the case. We expect them to refile at a different

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location, so no action is necessary on this item.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “They are going to, though, continue to look on the same piece of property some place else?”

**Mr. Krout** said, “Most likely on this same piece of property, some place that is less visible.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “So they are, basically, starting the whole process over, is that right?”

**Mr. Krout** said, “They haven’t filed a new application yet with us.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “We don’t need to take action, is that correct?”

**Mr. Krout** said, “No action is necessary. We just didn’t learn about this until after the agenda was put together.”

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, said, “The application has been withdrawn so it is sufficient to allow the Minutes to show that no action is necessary and you can proceed to the next item.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Okay, thank you. Before we proceed to the next item, I would like to have the Boy Scouts introduce themselves and let them know that you are here though to hear Marvin’s monthly report.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Hope you had some coffee before you got here.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Donna, why don’t you come up here with them and tell us what the gentlemen are doing.”

**Ms. Dona Goltry**, Principal Planner, Current Plans Division, MAPD, said, “These three gentlemen are with Troop 506, which is based at Plymouth Congregational Church. They’re working on their Citizenship in the Community badge requirements. They are requested to attend a public meeting and observe it. I was insistent that doing it over the TV is not the same as being here in person.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Are they writing a critique of any kind?”

**Ms. Goltry** said, “Actually, what they have to do after this is they have to review the budget of the agency that they observed and be able to review the budget and make some comments.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'd like that feedback."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Introduce yourself and just share where you're from."

**Mr. Alex Clayton**, Boy Scout, said, "I'm going to Southeast next year."

**Mr. Brandon Green**, Boy Scout, said, "I'm going to Robinson Middle School this year."

**Mr. Nathan Parker**, Boy Scout, said, "I'm going to Robinson Middle School."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Glad you're here today."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Welcome. Give us some feedback on that budget. We can use all the help we can get."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Wichita hasn't started school yet has it. Darn, you even had to take a day off to do this."

**Ms. Goltry** said, "That was another reason to come today, they have to start school on Monday."

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

### **I. MAPD MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Krout** said, "Well, I don't think I can make up for the zoning case. I'll let you know that we had a record month in July for filing of applications. The economy must still be good in many ways here in Sedgwick County because we had 85 plans that were filed for review of one kind or another.

We're on a record pace this year again compared to last year. We had several other towers that were considered, recently, along with the tower that was just withdrawn here at the Commission. That includes a tower that was approved by the Planning Commission out west of Wichita around 21<sup>st</sup> and 151<sup>st</sup> Street West. There was no opposition to that and it was approved. There was another tower that was in the northeast part of the County, around 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 127<sup>th</sup> Street. That applicant also seemed to have pick an area that was closest to the most residents within a four mile radius and so he ran into quite a bit of opposition at the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission denied his request and rather than appeal on to the Commission, he decided to withdraw and they'll be looking for another site that is a better location in that general vicinity.

In July, the County Commission and the City Council both approved the final version of the zoning

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amendments that went through the process. We have also, in the past month, drafted a subdivision amendments, so we're looking on the other side of the regulations, the subdivision regulations. Included in that draft are the suggestions that came out of the advisory committee on the Comprehensive Plan about looking at rural lots in terms of what were called bundling and clustering concepts. We'll have some discussion on that with the subdivision committee over the next couple of months.

In the Land Use Division, we have developed a package for the Planning Commission's annual required review of the comprehensive plan. They'll be looking at that next week. We also have begun developing and distributing information on the available 2000 census figures. I think the County Commission received a supplement on that about the demographics in County Commission districts.

In Transportation, access management, I know that you had a workshop on access management. We had a session with two half-day workshops, very intensive workshops, with the representatives of the development community to go over that in detail. As a result, we'll be bringing a revised draft back to the committee who have been reviewing those guidelines. Also, we have a contract approved with a local engineering firm who is going to help look at the east line of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that's in the east part of the City and the County, between 21<sup>st</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, with the idea of looking at options for various public uses for that rail corridor which is expected to be abandoned in the next several months. I'll try to answer any questions you have."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you. I don't see any questions for Marvin today. If there aren't any questions for Marvin, what's the will of the Board?"

### MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

**J. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF FOUR TORNADO WARNING SIRENS TO THE CITY OF DERBY, KANSAS.**

**Mr. Randy Duncan**, Director, Emergency Management Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we're here to sell some outdoor warning devices to the City of Derby. The reason that is to our advantage to do that is the City of Derby has requested to take ownership of those and in addition to that they will also assume the operation and maintenance costs of those four which will allow us to redirect some of our own budget into the remaining outdoor warning devices that we have within the County. I understand that in order to do that we have to pass the resolution that I have provided as part of a package through the County Counselor's Office. If you have any questions regarding this, I'll be happy to try and answer them."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Randy, have we done this in the past with other communities?"

**Mr. Duncan** said, "We've not done this in the three years that I've been here but I understand it has happened previous to that."

**Chair McGinn** said, "We have in the same manner? It looks like a pretty inexpensive siren."

**Mr. Duncan** said, "Well, we would actually love to give them to them but I understand the law prevents us from doing that and we have to sell it to them. So, they are willing to buy for the token amount of \$1.00. As I said before, the advantage to that is we get rid of the O & M budget associated with those four warning devices."

**Chair McGinn** said, "When they don't go off and they're supposed to, are we responsible any more?"

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**Mr. Duncan** said, "I think the answer to that is the City of Derby sounds their own outdoor warning system. Typically, they do it in conjunction with us and at our advice and recommendation. I think the answer to that is we would collectively work on that, just as we always have, but we're not assuming any additional liability over what we already had with those in place. We already have a system where if there is a problem, for example a failure of an outdoor warning device to activate within Derby or wherever, if we get that, we provide that information back to the City and they perform their own maintenance on those outdoor warning devices that they own."

**Chair McGinn** said, "So we have other cities that just take our advice as to whether to turn these on or not?"

**Mr. Duncan** said, "Yes, that's correct. For example, the City of Colwich and, matter of fact, most all the outlying communities actually own at least a portion of their own outdoor warning system, as far as ownership is concerned. Typically, when it comes to the activation issue, we work collectively to provide them advice as to when the appropriate time to activate those is."

**Chair McGinn** said, "So do we own any in other communities though?"

**Mr. Duncan** said, "Yes, there are some examples. I don't have all of them right in front of me, but one I can think of right now is the City of Colwich. We own two of the outdoor warning devices that are located within that city at the current time. I think there are a total of five there. The city owns three and we own two. If the city would like to take those over, we'd be happy to consider."

**Chair McGinn** said, "That's where I was going on those others. If the cities want to take them over, they can take over the maintenance and everything and we would not bear the responsibility if they do not go off."

**Mr. Duncan** said, "No more than we do now. There would be no difference from the way it is right now."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Are all of these sirens in the city limits of Derby?"

**Mr. Duncan** said, "Yes sir. There is an attachment which indicates the locations of the sirens. If you'll give me just a moment to flip to the pages, the first outdoor warning device is located at Woodlawn and Market, inside Derby. The second one is located at Lincoln and Kokomo. The third one at English and Westview and the fourth on 100 Red Horse Drive. It is my understanding that

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all of those are inside the city limits of Derby.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “I’m going to supportive if it is your recommendation to do this. I don’t know that I’m clear as to why Derby would want to take over the responsibility if somebody is operating the system. If it is your recommendation, then I’m going to follow that.”

**Mr. Duncan** said, “We’re very pleased that the City of Derby was interested enough to ask us. We’re pleased that the city is willing to take on the operation and maintenance budget because that allows us to stretch our County dollars further.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Okay, thanks.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Would you happen to know what it costs to operate and maintain?”

**Mr. Duncan** said, “I have kind of a rough idea. Basically, every time we send somebody out to check a siren, an outdoor warning device, it costs us about \$100. That varies by the type of outdoor warning device and their age. Interestingly enough, some of the older ones are some of our lower cost ones to operate and maintain. I can get the exact maintenance records for you, I don’t have them right now. Over the course of a year, this is probably going to save us at least a couple of hundred dollars, which is going to allow us to stretch it further in other areas.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “It sounds like, clearly, it’s a benefit to your department and we don’t change any responsibility that we already currently have. Thank you. Are there any other questions for Randy? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

**K. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXPANSION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Mr. Michael D. Pepoon**, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This resolution before you is to amend the resolution back in 1986 in which the Board of County Commissioners established itself as the governing board for Mental Health and established an advisory board. This would expand that advisory board from the current 15 members to 17 members, two at large members would now be appointed to serve a term of two years. These members would still serve at the pleasure of the Board and could be removed at any time, but would have a set two year term as opposed to the three appointments that you currently have that are four year appointments, to correspond with you term."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Well, I know one of the reasons that we are doing this is to try to make sure that we have the stakeholders that we need on here to make good decisions, whether it is at the local level and even at the State level. This is a very important department to us and we know that this area is growing in our community, unfortunately, as people recognize more and more the mental illness and those type of services that are out there for people. Commissioners, are there any questions for Mike on this item? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**L. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED BY SEDGWICK COUNTY IN 2002.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the time of year when we ask the Commissioners to set the holidays for the ensuing year to allow for planning by County departments and the courts. We have prepared a resolution to recognize ten holidays. These are the same that would be recognized by the State and federal government and I recommend the Resolution for your approval."

**Chair McGinn** said, "These are the same holidays that we took for this year. Nothing has changed."

**Mr. Euson** said, "That's correct."

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
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."

**M. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF AND COMMISSIONERS OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR INMATES.**

**Mr. Gary Steed**, Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much for those holidays. I'm going to use all of those. Commissioners, this is a contract with Sheriff Bundy in Rice County to house inmates from Sedgwick County in Rice County, in the amount of \$33.50 per day, per inmate. It also includes Sheriff Bundy and his deputies making a trip to transport inmates to Sedgwick County once a week, \$50 per trip. That is one of the things that departs from our old contracts with other counties for housing inmates. I'd be happy to entertain any questions that you might have."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thanks, Madam Chair. So the \$33.50 a day includes the occasional transportation?"

**Sheriff Steed** said, "No, they will do one trip per week for us."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "At \$33.50?"

**Sheriff Steed** said, "No, at \$50 per trip."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, why don't we give them all of them? At that rate, why don't we just give them all the prisoners? That's a pretty good rate."

**Sheriff Steed** said, "It is a good rate."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Because they don't want to build more jails."

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**Sheriff Steed** said, "That is on the horizon someday that we're going to build new jails. This is probably a comparable rate for what we keep inmates here in our facility for the Sheriff's budget, not the overall budget that includes the depreciation of the building and utilizes and all of those items. If you just figured the Sheriff's budget it probably is in this particular range of perhaps \$35 to \$40 per day. These inmates that we house out of the County, if there is a medical problem or they were to require medication or a hospital trip or something like that, that would be in addition to the \$33.50. If you were to add those costs in, probably the costs are roughly about the same to house out of County. It is not as convenient to have inmates in other counties when you have to have them back for court, you have to ship them and transport them and make sure that they're in the right place. It is not the best way of operating but it is a pretty efficient and effective way for us to do it right now."

**Chair McGinn** said, "It looks like a pretty good deal for our County to take care of peak times and that type of thing. Glad you're working with other counties on this type of thing. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Sheriff Steed? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

### MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
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."

**2. AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE – NCCJ KANSAS REGION TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND TRAINING SERVICES RELATED TO DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A DIVERSITY INITIATIVE.**

**Sheriff Steed** said, "Commissioners, this is funding to conduct a study of some of the operations of the Sheriff's Department and conduct a training assessment and establish a training plan to improve the operation and efficiency of the department."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Gary, you are already working on some of the racial profiling things that we're doing in our community. It seems that this would fit right into what you are already doing out there."

**Sheriff Steed** said, "Yes, it does. I think it dovetails nicely. We received a grant also to obtain some software to place on our mobile data terminals in our vehicles and to begin the process of collecting data for racial profiling. Of course, one of the reasons that we do that is to establish a trust in the department within the community. This is very similar to that. It dovetails with that. This is a diversity study, it is not a race diversity, there's all kinds of diversity, old and young and new and such as that. But this dovetails nicely because this is one of the things this is designed to do it to reestablish a trust of employees with the organization and the bureaucracy, not a trust of the Sheriff, but trust of the system within which they work."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Okay. I know you've been taking the lead on this item and it looks like this does fit right in there. Thank you, Gary."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Sheriff Steed. Next item please."

**N. AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYERS UNITY, INC. TO PROVIDE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION.**

**Mr. Phil Rippee**, Risk Manager, Department of Risk Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "With respect to Item N, Employers Unity has represented Sedgwick County as an official agent of record for all unemployment claims filed for prior employees since August of 1987. Their duties consist of protesting contestable claims, appealing unfavorable determinations, and representing Sedgwick County at hearings, through the services of a duly licensed attorney. In addition, they annually determine the most cost-effective method of financing unemployment coverage. During the 1998 to 1999 period, they removed the liability and saved us approximately \$154,000. From 1999 to 2000 they saved us approximately \$240,000. During 2000 to 2001, they saved us \$293,000. That is a total, in this last contract period, of \$688,000. Basically, the claims that are contestable, about 41% average of claims are contestable, and we have a winning rate of protesting these claims and winning of about 79%. So, they basically do a lot of work for the money they're paid. My recommended action would be to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. I'd be glad to try to answer any questions."

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

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**O. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

- 1. PRESENTATION REGARDING 275 PROJECT, A PROJECT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES DUE TO UNMET PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Steve Bell**, Resource Coordinator/275 Project Coordinator, Comprehensive Community Care Family and Children Community Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for having me here today to be able to talk about our project and give you an update. First of all, I want to mention that the 275 Project is one of three community service intervention projects, in alliance with the Wichita area SRS and collectively we're known as the Children's Alliance Network. We work with the Wichita Children's Home Family Can project, the Kansas Children Service League, Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center project. Primarily, our project works on-site with the Wichita area SRS.

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The 275 Project is specifically a project that is aimed at reducing the total number of children in state custody and our population as the non-abuse, neglect, SED, or seriously emotionally disturbed population. We assist SRS in reducing the number of children entering or returning to State custody due to unmet mental health needs. We provide support for families while assisting them in accessing appropriate mental health services and we help to educate and empower families concerning mental health issues and available resources.

I'll talk a minute about how we built our project to be able to do those things. First of all, we use field case management. The 275 Project is a community-based program and that is where the real work is done is in the community. It is a real example of COMCARE's efforts to reach out in the community and make access to services more readily available. We felt that co-location was essential to the collaboration and so the 275 Project is co-located with SRS on the third floor of the Finney State Office Building. We have case staffings on a daily basis that are open to our community partners. They can come and they can bring families that are in crisis, children that are in need, discuss them with us and we can get right to work setting up services and supporting those families while we're helping them to access appropriate services within the community. We also collaborated with the City of Wichita Department of Parks and Recreation and we provide family education classes on various topics concerning mental health issues and, following that, we have parent support groups where they can share their experiences and resources with each other. These are held weekly at the Aley Stanley Community Center.

As you can see from this slide showing our sources of referral, primarily our referral source is the Wichita Area SRS. Then you'll notice that next is the United Methodist Youthville. Another unique aspect of what we do is, and I had mentioned that our project was aimed at preventing children from entering into custody but also in preventing them from returning into State custody. How we do that is we work hand in hand with United Methodist Youthville. Whenever youth are in the process of being reunified back into the community, we work with them towards setting up a comprehensive plan that will make them successful on their return.

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We started this project, actually on October 30<sup>th</sup> of 2000, we were notified that we were to begin the project. We received our first referral December 15<sup>th</sup> of 2000. Obviously, it took a while because this involved setting up an actual satellite location of Family and Children's Community Services at the Finney State Office Building. That took some time getting fully operational. I'm happy to report that we have been fully operational for some time. We were fully staffed as of January 26<sup>th</sup> of 2001. During this period of time, we've served 135 children in our community and, of those 135 children that we've served, only five of them have had to enter into state custody. One comment I'd like to make about that is that whenever you are meeting the needs of 135 children who come in with serious emotional disturbance, obviously some of them had a need for a higher level of care than what we could provide with community-based services. So, we like to think of those as successes as well, in helping them to access the services that best meet their needs.

Our present and future; our contract actually expired July 31<sup>st</sup> of 2001, but it was extended by SRS until October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2001. Renewal is anticipated and we plan on continuing to serve the community. We think we have a great thing going here. We think this is a real resource for the citizens of Sedgwick County and we plan to continue doing what we are doing. Again, our office location and phone number and I'd be glad to answer any questions that you might have."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Steve. That is a great report. A couple of questions. When you say State custody, what does that mean if a child needs to be in State custody? Where is that and what is that?"

**Mr. Bell** said, "Specifically, youth entering into the foster care system because of mental health needs, because of unmet mental health needs and the inability to be able to access those services. Many times these crisis come on and a child will enter into custody because they don't have the support readily available and so our project is aimed at putting immediate support into place, while helping the families access resources in the community, whether that is Family and Children's Community Services or other providers."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "But it could be some kind of foster care home or foster parents?"

**Mr. Bell** said, "Yes sir, but that involves going into State custody in order to access that."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I guess where I'm headed, as we continue to hear in the news and

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we know of the tremendous foster care problem we have around the State with the number of these agencies being in severe financial problems, this program, on your last slide there was a potential of 135 children that would have needed some kind of State custody and through your program only five of those children ended up in a State custody situation. I think that is pretty remarkable. The only other question I had then was the population that you are dealing with are for the non-abused but the realm of those involved with mental health issues. What percentage of the population are you dealing with of the total foster care continuum? If you've got this target group that you're working with, what percentage of that is that of total foster care? Do you have any idea?"

**Mr. Bell** said, "I don't have those specific figures. I do know that the three community service intervention projects are aimed primarily, one the, K.C.S.L., JIAC is aimed at intakes into the juvenile intake and assessment center, the Wichita Children's Home Families Can Project is aimed at intakes coming into the Wichita Children's Home, then we specifically address children with mental health needs."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Do you think it would be like 10% of the total children that need some kind of State custody or 50%, do you have any idea?"

**Mr. Bell** said, "I don't have those figures with me today but I would be glad to get them for you."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I'd be interested in seeing that. I think this looks like a great program. Thank you."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm going to have one particular constituent call me, I just know, so I have to have the answer to this. How did we get to the name, 275 Project?"

**Mr. Bell** said, "On the original request for proposal it was hoped by SRS that they could reduce the total number of children entering into State custody by 275 per month. This is not just with our project but with all of their efforts. Because of that, somehow we took on that name."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Have they accomplished their goal?"

**Mr. Bell** said, "The last statistics that they reported, I don't know if they've met those specific numbers but they have said that it is making a difference and they have seen a reduction over

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previous years.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Steve, you gave this presentation last week to our legislature I believe and I was just curious if they had any questions or comments and how did it go?”

**Mr. Bell** said, “I thought that it went very well. I think they felt that the services that we’re providing here in Sedgwick County were very progressive. To me, the feedback was very good.”

**Chair McGinn** said, “Thank you, Steve. Are there any other questions for Steve?”

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

- 2. CONSENT FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SENIOR COMPANION CONTRACT WITH RIVERSIDE HEALTH SYSTEM, INC. TO VIA CHRISTI RIVERSIDE MEDICAL CENTER, INC.**

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**Ms. Annette Graham**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I bring before you today a consent for the assignment for the Department on Aging mill levy senior companion program. The Board has previously entered into a contract with Riverside Health System, Incorporated, to provide services to eligible clients under the Senior Companion that is funded and has previously been approved under the funding for the mill levy program. This contract requires written consent from the Board before Riverside can assign its rights and obligations to another provider. Via Christi has acquired the assets of Riverside and has requested that the Board consent to the assignment of Riverside contract to Via Christi and their change will be in effect on October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. I would request that you approve the assignment and authorize the Chair to sign.”

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

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to approve the Consent for Assignment 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

**3. TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY  
GRANT ADMINISTRATION STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2001 BUDGETS.**

**Mr. Mark Masterson**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said,

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“The department is responsible to administer the Juvenile Justice grant budgets for our local program. Two new programs which started during the last quarter of State fiscal year 2001 require technical adjustments to the original grant to meet State requirements. The adjustments don’t change the funded amounts approved for either program and the State approves of these changes. Specifically, I’m asking you to approve shifts between line items of \$32,117 to the Parent Training program budget and \$33,008 to the Functional Family Therapy program budget. The details are provided in the backup documents for each line item. Be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chair McGinn** said, "Okay. Are there any questions for Mark on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the technical adjustments.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**P. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Dr. Charles Magruder M.D.**, Director, Community Health Department, greeted the

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Commissioners and said, "Just to give you an update on some of our recent activities, we did participate in a district advisory board orientation. It may be a little bit difficult to see there, but we did have one of our staff members there. They are going to be moving to California soon, as you can see, to begin their modeling career. Wanted to also mention something to you about our S.T.D. family planning campaign. The State gave us some additional funding with the purpose of getting out and letting people know more about the kind of services we provide. One of the things we did with that was we did some advertising. One of the things that we found was quite successful was putting what you see up on the right there on movie screens. Just to let you know, we have gotten a tremendous response from people in the community calling up and saying 'I've seen that, I wasn't aware that was provided there at the Health Department' and calling up to make appointments. It has been very successful. We've also been successful in having our advertisements on the radio as well."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "What does that mean, Doctor, 'better safe than sorry'? What type of confidential testing are you doing?"

**Dr. Magruder** said, "This is related to sexually transmitted diseases which does include HIV infection, as well, and of course family planning ties into that to a certain respect in terms of sexually transmitted diseases. Of course family planning is just a normal routine part of health care as well."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I don't understand, in family planning what does that mean, 'safe than sorry' in family planning?"

**Dr. Magruder** said, "Well, better safe than sorry would be more inclined towards those individuals who are looking for a place to receive potential treatment for a sexually transmitted disease."

In terms of program updates, wanted to let you know also about a TB drug resistant case that we had recently. As a result of some of our outreach efforts and our collaboration with the University of Kansas Medical Center, we were able to take this individual, provide treatment locally, and this is saving tax payers \$1,500 a day that would have been charged had we had to send them to the special hospital facility in Denver.

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In terms of what is happening with the Metropolitan Medical Response System, again as I've stated to you in the past, this is what we are doing in Sedgwick County to address and develop a mechanism for dealing with weapons of mass destruction, which includes biological weapons and chemical weapons.

Just wanted to mention to you, when Secretary Graber gave a presentation to the Kansas Legislature and talked about the needs of public health, he specifically mentioned the MMRS project here in Wichita, Sedgwick County. The Medical Society has also initiated a process to establish a special committee to deal with this issue that will work in conjunction with our MMRS process. Our deliverables are going in and being accepted and this is something unique about this particular program. They don't immediately give you the money right off the bat. What happens is you actually have to show progress that documents capabilities before they give you the funding. We've been very successful in that regard from Health and Human Services.

Our chair of our hospital committee was selected to participate in special medical training at the National Nobel Training Center and another member of our group has been asked to go give a presentation at a W.M.D. hospital conference in Orlando, Florida. I might also mention there are two specific items that the federal government has taken notice of in the deliverables that we've provided. One of them involves a communication proposal that we've developed between the E.O.C. and the local hospitals. They were very excited about that and ask us to spend a lot of time and energy in getting that developed. In addition, they've also taken note of our health surveillance effort. We've been successful, in conjunction with considerable support from K.D.H.E. and the Kansas Health Institute, in acquiring some additional grants to help support that process.

In terms of the nurse family partnership, just make you aware of some of the things that occur on a daily basis, our staff being able to go out there, interact with women, and get in the homes, have helped to obtain benefits for people that have previously not been able to get through the system. Recently, you may have noted that CBS presented a story and they focused on the initial nurse family partnership program that took place in Elmira, New York. Dr. Olds himself was interviewed and outlined a number of positive measurable outcomes after 15 years. One of the things that I found most interesting about that presentation is that one of the nurses who is currently working in the program in Elmira, New York, was actually one of the initial clients in the initial research effort.

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Her son has gone on to do a lot of wonderful things.

In terms of collaborative efforts, as we mentioned briefly last time, our Health Department did go to Reno County and we did assist in a Hepatitis A outbreak. Our van went up there with numerous staff that we have and we administered immune globulin to those at risk of developing Hepatitis A. We got a note from Reno County stating that they were very thankful and indicating we were instrumental in their ability to get these immunizations provided to people in a timely manner. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Are there any questions for Dr. Magruder?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Q. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The report is on July of this year. This is normally the time of year that traditionally we slow down a little bit. We have less events. But it is a good thing because it gives us a chance to get things painted and get things cleaned up. We've just steam cleaned the entire building, got all the seats and all the retractable bleachers cleaned up to get ready for our upcoming season which usually starts in the

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middle of September. We're currently remodeling two concession stands to get ready. It gives us a chance to get ready to go.

It's been an interesting month in July. We had 10,875 people attend six events and eight individual performances, net revenues were \$26,000. The events were very interesting because we did something really unique that we haven't done before. We presented the X Games, the extreme sports. That entailed building a mountain of dirt out in the parking lot. You can get an idea, that somebody standing on top of that mountain of dirt of how high these motorcycle riders actually jumped. As you can see, they actually leave the bike, had over a hundred jumps with the stunts and the tricks that these guys are doing. We didn't have one wipe out. That attests to the skills of the kids that ride these bikes. The crowd was amazing. Don't try this at home, folks. Everybody that was there really had a good time with it. It was a great show. Something a little unusual, something a little different, we had a lot of fun with it. Even in my younger crazy, younger days I don't think I would have attempted anything like that. I gave my mother enough gray hair. I thought that was a very interesting shot. They traveled with a portable stage, which I thought was kind of interesting. It is very easy to come up to the side of their trucks, just unfold everything and you've got a portable band concert. It worked out real well.

Had the Pride of the Prairie Pinto Show and these were absolutely gorgeous animals, just a really nice horse show. In the sport zone, the Stealth finished out their season. They ended seven in nine on the season which is not bad for an expansion team. We look for some big things next year. On the front, Johnny Unitas, the old Baltimore Colts quarterback bought a team and he's going to play it in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania this year. Jerry Jones, the Cowboys, is looking at six different markets in Texas for AF II teams. The league is really expanding. We're looking for some really good things. The NFL is going to exercise their option and purchase 49% of the league. So we've got some well heeled people, some really good folks with a lot of football experience. I look for some good things out of this team and this league.

Things coming up, we've got wrestling this coming Friday. We're looking at probably 8,000 people. WWF hasn't been in here for a couple of years. It's a really good turn out for that event. Hopefully we'll be able to secure a TV event before too long. Saturday we go on sale with what is traditionally the biggest family show of the year. It's the circus. This year, we're the producer. We're going to try something a little bit differently. The family show is going to be bilingual; it is going to be English and Spanish. We're recognizing the fact that that is what we feel is an underserved segment of the market. It just so happens that one of the performers in the circus owns the circus that goes through Mexico. He is a Mexican National. He's the ringmaster. So we're going to have an English ringmaster and a Spanish ringmaster. I think it is going to be interesting.

Industry trends, I think we're finally starting to see nationally some resistance to price when it

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comes to concert tickets. Concert tickets now are about \$45 on the average, nationally. We're averaging this year \$31 here. Through the first quarter, the concert business was off 45% over the previous year, nationwide. That's pretty significant. The top ten events last year all grossed an excess of \$8,000,000 each. This year, the top ten, only two had grosser over \$8,000,000. While we get affected and we trend along with the national a little bit, we're not affected that bad. Our business is only down about 11%, but it is down a little bit, just to let you know. So, far this year though we are actually ahead on revenue of where we were last year at this time. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "John, you just said something that sparked my interest. We're down on events. What did you do to get us up in revenue?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "It really has to do with the blend of events. We've been pretty fortunate with the concerts we've had so far this year. Although we have lagged a little bit behind what we did at this point last year. We've also done some things like the premium customer helps out a lot. We did the show the beginning of August, which will be included in the next report, the Three Doors Down Concert we did the Rocker's Room again and those folks came in and spent an extra \$17 above and beyond what everybody else sold, a head. We're doing it this Friday for wrestling. We're going to have a premium customer room for the wrestlers. Big response on that from KRZZ. That's going to work out real well. We've got to continue to look at those kinds of things to get that extra revenue because there are less shows out there and the attendance is going down so we're going to try to squeeze as much as we can out of what we've got. If you give the people the value and if they see the value in what the offering is, they have no problem in spending the money."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "What percentage of our total revenue that we get out there comes from the Pavillion area, the horse shows, dog shows?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "About 40%."

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

**Chair McGinn** said, "John, this may not be related, but when you talked about the concert tickets peaking out or whatever, you've given us the number before, but what percent of the concerts that are out there we can't handle because of our size? It is a very small percent isn't it?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "It is an extremely small percent. Our average attendance at concerts this year has

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been only 5,500 people, and 70% of the events in this community are under 5,000 and that is not only us, that is WSU and Century II also. We're a 5,000 attended event market."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Some of those higher ticket prices would be those few events that we don't even capture anyway, wouldn't it be?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Well, probably, the Madonna tour, \$250 tickets. Eric Clapton, it was \$75. One of the curious things, Clapton is a superstar, but he did not sell out in many markets. There is even some resistance to that."

**Chair McGinn** said, "I guess that is why I was trying to come back to, we weren't hurt as bad because we're not trying to capture that high dollar."

**Mr. Nath** said, "No. We don't have the call on all the ticket prices. Generally the promoter that brings in the show has that call because they have the investment in the event. They recognize that we're an iffy market in a lot of instances and they'd rather have a little bit of something than a whole lot of nothing. So they price their tickets accordingly."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Are we missing events because we don't have enough seating capacity?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "I don't think so. I think we're missing events because of the size of our market and the potential number of ticket buyers that buy those tickets. Those events we're not going to get until we get bigger. Bigger population. They have to have the customer to buy the product."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you. Any other questions for John? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

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

- R. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH KING CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECTS 616-16-659, BRIDGE ON 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH BETWEEN 151<sup>ST</sup> AND 167<sup>TH</sup> STREETS WEST, CIP# B-329; AND 789-V-2518, BRIDGE ON 247<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST BETWEEN 71<sup>ST</sup> AND 79<sup>TH</sup> STREETS SOUTH, CIP# B-347. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. David Spears**, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item R is a modification of plans and construction involving two bridge projects and one contract with King Construction. The first bridge is located on 13<sup>th</sup> Street North, between 151<sup>st</sup> and 167<sup>th</sup> Streets West, designated as B-329 in the Capital Improvement Program. The second is located on 247<sup>th</sup> Street West, between 71<sup>st</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> Streets South, designated as B-347 in the Capital Improvement Program. These projects have been constructed and are ready to be finalized. There will be an overall net decrease of \$7,958.37 on the two bridges combined, due to variations in planning quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chair to sign."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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

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

**S. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2001.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items are being presented today for approval from the Board of Bids and Contracts regular meeting of August 16, 2001.

**(1) HOME INVESTMENT & PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – HOUSING  
FUNDING: HOME FUNDS**

Item one, home investment and partnership program for Housing. Recommend the only proposal received from South Central Kansas Economic Development District for contractual services for \$135,000.

**(2) IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM – SHERIFF PATROL  
FUNDING: SHERIFF PATROL**

Item two, in-car video system for the Sheriff's Department. Accept the sole source bid of Kustom Signals for \$11,372.

**(3) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR CISCO EQUIPMENT – COURT TRUSTEE  
FUNDING: COURT TRUSTEE**

Item three, maintenance agreement for Cisco Equipment for the District Court. Accept the sole bid of Southwestern Bell/SBC for \$20,832.75.

**(4) REMODEL 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR COURTHOUSE (PAY STATION) – FACILITY PROJECTS  
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Item four, remodel of the first floor pay station for Facilities Projects. Accept the low bid of VanAsdale for \$311,900.

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**(5) FOOD SERVICE – DIVISION OF INFORMATION/OPERATIONS  
FUNDING: VARIOUS**

Item five, food service for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the proposal of Wichita Canteen for food service for an estimated yearly total of \$1,865,656 for the first two years.

**(6) TECHNICAL TRAINING CLASSES – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS  
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

Item six, technical training classes for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend Option 3 of the quotes from Themis, Inc. for training courses totaling \$12,810. If there are no questions, I'd recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Iris, on Item 6, what was the total? I'm looking here, Option 3 was \$6,210 and you said it was \$12,000?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "There are two classes. On the next page is a second class for \$6,600, so the total is \$12,810."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**T.     CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1.     One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County project No. 833-AA, BB, CC on Rock Road from Derby to Mulvane. CIP# R-243. Districts #2 and #5.**
  
- 2.     Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010127	\$155.00		Management Consultants
V010128	\$315.00	5	Cottage Grove
V010129	\$284.00		Richard Oller
V010130	\$296.00		Olde Rentals
V010120	\$180.00		Arlen Anderson
V010121	\$368.00	5	Springcreek Apartments
V010122	\$290.00		Erma King
V010123	\$257.00	5	Cottage Grove
V010124	\$469.00		Walnut River Apartments
V010125	\$290.00	5	Cottage Grove
V010126	\$284.00		Sunflower Apartments

- 3.     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>
V2079	\$198.00	\$203.00
V8009	\$185.00	\$210.00

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V2053	\$284.00	\$288.00
V20106	\$436.00	\$449.00
V20107	\$405.00	\$405.00
V2076	\$277.00	\$350.00
V20114	\$141.00	\$148.00
V010104	\$433.00	\$600.00
V01050	\$200.00	\$146.00
V01060	\$295.00	\$466.00
V010112	\$106.00	\$143.00
V01065	\$450.00	\$331.00
V2057	\$570.00	\$600.00
V95088	\$550.00	\$414.00
V2089	\$273.00	\$283.00
V2080	\$152.00	\$415.00
V2095	\$435.00	\$435.00
V95118	\$185.00	\$284.00
V94081	\$198.00	\$344.00
V2084	\$330.00	\$330.00
V98004	\$260.00	\$293.00
V2075	\$397.00	\$397.00
V2078	\$355.00	\$396.00
V95119	\$107.00	\$260.00
V2069	\$281.00	\$272.00
V2083	\$360.00	\$400.00
V2096	\$525.00	\$503.00
V2093	\$550.00	\$550.00
V010111	\$506.00	\$554.00
V2092	\$253.00	\$325.00
V2044	\$150.00	\$154.00

- 4. Ratification of authority to file proceedings in mandamus against the Chief Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District (Case No. 01-87532-S in the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas).**
- 5. Contracts (two) with Brandy Farren Dockers and TSS, Inc. to provide Developmental Disability Community Services Provider status.**

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6. **Orders dated August 8 and August 15, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
7. **Authorization per K.S.A. 79-2012 to withhold delinquent personal property taxes under the County Treasurer's certification dated August 15, 2001.**
8. **Payroll Check Registers of August 3, August 15 and August 17, 2001.**
9. **General Bills Check Registers of August 10 and August 17, 2001.**
10. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "I just have one item. I did have a booth at the Mulvane Old Settler's Day on Saturday and we had a large amount of staff to show up and help and I'd like to recognize Marilyn Cook and Bev Bowman with COMCARE, Deanne Kunkle, Jack Kegley, and Randy Duncan with Emergency Management, Dale Wasinger, Dick Gregory, Bob McDaniel, Tony Diaz and Daryl Bogner with the Code Enforcement Division, Rita Rippee, Jerry Franz with the Appraiser's Office, Marty Hanks, Daryl Fox, Katie Leonard with Animal Control and Berker Madina with the Sheriff's Detention area for showing up and helping in the booth and visiting with constituents out in Mulvane. We had a great day. The weather was good. The crowds were big. I think we made an impact and got the word out about Sedgwick County so I'd like to recognize them.

I'd like to invite staff and Commissioners to come to Haysville in the middle of October for Haysville Fall Festival because I'm going to put together a booth. We've already pretty well got it fleshed out and hopefully we'll have even more departments represented to spread the word about what Sedgwick County does and to take government to the people. That's all I had."

**Chair McGinn** said, "Thank you, Tim. At this time I need to recess our meeting."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District Meeting at 10:43 a.m. and returned at 10:46 a.m.**

**Chair McGinn** said, "I will call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Is there any other business to come before the Board?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'm sorry, I made an omission in the names I read and it is very important. Allison Ohlman put everything together and she didn't list her own name on the names she gave me. She is pretty humble. She did a phenomenal job putting together the booth and getting the materials out to Mulvane. I would be remiss if I didn't say that."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Is it a portable booth that can be moved?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I have a canopy that I own. We put a canopy up and we had a table. We served lemonade. We had brochures. We served 30 gallons of lemonade."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Made by the Norton family?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Made by the Norton family. I squeezed the lemons, personally. Every lemon that went in there, I squeezed personally. Actually, it was Country Time Lemonade, but I did squeeze one lemon in each bucket, so I can safely say politically that I squeezed every lemon that went in it."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 11:15 a.m.**

**Chair McGinn** said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. Let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before this Board? Mr. Euson? Mr. Buchanan? The meeting is adjourned."

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Chair  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Chairman Pro Tem  
Fifth District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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