

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

September 19, 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, September 19, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Vice Chair Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Tom Pollan, Emergency Medical Service; Mr. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications Department; Mr. Chris Kautzer, Systems Administration Coordinator, Corrections Department; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Administration, Comprehensive Community Care; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Lisa Clancy, Program Director, District Attorney's Office; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; 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. Jamie Lopez, Volunteer, Director, A.C.T.S. on Truancy.

Ms. Jana Beth Fulcom, Member, Daughters of the American Revolution, Randolph Loving Chapter.

Ms. Wanda Glassburner, Regent of the Round Table, Martha Loving Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ms. Frankie Zonker, Wichita Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. Steve Adams of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Derby.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Adams, for offering pray for us today. Clerk, call the next item please."

ROLL CALL

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 22, 2001
Regular Meeting, August 29, 2001

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Gwin was absent at the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2001 and Chair McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of August 29, 2001.

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2001.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 29, 2001.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT AND CONDEMNING THE COWARDLY ACTIONS OF TERRORISTS.

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, on behalf of supporting our President and our country, I'd like to read this proclamation into the record."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001 our nation was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists; and

WHEREAS, those terrorists killed and injured thousands of Americans, after hijacking and destroyed four commercial aircraft, crashing two of them into the Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and another into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve; and

WHEREAS, these horrific events have affected all Americans, we must stand together, with spirits joined and not lash out or target hate toward any groups in our communities in our moments of anguish; and

WHEREAS, in Sedgwick County, our hearts are broken and we share our grief, grave concern, and indignation that these unspeakable events occurred on our land.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners supports the

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President of the United States and condemns the cowardly actions of these terrorists, with the highest priorities to defend against additional attacks and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners encourages the citizens of Sedgwick County to continue to hold the victims and their families in their thoughts and prayers, and to proudly display our patriotism, as this event will continue to weigh on our hearts and minds forever.

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Before I move on to the next proclamation, I’d just like to make some comments. Last week, we had a press conference and we talked about our Emergency Operating Center that is operated through Sedgwick County. I just want to, again, let our public and citizens know that we have people that are in contact with our community police, our Sheriff patrol, the fire department and the military and so, as information comes in, I just wanted to let our community know that we have somebody on top of that that has constant communication.

The other thing that we talked about was our COMCARE Crisis Center. I’m sure there are going to be folks in our community that knew somebody that lost a life in New York City or at the Pentagon and we’ve already heard stories of how we knew somebody that got out and that type of thing. Those people may need some help, some counseling. Other people may need help and counseling just because of the attack on our nation. And so, I encourage them if they do need help out there to get a hold of our COMCARE group and we can get them some help.

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And then, the other thing I just wanted to say, this last week in watching the news and that type of thing, we talk about heroism and you know, hearing about the plane that went down in Pennsylvania and the stories of how we found out why it went down and these individuals were willing to save other lives and take their own to do that. I watched the firefighters dig through that rubble and I'm sure many of you have been watching the events as they go by and it's just unbelievable how they have to work through that type of rubble and what they're seeing. I think it's something that's just unthinkable to even know what they're seeing. And that takes courage to continue and to go on each day. The EMS workers and the volunteers that are helping out as well. We always talk about heroism as some of the history books that we see and the real heroes are our citizens of this country who get up and get out of bed and go deal with that type of thing. And so, I commend them and, again, our hearts and prayers are with them as this will not be a day-to-day, this is going to be a month-to-month project.

And then, just yesterday, just another example of how our country unites and comes together, I was on my way home, going to the grocery store, and they were out collecting money for this, and it's just inspiring to hear this is going on all over the country and I thought I heard this morning \$250,000,000 was just raised yesterday through this network of media to go to the families and the folks there in New York City and Washington D.C. And I just wanted to share that, because those are perfect examples of who we are here in America and we're going to get through this. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thanks, Madam Chairman. I feel compelled just to say something about the proclamation that we just approved. Even though the T.V. has really covered it, you can't get the real feeling of the devastation when you're only looking two dimensional. My son e-mailed me last night, and he and a couple of his friends went to New York to see it and when you see it with all the dimensions there and see the craters and the smoke, I guess, I guess, is still coming out, like our President said, that was an act of war and I feel, personally, like members of my family have been killed and have been maimed.

And I'm filled with a lot of emotion. I'm filled with what I've been taught about turning the other cheek. I'm filled with what I hope is righteous anger and I want to strike back, but I feel that our government, acting in our behalf, will avenge those brothers and sisters of our that were killed and maimed. Maybe a message to the terrorists are that don't be surprised if we don't exactly adhere to the Marcus of Queensbury rules either. I'm numb over this whole thing. Thanks.”

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

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**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2001 AS
“CONSTITUTION WEEK.”**

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, I’d like to read this proclamation, it’s Constitution Week, into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a constitution for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is of the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support it, preserve it, and defend it against encroachment; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides a historic opportunity for all Americans to learn about and recall achievements of our Founders and to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship, as well as its attendant responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, our independence should be celebrated each year as designated by the President of this great country, in accordance with Public Law 915, designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2001 as

“CONSTITUTION WEEK”

in Sedgwick County and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

Chair McGinn said, "Accepting the proclamation today is Jana Beth Fulcom, Daughters of the American Revolution. Thank you for being here."

Ms. Jana Beth Fulcom, Member, Daughters of the American Revolution, Randolph Loving Chapter, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We want to thank you for the seven chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for this proclamation and for proclaiming and honoring the 214th anniversary of our nations Constitution. It even means more today."

Chair McGinn said, "Yes it does and thank you for keeping the spirit alive. We appreciate it. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Ma'am, I just have one comment. I certainly do, since I think, since I've been a Commissioner, your group has been here every year to continue this tradition that was started some time ago and we certainly appreciate all that you do in reminding citizens about the strength of this Constitution. This is the kind of thing, this Constitution is what's going to get us through this temporary crisis that we're in."

It appears to me that you have some other guests with you. Would you introduce those that are with you today?"

Ms. Fulcom said, "Well, I do know one lady. The other lady . . . they're from two of our chapters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Perhaps they'd just come up and introduce themselves and tell what chapter they're with. If you'd just come on to the podium."

Ms. Fulcom said, "I am with the Randolph Loving Chapter."

Ms. Wanda Glassburner, Member, Daughters of the American Revolution, said, "I'm with Martha Loving Chapter and I happen to be Regent and Regent of the Round Table. Thank you."

Ms. Frankie Zonker, Member, Daughters of the American Revolution, said, "I'm with the Wichita Chapter and we do appreciate your helping us with this. Thank you."

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Chair McGinn said, “Well, again, thank you for being here today and thank you for being here every year to remind us of how great our Constitution is. Thank you.

Clerk, call the next item please.”

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD

B. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD TO JAMIE LOPEZ.

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, it’s been a while since we’ve had a community enrichment award and so, it’s time to get back to that because we certainly have a lot of good folks in our community that do volunteer work to help our children and our citizens. Today, we have Jamie Lopez and I think many of you know him. Jamie, why don’t you come on up here while I brag about you for a minute.

Mr. Lopez joined what was know as Project Freedom Family and Coalition staff as the director of Project Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy or Wichita A Community Together Succeeding on Truancy, in September of 1995. The project, initially, received funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, in collaboration partnerships between local, regional center, U.S.D. 259, Project Freedom and Family Youth Coalition. Since that time, they have been receiving funding from the State Juvenile Justice Authority and Sedgwick County Prevention funds. This agency and project has been nominated and recognized as a promising approach by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Crime Prevention Council out of Washington D.C. at their last national convention in October of 2000 and nominated again for best practices award to be given in Washington D.C. this October, 2001.

Mr. Lopez has been in Wichita since July of 1991 and has been working actively in collaborating with different government and grass-roots groups to develop and sustain partnerships with the intent of building cultural gaps and sensitivity. Another community service that Mr. Lopez volunteers is the President of the Hispanic/ Native American Coalition, which is a grass-roots organization whose sole purpose is to promote cultural understanding and respect. In that role as President, Mr. Lopez continues to work with city, county, state and national officials on issues that affect their prosperity and opportunity of the American dream.

As an appointment of Governor Graves to the Hispanic Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs for the last two years, he is working with the Graves’ administration in developing and sustaining initiatives that promote culture, economic development and overall understanding of the differences and similarities that often lead to myths and stigmas. Mr. Lopez is the husband of ten years and the

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father of a five-and-a-half-year-old who is about to enter kindergarten this coming academic school year. As such, he understands first-hand balancing career, community and family. I could go on and on about Jamie's involvement in the community but I'd just like to highlight a couple of them.

As you look through this list, you can see that he's here to certainly serve the children of our community. He's a volunteer teacher at the E.S.O.L. and Naturalized Now project for four years. He continues to offer free bi-lingual translations and interpretations for a variety of agencies, organizations and governmental agencies as he is able. And so, with that, Jamie, I want to present the Community Enrichment award to you and thank you for all that you've done for our community and we're glad that you moved here in 1991, because I know that you're out there in the community. I know that you're working hard. It's not just something on paper. I've seen you do it and I know that you want to bring everybody together for what's best for Sedgwick County. So, congratulations, Jamie."

Mr. Jamie Lopez, President, Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I hadn't planned on saying anything but I'll try to share a little bit. I've been a person that would prefer anonymity rather than the public light. I think I've been able to accomplish a lot more that way and less criticism along the way. My parents were the ones, I think, that instilled in us the ability or the duty that we have as individuals and as citizens of this great nation, to give more of what we are able to give and receive so much more in the process. And so, I'm very happy to receive this award and certainly am humbled to be highlighted or honored by my elders.

Culturally, I am taught that I should respect my elders and certainly try to do that, as best I can, even though sometimes there might be differences of opinion along the way. But for the most part I certainly am trying to do my best and trying to do what I do best, bring people together and often times I think it's just misunderstandings or misperceptions that cause a lot of our problems but we're able to work through that. So, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, thank you very much, Jamie."

Commissioner Winters said, "Madam Chair, I just might make one comment. As being around when we started a real change in juvenile justice issues in '96 or so. One of the things that our Commission became committed to, one of the objectives was a commitment to school, commitment to education and we realized that if kids don't have an education, if they don't stay in school their options in the future just drop off tremendously and that's what Jamie has been involved with, principally, is keeping kids with that focus of school in their mind and keeping them in school. And

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we've got untold numbers of kids that are still in school because of the work that he and his group do. And they're a key player in our prevention processes here in Sedgwick County. So, again, our Chair did an excellent job in describing all the things you're involved in but you truly are working on a county project. Thank you."

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

NEW BUSINESS

C. RESOLUTION UPDATING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE CODE.

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Are you ready to proceed?"

Chair McGinn said, "It was my understanding that we would be deferring this, or are we?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Excuse me."

Chair McGinn said, "I saw you on your Palm Pilot and wondered if you were paying attention."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Pursuant to the discussion at yesterday's staff meeting, we would request you defer this item for two weeks."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

D. AGREEMENT WITH GREATER WICHITA AREA SPORTS COMMISSION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PLEDGE FIVE-YEAR CHARTER GOLD MEMBERSHIP FUNDING.

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In April of 1997, we entered a pledge agreement with the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission to become a charter gold member and serve on their board. That pledge is now finalizing, in 2001, and if we are to remain a member of their board we need to renew our pledge for an additional five year period.

As you are aware, we have a problem obligating money beyond one year and they understand that and we have a clause that we've added to the pledge agreement that allows us to make that appropriation on an annual basis, subject to Kansas cash bases and budget law. I would recommend your approval of the renewal."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

E. ADVERTISING AGENCY EXPENSE FUNDING FOR NUCIFORA TOURISM PLAN INTERNAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Mr. Harrison said, "Commissioners, this item is for a joint funding project with the City of Wichita for the internal marketing portion of the Nucifora plan. As you're aware, there was an external component and an internal component and we're talking today about just the internal component. The project is being placed in the hands of a local advertising agency, Sullivan, Higdon, Sink. The staff contacts will be myself, Jessica Johnson and of course Alf Nucifora to help with that plan. We will have a concept developed and, at that point, we will visit with the Commission about what that plan looks like. What we're asking for today is just the agency fee portion of a commitment that we were asked to participate in about four months ago. Today, we're asking for approval of the agency fee, not to exceed \$25,000 and that would be approximately half of the agency fee for this project. Glad to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, Madam Chairman. If I understand it right, the agency fees that we're referring to are the agency fees that Mr. Nucifora is charging. Is that correct?"

Mr. Harrison said, "No, sir. This is the fees for Sullivan, Higdon, Sink."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, okay. This is the fees for Sullivan, Higdon, Sink. We're going to pay the agency to develop a concept and then we'll decide whether or not we like to concept. Is that basically . . .?"

Mr. Harrison said, "That's the discussion that I've had with the Commission individually, that they would like to see a concept before we commit to moving on."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. But I've never heard of an agency charging a company that they want to do work for them and we say, 'well, why don't you produce us a couple of concepts so we'll see if we like your creative ability' that we pay them to develop a concept. Usually, if they're bidding on a company's business, that will be part of their research and development. They'll produce the concepts for free, hoping that they can get the business. Why are we doing this differently?"

Mr. Harrison said, "We did this based on Mr. Nucifora's recommendation and it was his feeling that the approach that you've outlined not be the approach that we follow. That we actually go out and determine the qualities of the agency first, and then actually enter into a contract and pay them

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to develop a concept.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. But it begs the question, say they develop a concept and we don’t like it. Then do we pay them another \$43,000 to develop another concept and then another one until we get to the one we like?”

Mr. Harrison said, “I don’t believe so. They’re in the process of collecting data and doing research. I believe they will be interviewing the Commission and the Council to make sure that we’re all headed in the direction that we think we can agree to before they put a lot of man hours, or person hours into the development.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but it does indicate in our backup that we haven’t finalized this agreement with H.S.S. yet. It say’s here we working on an agreement.”

Mr. Harrison said, “That’s correct. We have not finalized the agreement.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, why are we funding it before we know if we’re even comfortable with the agreement? We may not be able to get together with them and produce a contract that we’re both comfortable with, but why are we saying, ‘well, here’s the money’. If we can’t get together with them, I assume we’ll have to go to another agency and try to negotiate something with them. Is that correct?”

Mr. Harrison said, “The agency . . . we’ve had conversations with the agency. We’re confident that we can come to an agreement and the agreement will actually be with the City of Wichita. We’re just providing a portion of the funding.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. And if I understand it right, if we buy into supporting the concept, it’s pretty much said that we’ll be asked to pay for the remaining \$125,000 of the first year.”

Mr. Harrison said, “Yes, sir. If the concept is approved by the Commission to move forward, we will be asked to provide the remainder of the . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, we’re giving pretty much approval that by approving . . . we’ve buying in . . . it would be kind of silly to buy into producing the concept and then not buy into funding the campaign. Is that correct?”

Mr. Harrison said, “That’s the direction I was given, sir.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah. I just think that we need to know that. That we’re not only

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just paying to develop a concept that we don't know right now if we like or not, but we're actually committing to paying for the whole campaign and it is more than \$125,000, even though that wasn't presented to us when we had the presentation from the City. It's actually year two and year three."

Mr. Harrison said, "It is a three year campaign."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, thank you. I can't support this but that's just one vote. Thank you very much."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino's kind of raised a issue for me then because I thought that, as we advance, we weren't in this for the total partnership. I was looking at this as perhaps seed money to get started, to help them get going. But now I'm hearing that if we provide this \$25,000 we're in it for the long haul."

Mr. Harrison said, "In the discussions that I had with the Commissions, it was 'we would like to see a concept before we commit to move forward'. This is to provide that money to develop that concept."

Chair McGinn said, "So, what if we provide this seed money and we're indifferent about the concept. We can still step aside. Is that correct?"

Mr. Harrison said, "Then I think you can step aside."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Well, I've been a strong supporter of the Nucifora plan. I have watched the re-broadcast and it's been some time ago now, but when the tourism summit was presented and Alf Nucifora got up and really spoke to that group, you couldn't help but get excited about tourism. I mean, he did just a fantastic job and it was a good meeting, a good presentation. And we're clearly committed to tourism here in Sedgwick County with our commitments to the Sedgwick County Zoo, commitments at the Coliseum, commitments at Cowtown and commitments to our other parks and recreation events. I'm going to be supportive of this \$25,000, although I don't think to me that that means a commitment that we're in this whole process for the long haul because I would like to have somebody think this through for me, if possible. It appears to me that this is what our bed tax dollars are about and that that's why we have this tax that is done through the bed tax and if that's not enough, if we're not collecting enough, then perhaps we need to look at other kinds of revenue sources that are directly connected to tourism, whether that be car rental or restaurant or hotel, other additional hotels or whatever. But every time we have to come up with this kind of money, it's coming directly from property taxes or our sales tax. We don't have a revenue source that the City is fortunate enough to have in the guest

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bed tax.

So, Commissioners, today I'm going to be supportive of this because I think Jerry is right. We said that we needed to see what the concept was going to be and that we would be supportive of getting this first step. But before I would take another step, my inclination right now is to think that this is exactly the kind of project that should be funded by the bed tax. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just . . . and I appreciate what Commissioner Winters has said and if it's just a concept and if it's currently understood that we'll get on board for the seed money just to produce the concept and then maybe step aside and let the City handle it through their bed tax. But the concern I have, it's sort of like getting sucked into a hole. You know, we commit to the concept and then we better come up with a reason why we don't like the concept so we don't commit to the internal marketing and then if we fund the internal marketing why wouldn't we be funding the external marketing and I've asked for and I think a couple of you have asked for, I'd like to know the total envelope, how much is the City of Wichita actually asking us to fund for the total package. I mean, is it a half a million dollars, is it three-quarters of a million dollars, how much property tax dollars from the County is going to be asked for. I mean, you know we're nibbling at just this one, but does that give that it cascades to \$125,000, it cascades to 75, 75 now we've got the external. You know, how much total dollars are we actually being asked to consider and that hasn't been presented to us yet. I agree with Commissioner Winters. I think the County does a Herculean effort on tourism. We fund the tourist attractions here in the County by the tune of hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars, given the Zoo, Cowtown, the \$20,000,000 that we put into Exploration Place. I think the County is already doing much more than its share in promoting tourism, by the fact that we fund, to a large degree in some cases almost 100% of the attractions that any tourist campaign would be mentioning to people as a reason for coming to Wichita. And I would hope that the City would take that into consideration when they're coming, asking us for additional dollars, knowing exactly what we already do put forth on our side of the table. That's all I have. Thank you."

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Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. I was a little lukewarm on an internal campaign anyway, when we talked about it and I think I expressed that to Alf and Jessica when they were here. For some reason, I don't believe that we need to positive self-talk ourselves. We have great entities here and spending money to make our taxpayers feel good about what we already have here doesn't sit well with me. I'd rather have an external campaign and put the money there."

But my comment is really to the idea that the face and the health of tourism has changed forever, based on our national crisis that we've got. If you look at the stock market, you know, its airline industries, its insurance and its entertainment tourism is forever changed and, you know, I think for us to rush to judgment and to put big dollars into that before we see how all this shakes out, I mean, we already have a crisis in the airline industry. I mean, we had one in Wichita before the airports closed, with air travel. And to think that tourism in Kansas is going to be the same as what we thought it was going to be ten days ago, we're far wrong. I think people are going to draw in. They're not going to travel as much. You know, we didn't have great air service here anyway and now it's even going to be harder to travel to a place like Wichita. And maybe we need to rethink what that's going to look like. Tourism for us may be more driving and regional now than it is going to be air travel into our city. I don't know that for a case, but based on what's happened and the dialogue I see on the news, we may have to rethink totally what tourism is going to look like in Wichita, Kansas and Sedgwick County. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think before we spend a lot of money, we need to really be sure that concept is right. Now, I'll support the \$25,000 today for the concept, but boy, I sure hope it strikes to the kind of tourism that we're going to be able to deliver here in Sedgwick County when we get to that point. That's all I have."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But you need to know, that's not what we're funding right now. This is going to be the internal marketing campaign, Wichitans. So, you know what you're supporting."

Commissioner Norton said, "Right."

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Chair McGinn said, “Well, I’m going to move forward in supporting the \$25,000. I think that this is some seed money that they need to get started and I’m going to support that but I think Commissioner Sciortino has made some good points about what does this total picture look like. We need to know that. I think Commissioner Winters has made some very good points that perhaps this is something that C.B.B. should be funding totally and whether that means they need to raise their tax or put it on different facilities, that perhaps needs to be looked at. As far as tourism in our community, when you talked about the airlines, it made me think that it may end up being a good thing for us, because we are actually an area that tries to capture those that drive in by automobiles and we may see more people traveling by automobile to places. So, it may end up being a positive thing for this community.

The other reason I feel that we should provide this seed money to get started is, as Commissioner Winters said, we are major funders of some of the attractions. The Zoo, Old Cowtown Museum and the Kansas African American Museum, we are the primary funder for that museum and other attractions as well. So, I am willing to take a motion to approve the \$25,000 to get the Nucifora plan started and I will entertain a motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the funding, not to exceed \$25,000.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, “Any other discussion? Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And I would just, I guess, let the record show, the Minutes show that by our discussion here, our backup material indicated that the remainder of this will be coming back and this commitment is not intended to mean to be a commitment for the entire campaign.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I have one other comment, too. Just as a sideline, I think it would be interesting for the public to know, when all those planes were being diverted, there was a charter flight of 100 Israelis that had to make an unscheduled landing in Wichita and the County, very generously, offered and so did the City to open all the attractions to those people for free, so that

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they could see it, and they were given an entire list of attractions they could see and, to a person, they wanted to go one place. They wanted to go to Cowtown and they wanted to see cowboys and Indians and I thought that was kind of neat.”

Chair McGinn said, “They had a good time. Thank you for mentioning that. And they saw some other attractions here while they were here as well. And so, they found out that Wichita is a warm and great community. All right, any other discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote please.”

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin		Absent
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye	
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters		Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino		No
Chair Carolyn McGinn		Aye

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

F. AGREEMENT WITH HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS TO STUDENTS.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Management Services, (EMS), greeted the Commissioners and said, “The agreement that is before you is our standard form agreement with our educational institutions and this one is with Hutch Community College and, just for the viewing public, yes we do this at no charge for these particular students because there’s a couple of great benefits that come from it. One is that it’s a wonderful recruiting tool for us and two, it gives opportunities for students to come in here and see how an excellent service performs, so if they don’t come here as an employee, they can take that expertise and knowledge somewhere else to support them when they’re out in other communities. So, I feel this is a tremendous benefit for both Sedgwick County and the students and, yes, it increases the workload of our employees a little bit, but it gives us an opportunity to evaluate the quality of these people as well. So, with that, I would recommend your approval of the agreement.”

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Chair McGinn said, “Tom, how long have we been doing this?”

Mr. Pollan said, “Early ‘90s, I don’t remember exactly the date when the State changed their statute requirements on programs, educational programs.”

Chair McGinn said, “Sounds like a good program. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Tom?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

G. AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH ALLTEL AND SPRINT PCS FOR NONDISCLOSURE RELATED TO WIRELESS SERVICE FOR 911 CALLERS.

Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Two of the wireless carriers have come forward with nondisclosure agreements, which is the first step in providing enhanced 911 to the wireless users in our community. Basically, their going to give us some proprietary information, in order to provide this service, and we have to agree not to share it and to only use it for the delivery of 911 services.”

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Chair McGinn said, “Any questions for Diane?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just one. And so, Diane, really it’s our technical people are going to be involved in making sure our system is ready for new enhanced 911 service.”

Ms. Gage said, “Right, and this is some information that we need to have, tower locations, how many towers they have and the type of equipment on them, so that we can proceed, improve our system.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So, the people who work here, technology and your shop at 911, will be the ones that have this information.”

Ms. Gage said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Madam Chair. How many other entities are there that we need to bring in the fold, as far as wireless services? I know there’s other providers. Are there some other big players that need to come to the table?”

Ms. Gage said, “There will be five more carriers coming on board. One of them has just simply sent me a letter saying, ‘we understand that you will not disclose our proprietary information’ and they’re excepting that as an agreement, which made it real easy. I do have two more downstairs that I’ll be putting on an agenda in the near future. So, eventually, we’ll see probably six of them at this meeting.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Good. Thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, if there aren’t any more questions for Diane, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Agreements 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

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

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

H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA A.C.T.S. ON TRUANCY TO PROVIDE CONTINUATION OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO INCREASE COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL.

Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Administration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is an amendment to an agreement with Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy to continue serving as the lead agency for three interrelated grants that are part of our 18th Judicial District Community Funding Plan to Prevent Juvenile Delinquency. One hundred percent of these funds comes from the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority.

The first grant is the Truancy Immunization Project and this is a collaborative, multi-agency project to address truancy in a coordinated and intensified manner. There are five Truancy Coalition partners that are part of this particular grant and those partners include Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy, the District Attorney’s Office, U.S.D. 259, Communities in Schools and Wichita State University.

The second grant, under this agreement, is called the Parent Resource Program and it involves parent resource services that are provided by Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy, as well as mental health case-management services for parents and their children. And these services are provided by Prairieview.

And then the third and final grant under this agreement is the Community Resource and Referral Network. And this program incorporates both a community-based as well as a school-based mentoring network to primarily serve parents and their children who attend Jefferson Elementary School, which is in the Hilltop neighborhood.

Communities in Schools will provide the school-based site and Hilltop Improvement Alliance,

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which is a new partner to the Truancy Coalition this year, will provide two resource parents that will create the mentoring network in the Hilltop neighborhood.

Just as a point of clarification, Wichita A.C.T.S. will continue to serve as the lead agency for all of these truancy efforts and all the agencies that I have mentioned. However, Sedgwick County this year will be contracting separately with the two governmental agencies, which are U.S.D. 259 and the District Attorney's Office. I ask that you approve this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign and I'll be happy to respond to any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I'd say something. I guess I would say that Jamie Lopez was here at the beginning of the meeting to accept an award and I guess we're putting our money where our mouth is. And again, saying that we think these are very good and workable programs and it's not just us, but it is our advisory board on Juvenile Justice activities. And Chris works closely with them and one of the things that we have continued to say is we do not want to put money into programs that don't show some kind of benefit or some kind of results and these programs are doing that. It's still going to be a long trip for us to really get prevention to where we want it, but people like Jamie Lopez and hundreds of others are working on this project and he's certainly one example of how Juvenile Justice issues have changed over the past five years. And so, I'm going to be very pleased to support this amendment to the contract and get some additional state money to hopefully do some continued good projects."

Chair McGinn said, "And these programs are scrutinized year to year and acts on truancy has received one every year because of the outcomes. All right, any other discussion? Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

2. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE POLICY, AND WICHITA CENTER FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROVIDING PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY TRAINING.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Administration, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The contract before you represents an ongoing collaborative effort between Sedgwick County, the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education and the State of Kansas to provide an opportunity for psychiatric residency placement for third-year medical residents. This gives the residents an opportunity to gain experience and develop expertise in treatment planning and in treatment delivery in a community mental health setting.

The agreement allows for five residents to provide the equivalent of one full-time psychiatric service provider to COMCARE consumers. S.R.S. reimburses the County for the bulk of the expenditures related to these positions and it gives us an opportunity to have psychiatric service at a very minimal cost. And, as I mentioned earlier in the meeting, it also provides a good recruiting ground, because in fact we've got three current physicians who work for us who have been through this program. So, the recommended action is approval of the contract and authorization for the Chair to sign. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

3. NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING FOR FUNDING OF OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III PROGRAMS.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The fiscal year 2001 Area Plan Revision was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on June 20th, 2001. Every year we're required to do an area plan, which basically outlines how the federal funds from the Older Americans Act will be utilized in the tri-county area, Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County. What I bring before you today is the reallocated funds from the year-end that Kansas Department on Aging has reallocated to our area Agency on Aging. That includes the 3-B funding for support services, \$9,664, the 3-C1, which is the Congregate Meal program, \$10,445, the 3-C2, which is the In-home Delivered Meals, \$11,908 and the 3-D, which is the Disease Prevention and Health Promotion funds of \$4,806. These are the notice of grant awards from the Kansas Department on Aging and we would request that you authorize the Chair to sign and approve the notifications of grant awards."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Commissioners, yesterday I had the opportunity to speak to the seniors annual meeting and it was a very well attended meeting. It was great to see . . . not everybody there was a senior. There were also volunteers, people that deliver Meals on Wheels and that type of thing. And so, what I thought was rewarding for me to see was the amount of volunteers, people that are out there to help others and it's . . . generally, as I had discussions afterwards, it had to do with people who had an elderly grandmother who they took care of and they have since passed on but they continue to stay with those types of programs to help other people as well. So, I think this is a good program and if you don't have any questions for Annette, I'd entertain a motion."

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. GRANT AWARD FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR FEDERAL S.T.O.P VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM, AND ADDITION OF ONE GRANT-FUNDED INVESTIGATOR POSITION, RANGE 20, TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Lisa Clancy, Program Director, District Attorney's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have been awarded a continuation of the V.A.W.A. grant, which is the Violence Against Women Act, through the Attorney General's Office, and that is to go through October 1st, 2001 through September 30th of 2002. We are also asking for an addition to our staffing table, which would consist of one investigator. It has come to my attention, I do not believe that you have a budget impact statement for that investigator, is that correct? I did bring copies if you did not receive that budget impact statement.

The District Attorney's Office asks that you accept our continuation of the award of the Attorney General's Office and also accept a position for an additional staffing. We also have . . . the total project of this grant is \$90,650 and there is a quarter of a match from the District Attorney's Office, which totals \$22,662."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Does the grant cover this additional person? Is that right?"

Ms. Clancy said, "That is correct. There is a 25% match that the District Attorney's Office has to fund."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay and what is the total dollars involved in that?"

Ms. Clancy said, "The total dollars is \$90,650. The District Attorney's Office funds \$22,662 and the federal portion is \$67,988."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And you have the funds in an account to cover your portion of the grant?"

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What pool of money is this?"

Ms. Clancy said, "Well, I believe that is coming from . . . Do you know, Sherry, exactly where that's coming from, what part? I'm not sure exactly what part."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think Mr. Buchanan is going to jump in here."

Mr. Buchanan said, "It's my understand it's coming from the asset forfeiture fund. This is the fund that the Sheriff and the District Attorney obtain revenues from the capturing of vehicles and other valuables during drug arrests and convictions."

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

Chair McGinn said, "How many years have we done this program?"

Ms. Clancy said, "This will be our third year."

Chair McGinn said, "Third year. I was thinking I was seeing it come back annually. Okay. Yes, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Lisa, I'm going to be supportive of this. I think when we can leverage dollars, that's a plus for the community. Could you take just a moment to comment on the program itself? Have you seen some good success? Do you, personally, see some things happening out there that are good for the community? And you don't need to go into a lot of details but just a bit about the program."

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Ms. Clancy said, “Absolutely. You know, when this program first started, the name is Violence Against Women, A.C.T.S. Does that mean that we only help women against any kind of violence. No, we help children, men, women, anybody who is a victim of any type of violence. I can tell you that, just to kind of give you an idea of what our volume is, last year from April 1 of 2000 to March 31st of 2001, we had over 302 cases. Now, what we mainly look at is domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We had over 259 victims of domestic violence and that’s both men, women and children. So, I think it’s been a real plus that we started out, you know, with the Women Against Violence and that we have progressed enough to see that there are other victims that we can help, throughout the entire community. So, I think, each year as we’ve seen it progress, we’ve been more equipped with resources that we are able to refer these victims to. So, I think it’s been a real help.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you very much.”

Chair McGinn said, “When we go out on a domestic violence case, it seems like I think our law states somebody has to go to jail. Do you see every one of those or do they contact you or how do you decide?”

Ms. Clancy said, “Yes, we are contacted, at which point we then try to contact the victims and try to get in touch with them. And that’s how we start our process. If we know . . . it starts, really, with our first appearance. That’s how we know if they are going to be charged and what our role will be. And that’s another reason why we are asking for this additional staff member as investigator, because it helps us, you know, get a little bit more in depth with the victim to make them feel more comfortable and to help with prosecution.”

Chair McGinn said, “Since this is your third year, are you keeping the same person every year?”

Ms. Clancy said, “We are. The first year we had somebody different. This last one is going to continue on to this next year. So, yes.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Lisa?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Accept the Grant Award and authorize the addition to the District Attorney's Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS OF TOWNSHIP ROADS WITHIN GRANT TOWNSHIP AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT #4.**

Mr. Mark Borst, Engineer, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This resolution establishes east/ west stop control on 93rd Street North at its intersection with Seneca, just northeast of Valley Center. Grant Township officials are requesting control at this location and they concur with the contents of the resolution. Grant Township will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the signing. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH KING CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECT 817-B-1236; BRIDGE ON MERIDIAN BETWEEN 109TH AND 117TH STREETS NORTH. CIP# B-424. DISTRICT #4.**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Division of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item J-2 is approval of a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, with King Construction Company for the Sedgwick County bridge project on Meridian, between 109th and 117th Streets North, designated as B-424 in the Capital Improvement Program. There will be a net decrease of \$35,143.31, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "By the way, it's a nice bridge."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Thanks, David. Next item."

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2001.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today for consideration are the results of a regular meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts held on September 13th, 2001.

1) INTERIOR SECURITY CAMERAS FOR HISTORIC COURTHOUSE- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- GRANT

Item one is interior security cameras for the historic courthouse for Facility Projects. Recommend to accept the bid of Protection Systems for \$14,639.

2) ETHERNET NETWORKING EQUIPMENT- DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FUNDING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Item two, Ethernet networking equipment for the District Attorney. Recommend the bid of Southwestern Bell, SBC for \$18,972.12.

Be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Here, I have one. Thank you. Iris, on number one, last week I got it fully explained to me about what the joint governmental purchases and I was real happy that I could get my hands around that one. But on something like cameras, I get a little concerned when only one person bids. I would assume there would be many, I don't know, many other companies that would have similar equipment. Is there a way that maybe we could reassess how we advertise for these?"

Ms. Baker said, "I can forward you some information on the dialogue that I had with the vendors who did not bid and I can explain the process to you. But yes, we have done that. We did advertise. We sent it out to nine vendors. We called and spoke to the vendors, before hand, so they knew it was coming. Four showed up for a pre-bid, to do a touring of the courthouse and only one bid. And then I did talk with the other three vendors who did not bid and I can give you their feedback."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, could you just share with us, publicly, what were the reasons why they didn't bid?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes. One of them just basically said he didn't have enough time to get a bid in on our deadline, which happened to be last Tuesday afternoon. Another vendor said he thought the specifications were too tight for the type of project and the other one said the dollars just weren't worth it for him. He had enough other business, that he wasn't interested."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I'm heartened by the fact that we did aggressively go out and try to solicit it and that's basically all we can do, I guess, is try to get them to bid and if they don't want to, that's up to them. Okay, that's all I have. Thanks."

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

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 628-10, 11; MacArthur Road through Lake Afton. CIP# R-233. District #3.
- b. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Drainage Project on 87th Street South and Hydraulic. CIP# D-1. District #2.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010142	\$332.00	2	Shawn Williams
V010144	\$139.00		Arnold McCloud

- 3. County Manager association with Wichita State University Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs as Practitioner in Residence.**
- 4. Order dated September 12, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. General Bills Check Register of September 14, 2001.**
- 6. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

M. OTHER

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Chair McGinn said, "I'm going to go first. Last weekend, Sedgwick had their fall festival. It is fair time. This weekend, Valley Center is having their fall festival and the parade begins at 10 o'clock in the morning. I'll be at the information booth after that for a little while and then I'm going over to the park, where the kid's festival is, and we're going have some recycling programs or information and maybe some games. I've got to see what these games look like, cause I hear . . ."

Commissioner Norton said, "I hear you're going to be in a dunk tank."

Chair McGinn said, "Oh, well, I haven't heard that yet."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "If you can verify that, I can clear my schedule."

Chair McGinn said, "But I understand that the recycling relays and all that requires a lot of physical activity, so I'm going to see if I can get some high school kids to help out. But we'll be there from one to three at the park and then I think we're trying to get our EMS people there as well. So, if you don't have anything to do this Saturday, there's lots of rides and activities and food and everything at Valley Center's Fall Festival. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I had the opportunity to go to Mount Hope this last Saturday and visit with the mayor, the city council, the planning commission, their EMS and help them discuss disaster plans. We talked particularly about natural disasters, but in the lieu of everything that's happened, we got off onto chemical, biological, other kinds of disasters that they need to incorporate into their disaster plan. I spent about two and a half hours there and had a great dialogue with the community there in planning what they feel is important, and that's disaster recovery and disaster mitigation and planning. And, just as a note, Tom, they invited you to come sometime. They recognize that that's your district and they'd like to have you come out and visit. I don't know what they're putting together but I think they've got . . . they're trying to do these consistently."

Chair McGinn said, "You're our disaster commissioner, so . . ."

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess. The master of disaster. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, well you know you brought that up and I know you have been active

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in going out and talking to communities about that type of thing. I remember, about a year ago, our fire department trained, I believed, with the City of Wichita as well about terrorist types of activities and disasters and I can remember I was the Vice Chair at that time and Commissioner Winters couldn't go out and I had to go out and give some remarks and, at the time, I was thinking this will never happen. And I think we need to commend our fire department and our emergency people, that they are always looking ahead that this could happen in our community and they're training for that. So, I'm glad they're there and I'm glad they continue their educational efforts."

Commissioner Norton said, "As an interesting footnote to that, I sat on General Gardner's task force at the state level for a couple of years and it was interesting that most of our dialogue drifted away from natural disasters and was talking about terrorism and biological and chemical and we never really got into hijackings particularly but the focus was more into manmade disasters and recovery and mitigation than it was natural and it all comes to bear now that we have to be very, very sensitive to that, because we can't predict natural disasters, but certainly we can't predict the manmade ones either. So, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, Madam Chair. Last Friday, as I'm sure all of you know, both Tom Winters and I went down to Derby and they had a ground-breaking ceremony for their second fire station and the import of that, as far as the rest of the County is concerned, is they've offered us at a very attractive fee to house our EMS station that we have down there within that facility, so it will be a full service type of fire station and it was pretty gratifying to see that a community the size of Derby willing to make that type of a financial commitment to increase their fire safety and letting us join with them on our EMS project and I thought that was very worthwhile. I had one other thing and I've had a senior moment, so I can't remember what that is, so if I can remember, I'll tell you about it next week."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, this is just as a bit of a FYI on my schedule. I was not at the meeting last Wednesday, as I was working with a group on workforce

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development here in Sedgwick County. Next Wednesday, I'm not sure, I may be a bit late to the meeting. I'm involved with a project that, in Kansas City there is a group called the K.C. Brainchild project, which is a group of people that have been trained on how to deal with the very youngest of our population and their brain growth and development in the first five years of life and there's going to be a couple of training sessions here next week. I'm going to attend an all day Monday training session and then I'm going to start their strategic planning session at 8:30 on Wednesday morning. So, I may be a bit late, as I work with some of these folks that are talking about early brain development. So, I appreciate your indulgence in my not being here last week and I may be a bit late next week."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, and I know you've been involved with that and I guess you went to a conference a couple of years ago about talking about that early development and that's why we support the Olds Model and some other programs that we're doing as well."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's right. We're involved in this business of early childhood brain development, and so I want to make sure that we stay connected and so those others that are now starting to get interested, we need to make sure that we're connected with what others may be doing. Not in any kind of territorial sense but if we're all working in the same direction, we need to make sure we're working on each others pluses and strengths."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay."

Commissioner Norton said, "It might be interesting, Tom, for you to comment a little bit about the work force thing that we did last Wednesday. You were there most of the day and I showed up a little late, after commission but you may want to comment on that a little bit, too."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, it may be a little early and as we talked even about tourism and how things may have changed after last week. As we still are, though, continuing to make sure that there are sufficient trained, qualified work force for business and industry that see expansion on the horizon, and see some lacks and some deficiencies in some areas of specific training. There's a group out there that's really trying to work on that and come up with some real training issues that will be sensitive to what business and industry needs. I think we may need to step back and reassess what business and industry is going to need here in the next bit but if we wait until the upturn starts again, we'll have waited too late in training prospects. So, there is certainly a group working on that."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. All right, is there any other business to come before the Board? If not, we're adjourned."

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N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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