

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 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 26, 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; Ms. Kathy B. Sexton, Chief Information Officer; Dr. Mary Dudley, County Coroner; Ms. Jo Sanders, Recycling Coordinator, Environmental Resources; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Director, Housing Office; Major Jackie Stuart, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant 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. Ted Bredehoft, President, Board of Directors, SIDS Network of Kansas.
Ms. Christy Shannon, Program Director, SIDS Network of Kansas.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mr. Bob Bruener of the Christian Businessmen's Committee

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, September 5, 2001**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2001.

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2001 AS "SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sudden infant death syndrome, SIDS, is the leading cause of death for infants under one year of age in the United States, claiming more children annually than all those who die from cancer, heart disease, pneumonia, child abuse, AIDS, cystic fibrosis, and muscular dystrophy combined; and

WHEREAS, each year 4,000 infants in the United States die from SIDS, commonly called Crib Death; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of SIDS is not contagious, is not considered hereditary, occurs on all social and economic levels, is not the result of neglected illness or child abuse. Although this

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mysterious disorder cannot be predicted or prevented, recent studies have shown the risk of SIDS can be reduced by placing infants on their back to sleep, by breast feeding, and by smoking cessation; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of SIDS combined with risk education measures can protect, save, and guard the lives of our State's babies and spare many families from the needless tragedy that is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2001 as,

“SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”

in Sedgwick County and urge all citizens to become more aware of this devastating syndrome and lend their courage, caring and support to all the families who have lost a baby to SIDS.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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

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

Chair McGinn said, "Do we have someone receiving that today?"

Ms. Christy Shannon, Program Director, SIDS Network of Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the board and the families that we serve, we'd like to thank you for the Proclamation and recognizing SIDS Awareness Month this October. I just wanted to tell you a

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couple of things about the SIDS Network of Kansas. First of all, we were officially certified as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Kansas on July 31, 1998. Shortly thereafter, we joined the National SIDS Alliance, which is located in Baltimore, Maryland. On November 15, 2001, we opened our first office and the day that I began and prior to that we were a volunteer organization.

Our mission has basically four components. That is to provide bereavement services to families, parents that have been struck by this tragedy. Also, to increase community awareness regarding SIDS risk reduction, to provide education to professionals and to support medical research efforts. Currently, we're working on a couple of things. One, you have a brochure for a first responder infant death responder training which will be held October 5th. Hopefully we will have first responders or infant death responders from across the state attend on the protocols and how to work with families after a tragedy like this. We hold monthly parent support meetings. I do counseling with the families after a death has occurred. We have a quarterly newsletter as well as a variety of other services. I'd like to say that we have representation from the County, Bill Auchterlonie is one of our board members as is Doctor Dudley and we are pleased to have them.

Just statistically a little bit about SIDS, and you named some of the things in the proclamation. In the State of Kansas in 1999, 281 infants died, 44 of those deaths were due to SIDS, so about 15.7% of all the children that died in the State of Kansas. Sixty-two of the infant deaths happened here in Sedgwick County, five of those were due to SIDS. So it is a fairly small number but we need to reduce that even more. Our goal is to provide risk reduction techniques to the greater community. Our president, Ted Bredehoft is here and he will say a few words."

Mr. Ted Bredehoft, President, Board of Directors, SIDS Network of Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the Board of Directors of the SIDS Network of Kansas, we're greatly indebted to the action that the County has done with this proclamation and encourage the other 104 counties in the great State of Kansas to do likewise. A few members on the Commission are well aware of the history of our organization. They were there from the get go and I see Betsy up there smiling. She was there, done that and shared a lot of things with us.

We have had great cooperation in the community and in the state. We have a great Board of Directors and, as Christy mentioned, we're so happy that we have two representatives from the County on our board who serve us admirably. We're most appreciative of that. We accept this proclamation with a great deal of enthusiasm and appreciation and I'd like to present each one of you with this badge, if you will. It will not go through the metal detector downstairs. I've already

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tested them. We're asking, on each meeting that you have during the month of October, that you wear these. I can't guarantee that it won't put a hole in your apparel, but I would appreciate it if you would do that."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Ted for being here today. Dr. Dudley, do you have any comments to make?"

Dr. Mary Dudley, County Coroner, said, "Thank you. On behalf of the Forensic Science Center, we really thank you for this proclamation. This will definitely help increase community awareness for SIDS and also we are in very strong support of the SIDS Network of Kansas, which really helps. We will refer cases that we think are possible SIDS and the Network will contact families immediately until the diagnosis is confirmed. They provide community support to help. I believe really that every parent should know about SIDS being a high risk or a risk for a child dying. Every baby has to leave the hospital in an infant carrier seat but there is actually a higher chance that this baby may die from SIDS. Every parent and caregiver should know about these risk factors. Again, I thank you for this proclamation and I believe it will really help increase the awareness and help support the SIDS Network of Kansas. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Dr. Dudley for being here today. I appreciate all that you're doing to improve and decrease this tragic death. I think it is interesting, my children are 17, 14, and back then we were told to put them on their stomach. These things change and I think it is important that we get that information out to people because if moms are telling their daughters this is what we used to do and so we need to change that as we have new information. Commissioner Gwin.

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Just real quickly, I think all of us are pleased to be able to accept this proclamation. It is, as Mr. Bredehoft said, an area where it is so emotionally charged and it is so difficult for family members and others to come together. This organization could have been badly fractured and not successful, if it had not been for Mr. Bredehoft and his wife's efforts to keep us together, to keep us going in the same direction. I commend you for your stick-to-itiveness, for the phone calls that you gave me to encourage us to

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keep coming in the same direction with you. I'm delighted the organization is as it is. I'm delighted that Dr. Dudley and Major Auchterlonie are both a part of your organization to represent the County and we wish you well in your efforts to educate. Thank you. Thank you, Carolyn."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Doctor, I notice that you had said or the proclamation indicated smoking cessation, there is some evidence that that could reduce the possibility of it. Is that after the baby is born or is it prior to?"

Dr. Dudley said, "There is actually a three times risk for SIDS in mothers who smoke during pregnancy and if there is smoke in the environment. There is a two times risk if the baby is in a smoking environment, so there really should be no smoke around the baby and pregnant mothers should avoid smoking also."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Did I hear you say that now, with insurance being the way it is and trying to get the mothers and the babies out of the hospital as quickly as possible, did I hear you say that that has a tendency to increase . . . did you say that?"

Dr. Dudley said, "No, I didn't really mention that. What I mentioned is that a lot of the education of new parents when they leave with their baby in the hospital, they're made aware that a baby should be in an infant seat but only about 150 babies nationally die in a motor vehicle accident. We have up to 4,000 and I'm just saying that new mothers and also caregivers, grandparents, baby sitters, should all know about the risk factors in that vulnerable period which is usually two to four months of age, the baby should be on the back to sleep."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Are the hospitals now giving that information out?"

Dr. Dudley said, "I believe actually last year nationally that we provided pamphlets through I believe the state and I know Nola Foulston is very supportive and I think we did a group effort to get that information to the hospitals to give out to parents."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I agree with the Chair. When we had our children, we were told to put the baby on the stomach and it is always a concern because we don't know what really causes it, they just decide to stop breathing, I guess."

Dr. Dudley said, "There is still ongoing research, internationally, on SIDS and I believe it will turn out that there is not just one factor but a group of factors."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "The cessation of smoking is definitely a big factor that can reduce it."

Dr. Dudley said, "There is the sleeping position, smoking, the baby should be on a firm bedding, and babies who are breast fed have lower incidences of SIDS so there are many factors."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you very much and I also commend you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you all for being here today and providing this information. Yes, Ted."

Mr. Bredehoft said, "I would like to mention one thing which the Board is so proud of and hasn't been mentioned thus far. Your Dr. Dudley, who is also ours, if you don't mind."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "She's our doctor, don't try to take her away from us."

Mr. Bredehoft said, "Something that happened this spring, she was nominated to a National SIDS Board of Directors. I know you're aware of that, but I just want you to know that we're very, very proud of that. Not only is the County represented in that move but also the entire state. I think she should be commended for the work she has done. We have many times offered her a position, even though non-paying, to serve on our board but she will take the advisory board right now or a member of the board and I can see that because she is so tied up with so many things, specifically the National SIDS Alliance, plus her many other functions."

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

AWARD PRESENTATION

B. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CHARLENE CAHAIL IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP.

Chair McGinn said, "I don't believe Charlene Cahail is here today so I would ask for a motion to defer this item indefinitely."

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to defer the item indefinitely.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

C. CONTRACT WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES AT VARIOUS DROP-OFF LOCATIONS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Jo Sanders, Recycling Coordinator, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is time for us to take a look at a contract with Waste Connections and this Contract calls for the operation of recycling collection services at the various drop-off locations within Sedgwick

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County. The Contract says that Waste Connections will provide the transport of recyclable materials that are collected within these particular dumpsters. At this current time, Wichita holds the contract and is paying for the bill through revenues generated at Brooks Landfill through tipping fees. As we all know, those days of generating that income are soon to come to an end. Many months ago, the County agreed that, beginning October of 2001, the County would assume the financial responsibility of these drop-off locations.

The current Contract states that the County will agree to pay the vendor \$10,650 a month to provide the transport of this material. There are 15 drop-off locations in total. There are 12 of these locations located at grocery stores throughout our County and at these locations we're collecting newspapers, aluminum cans and glass containers. An additional three locations collect only newsprint. So it is 15 locations that Waste Connections is responsible for transporting that material.

As I visited with you within the last couple of days, a couple of you did ask for a real quick refresher on the way that we're measuring our progress towards our recycling goal. I'm sure that you all are familiar with our goal, our measurement date, but I'm going to repeat it real quickly just in case any one in the viewing audience is not aware. Currently, Sedgwick County is looking at a recycling goal and it is one that you set for us. That goal is that 50% of single family households within the County participate in recycling. You all have set a measurement date for us to make our measurement on December 1st, 2002.

How are we going to measure participation? One can't say yes, I recycle one aluminum can every year so does that count as me? Do I count as recycling? My answer to that is no. We sought the help of a nationally renowned environmental consultant, Franklin Associates. They've done extensive work for the EPA. We asked them for help and they have analyzed the buying practices of families in Sedgwick County and given us data pertinent to our community, so that we actually can measure what we should be doing here.

Franklin Associates tells us that the average single family household should be generating 559 pounds of recyclable material each and every year. Now what does this mean 'generating 559 pounds'? Well, I opened up my front door this morning, got my newspaper, read it, I'm done with it. I have generated newspaper, that is a recyclable material. Have a bad habit of starting my

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morning off with a cold beverage out of an aluminum can. When the beverage is gone, I have generated another recyclable item. I have generated an aluminum can. Now is it reasonable for us to expect every recyclable item to actually end up in a recycling container? I say no. Franklin says no, and this is why. Sometimes I have a craft and I spread that newspaper on my kitchen table and it gets paint on it, it gets glue on it. It is no longer appropriate for the recycling stream. Sometimes my jars of peanut butter are a little bit too messy and I don't want to take the time to wash them out, so I throw that away. Glass containers can break and so for safety I throw those in the trash and not in the recycling bin. So I want to say it is probably not reasonable for us to expect 100% of all possible recyclable materials to actually make it to the recycling stream and that is why we reasonable are saying we expect that a single family household in Sedgwick County will be putting 452 pounds of recyclable material into the recycling stream.

Now from here on out, it is simple mathematics, 452 pounds times the 122,280 single family households that we know we have in Sedgwick County. That means that our recycling stream should be producing 27,615 tons of recyclable materials every year. We have a number now. We have a number to measure, all right? So if our goal . . . if everyone participates, and we should be collecting 27,615 tons, we know, as reported by Weyerhaeuser, in the year 2000 we recycled 5,080 tons. Again, simple mathematics shows that currently 18% of single-family households in Sedgwick County are recycling. You've seen this in the newspaper and this is how we have determined that 18%, that's where we are. We're at 18% and through education, community involvement, Department of Environmental Resources staff is going out to groups, neighborhoods, public meetings, seminars. We hope to get that message out so that that 18% does increase to 50% by December 1st, 2002.

Of the materials that are collected, 75% of that little over 5,000 tons, 75% of that material is coming in through these drop-off locations, so continuing this service and Sedgwick County approving this contract is vital to the success of our measurement and our reaching the goal. So that brings us back to the item at hand. I will do my best to answer any questions that you have and I ask you to review the Contract, approve it and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Jo, I just happened to think of this this morning so I didn't think about it when you came by. Currently, Waste Connections handles this for the City of Wichita. I was just curious, have we ever asked Waste Management if this was something they wanted to . . ."

Ms. Sanders said, "The contract that we're looking at right now is only for three months, October, November and December of 2001. When we prepare the contract for the year of 2002, it will go out for bid. So, anyone who is interested at that point can submit a bid."

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Chair McGinn said, "So, basically we're just pretty much since we're taking over control of solid waste, we're taking over what the City of Wichita has been doing at the drop-off sites."

Ms. Sanders said, "Correct."

Chair McGinn said, "I think this is very good and I know we're going to later discuss maybe some new locations and that is part of our plan, to make it more convenient. I know when I go out to neighborhood associations and other organizations that have asked me to come out and talk about solid waste, the thing I hear is we want it to be convenient. I hear from citizens, we want to recycle, we don't want to be at that 18%, we don't want to be the state that is 47th or 48th on the list of who recycles. What I hear from them is that they want to do a better job but they want it to be convenient. I know we have set that goal for one year. We're going to try to educate people and get things up to the 50%, but we also know that some people would like to pay to have curbside recycling. They like that convenience. But there are other people who don't want to pay for that and they prefer the drop off boxes. So we're going to do both, but the curbside feature of that is educating people that their hauler may already provide that service and they just need to contact them.

I called your office yesterday and talked to Susan after talking to a seniors group. They wanted to know who offers it and so I know your office is going to be doing that research to find out what haulers in our community offer curbside recycling so we can get that information out as well."

Ms. Sanders said, "I'm glad that you called and, Commissioner Sciortino, I'm very glad that you pointed that out to me yesterday also. I would say since I've been employed by the County we have been calling haulers oh I'd say every six months or so just to see what their going trash rates are and whether or not they do provide curbside recycling. I was very pleased, I was able to contact four haulers yesterday and of the four I assumed that only one had curbside recycling service and since the last time we surveyed the community, three more have joined and now provide that service. If anybody really wants convenience, trust me, I've been there and I do it, there is nothing more convenient than curbside recycling service. I would urge anybody who wants to try it to give their hauler a call and arrange for that service to be provided. It might cost a couple of bucks a month but it is well worth it."

Chair McGinn said, "I think we may see some changes, as time goes on, people providing that service to their customer to make sure they continue to keep that customer. Also, I think there is going to be some market forces that come into play that keeps that price down as well."

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Ms. Sanders said, "I hope everyone has had the opportunity to see Amy and Richard on the newspaper. No, not on the newspaper, on the television. I think the campaign we're starting right, right now we are in what Nye Associates are calling an awareness mode. We're wanting just to call to everyone's attention this is an important issue, so we're trying to build awareness in the community at this particular time and that is where the commercials are coming in. We will be switching to a call for action mode starting in December with composting Christmas trees. So we want to get people aware that this is our issue. This is a big issue for our community right now. Very shortly we're going to start asking for behavior changes."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Jo, I'm glad that you did that research that we talked about. I just wanted to say publicly, I really enjoyed our meeting. This is the first time I've really gotten my hands around in language that I could understand how we got to the base line of how we are going to measure this. I can figure it out now very easily. It will be a real easy number to see in December 2002, did we reach our goal? The formula is understandable for me, maybe for the first time. You all may have grasped it earlier, but this is the first time I've really been able to understand it."

Two questions; One, would you mind naming the four companies that you contacted. I'm assuming Waste Connections and Waste Management, am I right in saying David Lies, and who is the fourth?"

Ms. Sanders said, "Ballinger."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. We had talked about maybe trying to encourage them to join us and partner with us in this effort to try to get the message out that curb-side recycling is available. I still hear, if I could do it more convenient I would pay for it if I had it. I still get the sense that the majority of the public doesn't realize that curb-side is available. Were you able to talk to any of those haulers and see if they would join us in promoting it, maybe putting it on their bill or anything?"

Ms. Sanders said, "I asked that specific question to Waste Connections and Waste Management, and I was pleased to hear that Waste Connection already does that on their bill when there is room. Now there is room for a message. Now the next billing cycle there is going to be a different message so it won't be on that, but the bill that then hits our mailboxes in January they will go back to a curb-side message that curb-side recycling services are available, call us for more information. Waste Management has agreed that they will look at that. Again, space available, they will add that

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to their bill also. They also said that they, at this particular time, they didn't want to be responsible for generating an insert for their bill if that is what we were interested in, but they would work with us if we would chose to generate that and pay for that, that they would see that got in there."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I really think that would be a big key if we could get comfortable so that the people would know that curb-side recycling is presently available. I agree with Jo, I think it is a bargain."

Ms. Sanders said, "It is a difficult message to get out and, in defense of my colleagues, when the phone rings, when we have printed information, we have a new recycling guide, when we talk about curb-side recycling it is on the internet also. Our first message to them is call your hauler and see if they have that service available. That is always an option that we give when we are out there. But it is difficult, it is a big challenge to get that message out so that everyone knows it. Rest assured, the Environmental Resources staff is disseminating that message every opportunity we get."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I am also glad that we are looking at expanding this. I've had a lot of calls and like Carolyn has said, talking to seniors, and some of them it is a little different, maybe they're on a fixed income or what have you and they really can't afford the three or four dollars a month but they still want to be part of the solution and that is why these drop off boxes are so advantageous. You might, if the media hasn't seen that brochure that you produced, that is a dramatic piece. That is really explanatory. For me, it was in Kansas kitchen English. I thoroughly understood it. You have locations of various drop offs and other items that can be recycled. That is a very good piece and I commend whoever in your department put that together. That's a great piece. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Yes, those are hot off the press last weekend and I was able to get a few and take them to the Valley Center Festival. From what I've heard from those who have looked through that is that it is a very good information piece. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "One of my concerns as we talked, Jo, was the gaps between recycling centers. There is obviously, I know you've got a map that shows the different ones, and there is

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three or four pretty good size gaps where the service is pretty far away from people. In some cases, those are areas of high concentration of low and moderate income, senior citizens, people on fixed incomes, and my value is that we really need to work hard at filling in those gaps somehow. It is really not going to work real well if we speak recycling and people don't want to do curbside service and then there is not a place within a mile or mile and a half of their home to take it to. I don't know if we have any empirical evidence or have done a study on how far people will carry trash to one of those drop off centers but I suspect it is not very far. I think it has to be relatively close to their homes. I would urge us to continue to look at that. Try to do maybe some surveys. I don't know how you do that or how far people will take trash, where are they going to drop it off. I think that is important to maybe pop a two mile radius around each one of those and say that is the service zone for that particular drop off. It is almost like tornado sirens, you put a circle around them, four miles or whatever, and there are going to be big gaps and you need to put another one where the gap is. I think we really need to look at that as we move forward on this."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think that is why, Commissioner, they've tried to put them at major grocery stores, figuring that people that would be normally going to the grocery store on a regular basis it would be convenient to drop it off. I agree with you, they're not going to haul it too far."

Commissioner Norton said, "It is interesting if you look at the map. There is a Dillons in Tallgrass but their parking lot is so small that they don't put one there so that eliminates a huge area of northeast Wichita that is very populated."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "They can afford drop-off spots, I'm not too worried about them."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'll let them know that you're not worried about them, Ben. I think it is very important that we look at those gaps because that is going to take a lot of people out of the loop. People in America like convenience. They won't drive . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's what is generating all the trash, convenience and fast foods."

Chair McGinn said, "I talked to Jo the other day about an area in the northeast community, the northeast part of Wichita that does not have a grocery store. You've got Waco/ 13th and you've got to go clear out to the Tallgrass area. So we looked at some areas and I know Jo is researching to see if we can put something in that area as well. I agree, it needs to be convenient and close. I go 15

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miles, and I bring that up because in the rural community, we will have to do something different. I have larger containers and so I only go every two or three months. That's the piece that we'll have to think differently of how we serve those individuals. I'm certainly not going to get curb-side recycling, I'm going to have to haul it in somehow."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well certainly we need to look at all the small towns and let them be bastions of recycling. I know Haysville has got it, Derby has got it, but I'm not so sure that Colwich and Bentley and Sedgwick have the system put together. We need to look at them. They'll be very convenient for a lot of the rural communities. They're dotted out there in Tom's district pretty well."

Chair McGinn said, "I think that is what we're going to look at next year, as we add more drop off bins. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just to follow up, I certainly agree with Commissioner Norton and you, Madam Chair, that this near northeast has a need and Jo and I talked about that. Then that kind of new northeast that I represent, there is a challenge there too, because we continue to see a lot of new neighborhoods coming on and a lot of population growth, so we have to address that.

Jo and I did talk a little bit about, I have a couple of townships in my district, mine geographically is fairly small, so I don't have that many townships. But my thought was, there really isn't a place necessarily to put a big recycling bin and it probably isn't defensible, as far as the cost. So, where is their rallying point, where do the folks in the township come together? I know a particular church where a lot of folks gather for their community meetings once a month. I think this is part of the process. Couldn't you go out to some of the folks in the rural areas of the County in their gathering points and say, you know once a month, how about a second Saturday of the month, from eight o'clock in the morning or seven o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock in the morning? Tim, Ben and Carolyn will all have their pick-up trucks here and we're going to gather the recyclables from our community, which may be rural, and we're going to take those to whichever is the closest drop off point and we're doing this as a group. Ben and Tim and Carolyn, we'll supplement you for the cost of your gas but that's the way we are going to do it.

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I think there are solutions that working with the folks who live outside the city limits of the cities in this County that we can certainly visit with them about. They understand being neighbors and they understand helping one another. I think it would certainly be easy to visit with them about what their good solutions might be for them.”

Commissioner Norton said, "It is interesting you bring that up. Maybe we need to try to meet with the township boards and let them be a part of it. I know they have a worry about dumping in the townships and maybe that is a way that we utilize them. They are the first line of government out in the rural areas, the township boards. Maybe we can somehow connect with them and see if we can help them some way put that together. Maybe even help them with some vehicles once a month.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I like this. This is a great idea and somewhere back in my memory, some of the smaller communities in Kansas, before recycling really got into vogue, some people that were ahead of the curve would get together with a major hauler or what have you and they would announce that at city hall this Saturday the truck would be there and maybe carrying that farther, we could partner with the smaller communities and see if they would join with us in that effort to help promote it in their town that this Saturday there will be a truck at the city hall parking lot and make it a community effort and go out and do that in all the communities.”

Commissioner Norton said, "It is interesting, I did something similar in Haysville and we called it ‘Dump on Us’.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Everybody else in the County dumps on us.”

Commissioner Norton said, "We put a dump truck out and they could haul their limbs and stuff and throw in there and we hauled it off. But the idea was for them to have a place to take it and throw it away.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And you have the vehicle to get the message out through your board meetings. That is some good discussion that we can do after this meeting. This is great that we’re talking about it.”

Chair McGinn said, "I think that, as I’ve gone out and talked to different organizations, I think the perception is that because they’re hearing about the trash issue they think we control it already and we don’t. So we have to explain to them that we don’t even take over until October 10. I think our community is going to see some new programs that they had not seen before in the past. I know that some of these programs are going to tweak and adjust and some of the things you’ve shared

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those are the things we want to do to work with the community. I guess the last thing I'd like to share once in a while you hear the discussion about recycling doesn't pay. Well, what I've gleaned from talking to citizens is that we no longer think about I'm going to save my newspapers and my aluminum cans because I want to go get money for them. It seems like now people donate their aluminum cans to Boy Scouts or some other organization and what I have heard from people is they're doing it because it is the right thing to do. It is about preserving natural resources for the long haul of our community and our state and that type of thing. I think people are changing the way they think about recycling. It is about preserving the natural resources. Jo, thank you for being here today. Commissioners, do I have a motion to approve this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Again Jo, thank you for all the information that you gathered and shared with us today. Clerk, call the next item please."

D. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

- 1. CONTRACT WITH SECRETARY OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDING FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF A PERMANENCY PLANNING AND COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections, greeted the

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Commissioners and said, "This morning, the Contract that you have before you would allow continuation of funding by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services here in the Wichita area office. It would provide one staff position to support the operation of the Permanency Planning and Coordinating Council. The original contract was established in May of 2000 between S.R.S. and Sedgwick County to provide a program designed to accelerate permanency for youth in foster care and promote ongoing improvement in the child need of care system as it functions here in the 18th Judicial District.

The current contract funds one position which serves as the Permanency Council Coordinator. S.R.S. is responsible for the salary and benefit costs of the position while Sedgwick County is responsible for the provision of office supplies and any other business related expenses. I am requesting that you approve this Contract and authorize the Chair to sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chair McGinn said, "Larry, on the \$52,000, that's our portion or that funds the individual as well?"

Mr. Ternes said, "That's the S.R.S. portion."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, so that is all their portion. So I don't see what our cost is?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Our cost is approximately \$4,400."

Chair McGinn said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Larry?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY SUPPORTING ENHANCEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION'S HOME-BASED SUPERVISION PROGRAM.

Mr. Ternes said, "Commissioners, the Department of Corrections has received notification from the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority and the Kansas Advisory Group and Delinquency Prevention of the award of a Title II Challenge Grant. The grant is to provide for enhancements to our home-based supervision program through continued support of one staff position. Home-based supervision is an alternative to secured juvenile detention. It is essentially a house arrest program that restricts the offender's mobility to home or to the school. The juvenile court judge must authorize this particular service.

Electronic monitoring services are also a component of this program. The amount of this grant award is \$30,019 for a one-year period beginning October 1st of this year. It would go through September 30th, 2002. There is no required grant match of County mill levy funds. I would recommend that you approve this request and would be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Larry on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Award.

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

3. AGREEMENT WITH OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROVIDING A GRANT-FUNDED TRUANCY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INCREASE COMMITMENT TO SCHOOLS.

Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is an Agreement with the District Attorney's Office to provide a truancy intervention program for 300 students that have reached the legal threshold of truancy. As you will recall, last week I presented the Wichita Acts on Truancy Contract for your approval. The D.A.'s Truancy Intervention is just one component of the overall truancy effort that is under our community funding plan.

Wichita Acts on Truancy will continue to serve as the lead agency for this program. We are just contracting separately with the District Attorney's Office. Again, 100% of the funds for this program will come from the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority. I ask that you approve this Contract and authorize the Chair to sign. I'll be happy to address any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Is there an outcome that we hope to attain, a goal so we could find out after this period whether or not we were successful in this effort?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "Yes, all of these programs that are under the truancy efforts have revised their goals and outcomes for this fiscal year. In Appendix D of this contract are the goals and outcomes just specific to the District Attorney's Office, such as a certain percentage will successfully complete their contract with the District Attorney's Office and will have no further involvement at six months and twelve months after completion of the contract with the State Petitioner, Child In Need of Care."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm trying to find Appendix D here real quickly. Okay, 60% of truants will successfully complete the goals and 75% will not be involved in any truancy case six to twelve months after successful completion. Okay, that is pretty simple to figure out. What number of legal truanancies, 300 is that it?"

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Ms. Kautzer said, "Three hundred."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So 60% of them and 75% of them, that is the number we are using?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "Correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great, thank you."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino 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.

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."

4. AGREEMENTS (NINE) FOR DELIVERY OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES.

- **CHENEY**

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- **BENTLEY**
- **MULVANE**
- **COLWICH**
- **MT. HOPE**
- **ANDALE**
- **CLEARWATER**
- **PARK CITY**
- **MAIZE**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "These contracts allow for the distribution of the United States Department of Agriculture commodities to the rural areas of Sedgwick County. This program is income based and is for anyone who meets the guidelines, not just for the elderly. Mileage is granted for the volunteers and is reimbursed by S.R.S. and there are no additional County funds being requested.

When we began this program it was because S.R.S. needed an entity to coordinate the distribution of commodities in the rural areas of Sedgwick County. S.R.S. coordinates the distribution within the City of Wichita. We currently contract with Andale, Bentley, Cheney, Clearwater, Colwich, Maize, Mt. Hope, Park City, Mulvane, Goddard, and Valley Center. Goddard and Valley Center contracts will be on the B.O.C.C. agenda for October 3rd. Cities in Sedgwick County that the Department on Aging does not contract with includes Bel Aire, Derby, Haysville, Garden Plain, Kechi, and Sedgwick. Garden Plain had less than 10 participants and the city decided not to renew their contract but participants can go to Cheney or Goddard. Kechi opted out after they had a hard time finding volunteers to run this program. Haysville does receive commodities directly from S.R.S. and Derby participants can go there to pick up commodities. The cities that do not have a distribution site within their city can go to the nearest city or distribution site. Individuals can contact the S.R.S. community distribution for the site nearest them at 337-7017. We would recommend that you approve the contract and authorize the Chairperson to sign. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, if there aren't any questions for Annette, 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.

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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."

5. **AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS AREA AGENCIES ON AGING ASSOCIATION PROVIDING A NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM STATEWIDE MARKETING CAMPAIGN.**

Ms. Graham said, "The Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging is developing and coordinating a state-wide caregiver campaign to educate caregivers and to provide an 800 information phone number for caregivers. The association voted to allocate 10% of the total caregiver funds for two years to fund this initiative. The Central Plains Area Agency on Aging Council voted to approve the initiative and the funding for that.

The total Older Americans Act funding for this National Family Caregiver support program for the Central Plains Area on Aging fiscal year 2000 and 2001 is \$389,706. The total funding for the state-wide caregiver campaign would be \$19,485 per year for a total of \$38,970 for the two year funding for the initiative. The National Family Caregiver Support Program is an important new program funded through the enactment of the Older Americans Act Amendment of 2000. The federal funding comes to the Kansas Department on Aging based on the population aged 70 and over in the state. It is then distributed to the 11 Area Agencies on Aging through a formula based on the percentage of individuals aged 60 and over, percentage of minority elders, and the percentage of low income elders in the planning and service areas. The state provides the required 25% match for this federal funded program.

The National Family Caregivers Support Program has five basic service areas in their components for caregivers. Those include information about available services, assistance in gaining access to services, individual counseling, support groups and caregiver training, respite care, and

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supplemental services on a limited basis to compliment the assistance caregivers provide. These services are for caregivers of any age who care for older people. The key services are the information and assistance components of the National Family Caregivers support program. The goal of the state wide caregiver initiative meets the criteria for the information and the assistance services areas by providing that information about available services and providing assistance to caregivers to gain access to those services. Through this state wide campaign the goal is to reach a larger percentage of the population, to educate the community on the new services that will be provided under this act, to provide information on what caregivers do, who they are, their importance, caregiver education, technical information, information on resources and referral services through the 1-800 telephone number.

The campaign is in the preliminary phase of development as we work with potential partners to increase community involvement and to leverage the funds to increase the dollars available for this initiative. The preliminary marketing campaign includes quarterly 30 minute television shows on caregiver self identification and specialized topics on caregiver information utilizing professionals to educate caregivers, thirty second TV spots with tips and techniques for caregivers, noon hour segments with professionals to answer viewer questions, public service announcements on radio stations and the establishment of a state wide 1-800 number for Kansas caregivers to access information, assistance and referrals.

We believe that this format will provide a valuable service to all of Kansas and will be a useful means to educate citizens on the services, information and assistance that will now be available through this new Older Americans Act Program. I would recommend you approve the contract and authorize the Chairperson to sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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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, Annette. Next item."

E. GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF TOPEKA FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE FUNDS.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Director, Housing Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today is an application to the Federal Home Loan Bank. It is for \$100,000 for first time homebuyers in Sedgwick County outside the city limits of Wichita. This will allow us to continue the program that we already have we call the Neighborhood Builder. All buyers are required to have a homeownership trainer. We currently used Mennonite Housing and Community Housing Services. They have a six hour pre-purchase class and preventive maintenance is also included in that. For next year's program we're adding the Urban League of Wichita, who will do a similar program. We're also adding a \$25,000 matching grant from the County and this money will also be used for down payment and closing cost assistance.

We want to add some new homes in this. Our current program is for existing homes only. The buyers go to a lender, get a loan, and we provide assistance for the down payment and closing costs. Next year's program we'd like to add the addition of six new homes in Oaklawn. We talked about that a while back as far as the infill program. We use this assistance only for the down payment and closing costs and an additional four homes somewhere else in the County. It's not that we propose to go out to a particular city, but if a buyer wants to build a new home and has an infill project that will be allowable.

All buyers will be low income. We're going off of the mortgage revenue bond program scale of the median income of \$59,000, so all of our buyers will be at or below 80% of that amount. The majority will be 50% of the area median income. Sixteen of our homes will be for very low income buyers, four more at \$60,000 [sic], three at 70% and two at 80% of the area median income.

When we build these new homes, we'd like to have the building permit fee waved on this. It will be

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an additional 2.5 points on the application and it doesn't sound like 2.5 points is worth it but our '99 application we missed funding by only half a point, so it is extremely competitive. The Federal Home Loan Bank funds programs in Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Kansas. It is quite competitive. If you have any questions, I'd try to answer them."

Chair McGinn said, "Brad, for clarification, I know that we have certain programs that include the City of Wichita but you said this is outside the City of Wichita. I think it is important for people to understand that the City of Wichita has some of their own programs because of their population base. So they're just set up differently it is not that we're trying to exclude them, it is that they have their own program."

Mr. Snapp said, "Yes, I met with the city housing director and discussed this. They are in a home entitlement jurisdiction, as well as C.D.B.G., so they get about \$6,000,000 a year for a variety of activities including homeownership and home rehabilitation and things like that. We are not an entitlement jurisdiction. We have to apply everything from the state or from other sources so we have a very small resource pool to pull from."

Chair McGinn said, "This is money over and above that we can bring to our County. I just wanted our viewers to know that, in case they do live in the City of Wichita, that they should contact those folks so they can be involved in this program as well. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Brad, I'm sure we all are, but I'm going to be very supportive of this because the concept is actually we're making an investment in our community. I'm convinced that if we can get a person from being a renter to being a home buyer and assist them in any way we can, educate them on how to maintain the home, they're going to take more pride in it then the whole neighborhood and the community starts being elevated and this idea, we had the big debate when we were doing the Comprehensive Plan, this is a real creative way to encourage infill and to stop maybe some of the exodus out of older neighborhoods. I just think this is a very good program and it is one that I would encourage you to whatever we can do to help participate like you said about waiving permit fees or something to get us more competitive so that maybe in the future we can get even more dollars, I think you would find us receptive to listening to you. Thank you, that's all I have."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chair to

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sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECTS.

Major Jackie Stuart, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to propose the approval of a grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation Highway Safety Project. This grant funds the Sheriff's Department for \$5,129 in personnel costs to operate and staff five D.U.I. saturation patrols and three D.U.I. checkpoints. The Sheriff's Department has found that enforcement measures like these stated are instrumental in attempting to curb the number of traffic accidents and alcohol related fatalities. We do know however that without education these types of enforcement programs are not very effective, so there is an education component to this as well. We'll be giving alcohol related information out in the high school and doing some classes in high schools and we'll also be handing out some education materials to the general public at these checkpoints. I'm here today to ask for the approval for the Commissioners to sign the application and answer any questions you might have."

Chair McGinn said, "Jackie, this is to do checkpoints, but I notice it says impaired driving and now and then I hear on the news they talk about people that are sleep deprived and things like that. This doesn't have anything to do with . . ."

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Major Stuart said, "We will be handing out materials in reference to driving safely and all kinds of things, seat belt usage, speeding, a lot of those kinds of things. I've listened, lately they've been talking about sleep deprivation and that obviously supposedly is an important thing right now that they're focusing on. I don't know if the materials focus on that particular issue or not."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Any other questions for Jackie?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Application 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
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Major for being here. Next item."

G. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD) MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, MAPD, greeted the Commissioners and said, "August was a busy month in the Planning Department. This year has been a busier year than the year 2000, which was the busiest year that we've had. It is too early for us to assess any impact of the September 11th incident but we don't see any slacking off of activity. People are still planning to do development. We had a number of interesting zoning related items that went to the Planning Commission in August. One of them you may have heard about is the day reporting center that was proposed for the Bridgeport area. You would think it was a landfill and that use is having a very difficult time finding an appropriate place in the community and the discussion is continuing about alternate sites.

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The City Council deferred action on that case at their meeting yesterday.

We have a number of tower cases, including a Conditional Use that was approved for a tower out in the County in the northwest part of the County out around 95th Street North and 250th Street West. It was approved with some modifications to be more consistent with the wireless plan by the Planning Commission. We also had, in the City, I guess I would call it dueling towers. We had two towers within a third of a mile of each other that were proposed to accommodate the same user, Cricket Communications, which is doing a real good job of finding customers in this town. They were both approved by the Planning Commission and then one of the tower applicants appealed the approval of the Planning Commission of the other tower. Then to further complicate things, the case on which the tower was appealed is a tower that is going to be proposed for city land in Hermann Hill Park. That will be an interesting case to watch.

We had a planned unit development that was approved in the 'near east' side of Wichita. I think a very exciting mixed use development, new location for expanded new office building for the independent living resource center at 2nd and St. Paul and that will be right next to a mid-rise senior citizen's building that will be built by Mennonite on the old Mt. Carmel campus at that location.

We also had a mobile home park case and the Planning Department usually doesn't look favorably on those but we have occasionally and this is a case of a pretty deteriorated existing facility at 167th and Maple that is proposed as part of the expansion. We will actually have paved roads and skirted mobile homes and a perimeter wall and landscaping. We see this as a real upgrading of a nonconforming use that could remain as it is for some time otherwise. It has been to Goddard and they endorsed it unanimously and there was no neighborhood opposition, all very surprising for a mobile home park but I think this is one that you shouldn't have too much trouble with when it comes to your agenda in a month or so.

Current plans also prepared an information package for the Planning Commission because the Planning Commission was asked by the City Council to do an annual review of the wireless plan. So you received a copy of that packet. It showed all the towers and their locations that have been approved over the past year and what kinds of towers they were. We've had about two dozen towers that have been approved and I think most of them have been inserted into the community with as little negative impact as is possible. But the Planning Commission is going to be reviewing the ordinance and reviewing the master plan and seeing if there needs to be any changes. We've

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already sent request for written comments from the providers and the developers of towers in the community. Got relatively few responses back but the Planning Commission will probably be holding hearings for the next month or two and they may recommend some changes to the zoning code provisions or the master plan. If they do, those would have to come to the City and the County for approval in the next month or two I would say.

The land use research people put together a package on the Comprehensive Plan. We're also required by state law to review the Comprehensive Plan annually. So we put together a package. You received a copy of that. One of the pieces of the information wasn't suggestions on amendments but it was something we called a key indicator report. We think it is going to be useful in the future on an annual basis to monitor trends in the community. What we tried to do is find measurable factors for measures of how we're doing in regards to some of the key goals of the Comprehensive Plan, environmental goals, economic goals, demographic issues and so on. I think this is the first year we'll probably be doing some fine-tuning of that. We got a lot of interest in it and I think it is the first time we've tried from a lot of different areas to pull information together that you can actually measure and see how we're doing from year to year, but in a less detailed way and more oriented for laymen than the kind of development trends report that we do which is much more technical.

The Comprehensive Plan also has some suggestions that the Planning Commission has been and will continue to discuss over the next month or two. Some of it is just updating of maps to account for changes in development, development decisions that have been made by the City and the County. There are some other suggestions to clarify language and I'm sure that we'll have interesting discussions on those. I don't expect it to last two or three years like the major update that we did that you approved a year ago. We've been working with the consultant team on hopefully what will be their final drafts of the plan for the Oaklawn area and for the south Wichita, Haysville area. Those have taken a little longer than we had hoped but we think we are rounding the bend on those. We're also examining 2000 census data in detail now that it is available on group quarters and households and housing units for small areas to make sure that there are no significant under counts and that local taxpayers get their share of federal dollars that are available. We'll share that information with you once it is put together. There may or may not be a basis for the City or County or both to challenge those counts and to ask for some modifications to the formal numbers. That will probably be several months away before we'll have that completed.

We also have had some meetings with the C.O.R.E. group and as part of their center city project in the northeast quadrant of downtown. They've done some significant revisions to their plan, scaled it back some to be a little bit more affordable I think, both in terms of private development and in terms of public infrastructure requirements. I think that we're on our way to maybe getting closer to actual land acquisition and development in that area.

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In transportation planning, we participated with the Cityscape committee as they're updating their ten-year C. I.P. and related to that we also are required at this time to put together a five-year plan for the federal money that will go into the urbanized area. Urbanized area includes Wichita and about five other of the small communities. One of the projects we were contacted by David Spears about was the North Broadway bridge which I think you've seen some pictures of or maybe you've seen it personally. It is in a seriously deteriorated condition and we did manage to get the assistance of the City Public Works department in moving some projects around and finding funding for a major portion of that project pretty early in that five-year program so that we can get underway with design as soon as possible and hopefully construction money for that project in 2003. It's about \$2,500,000, about half of the estimated cost. Dave assures us he can find the rest of the money some place else.

We've gotten the consultants on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe corridor, the east part of the city and county, we've gotten them underway to do some surveying of existing conditions and we also had a meeting where we brought in Burlington Northern officials and invited city and staff to sit in on that meeting and try to understand what Burlington Northern was expecting to do, what their time frames are, what their concerns are so we would have a better idea about what the City and County's options are and how to plan for that area. We expect that there will be a request that they will submit for abandonment, officially, just before or just after the first of the year. We hope to have some information by that time from the consultants that we can share with both the City and the County. I'll stop here and see if you have any other questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Just one, I guess. I don't know whether it's a question or a comment yet. The C.O.R.E. group, have they brought this before a committee yet at the Planning Commission yet?"

Mr. Krout said, "They haven't brought it to the Planning Commission. It will require some zoning changes, it will require some street vacations because of the modification of the street network and re-platting of land to dedicate new streets. It is going to be a very complicated job. I think that right now they've been meeting privately more one on one sessions with elected officials and trying to make sure that this is the plan that will get supported, it will require some public assistance."

Chair McGinn said, "I know they've worked a lot of years and put a great deal of thought into that. My hope is that they'll be able to continue to move on with that and do what they're doing. I know they've scaled it back and it certainly got the attention of many people because now it is feasible

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perhaps. I know they need developer help and I know it needs the City of Wichita's assistance in making some changes.

Then the bridge, yes the pictures are horrifying, the one on North Broadway. I just want to thank you and the city staff and David Spears for going to work on that and trying to see how we can bring some funding in a little bit earlier on that."

Mr. Krout said, "Next month we'll bring that to the Planning Commission in their role as the M.P.O. to officially approve those federal funds."

Chair McGinn said, "I think part of the delay had to do with we didn't know what the railroad underneath was going to do. You don't build a bridge if they're going to abandon the rail line and I guess they are going to continue to stay there and we even looked at can we do it at grade level and we couldn't so I'm glad that you all are moving quickly on that. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just comment a little bit on manufactured home parks. That has really been a quite issue for six months and I was real concerned about that early on. Is there just nothing going on or am I not hearing about it?"

Mr. Krout said, "We haven't had much development inquiries and that is usually when something like that happens that you hear about it. I'll tell you something from my standpoint, something that is positive, one of the things . . . we had a case, a different expansion, it was by the same owner and manager, which is ARC, one of the larger new owners in town, which is also proposing to do this 167th and Maple case that seems to be supported. They also want to do an expansion, I can't remember if this was a City or a County case, it was down at South Seneca, south of 47th Street. They have an existing park off South Seneca, wanted to expand to the west. We did not recommend approval of that. It is a pretty saturated area. But we also felt there was a potential for single family infill to the west and to the south of that mobile home park and just within the last month we received and the Planning Commission approved a plat for about 40 infill single family lots to the south of that mobile home park. We haven't seen a lot of market activity. I think the South Wichita, Haysville plan is supposed to have maybe some new guidelines on how to look at those, a little bit more direction on that. We'll revisit that issue of do we need more in that part of the community and where would they be located."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "On the B.N.S.F. rail abandonment, keep me posted on that. You've probably seen it, I've already seen one rather interesting proposal for utilization of that rail space and so as we look at it as it goes out through my district and traverses over into Butler County there

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might be some real interesting ways to use that space, if they do in fact give it up for public use.”
Mr. Krout said, “We’ll probably visit with you pretty soon.”

Commissioner Gwin said, "Great, look forward to it.”

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions for Marvin?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2001.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today for consideration are a result of the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts held on September 20, 2001.

(1) POLICE SEDANS – FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

The first item is police sedans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid of Rusty Eck, including trade-ins for \$177,865.

(2) SMALL ½ TON PICKUP – FLEET MANAGEMENT

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FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

Item two, small ½ ton pickup for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid meeting specifications of Haven Ford for \$13,196.

- (3) CHANGE ORDER TO LEASE ON TURBO COMMANDER – FLEET MANAGEMENT**
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

Item three is a change order to the lease on the Turbo Commander, this is the airplane for Fleet Management. Recommend the bid of ServiceCenter for \$29,760.

- (4) SYSTEMS FURNITURE – FACILITY MAINTENANCE**
FUNDING: OPERATIONS

Item four, systems furniture for Facility Maintenance. Recommend the quote from Goldsmiths for \$14,571.53.

- (5) CISCO IP PHONES – COMCARE**
FUNDING: COMCARE

Item five, CISCO IP phones for COMCARE. Recommend the quote from SBC/DATACOMM for \$21,858.

- (6) COMPUTER SERVERS – DISTRICT COURT**
FUNDING: COURT TRUSTEE

Item six, computer servers for the District Court. Recommend the quote of Gateway for \$51,166.

- (7) MULTI PLEX DATA LINES – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

Item seven, multi plex data lines for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from SBC/DATACOMM for \$17,798.48.

- (8) SOFTWARE RENEWAL LICENSE AND SERVER – DIV OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

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FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

Item eight, software renewal license and server for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommending the quote of Infosource, Inc. for \$22,945.84. Be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, "Not really a question, just comment a little on joint governmental purchases and state contracts. Many of these didn't have four or five people bidding proposals. I think it is important that the public knows that we tie in with the state. We parlay a lot of purchases to get the lowest price and that doesn't show up in this kind of detail. Would you kind of comment on that?"

Ms. Baker said, “There are a few types of purchases that you see over and over that do reference joint governmental. What they are are computer, hardware, primarily PC's, laptops, and servers. There are contracts in place in which government entities jointly contract and do business with and it provides very lucrative pricing. It varies from vendor to vendor but it averages 5% to 15%. Generally, what we do when we go after large purchases or high dollar purchases, we also piggyback the state contracts and then we go after additional discounts. That improves our standpoint as well. Resellers, retailers, generally cannot touch that pricing. This is business hardware that we are looking at, not home use. Another common contract you see on here is Southwestern Bell CISCO product. The state has a 25% discount in place. If we go direct, we get a 9% discount. We are, by the way, visiting with CISCO and Southwestern Bell to create our own contract for the volume of activity that is going on with Voiceover IP. So we're working on something as we speak.

Another common contract you see is the Goldsmith contract which is office furniture. That is work station furniture, the cubicle furniture. That is a 72% discount. Nobody can touch that pricing bidding the Herman Miller furniture, which is what it is or any competitor of other brands of that type of furniture. We routinely utilize those contracts. There are a lot of contracts out there that we can do better in the bidding process and we do that, a lot of the fleet contracts, tractor contracts, those contracts we can beat their pricing on, so we bid those things. Those are the types of joint purchases that you routinely see in these Minutes.”

Commissioner Norton said, "How often does the state go out and revisit that? Do they do that every three or four years?"

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Ms. Baker said, "Most of those contracts are two-year contracts. The vendors, Gateway, Compac, and Dell those government contracts move with the market. P.C.'s and laptops are dropping in price right now and we're seeing those benefits as well."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you."

Ms. Baker said, "We do routinely check that pricing against resaler pricing because there are a lot of sales that go on, short term sales, end of the month, that type of thing. Those still don't beat that contract pricing."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions for Iris?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think I just have a follow-up to what Commissioner Norton was saying. When we participate it is just solely voluntarily on our part. The state doesn't commit us, when they are going out bidding, they don't say this will also include everything Sedgwick County has, et cetera and so forth. I think they are just being generous and saying if you want to tag on to our lower rates and can't find it better on your own you're free to do so. Is that correct?"

Ms. Baker said, "We chose to participate."

Chair McGinn said, "Anything else? 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

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. One Temporary Construction Easement for channel maintenance at 295th Street West and 71st Street South. District #3.
- b. One substitute Drainage Easement required with plat of Mystic Lakes Addition on Ridge Road between 53rd and 45th Streets North. District #4.
- c. One off-site Drainage Easement required with plat of Schulte Country Store Addition at K-42 and MacArthur Road. District #2.

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.**

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V20118	\$141.00	\$150.00
V20127	\$394.00	\$389.00
V20129	\$437.00	\$294.00
V20102	\$349.00	\$324.00
V2070	\$202.00	\$200.00
V2071	\$148.00	\$182.00
V2021	\$559.00	\$455.00
V01024	\$450.00	\$000.00
V010119	\$185.00	\$464.00

3. **Letter of Understanding with Wichita Hockey regarding location of one preseason game.**
4. **Agreement with Kansas Bureau of Investigation for on-line access to Sedgwick County electronic data.**
5. **Order dated September 19, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **Payroll Check Registers (two) of September 14, 2001.**
7. **General Bills Check Register of September 21, 2001.**
8. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

Ms. Kathleen B. Sexton, Chief Information Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend your approval. If you have questions, I'm available."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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, "I guess I would like to just share that our Manager and our County Counselor look differently today. I would like to introduce our Assistant County Manager, Kathy Sexton and our Assistant County Counselor, Jennifer Magana. Thank you for sitting in our meeting today, we appreciate it."

J. OTHER

Chair McGinn said, "One other things I would like to share is that I had an opportunity Sunday night to be involved in an interfaith ministries service. They put that together very quickly. They did a wonderful job. What this included was a diverse group of ethnic and religious backgrounds. These people came together in song and prayer and even though we have a very diverse community the one thing that came out loud and clear was that we were united behind this great nation because of what it stands for and that is the freedom of our country. I want to thank Interfaith Ministries and those who were involved that put that together because it was an excellent program. I believe they aired that on channel 51."

Commissioner Norton said, "On 52 and it is continuing to be revisited. I saw it again last night."

Chair McGinn said, "The inspiring thing to me is that we do have a diverse community here in the Wichita/ Sedgwick County area but we all are united and stand behind our country. The other thing that we had an opportunity to do was recognize our public safety servants out there in the community. We had many of them attend. Our public safety folks from the City of Wichita's Police Department, from their Fire Department, our Emergency Management operating center, E.M.S., 911 workers, our Sheriff's Department, and our Fire Department as well, I hope I didn't

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miss anything. The thing that was so inspiring was to see all of us together. It doesn't matter what color your uniform is any more, these are our public safety providers who are there when an accident happens or some kind of destruction and they're also there after we've already left. I think, as a community, we think differently about these folks. It used to be we think about the Fire Department guys, they're taking care of their fire house and their trucks and all that and once in a while they have to go out on a call and that type of thing. After seeing what happened in New York and the lives that were lost and they were lost because their automatic response is when that plane hit the tower was to run up the stairs and to go serve and try to help those who were injured or who had lost a life. They didn't even think about what could've happened to them. I hope us as a community share in the respect for what they do to make our lives better and safer. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm sure it was an inspirational event and if I hadn't had the flu I would have loved to have been there. Another inspirational event I want to ask you to join me in attending is the Komen Wichita Race for the Cure, an event to raise money to fight breast cancer. It is this Saturday, the 29th of September. There are two opportunities. There's a 5K run walk that starts at 8:30 in the morning. I'll tell you I won't do that, it is way too long and way too early. I mosey, that's kind of the way I go about it. I saunter for the Cure. The one mile family fun run starts at 9:45 a.m. It is at the Towne East Square parking lot by the theaters out there near Douglas and Armour. Anyone can register. The cost is \$20 per person and that includes your race T-shirt and your goody bag full of stuff from the sponsors. There are a couple of ways you can still register. You can register on-line today until midnight tonight at wichitaraceforthecure.com. You can register at First Gear at 111 Mosley in Old Town through the 28th, normal business hours. You can register in person at Towne East at Market Square on the lower level next to Dillard's Thursday, tomorrow, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and race day you can register at the race site starting at seven o'clock in the morning. Your best bet is to register early though because it has become a huge race and there are lots of things going on that morning.

As I said, the money that we raise is to fight breast cancer. This is a volunteer organization, the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Wichita and the Mid Kansas Chapter. Volunteers help make this thing happen so we can keep 75% of the money we raise here. We use it to fund education. We provide mammogram screening for under served low-income women. We do outreach and treatment program for those women who have been affected by the disease. Twenty five percent of the money we raise goes to the Komen Foundation nationally whose scientists and doctors continue to look to see if they can find a cure. So as a breast cancer survivor of almost seven years now I'd like you all to join me Saturday morning if you can. It is a terrific event. It is a wonderful event,

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beautifully done. By the way, if any of you are survivors, come out to the event, check in at the survivors table. Your pink hat and everything are waiting for you. Then for those of you who want to walk or run in honor or memory of a person, there are those placards too that you can get and write that persons name and pin that on your shirt so that you can remember those folks who have fought the fight. Join me Saturday morning. If you have any other questions, if you didn't get the information, call me here at 383-7411 or call the Susan G. Komen Foundation at 683-8510."

Chair McGinn said, "So we can register and get a T-shirt and not have to run."

Commissioner Gwin said, "You can walk."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think I'll probably show up. I don't think I'll run but I'll put in my money. There is also, to our neighbor, I know it is not in Sedgwick County but it is in Andover, we go to church up there. My wife is involved in the bazaar or whatever and they're having the Greater Andover Days this weekend. I volunteered to help because when Mary asked me I said yes. Last Sunday I played in a golf tournament that Rusty Eck put on and I believe part of that funding went to Breast Cancer Awareness and it was a fun tournament and our team won the right to come back next year. That's all we won. But that was another event that a private business person is trying to do to help. It was for breast cancer and I think prostate screening so there would be both sides of the isle there. It was a fun tournament and I shot terrible but they had a good barbeque for lunch and I was there for a good cause."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I had three things and I want to dovetail a little bit on what you said, Madam Chair. 'From the Heart' was the name of the thing on Sunday night and it was very moving. It really brought together to me that some of the issues we've dealt with with racial profiling and non-tolerance of other ethnic groups and we've thought that was hatred in our country, but now we've seen hatred, we know what hatred really looks like and I think it is an idea now that we can bring together a community. I wanted to recognize the people that I remembered were on the program because they did a wonderful job pulling this together. I was very inspired by Angie Greer who sang several songs that night. Steve Frazier sang 'The Impossible Dream' from Man of La Mancha and it was moving. Mark Clark, from Newman University, was the choral

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director that put a lot of this together, he did an awesome job. Red Thunder, which was a group of Native Americans started it all off with . . . I don't know that I understood all of it, but it was very powerful, very powerful drums and chants and everything. The Buddhist temple from here locally did a rendition. I don't know that I understood all of it but it was moving to hear their interpretation.

Finally, I've really got to tell people if they have a chance to see this again on television, that Tyrone Gordon from St. Marks delivered a powerful, powerful message. One of the lines that came out of it was that many people came over on a Pilgrim's ship, some came on cruise ships, some came on other little ships to get here, but now we're all in the same boat. I thought that was a really powerful thing. We all got here. He also said that, save the people of our Native Americans, all the rest of us came from somewhere else, so we're all immigrants. It was just a powerful message of tolerance and healing and I would urge everybody to try to pick it up on Channel 52 and see it from beginning to end because it was very powerful.

The second thing I did was Sheriff Steed and I on Saturday morning had the chance to work with Paint the Town, which Mennonite Housing went out and painted homes. I know several of you have done that. I wanted to compliment the group that I worked with, which was 25 Cessna employees that came out and worked diligently and ruined a lot of clothes and got a lot of paint all over themselves. It is good that they build aircraft and not paint homes for a living, but they did it with great spirit. They did a wonderful job and I wanted to compliment them.

Finally, Haysville Fall Festival is October 19th, 20th, and 21st. Friday night, the 19th, Elvis will be in Haysville. He is resurrected, alive and well. He'll make you pat your foot. The 20th there will be plenty of food, a big car show and a lot of booths and Sedgwick County will have their booth there again. I will man that with many of the folks from the different departments. I urge any of the Commissioners that would like to come out, I'll buy you a corn dog or a roasting ear or a funnel cake if you'd like. I'll dig deep in my retirement fund."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This is being recorded, Madam Clerk, he'll buy."

Commissioner Norton said, "Then on Sunday, the 21st, there is an interdenominational church service out in the park which is usually nice. It is early in the morning and it is beautiful out in that setting. Then finally, I think it is at nine o'clock on Saturday morning is the parade. I know it is an off election year, but if any of you would like to be in the parade with me I would offer you a seat in a convertible and some candy to throw out."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Folks if you're watching and listening, he said if you'll come out he'll buy you and I assume you meant all of the television audience."

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Commissioner Norton said, "And I did say funnel cake, which is singular, so you'll all have to fight over it. That's all I have, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "I thought it was interesting the Paint the Town and how they had paint all over them. When we did the Habitat project, they said when they calculate how much paint you need they have to buy more because these are people that don't do it on a day to day basis so sometimes there are problems. I just want to close this meeting and before I do though, just one final word, and that is thank you to all our public safety servants in the community. We appreciate what you do and we're glad you are there. This meeting is adjourned."

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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CAROLYN McGINN, Chair
Fourth District

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BEN SCIORTINO, Chairman Pro Tem
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