

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 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 12, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Ed Randels, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Dave Rush, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Mark Borst, Engineer, Division of Public Works; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Clinical Operations Director, COMCARE; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, COMCARE; Mr. Rodney Horton, Networking Supervisor, Division of Information and Operations; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Neil Guthrie, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board.
Ms. Brenda Landwehr, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board.
Ms. Kris Collins, Vice Chairman, Suicide Prevention Task Force.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Martin Hostetler of the First Church of the Brethren.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Reverend Hostetler. Your words were certainly appropriate for what we're faced with, as a nation. Thank you. Clerk, call the first item."

ROLL CALL

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

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Chair McGinn said, "Before we begin our regular scheduled meeting, I would like to announce that Commissioner Winters is out because he has some other business to deal with, County business. Also, I would just like to share with the public that yesterday our lives were changed by many of the events that occurred in New York and Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. We were all saddened, as a community, by the deaths and injuries of many Americans there. Not only do we grieve for those who were initially injured, but for the rescuers, the firefighters, the E.M.S. people, those professionals that were there to serve their community. At 10:30 this morning, we will have a media briefing that we will air live on KPTS. I will ask our Emergency Management and COMCARE staff to provide information about what is occurring in our community.

I know our COMCARE group has been out to the airports helping those folks, the travelers that were unexpectedly grounded here in Wichita, Kansas. I know our crisis line has been ringing more than normal. We thank the COMCARE folks for being there to help our community. Also the emergency room at Via Christi has even called COMCARE to ask for their assistance. We, here at Sedgwick County, we're about public service. That's why we're here today, at work, because we are here to serve our community. I thank all our employees here at Sedgwick County for the jobs that they do.

Last night as I went home, I know many of us were stunned by yesterday's events and about a year ago to that day, Manager Bill Buchanan and I were in New York City on some business. Watching the TV with my sons and all, I pulled out some pictures and just when you think you took too many pictures of the skyline and they all look alike, they are certainly valued pictures today. It is just amazing what a difference that has made. Then I took another picture standing straight under the World Trade Center, shooting the picture straight up. It just baffles our minds that something that massive has changed our country.

I do know that we are Americans and we're strong and we are going to come to work. We're not going to change our lives and we're going to continue to show the rest of the world what we're made of. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of the families of this tragic event. Again, we will have a press conference at 10:30 to give our community an update of what is going on here in Sedgwick County, locally. Clerk, call the first item please."

APPOINTMENTS

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A. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) APPOINTING NEIL GUTHRIE AND BRENDA LANDWEHR (AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Ed Randels, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is the result of a Resolution that you passed in August of this year expanding the Mental Health Advisory Board by two at-large positions. If you approve these appointments today, I believe both Representative Landwehr and Neil Guthrie are here to be sworn in today. That is the recommendation.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, do I have a motion to approve these?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Representative Landwehr and Neil Guthrie are both here. Please come forward to our podium and we’ll have Don Brace swear you in.”

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

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

Mr. Neil Guthrie and Ms. Brenda Landwehr, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chair McGinn said, "Brenda and Neil, if you'd like to make some comments we certainly welcome that. These are two new appointments added and we felt that because of the close work that we do with the State of Kansas, as well as with the School Districts, we thought it would be great to have your representation serving on our board so we can partner together and work in the best interest of our community, using your information that you have to help us do a good job. Neil, could you just share a little bit about what you do there at 259?"

Mr. Neil Guthrie said, "Just recently I took the Division Director of Special Education and Support Services at 259. In my earlier years I was a school psychologist, so I have a background in serving youngsters and mental health has always been a priority. I'd like to bring that expertise to help our students in the Wichita public schools."

Chair McGinn said, "We certainly thank you for giving the time to help us. Are you a native of Valley Center?"

Mr. Guthrie said, "Correct."

Chair McGinn said, "I thought that's who you were. Brenda."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Are you a native of Valley Center?"

Ms. Brenda Landwehr said, "No, I'm a native of Wichita. I'm State Representative of the 91st District in northwest Wichita. I'm very honored and I appreciate your allowing me to be a participant on this board. As you know, I served with the appropriations committee and I deal with

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the budget that deals with a lot of financing in this area. It is an area that I think is very important, all the way from our school children to hopefully to a point where we keep a lot of children out of the department of corrections as we proceed forward and out of our hospitals. I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity and I appreciate it.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. In getting to know you the last couple of years, your dedication to the children of this community and wanting to help them. We appreciate that. Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please.”

NEW BUSINESS

B. SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE UPDATE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Kris Collins-Tilman, Vice Chair, Suicide Prevention Task Force, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here to provide to you an update on behalf of Dr. Magruder. Dr. Magruder was in Florida yesterday and unable to return to Kansas for this presentation today. However, as he is very prepared, he did have this ready. If you will bear with me, the allergies have had an effect on my voice. I will go through this with you to provide you updated information.

The previous reports to the Commission have included information about suicide as a public health issue. This has been acknowledged at the national level by Surgeon General David Thatcher. The Surgeon General has paradigm for discussion about suicide in our community under the paradigm of AIM, Awareness, Intervention and Methodology. You’ve had information about committee activities and a proposed timeline for our community.

Today, I’d like to share with you an update on the committee activities and a proposed timeline revision and share with you why the task force is asking for a revision to the timeline. The committee activities again are under the areas of awareness, intervention and methodology. Each committee has increasing involvement from the community and additional work groups have been developed under each of the major subcommittee categories.

Under the awareness subcommittee, we have developed work groups to address media issues, public awareness and the issue of stigma with mental illness and suicide. The development of the timeline was one of the primary things that the media work group has identified and has been working with local media on. This is the timeline for presentations to the community and for press

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releases, back to school in August and that press release has already gone out, Liz McGinness with USD259 has worked with Bev Bowman who is the media liaison with the task force to prepare that press release. In October, in coordination with Mental Health Awareness Week, we'll have other activities and press releases for the community. At Christmas and New Year, during the holidays, because of family issues and loneliness issues, we want to have another press release time to address specifically stigma during the month of March and then Suicide Prevention Week in May, we will coordinate efforts and another press release activity.

In addition to the development of the timeline, the awareness subcommittee media work group had worked closely with County communications, Kristi Zukovich and her staff, and had a media luncheon on August 20, right here in the Board of County Commissioners room. Chair McGinn was available to do a welcome for that luncheon and Commissioner Winters was there for the entirety of the luncheon and spoke on behalf of Sedgwick County and the commitment to suicide prevention in our community. Mr. Buchanan was also able to join us that day, as were several media representatives from different print media, radio and television. It was also a culturally diverse group, which is one of the commitments of the task force is to make sure that in our community we address cultural issues.

This media luncheon engendered interest from those present. KFDI and the Derby Reporter have already done stories on the task force work and also we've had people approaching Bev about how we can work with them to provide information that they need. While they may not be able to commit to all phases of the releases that are done, there was word that they are willing to commit to one or two at each time and if we can spread it out across the different media we are hopeful that, with our timeline, we will be able to address the community in different formats at those identified phases and that would cover the future interactions that we have planned with them.

During that media luncheon, we were fortunate in the timing that there was a national strategy for recommendations for media on suicide reporting. Bev made sure that was included in the packet that went out to the media that day. We also, through our task force efforts, have several of those available for other media who may have not been present so that we can share those. Again, this is a national strategy on addressing suicide in media.

The public awareness work group within the awareness subcommittee is developing a community resources list. It is currently in the draft stages and that group met again on Monday with some other revisions that they would like to see on that resources list. That resource list will be used to distribute to the community at different times that presentations are made and also to have available should anyone request that information. The local groups are also looking at a poster contest for youth. This has been done in the Johnson County area through the ANSWER Group, which stands

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for adolescents never suicide when everyone responds. That group had a poster contest and it was suggested that we try to do a poster contest throughout the state. The State steering community on suicide prevention is looking at initiating that at their October suicide prevention conference which will be here in Wichita at the Hyatt.

Locally, though because that was targeted at youth, our Aging Department, Monica Cissell with the Department on Aging and Annette Graham have been active with the task force and thought that they would like to address something with the elderly. Monica is working with Bev and the awareness work group to identify doing a poster contest for elderly. There are artists in that community that could be helpful in getting the message to their population. Bev Bowman is also very active in developing a speakers bureau. The speakers bureau would be those available to do presentations, to meet media needs and to talk about different media issues. An example of what Bev has been coordinating is that we will be presenting a psychiatry ground round at Via-Christi. Dr. Sheldon Prescorn is part of our task force and will be on that panel as will Deputy Chief Terry Moses and Annette Graham with the Department on Aging, so that we can start a presentation with that group of providers about awareness about suicide in our committee and the Surgeon General's call to action.

The stigma work group has been working on developing a brochure that will be distributed in various areas in the committee again, to address stigma associated with mental illness, suicide, and talking about breaking through that stigma so that people can reach out for help and assistance.

The intervention subcommittee has two work groups. One of those is working on an educational presentation for the community. The other is working on post-vention. The presentation has been finalized and our target groups for this first year to bring the Surgeon General's call to action closer to the community level is to address the issue with staff in the schools and staff that work with aging and elderly, for example, case managers that go out into the community to homes where those people may not have a lot of contact with other community members of activities and they would be afforded then the risks and warning signs and the resources in the community and how to contact those.

Post-vention, we had talked about before when Dr. Magruder gave a previous presentation. I recall that Commissioner Sciortino had asked about post-vention and the importance of that issue. This is support for family members after suicide completion. We have, since the question was raised by the Commissioners, looked at different research and the coordination of the increase in risk for family members of persons who have committed suicide.

Also, I had the opportunity August 3rd through the 5th, to attend a State tool box session in Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. During that time there, I

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had the opportunity at a luncheon to sit by a gentleman from Baton Rouge who is a veteran and continues to do volunteer work in the Baton Rouge area. He shared with me a model of intervention that is called Local Outreach for Suicide Survivors, and they are called by the coroner's office or law enforcement at the time a suicide is identified in the community and they go out and work with the family. As you may be aware, suicide scenes are considered crime scenes until decisions are made and there isn't the opportunity for the public workers to intervene with the families in a more treatment model or intervention model. So this group of volunteers was set up on behalf of the coroner's office and the volunteer group and Jon Burghart with COMCARE Crisis Intervention has already had a staff member making calls there to identify this program and what the workings of it are and whether or not it would be something we could replicate in our community.

Intervention also is continuing efforts to identify successful primary prevention programs so that we can start the work of intervening based on studies that have already been completed and have been identified as working to reduce suicides. Washington State has a youth model for suicide prevention and we'll be looking at their work that they've done specifically with youth. Dr. Magruder had also identified a study on working with at-risk high school students, drop-out risk students, and whether or not that would be feasible in our community.

The methodology subcommittee recently has had an increase of persons working with that subcommittee because with the onset of the new school year they had five masters in public health students, international students, interested in this area that have agreed to work with them. So that has increased their manpower. They are doing a literature review and looking at developing a data base for our community. One of the issues that I know Dr. Magruder has talked with you about before is the absence of data. We've checked with the State level and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and they do not have good attempt data at the State level. We would be looking at a coordinated data base for the community on suicide completions which is done through the Forensic Science Center. The attempt data is harder to identify because there are those numbers of persons who attempt who do not ever come to public knowledge because they don't go to an E.R. or the issue resolves itself for a period of time and then the attempt is not identified.

Also, we are working with looking at a psychological autopsy process. The Coroner's Office obviously does the physical autopsies but a psychological autopsy is looking at the psycho-social issues around a person's life prior to their attempt or their death and trying to identify any risk factors or contagions in the community that might contribute to seeing suicide as an option. Then, the methodology subcommittee also evaluates the activities of the other subcommittees, such as intervention and awareness, to make sure that the interventions are sound and that we are doing things in a methodological way.

Miscellaneous activities of the task force, we'll be having a panel at the upcoming NAMI

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Conference, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. NAMI has asked Sedgwick County to present at that because it is a statewide meeting and they would like us to share what Sedgwick County has done to implement suicide prevention in our community so we can share our knowledge with communities throughout Kansas. The task force is also pursuing funding opportunities, working with W.S.U. and the County to identify a person to assist in writing the plan and with the technical support for the task force. Then a grant opportunity for materials for the awareness activities and that would include printing of the brochures, wallet cards, resource lists, and if we have a successful poster contest and determine that we have a winning poster, the design, production, and printing of the poster. Then the task force is also exploring the utility of social marketing. Social marketing is the application of marketing principles to social issues and Vera Bauffner with the Kansas Health Foundation was identified by John Sullivan of SRS to attend an awareness subcommittee meeting. However, after that meeting it was determined it would be good for Ms. Bauffner to meet with the task force at large to discuss the social marketing concepts around suicide prevention. She has agreed to do that free gratis because of her interest in the area and her skill mix. We are currently in the process of setting up a meeting with her with select task force members.

Our timeline originally had been to have a plan to you by October 2001 with implementation in January of 2002. We are requesting to move the finalization of the report to December 2001, keeping in mind that we would still implement the plan in January of 2002, and that efforts are already being implemented through the awareness subcommittee's work with the media and through the intervention subcommittee's work with the educational presentations. We're not going to wait until January of 2002 to do anything, I guess, is the message for you there.

One of the reasons for that is that while I was in Atlanta we received an update report from the CDC and it is called Suicide Prevention Now, Linking Research with Practice. It goes through several areas of different cultural groups, age groups, mental illness groups, and talks about the research that has been done in those areas to assist communities in moving forward. Our task force would like the opportunity to review those materials and incorporate them then into our work locally. We are also awaiting the funding for the W.S.U. support person for the technical writing and assistance for the task force methodology subcommittee.

Our ultimate goal, the numbers for our County in 1998 were 12.9 suicides for 100,000 population. The Healthy People target goal for 2010 is 6 people per 100,000, however our goal would be 0 per 100,000. That is the Health People target goal from the report that was distributed. Dr. Magruder

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would like the opportunity to extend special thanks to Bev Bowman as the media liaison. Bev is also the business development coordinator for COMCARE and, between the task force and her work there, I know that she is putting in hours after hours. So Dr. Magruder wanted to be sure to express his appreciation for her efforts. I would like to express appreciation for COMCARE's efforts in supporting the task force through both manpower and supplies and assistance. At this time, that concludes my formal report and I would be happy to address any questions that you might have."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Kris. I see Bev is in the audience today too, so thank you for being here, and others as well. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a couple of questions. One, on the goal, could you put that slide back up on what the goal is. Is there an ongoing goal or do we just have to take a snapshot in 2010 to see if we were successful? Do you have a goal for 2002, 2003, to see if we're successful the first year in, if we're on target, or do we just wait until 2010 to see if we were successful."

Ms. Collins said, "We do not have that in print yet. My judgment would be that that would be included in the plan, the formal plan that would be provided to you in December."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think that would be helpful to see are we reaching our goal, as opposed to waiting eight years to see. Do you think the goal of zero is realistic?"

Ms. Collins said, "I do not, but that would be our ultimate goal."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Could you give us a realistic goal when you submit your plan, what you really feel is realistic so we'd have a way of judging the performance. I don't think it will help us to have an unrealistic goal. The other thing, on the psychological autopsy, could you explain that a little bit more to me? Who performs this procedure?"

Ms. Collins said, "At this point in time, the way that it has been done in our community is that various organizations that had involvement with a person who has suicided would complete psychological autopsies internal to that agency. I believe what the methodology subcommittee is looking at would be a psychological autopsy that would include persons from agencies together looking at what had occurred, what treatment interventions had been provide and if there were any gaps in treatment, what might have been done different, and then looking at the overall issue and analyzing that information to see whether there are pattern groupings in our community."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Will that be in the plan, too?"

Ms. Collins said, "That is one of the goals of the methodology subcommittee is to develop that psychological autopsy process."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guess the word I'm hanging up on is autopsy. Why is it called that?"

Ms. Collins said, "I do not know why it is called that, Commissioner Sciortino. I know that any quakes with the physical autopsy where all the body systems are reviewed and the psychological autopsy is a review of all mental and psychosocial systems."

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Sciortino said, "There's been a request for an extension of the timeline. Do we have to take action on the request?"

Chair McGinn said, "I don't think so, we're approving the report. Any other discussion? Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Kris, you did a nice job for having to find out today or yesterday that you were going to give a report. Thank you. Next item please."

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C. JOINT CHARTER RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE EXEMPTING SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WICHITA FROM PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 65-201, ET SEQ. RELATING TO JOINT LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH AND TO APPOINTMENT OF THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER; PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO; AND REPEALING THE EXISTING JOINT CHARTER RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE REGARDING THE JOINT BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The second step in a joint City/County reorganization of the Health Department. The City Council took action on this yesterday and passed it, seven and zero. Now, we're bringing it to you for your approval. It is a Charter Resolution, so it will go through the 60 day period where there will be an opportunity to file petitions and then it will become effective actually on January 1, 2002. I'm ready to answer any questions, if there are any."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Bob. I guess I'd just like to share that a lot of times the public, the paper always wants to write about how we don't get along with our partners across the street and this is an example of where we saw that we have, together, the responsibility of the Health Department but we're shifting some of the funding to specialize in areas that we, as government, specialize in and Sedgwick County happens to, because of COMCARE and other things, happen to have more specialization in social health services and those types of things.

So we're going to take more of those responsibilities, take on those and then as far as environmental groundwater pollution and those types of things, the City of Wichita has kind of taken the lead to do those types of things. So, on environmental issues within the City limits of Wichita, they will take on those things. So, we're working through some other things as well but this is a perfect example of two governing bodies working together for what is best for the community. Today, I guess, we're adopting a resolution and this is a transition period that will take a few years to fully implement. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I might ask Mr. Buchanan to clarify because I support what we're trying to do here. I think it is going to be a giant step forward. On the environmental issues that may crop up outside the City of Wichita, who would handle that?"

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "We are transferring at least one employee to Sedgwick County who currently works for the environmental section in the area of groundwater pollution and water issues. For issues of environmental which would include air monitoring, that

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function would be provided by the City of Wichita in their contractual relationship. The employees in charge that we are in the process of preparing some resolutions that you will be seeing about the solid waste issues, transfer stations, inspections and that process would stay with the County. The household hazardous waste, another part of the environmental section, those folks would be responsible to the County.”

Chair McGinn said, "I was thinking the lagoons and septic tanks outside the city limits also will be with the County. Any other questions for Bob? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

D. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Dave Rush, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In August, we had total events of 7 with 13 individual performances. We had 17,029 people in

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attendance. The revenues were \$76,941. The Three Doors Down concert had 3,041 in attendance and we have put a venture together with the radio stations. We'll be doing Conference Room B as an up scale for food and beverage. We called it the Rocker's Room for the concert. We did \$15 per cap in that room, as opposed to \$5 for the general public. It pays off well.

The Paint Horse Show and the Palomino Show, we had 1,075 in attendance for these. The horse shows seem to be growing. We're getting more and more people at each one of these has been up a little bit over the last year, seem to be doing a little better. The next event was the U.S. Weapons, it was also up significantly over the previous one. WWF Wrestling, we had 8,136 in attendance. There again, we did Conference Room B and we did \$12 per cap in there as opposed to \$5 for the general public. Once again, it is proving that the premium customer likes to be attended to. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino, how are your riding lessons going? With these horse shows growing."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "My riding lessons are going well. I'm gaining calluses in areas that I never knew you could gain a callous. I'm not trying to blind side you with a question, but you indicated that our revenues were \$76,941. What was our expenses for the month of August?"

Mr. Rush said, "Commissioner, I don't have that information. I can get it for you and get it to you."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That might be good to know, even in the future, what our expenses are so we can see where we're at at the Coliseum. It might be helpful. Yeah, I'd like to see that. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Page 21 has some details. Any other questions?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm sorry, maybe I should look before I leap."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

E. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS FOR ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED HIGHWAYS AND PARTS OF HIGHWAYS WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. ALL DISTRICTS.

Mr. Mark Borst, Traffic Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Resolution before you will establish speed limits on all the roads on the County highway system. Most, if not all of the changes in this edition of the annual resolution are due to annexations by Wichita or Park City where we eliminate roads out of the Resolution. C.I.P. projects, where we convert rural sections of roads into urban in that they have curb and gutter and that usually reduces the speed limits. Then we had a number of fringe areas around Wichita, Park City, and Haysville in which we modified speed limits, typically downward, to promote some reasonable continuity with the individual city speed limits. I'll answer any questions that you might have and I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

Chair McGinn said, "Mark, if I heard you correctly, you said that some of these you're changing that roads have been annexed by Park City and Wichita and we're still having to monitor them?"

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Mr. Borst said, "No, we've eliminated them, so they won't show up where they would have been . . . I think 1999 was our last County-wide Resolution."

Chair McGinn said, "I have some questions about a few roads but it is my understanding that we can go ahead and approve these and do a study later. Okay."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Chair, I just have one question that was asked of me a couple of weeks ago and I didn't know the answer. I'm embarrassed to say, but where it is not posted, what is the speed limit?"

Mr. Borst said, "In the unincorporated areas, on all highways in the State of Kansas, be they County, state, township or whatever, they are 55 miles an hour unless you post them otherwise. They can be posted up to 65, down to 20, that's the maximum and minimum."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So if it is not posted, it is 55."

Mr. Borst said, "Sedgwick County's policy, Public Work's policy has been we indicate where 55 begins when we leave a lower speed zone but then just to minimize our maintenance and because the statute is written the way it is, we then do not sign again unless we have a peculiar situation or a situation where we feel necessary."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you very much."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions? We need a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Clinical Operations, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Debbie Donaldson, our Executive Director, is in Portland today at a conference that is either happening or not happening, but she's there for a while. This first item has to do with a Contract that we have generated with Communities in Schools. Communities in Schools has been in the schools for about ten years in Wichita and they have a lot of valuable experience to share with us. Beginning with this academic school year, the 2001 – 2002 school year, COMCARE initiated a school based mental health services project called the Co-location project that we've talked about in here a number of times. We've gotten some nice news press on that recently as well. We are asking, through this contract, assistance from Communities in Schools in terms of sharing their expertise with us.

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Specifically, they're going to help the new mental health staff that are located now in the schools to understand the school environment, to help them connect in the most optimum way with schools and teachers and support staff in the schools and help us understand the logistics of operating and working in the school system. They started that process already this year by helping introduce the staff that are going to be in the schools to the week prior to school starting and talking about the co-location initiative and how we could best work together. They're also going to be collaborating with the school system on connectiveness study that was started last year. This is a study that is undertaken in USD 259 with all children in schools to look at how connected they are to school, how enthusiastic they are about being in school and the study last year we felt had some very valuable results. Communities in Schools is going to help maintain that effort.

One of the things the study showed was that children primarily start out school in kindergarten, first grade, very enthusiastic about being there and really wanting to be there. In about the third grade, some kids have already been soured by a school experience and don't feel safe in schools and have other issues that are going on. Certainly by junior high, those numbers grow so that the connectiveness study is going to be one that we're going to be looking at what kids need in school to stay in school and feel safe there and feel nurtured there. This contract will be for the entire year this year and there is a \$10,000 max on it. Communities in Schools will be billing us at \$25 an hour for their services. I'm requesting that you approve the contract."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton, don't you sit on this board?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes, I do."

Chair McGinn said, "Do you have any extra input?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I don't. I think that C.I.S. is very capable of fulfilling this contract. They have some great empirical evidence of how to work in the schools. They've got a wonderful presence in 17 to 20 schools and I think this is a great partnership that we'll put together. I did have a comment that is a little off this that I'd like to ask Marilyn about, but we can go ahead and make the motion. I would like to ask her a little bit about how we are ramping up to deal with the disaster

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in New York and Washington in the school system. I think, as that goes along, we're going to have some problems with kids not understanding what has happened and how we'll handle that as a mental health group in the City of Wichita. Kids are going to have great fears of tall buildings and air travel and those kinds of things real soon from watching it on TV."

Ms. Cook said, "Absolutely. I don't know what we have done to this point since this just occurred yesterday. I know we do meet very regularly with the coordinator of the co-location project, Bridget Hensley, and we have our coordinator, Terry Keener, who is in the schools every day now. We have been meeting this past week several times with school personnel to talk about our crisis plan, interestingly enough in terms of timing, and looking at how we develop a decision tree in terms of how they contact us and the order that those decisions are made. That was formalized this past week, so we have a mechanism in place to respond at this point and I am sure we will be meeting further this week to talk about that."

Commissioner Norton said, "It just seems like it would be prudent to be proactive, knowing that systemically two or three weeks from now there is going to be some trauma in some kids lives as this starts to wash over them and they understand that their lives have changed and their parents are talking about increased security and all the things that are going to happen. I think it is going to scare the heck out of them, particularly young kids who just don't understand this whole thing. They're going to be forced to try to understand it, so I guess I would urge us to start having that dialogue, talk to our crisis folks and make sure that we're out there being proactive in the schools, understanding what they're going to have to deal with."

Chair McGinn said, "Yesterday I had a meeting with the Manager and Marilyn and Randy from Emergency Management and those were some of the issues we discussed. I agree, we do need to try to be ahead of the curve. We're working on that. Any other questions for Marilyn?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. CONTRACT WITH STATE OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES ESTABLISHING A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

Ms. Cook said, "This item involves an annual contract that we have with the State of Kansas that establishes COMCARE as a participating mental health center or the local mental health authority for Sedgwick County. Debbie Donaldson has been meeting with our committee mental health center directors and the State for several months now to look at details of this contract. This contract is a little bit bigger this year than it has been in past years and there are a lot of expectations that have been put in this contract that you might not have seen in earlier ones. Some of the things that are in this contract have to do with anticipated limits for State hospital beds in our area on the adult side. This contract spells out that we have 27.75 bed days on any given day at the State hospital for adults. We've done a pretty terrific job this year of maintaining that and diverting people to committee care rather than State hospital care. Today we have 32 individual in the state hospital, so that number goes up and down dependent upon the population. It establishes 2.27 bed days, it seems funny to have part of a bed day, but it is how it averages out, for children in the community. We've done a terrific job in having less children than that on any given day in the State hospital.

The contract also spells out outcomes that the State expects of us for the money that they are providing for community care. Those outcomes on the adult side have to deal with the percentage of people who are living independently, that are working in competitive employment kinds of

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positions. On the kid side, the expectations have to do with the percent of kids living in permanent homes and locally the percentage of kids attending schools, doing well there, the percentage of kids who have contact with law enforcement. So the outcomes for the contract are very clearly spelled out. When we don't meet an outcome, the State does come to us and as the year goes on if it looks like we're falling outside those averages and asks us for an action plan.

The contract also spells out the whole array of services that are expected, in terms of being a participating mental health center. It also spells out case load size for us, in terms of case managers. New to this contract are access standards and the access standards have to do with how immediately we are to respond as a mental health center for people are who are in crisis situations, less urgent situations and then routine situations. We have so many days to respond to those individuals in our programs.

Also attached to this contract is a new definition for a person with a severe and persistent mental illness. We are looking now at what the implications of that will be for our system. In the past, the definition of a person with a severe and persistent mental illness or a person who would be part of what we call the targeted population, has to do with their diagnosis and their functioning. In addition to that, the State has added a risk assessment, so that individuals who are recently discharged from local inpatient hospitals, from State hospitals, from local jails and detention facilities, get points in this new risk assessment for being at higher risk of developing severe and persistent mental illness. We are defining that population a little bit differently and we will soon see what that means for our community.

The contract also spells out how data is collected and there are some federal block grant funds that are included in this and it spells out the conditions for the expenditure of those block grant funds. Total compensation for this contract is \$5,987,374. It is a very large contract. It is our major contract with the State. We're requesting that you approve the contract. I'd be happy to answer any questions that I can."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

3. SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF A RESEARCH PROJECT.

Ms. Cook said, "This agenda item has to do with the contract that we have or are wanting to get approved with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Our Medical Director, Doctor Baber, had patients this morning that he could not reschedule. He's been very involved, not only in the preparation of this research project but in understanding it and he certainly understands it better than I do. It is called the STAR-D Project and that stands for Sequence Treatment Alternatives to Relieve Depression. It is a research study that is being funded by the National Institute for Mental Health. It is being coordinated by the University of Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. It is a five year project. They're anticipating that they're going to serve about 4,000 patients nation-wide. There are 14 regional centers that are participating in this. COMCARE is part of this area's regional center, in collaboration with the K.U. Psychiatry Resident Program and one of K.U.'s family practice clinics. So all of us will be participating and have staff that have been trained in this model.

Basically, the idea of the research study is to develop and evaluate treatment alternatives for people who have depression problems that have not been helped to this point. There are no new medications in this. There are actually no new treatment approaches. A lot of individuals will still get cognitive behavioral therapy, will still get some of the medications, but for the folks who are not getting better, the idea of the research project is to develop protocols of when you switch to another medication, when you switch to another treatment modality and then document that so that at the end of the five years we will have a much better understanding, in terms of a scientific approach or a protocol to what works for a majority of people and what doesn't work. This has been open

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labeled research study and that means that people will know what medications they're on and in fact in this particular study they have a choice of what treatment interventions they're going to receive and what medications they're going to receive. There are no placebos in this. Sometimes you have research studies and some people get treated and some don't and you compare. Everyone here will be in an active treatment process.

The contract also spells out the conditions under which COMCARE will be paid for our services. In many cases, people with insurance will be able to submit their treatment to insurance because it is not really very different from the treatment they're receiving now. What makes it different is how frequently and how we're going to approach changing the treatment approach for them. The contract spells out that for those who don't have insurance or a third party payer that COMCARE will be paid, not only for our psychiatrist services to participate in this project and to provide them with the training they need as well as the travel to get there, but it will also pay for the medications that are part of this study. We will come out of this, hopefully, with not only a journal article that will list COMCARE and our other community players, but it will help to scientifically validate successful treatment and medication protocols. Requesting that you approve the agreement."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chair Carolyn McGinn

Aye

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

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2001.

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Minutes of the September 6th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are eight items for your consideration.

**(1) PATIENT BILLING/CLINICAL RECORDS SOFTWARE – COMCARE
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Item one, patient billing/clinical records software for COMCARE. It was moved to accept the negotiated proposal of Askesis Developmental Group, for the software, installation and implementation for a cost of \$400,000 and annual maintenance fee of \$35,025.

**(2) 7120 ROUTER/CISCO EQUIPMENT – COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE**

Item two, 7120 Router/CISCO equipment for COMCARE. It was moved to accept the bid of Southwestern Bell/SBC for \$14,246.75.

**(3) COLOR-CODED FILE FOLDERS – DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT**

Item three, color-coded file folders for District Court. It was moved to accept the low bid of Records Retrieval for \$22,935.84.

**(4) MOTOROLA RADIOS – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

Item four, Motorola radios for the Emergency Medical Service. It was moved to accept the bid of Motorola for \$10,324.

**(5) SERVERS AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING: TECHNOLOGY**

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Item five, servers and peripheral equipment for the Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to accept the bid of Dell for a total of \$200,296.

(6) CATALYST 6509/CISCO EQUIPMENT – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Item six, Catalyst 6509/CISCO equipment for the Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to accept the bid of Southwestern Bell/SBC for \$76,832.04.

(7) T1 SERVICE AGREEMENT – JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH
FUNDING: JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH

Item seven, T1 service agreement for Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. It was moved to accept the bid of Southwestern Bell/SBC for a five-year agreement for a total cost of \$24,994.

(8) T1 SERVICE AGREEMENT – ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITY – 622 E. CENTRAL
FUNDING: ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

Item eight, T1 service agreement for the adult residential facility for 622 E. Central. It was moved to accept the bid of Southwestern Bell/SBC for a five-year agreement for a total cost of \$11,614. I'll be happy to take questions and recommend the approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chair McGinn said, "Would you explain on Item 1 why we didn't take the low bid?"

Mr. Phipps said, "Tim Kaufman from COMCARE here to address that issue. He was a party of the selection committee for that proposal."

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Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What we had put on the street was a request for proposal. That means that we had identified a need and we asked for various vendors to identify their solution and present it to us. As we received the bids, we put together a 25 person review team that represented the entire organization and all segments of the organization and they looked at the functionality of the various products and the solutions that were proposed by the various vendors. We review functionality and as it turned out, the functionality that best met our needs was that presented by Askesis Developmental Corporation. As we looked at pricing, through the various responses, as it turns out the Askesis product is actually the second lowest because if you look at the bid information that has been presented, the Integrated Healthcare product and the Raintree product that are next to it, the Integrated Healthcare provides the clinical solution, Raintree provides the billing solution. What we had requested was an integrated product and those two submitted a bid with each other. When you combine those two prices there, they are a little bit over \$1,000,000. The other product, Sequest Technologies . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Could you walk us through that again because I don't see that on the back-up material. On the R.F.P., they didn't respond to all of the requests of the R.F.P? They indicate they did."

Mr. Kauffman said, "The Integrated Healthcare product, what we had asked for was a combined solution, a comprehensive solution and those two submitted their bids relying on the other. Integrated Healthcare does the clinical component and Raintree does the billing component. What they submitted was a partnership bid. They said we provide one component and Raintree provides the other, so each bid referenced the other product."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

Mr. Kauffman said, "So we would have to buy both of those products to get the functionality that we were looking for. With the Sequest Technologies product, that is one that is developed primarily by the provider. It is a skeleton of a solution. It is one that we could make work but

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implementation time would probably run about a year. We're making efforts to get this implemented within the next three to four months. We'd like to be ahead of E.R.P. if we can. So those are two bids that would have been a little bit less. In terms of functionality, the Askesis product meets the needs of the clinicians and the billing staff much better."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. I have another questions about some of these others in general. I notice with telecommunications and radios, we're not seeing a lot of bids."

Mr. Phipps said, "The Emergency Medical Service uses an 800 megahertz Motorola radio as likewise does the Sheriff's Department and their staff. Motorola only works with Motorola and consequently we have to talk to all those facilities, so this is the same equipment as we have been using, we just need additional."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. I'd like to ask this gentleman another question, then I have a question for you too. If the Integrated Healthcare and Raintree was a combined bid, then that makes Askesis a lot lower but then does that make them second lowest to Sequest, is that how I'm reading it here?"

Mr. Kauffman said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Again, if I'm looking at the total cost of software, installation and implementation, they're total cost is \$282,000 compared to \$400,000 and the only difference is it would take about a year to implement the Sequest as opposed to the Askesis?"

Mr. Kauffman said, "That would be one difference. The other difference is the functionality that the software provides as it is. What we had done is we asked a wide variety of employees within the organization to identify their needs for the clinical and billing components but we asked the users of the software to review the various products too to determine which would meet their needs."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's getting back to the graders again, we're going to let the operator tell us whether or not they want the one brand of grader to the other. Go ahead, if you want to interrupt me."

Mr. Buchanan said, "If that would be all right. I think we need to remember that about a year or so ago we hired William Mercer Associates, who are a premier healthcare consultant agency in the

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country, to take a look at COMCARE, the whole mental health system, how we bill, how we keep track of our records, how we in fact provide service.

You've seen, in the last two months or so and will see some more, addition to our staff, addition to the backroom operations of mental health about the importance of integrating not only the clinical issues but how we bill. Those two things are so intertwined and interrelated that we went out to look for a technical solution using these consultants who aid if you're going to do business in the 21st century in healthcare these days, here's how you do it. We went out and designed a system, asked for bids and Askesis is the one that will do the job for us within a range of the specification that we can do. We can do the other, takes a year, and it won't give us what we want."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is that a case, Bill, of maybe not clearly defining what our needs are in the R.F.P.?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "This Commission makes it real clear that we get real nervous when we only get one bid. So we made this open and said here's what we want, give us your best solution. By opening it up to alternative solutions, this is the response we got."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "My only concern is I do believe that in some cases, and I think this is one, we should open it up for bid to see if we can get the most efficient system but then if we have the fall back then we can always then figure out why we didn't take the lowest bid and took the one that we really liked and we could throw in some subjunctive reasons, I'm getting concerned that the public would know that we are legitimately looking for bids and my only question is did we, for example, have a pre-bid conference where we took all of the proposed vendors and clearly identified and outlined for them what we were looking for and the end result that we were really trying to obtain so they could maybe put a more intelligent bid together or did we just send out an R.F.P.?"

Mr. Kauffman said, "We sent out an R.F.P. that was very extensive. It was close to 100 pages. We had identified over 1,000 requirements that we felt that we needed this software to provide us. No one bidder said we can do all 1,000 of those things. They did say this is what we do well and these are things we don't do as well. An example would be the I.H.P. and Raintree, they're specialized in one area or another. Each one of these products specializes in a different area. We weighted the criteria that we had identified and so that is why we had so many questions on our

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R.F.P. Then we had an open period for comments and as people asked questions about our R.F.P., we made those responses public on the internet in the Purchasing website to do that. So we responded to all of the vendors and made sure they understood what requirements we were looking for, what requirements were critical.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm not trying to question what we did and I also don't know anything about what this is going to do. I know where we want to go but I'm not going to try to get into the meat and potatoes of it. My only concern is to assure the public that we are legitimately looking at alternative bids to try to keep the cost down when it is applicable to do so. When I see a huge disparity and I thought it was just because of when it could be implemented but now I'm hearing from the County Manager that it wouldn't do what we wanted it to do, that's more important to me than just waiting the one year. Do you agree that it won't do what we're wanting it to do?"

Mr. Kauffman said, "Yes, I do."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, then that answers that question. Okay, next person up. What does joint governmental purchase mean? I don't know that I've seen that shown and it is listed two or three times here as to why we just took one bid. It says joint governmental purchase. For example, Item 7, on the T1 it says joint governmental purchase, what does that mean?"

Mr. Phipps said, "Rodney, would you care to address that? Mr. Rodney Horton, of the Division of Information and Operations, is here. He's the one that put this package together."

Mr. Rodney Horton, Networking Supervisor, Division of Information and Operations, said, "It is actually a new term Purchasing is using but it is a"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just want to know what joint governmental purchase means."

Mr. Buchanan said, "If I may answer the questions. Joint governmental purchasing is that under the purchasing resolution, if the City of Wichita bids an item we can piggy back on their item. In this case, it's a State bid and I think we piggy backed on someone else's bid."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And the benefit of that to us is what?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "The benefit of that is they've already bid it, they've gone through the paper

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work and if it is a recent price we don't have to do the paperwork."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Maybe because of their bidding expertise or negotiating they've got a lower price and we can use the State's buying power."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That answers my questions. Thanks."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way, two Temporary Construction Easements and one Dedication Deed for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-AA, BB, CC on Rock Road from Derby to Mulvane. CIP# R-243. Districts #2 and

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#5.

- b. One Easement for Public Utilities for Sedgwick County Project: Sanitary Sewer – East Yard. District #5.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V20105	\$382.00	\$382.00
V2088	\$0.00	\$0.00
V2092	\$325.00	\$325.00
V2072	\$268.00	\$400.00
V99003	\$425.00	\$190.00
V96030	\$235.00	\$500.00
V010111	\$506.00	\$675.00
V2047	\$600.00	\$523.00
V010112	\$143.00	\$208.00

3. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010140	\$311.00	2	Hearth Hollow Apartments
V010141	\$538.00		Keith Showell
V010143	\$105.00	5	William Favreau

4. Extension of time to complete platting required by a zone change from “SF-20” Single-Family Residential to “NR” Neighborhood Retail. Generally located south of K-96 and west of Ridge Road.

5. Plat.

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

Mannis Addition

6. **Order dated September 5, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
7. **General Bills Check Register of September 7, 2001.**
8. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "I know we have an Executive Session. Mr. Randels, do you think it will take 20 minutes?"

Mr. Randels said, "Fifteen to twenty."

Chair McGinn said, "Do we want to go ahead and have a recess, since we are having a media briefing at 10:30 and then come back and do the Executive Session?"

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Madam Chair, I would recommend we go into Executive Session and we can recess from there."

Chair McGinn said, "But we'll have to call it for less than 20 minutes to break out. Just briefly, I know we're running short on time, I will announce that Sedgwick is having their fall festival this weekend and hopefully folks will take time to join in on some of their community activities and the week after that, Valley Center is having their fall festival. Commissioner Norton do you have anything?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No, I don't."

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 15 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "I will share for our audience that we will have a media briefing at 10:30 on the situation on the east coast but how it effects us back home."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. and returned at 10:30 a.m.

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Chair McGinn said, "I'll call the Regular Meeting back to order. Let the record show there was no action taken while in Executive Session. The meeting is adjourned."

J. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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