

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 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, November 13, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Vice Chair Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jim Osterlund, Project Manager, Facility Project Services; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Dora Timmerman, President, Friends of the Sedgwick County Soldier and Sailors Civil War Monument.

Ms. Pamela D. Kingsbury, Member, Friends of the Sedgwick County Soldier and Sailors Civil War Monument.

Mr. Kelly Wendeln, PO Box 1817, Wichita, Ks.

Mr. Bruce Armstrong, Mayor, City of Haysville.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Waris Jaffrey, Islamic.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, October 24, 2001

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of October 24th, 2001.

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, you’ve had a chance to review the Minutes of October 24th. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “I’d like to recognize, we have a familiar face in the audience today. We have former commissioner Bill Hancock. Good to see you, Bill. We also have the Mayor of Haysville, Bruce Armstrong. Clerk, call the next item.”

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 15, 2001 AS “AMERICA RECYCLES DAY.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, I have a proclamation that I would like to read into the record.

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Americans generate nearly 230 million tons of municipal solid waste each year, or more than 4.6 pounds per person per day; and

WHEREAS, the average Sedgwick County resident generates approximately 6 pounds of waste each day, and more than one ton annually; and

WHEREAS, reduction, reuse and recycling activities can significantly impact the amount of waste going to local and regional landfills; and

WHEREAS, buying products that are made with recycled contents is the final and most important step in recycling; and

WHEREAS, participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens, businesses, industries, government agencies and organizations can raise awareness about the need to reduce waste and protect our environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2001 as

“AMERICA RECYCLES DAY”

and urge every Sedgwick County citizen, business, government agency, civic group and every other organization to be a “Kansan Making a Difference” by signing a pledge to renew their commitment to recycling.

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, “Any discussion?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Madam Chair, I do have a question. Is there a . . . because I’d like to be one of the first to sign it. Is there a pledge sheet or something that they can go to sign?”

Chair McGinn said, “I think maybe we can ask that of Kathy. I was going to let her speak here just as soon as we had a Motion. Any other discussion? Clerk, call the vote please.”

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “And we have Kathy Sexton accepting this proclamation. You already have one question right off the bat.”

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I would ask the other members of the Waste Minimization Team to come up and be recognized. They’re very shy but they’re on their way up to the podium so they can be recognized. The people coming up are part of the group that we have within county government to work on reducing our waste that county government offices produce and we’ve asked all the departments within the county to do some things and reduce their waste and recycle the paper and other things that they do produce. They’re really shy. They’re way back there. Sandy Johnson is here from Purchasing. Caroline Hosford and Jo Sanders are here from Environmental Services and Marc Grindstaff is here from the Appraiser’s Office and Clancy Holeman is here from the County Counselor’s Office. Like I say, this is probably about a half of our team and we meet every once in a while and come up with different programs and events and would tell you that the main event we have this week for America Recycles Week and Day is tomorrow in the lobby of the county courthouse from 11:30 to 1. And what we have is a table/ booth down there and it’s primarily targeted at people who work in the buildings, in the county buildings, but also certainly the public in giving some ideas of things that you can do to help recycle more and to reduce waste. And so I would encourage you to visit that booth in the courthouse lobby tomorrow at lunchtime.

The other project we’re sponsoring this week is a project to reduce the amount of unsolicited mail that our offices receive. And as you know, many vendors and others send multiple copies of subscriptions, you know magazines, journals, catalogs, things like that and most of our offices could do with one copy of those per office, rather than multiple ones. And some times you get you name on a mailing list that even though that person doesn’t work here anymore, they’re still on that list.

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So, what we're asking each of our offices to do is instead of just tossing that piece in the trash, please go ahead and respond to that sender and ask them to stop sending that or reduce down the number they send to just one per office. So, those are two current initiatives that we have going on.

And I'd certainly take any questions. I'm not sure, Commissioner Sciortino, you were asking about a pledge sheet?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, it said in the proclamation, it said that we're encouraging Sedgwick County citizens to sign a pledge to renew their commitment. Is there such a pledge that they can sign?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes. Thank you for asking. It will be at the table tomorrow in the lobby of the courthouse. That pledge sheet will be there. We would love for people to sign that."

Chair McGinn said, "But that's something, it's just an idea too that businesses can pick up on that for their employees and that kind of thing. About two years ago we started this, I believe and you've been keeping track of numbers and I didn't ask you ahead of time so I don't know that you have those numbers so I won't ask you to repeat them, but I know that you've been tracking from the time we started this and I'm sure it has grown in the amount that we're recycling and reusing and that kind of thing."

Ms. Sexton said, "Commissioner, it has absolutely grown. Several years ago, all we did was recycle office paper and what we're doing today, I can tell you, we're doing more of that today in more offices than we were doing before. Some offices didn't participate at all for various reasons. We've gradually been getting more offices to participate in paper recycling but we're also doing some other things to reduce the usage of paper. We're automating some processes. We're putting some things on the web site. Instead of printing materials and sending them out, we're putting policy and procedure manuals, that are just internal only, every employee needs a copy of their policy and procedure manual for example but they don't need to have a three-ring binder this thick at their desk that gets updated every so often. We put that on our company intranet and so you don't need to make all that paper and print all those documents. So, there are many things that we're doing to reduce our waste."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, Kathy, I know since the beginning you're the one that took charge of this program and we're starting our third year and I was on it the first year and I believe Commissioner Winters was on it the second year and now Commissioner Gwin is serving on that and you've sent out kind of an application to let everybody be involved every year and I think that's great because then they can go back and spread the word and so it's not the same people every year. So, you bring others in and I think that's a great way to get the message out. Also, I was just

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curious, you talked about the extra mail that we receive. I just had this thought. I don't know if it would work or not but as you get multiple amounts of duplicate mailings. I understand you're opening it and asking them not to send it. But I'm wondering if we just started writing 'Return to sender' if maybe some of the folks that send all that stuff out would ever eventually stop doing that."

Ms. Sexton said, "What we have produced are some postcards that then you send them directly to that sender and ask them to take you off their mailing lists and we think that will yield a better result than saying 'Return to sender' because so many of those are sent at 3rd class or at bulk rate. Really, the post office won't process those kinds of return to sender because it's not 1st class or 2nd class mail."

Chair McGinn said, "It would be interesting to know if that's successful. I think about extra e-mails that you get at home from the junk mail that we're getting on our e-mails and you go down to the bottom and it says 'Remove' and then you have to do somersaults and everything else. I really wonder if it's getting removed because I'm not receiving confirmations and so I wonder, in the same way, if people are removing it. So, that might be something, if we have time, to do a little bit of tracking on it."

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes, Commissioner. We hope that our plan will work and what our plan is, we're going to measure how much we're getting this week. Send the post cards. We know we'll have to give three to six months for those requests to take effect but then we're going to measure it again next year and see how much we're getting in. Trying to measure it. Obviously, they will be estimates."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, just watching over the three years, I know that you have worked to think of new ways and new ideas and trying to reduce the waste and I think that's important, since we've asked our community to do that, that we take some leadership in that area as well."

Ms. Sexton said, "Thank you, Commissioner. And I would tell you that most of the great ideas come from the Waste Minimization Team. I take no credit for their creativity because they are great and I would encourage any business to do that very thing. Don't think that one person has all the answers but get a representative group from your different departments, because everybody has different ideas. Most of them usually work."

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

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks. Kathy, there was one thing that you all did this year that I thought was tremendous and that was the amount of reduction of telephone books, because this year, instead of everybody and their uncle getting another big, thick telephone book the departments were asked 'Could you live with just one phone book'. I know some of the Commissioners had to beg to make sure that they . . . I got my phone book. But putting the phone listings on line was one way. So how many, roughly, phone books . . . I'll have to put you on the spot, were we able to get out of the waste stream by that effort? Because I think that was very commendable."

Ms. Sexton said, "I think this year we ordered about 500 and if I remember the number, last year we ordered more like 1,200 or 1,400. So, we have dramatically reduced."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Almost two-thirds reduction in just phone books alone and you know that's a pretty thick pile of paper. It would be neat if . . . I don't know if other companies are doing that, but I think that was a tremendous step in the right direction. So, I applaud . . . I know it wasn't your idea, but whosever idea it was."

Ms. Sexton said, "The phone companies are real helpful in that respect too. If they provide the CD Rom of their phone book then the CD can be loaded on company servers, network servers and that's how we did it and I certainly would encourage any other business in town to do that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do you know if that CD Rom is available to the general public?"

Ms. Sexton said, "I honestly don't know. I know they gave it to us pretty freely a couple of years ago and then they update it each year but probably people would just have to call their phone company."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great. Well, I compliment you on that idea. That was tremendous. Thank you. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you and thank you for the extra time that you take out of your busy schedules to go to the meetings to improve in what we're doing. Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please."

AWARDS

- B. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO DORA TIMMERMAN AND PAM KINGSBURY FOR THEIR EFFORTS RELATED TO RENOVATION OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT.**

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Chair McGinn said, “Sunday was a very wonderful day in itself but it was also a very special day for us here at Sedgwick County. Three years ago, or even longer I believe, we started the process of restoring the Civil War Monument over at the Historic Courthouse. And at that time, I remember Commissioner Hancock was the one that kicked that off. And anyway, it turned out to be a great day. All Commissioners were present and it was certainly a wonderful event. And today we’re here to recognize two special people in our community that worked hard to make this happen, Dora Timmerman and Pam Kingsbury. Dora has led the Friends of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument Committee for the last several years. She has been an active art advocate in our community, participating in Project Beauty, Wichita Center for the Arts, the Arts and Humanities Council and the Sculpture Committees for the Wichita Art Museum and the WSU Ulrich Museum of Art.

Pam holds a PhD in Art History from the University of Chicago and writes on English 18th Century architecture. She serves as the architectural historian for the Sites Review Board for the State of Kansas. Pam was very instrumental in writing grant applications from a number of local, state and national organizations to secure funds for the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. And, on behalf of the Sedgwick County Commissioners I would like to present some plaques in recognition and have them come up and make a few comments.

Dora, this is your plaque. I want to thank you very much for all that you’ve done. Pam, thank you for all the time that you’ve given. And it is certainly a beautiful memorial out there and my eye catches it almost all the time now and they’ve done some great things and I’d like for you to share a little bit about the process. But one of the things I think is really timely about this whole thing, I think of the fact that we’re at war right now and when I heard about how some of these memorials have been destroyed and that type of thing. This is one of the things that is present in our community and memorials are important because it gives us the opportunity to share our story with our families and our children and our children’s children. So, thank you for all you’ve done and please make some comments for us.”

Ms. Dora Timmerman, President, Friends of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument, said,

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“Well, thank you so much. Sunday was an absolutely glorious day and I’m so glad you all were there to share it. We appreciate so much the support that you have given to this project and it’s been a total joy to work on. It’s one of the most satisfying projects that I have been involved in and I’ve been involved in a lot of different art projects. But I’m very proud of this.

I also would like, if I may, we had an absolutely fantastic steering committee and this wouldn’t have happened without all of them working equally as hard so, in addition to Pam Kingsbury, I would like to commend Frank Bergquist, Beverly Hoover, Marty Hughes, Don Brace, Joe and Linda Baughman, Pam Porvaznik, Jerry Malone, Navoline Ross, Steven Glisner and Beverly Henline. Thank you for having faith in us that we could accomplish this and we are very, very proud of it and expect it to, with proper care it has lasted for 88 years up to this point. It was in a state of deterioration that was at the point of total destruction and if we had not, all of us together, worked to save it, it would not be around. But now, with proper care, it should extend the life 200 more years at least and so, we thank you for the privilege of working on this.”

Ms. Pamela D. Kingsbury, Member, Friends of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument, said, “Well, I enjoyed working on the monument because I knew nothing about the Civil War or about that monument but I also want to thank county officials who were just wonderful to work with, Don Brace and Paula Downs and Marty Hughes because without them this project would have gone no where. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. I want to thank Pam for recognizing those individuals because staff certainly had a great deal to do with making sure this was done on time and they did a wonderful job. I’m looking forward to next spring, because looking at the landscaping I know some of the things out there, it’s that time of year, they’re kind of wilted up and not ready to do their thing. So, I’m looking forward to next spring and I think it’s going to be very beautiful over there. So, thank you very much.
Clerk, call the next item please.”

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ZONING.

Chair McGinn said, “We have an opportunity, here at Sedgwick County, to address the Board of County Commissioners and it’s a process that if you just call ahead to the Manager’s Office ten days ahead of our scheduled meeting time, you are given that opportunity and you have five minutes. Today we have Kelly Wendeln. Kelly, give your name and address.”

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Mr. Kelly Wendeln, P.O. Box 1817, Wichita, Ks., said, "I want to thank the Sedgwick County Commission for bringing back the screening exemption for rural property owners. Until four and a half years ago, screening was considered acceptable by county authorities. That all changed when Code Enforcement Inspector George Bloesing was hired in June of 1997. After all the complaints about this man, I can't believe that you gave him a promotion last winter.

I also want to thank the Sedgwick County Commission for authorizing the Nuisance Code Task Force which held its first meeting at the County Extension Office last January 31st. They originally were expecting about 30 to 50 people, but had to change to a larger room when about 270 angry property owners and farmers showed up. I want to thank the two commissioners who attended this meeting. One official told the crowd that Code Enforcement was not going to cause farmers problems. Ha. They already had. I noticed that nobody got up and left the meeting.

During their subsequent meetings, most task force members made several interesting comments about Code Enforcement, such as 'I've heard things that were abusive, taking your rights away, overly aggressive Code Enforcement Officers, overly ambitious enforcers and nit-pickers'. When Assistant County Counselor Aaron Blase and Community Development Director Irene Hart tried to control the meetings to the county government's liking, a task force member labeled the meetings a charade and declared that he had wasted his time.

Everything I'm telling you today and what I told you last year in March and December is true. If you want me to back something up that I tell you, please make a note of it and let me know when I finish.

Three years ago, one farmer had three vehicles, antique farming equipment and other belongings forcibly hauled off his property. Some of the equipment that had not been destroyed was later returned, after the farmer spend a lot of money hiring a lawyer and won his case in court. I know of cases where Code Enforcement has demanded that property owners get rid of utility trailers and car trailers. How can farmers haul hay and farming equipment without trailers.

Last year in March, I told you about one farmer that was considering suicide which was true and one official rolled his eyes. I have something that tops that now. Code Enforcement has caused a lot of property owners a lot of worry. One farmer considers county government partially responsible for the starvation death of his wife last year on July 31st. Government officials act like they are above the law. I have known Code Enforcement to trespass on private property and then lie about it later on the witness stand. The County Manager's Office sent out a man who trespassed on posted private property to get photographic evidence to squelch the state senator. The County Court Clerk, Bonnie Turner, claimed that she didn't remember any of this, but many property

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owners have been thrown in jail and fined thousands of dollars each and had to pay this in full before they could get out of jail for not showing up in court.

Un-elected County Court Judge Richard Macias says the county says a zoning violation is a criminal offense and it is part of your permanent record. He used to claim that the law said every vehicle had to be tagged and insured. He seems to have backed off from that lie.

In August, un-elected County Court Judge Richard Edward Taylor was fired for abusing his authority and a property owner. Code Enforcement authorities are continuing to ignore grandfather clauses. One rural business owner had to take them to the Kansas Court of Appeals where he won his case two months ago. Code Enforcement has caused a lot of property owners financial problems. One elderly farmer hires lawyers who charge him \$9,000 and then he has to fire them because they don't do him any good and then he has to hire another. The lawyers are lining up to steal his farm.

In closing, the way farmers and property owners are being mistreated, bullied, heavily fined and lied to is giving the county government a negative image. I can't believe you guys haven't been sued already. Any questions? Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Mr. Wendeln? I don't see any. Thank you for your input. Clerk, call the next item please."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

D. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2002

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD), greeted the Commissioners and said, "No zoning items this morning and I'm not sure what the significant of that growling tiger is.

I'm here to ask you to approve the work program that we prepare annually for the Transportation Planning Division. It's used to accompany the grant application that we submit on an annual basis to the two federal agencies, the Transit Agency and the Highway Administration in Washington and also to the Kansas Department of Transportation to fund the Transportation Planning Divisions salaries and activities. We're supposed to demonstrate to them that the work tasks that we're undertaking represent what they call a 'three C' process, which stands for continuing and comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning in the area with local communities, that our plans and programs look at all modes of transportation and that we're looking at how to provide for

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efficient and economic movement of people and goods in the community.

The Transportation Planning program is also a mandated requirement of those federal agencies in order to maintain the eligibility of Sedgwick County in Wichita for Federal Transportation funds that come from those agencies and also from the Federal Aviation Authority and those funds for roads and bridges, airport improvements and transit assistance amount to an average of 30 to 40 million dollars each year.

The proposed work plan for transportation is part of an overall program for the department that we prepare annually and shortly I'll be sending you proposed key goals for this coming year, like we did last year, so that we can have a discussion about them. We can get your input about some of those key goals. But in terms of transportation, many of the proposed work tasks are tasks that we have begun this year and expect to work through the next year on, including the completion of the development of access management guidelines, assembling the funding, and sending out a request for proposals and getting a consultant under contract to look at the south area transportation issues. We've identified a couple of areas of arterial streets that need a closer look and maybe an amendment to the transportation plan, including 159th Street area south of Kellogg near the Butler County line, and also 71st Street near the turnpike, 71st Street South.

We also expect to complete a study that looks at the options for reorganizing the MPO. The Planning Commission is the MPO, Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the community and has been so for 25 years. But as the census information comes out in the next year or so that identifies what the new urbanized area boundaries are, we'll be needing to look at how to expand at least into the Andover area and include representation from Andover and Butler County and at that time that opened up another whole host of options in terms of how to best organize for transportation planning for the area. So, we'll be looking at the options and reviewing those with you later this year.

The Planning Commission, as the official MPO, has reviewed the work plan and approved it. We're asking you approve a resolution today that would authority the Planning Department to submit the grant applications with this work plan and authority the signing of contracts. The City Council, this item will be on their agenda next Tuesday. I'll stand for any questions that you have."

Chair McGinn said, "Marvin, that 20% match is just staff time."

Mr. Krout said, "That's staff time that's already accounted for in the approved budget for 2002."

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Chair McGinn said, “Okay. Commissioners, are there any questions for Marvin? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the FY 2002 UPWP and adopt a Resolution authorizing the MAPD Director to submit applications, negotiate agreements and execute contracts in support of the UPWP.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

E. ISLAND ANNEXATION REQUEST BY CITY OF HAYSVILLE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have a request for an island annexation presented to us from the City of Haysville. We’ve got a map up on the screen that you can see that shows it’s the northwest corner of 71st and Hydraulic. It’s a platted area that is currently being developed for residential housing. Under the statute that’s involved, the Board of County Commissioners must make a finding and determine that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or of any other incorporated city here in Sedgwick County.

The owner of the land has consented to the annexation, which was another statutory requirement. The required finding, under the statute, is what we refer to as a quasi-judicial finding, which requires the Board to consider evidence and make a judicial determination as to this finding.

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The evidence that we have available for you is the map, of course, and the report prepared by the MAPD department and, before I touch on that report, I'd like to note, as you observed earlier, the Mayor of Haysville is here to answer any questions. I believe Marvin is hanging around to answer any questions that might come from the MAPD perspective.

We did send notice of the proposed annexation out to the two cities that were in the area, the City of Wichita and then across the Big Ditch, the City of Derby. Due to the nature of the topography involved, I think as you can see from the map, the key finding of the MAPD report is that the City of Haysville is best suited to serve this area, in terms of municipal services. Crossing the Ditch is a little harder for some of the utilities involved.

The MAPD report also observed that although this area is not within the future growth area as contemplated by the current City of Haysville comprehensive plan, they are updating their plan. It will be done early 2002, I understand, and at that time that area will be considered as part of their planned growth area.

Finally, the MAPD report concludes and recommends that the Board make the necessary finding and find that this proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth to the area or any city in the area.

Probably the last observation I might make about annexations in general, and particularly island annexation, is that although cities can do what we call unilaterally annex properties that are adjacent to their city limits, the legislature has carved out an exception for island annexation. Once this annexation is approved, they would not be able to use that as a base for unilateral annexations around the island until the intervening territory between the existing current limits and the island have been annexed through other means.

Having said all that, I can answer any questions or, if you'd like the Mayor to speak, I'm sure he'd be willing to make a statement."

Chair McGinn said, "Come on up, if you'd like to make a few comments. Bob, I just had a few comments. We put together some criteria for annexations and so, there were like 10 steps or something that people had to go through. Because this is an island annexation, is it different than the criteria that we put together?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "No, and I thank you for mentioning it because I probably should have touched on that briefly. We did adopt, recently, within the last few months or so, I can't remember the exact date now, a procedure for addressing all kinds of annexations that come before the Board, both island annexations and County approved annexations and we did go through the steps that are

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required, in terms that we notified the cities that are adjacent to it. Even though that's not a statutory requirement, we made that a requirement of our resolution or our county code process for annexations. We notified various stakeholders in the government. Public Works, for instance, reported back to us and confirmed some of the statements made in the MAPD report. So, we've done those steps and I think we're up to the process now."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, I just wanted to make sure that we're the same, across the Board there. Stay up here, Bob. We've got some questions but first, Mayor Armstrong, would you like to make any comments."

Mr. Bruce Armstrong, Mayor, City of Haysville, said, "I just wanted to point out, this area is a newly developed area close to Haysville. We are in a process right now of finishing up an annexation study for the property that will be in between our city limits and this at this point. This being a new platted area, it looked like to us it made more sense to go ahead and bring it into the city now, instead of having 40-some homeowners over there in that not knowing if this property eventually is going to be coming into the city."

We have extended our services already to this area and we are now serving it with water. So, we have an extension of that line. We also can serve all the other areas that we are looking at annexing and are prepared to do that, if they were coming to us in request for the water service. So, this kind of goes along with what we're looking at doing on our annexation. One reason our annexation is not complete at this point is that we're very in-tune to the people in the area, in the past, have had some of the advantages of living in the county and not living in the city, such as some of the larger lots, animals and fowl that they can keep that you can't keep in the city. We are right now working with that group to amend our zoning to allow, as you have, the sixes and tens, so that these people can end up keeping animals and fowl over and above what our city is. So, we're very in-tune to what these people are wanting and this property being new, we thought it made more sense now to bring it into the city."

Chair McGinn said, "Do you have plans to extend sewer in the future?"

Mr. Armstrong said, "We have not made those at this point. We could. It becomes a very expensive proposition but we do have the capacity to extend sewer, if need be. We are not requiring any of these areas to actually have to, but we are available if they do petition to come in: sewer, water, streets and all of those utilities."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'll be very supportive of this. This was on the radar screen before I left Haysville and they've moved forward with it pretty quickly. I know we've done some annexation studies and part of it was being able to supply services. And I know water is already there with great capacity to serve further south. It really makes sense that this will clear up the boundaries. I mean, the Valley Center Floodway becomes a very natural barrier for Wichita coming further south or Derby coming further west and I think both of those communities have said just that. It does make sense. The developer is developing that portion right now and I understand he's bought other property in that area that he will eventually, I think, develop and want to have in the city limits also. So, I'm very supportive of it. I think Haysville has done a great job doing their homework, trying to understand not to rush to judgment on the area between the island annexation and the city limits, to make sure that they are good stewards of the people that live there already that do have the large farm animals and different kinds of property. And that's been an ongoing proposition for about 18 months, hasn't it Bruce?"

Mr. Armstrong said, "Yeah, we've had several meetings with them and we've also had them in a meeting with our planning commission so that they can have input into changing the zoning in those areas so that we don't change really the quality of life that they are having now, since they moved out to that area thinking that they were moving to a rural and, as we know, everything has kind of moved out as the metropolitans move out. We're very in-tune to knowing that they are there, because they moved into rural and trying to keep that lifestyle for them."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think that's very admirable that they just haven't swept in there, unilaterally, taken those people in. That they've tried to be good citizens, good government making sure they understand the people's needs in that area and I think, as I've talked to people, they've softened up. They feel Haysville is working with them pretty well to make sure that when they are brought into the city limits that their lifestyle won't change but negligible. So, I'm very supportive of this and I thank Mayor Armstrong for coming today. Thanks."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Just to kind of pick up a little bit on what Tim said, and I guess it's to you, Bob, I'm directing it. Since this isn't adjacent to a city and the city can't unilaterally, the only way they could annex an island is if the people requested the annexation. Is that not correct?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "Well, actually they would have two avenues. The island annexation process is where the owner will consent to the annexation. If they can't get the owner to consent, and they still want that property, they could do what we call the county-approved annexation, which is a little more cumbersome process and they have to come before your board and you have to have a public hearing and take a lot more effort."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But in this particular case the owner had requested the annexation."

Mr. Parnacott said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I thought that would be important to get that out publicly. Thank you and that's all I had and I will support it also."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Before we take the recommended action, I'd like to ask is there anyone here who would like to speak to this item? Anyone here today that would like to speak to this annexation issue? Okay, I don't see anybody. Commissioners, if there aren't any questions, what's the will of the Board?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "Maybe I should make a comment here. We didn't make it very clear in the agenda item, unfortunately, and that's my fault. But we have prepared a resolution that capsulizes the findings that are necessary and we would recommend that you approve the resolution and authorize the Chair to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the resolution.

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

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

Commissioner Norton left at 9:50 a.m.

READY TO RESPOND PROGRAM UPDATE.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've indicated to you for the last month or so that periodically I would be giving an update to you about our Ready to Respond program. I have several things to tell you about that has occurred over the last two weeks.

So far, we have trained 283 people at seven different classes. This past week, USD 259, Bob Lamkey and Dee Ann Konkel attended a session with 200 of their administrators and they shared information about the Ready to Respond program and discussed how the county could provide assemblies. Some of those assemblies could be half hour or hour or longer if necessary, in-training for students and in-training for the employees. The brochures that you have seen about Ready to Respond were well received by the USD 259 and they have produced 70,000. 70,000 of the Ready to Res . . . emergency preparedness check-list, if you remember that brochure, to be given to students and teachers and staff and they did that out of their expense because they thought that was important. USD 259 is going to translate that into some other languages for us also and we'll be able to use that as well. They will also.

We've had multi-hazard safety training. This was a two-day session, last week at the Extension Center, to assist school superintendents and understanding those issues, school administrators and superintendents and public safety officials, about developing and refining their crisis plans. So, we've been intimately involved in training school folks about those issues.

We conducted an emergency preparedness drill on the 11th, as we indicated. Since the 11th was a Monday and Commissioner Gwin's birthday we didn't want to disrupt any activities, but what we did was on Friday the 9th we had our employees go through a whole series of screenings, as did

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other people, just to prepare ourselves for that.

You are well aware that the ALARM group met Saturday and Emergency Management hosted the ALARM group on the 10th and shared information about Ready to Respond. And KAKE TV has filmed a segment that will air this week on Ready to Respond, for their Safe Families report and I don't know if you've seen those issues, but they are doing it.

We talked about phone directories a little earlier this morning, and I'd like to show you the Feist Directory and I'm not suggesting one company over another. I'm just suggesting that in the middle of the Feist Directory, because of our work with them, we have four pages of emergency warning and response to your family, how materials and chemicals, how to deal with severe weather, what about flooding, hazardous materials/ chemicals in the business and home and how to manage your risk, all of which are part of the Ready to Respond program. Feist could be our partners, along with Sedgwick County, to provide those four pages in the phone book.

And finally, we have coming up several more public sessions. November 19th, at 7:00 at Boston Recreation Center, November 28th at Risen Savior Lutheran Church and December 11th at Bentley City Hall, all those are open sessions. We have some other closed sessions for individual groups who wanted to do that, but those are the open sessions. And Thursday night, KNS [sic] will host a call-in session on emergency preparedness from 5 to 6. Fire, EMS and Emergency Management will be there and assist in answering the calls. So, KSN will host the call-in on Thursday at 5:00 to 6:00 in the evening. If citizens would like additional information, you can always check our website at www.sedgwickcounty.org or call Emergency Management, 383-7546. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Bill for the update. Just a clarification, the ALARM group, so the public knows who that is. Those individuals . . . may be an appropriate name now days. But those are mayors and other public officials from the small communities in our county. And so, I think Betsy Gwin had an opportunity to go to that meeting as well and so, glad to hear that they're very interested.

The phone book, the insert that you showed, that insert can also be found, I would think, on our website as well. Okay, and the closed sessions you had talked about, we're setting up public sessions for just any individual to go. So, it sounds like I'm hearing that some of the civics groups, neighborhood groups or other groups are calling in to have their own private sessions as well. Okay, very good. All right, Commissioners, are there any other questions for Manager Buchanan?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

Commissioner Norton returned at 9:53 a.m.

G. AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR, INC. PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ADVERTISING MATERIAL ON BILLBOARD LOCATED AT 602 EAST CENTRAL.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, if it would please the Commission, we have an agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor to provide the terms and conditions of the billboard. You know that the property that we purchased recently included an existing lease with that billboard. We've reviewed that information with Legal Department and we believe it's in our best interest to keep that billboard there rather than condemning the property or taking some other alternatives and therefore we would recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Bill, I have a couple of questions. One is the \$600 per year, is that . . . I mean, I don't know if that's market price?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "That's the current . . . we didn't change any of the prices. That's was the current agreement with the existing property owners and that lease is just extended to us. That's my understanding."

Chair McGinn said, "I guess they just charge politicians a whole lot more. Maybe that's government rate or something. I don't know."

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Commissioner Norton said, "That's a rhetorical question, Bill. You didn't have to answer."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Private sector making money."

Chair McGinn said, "And then I had asked you also about sometime in the future will we be able to use that billboard to promote some of the programs that we're doing?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "And we're looking at those alternatives and opportunities. Currently, it's a straight up arms-length transaction and we have not begun to talk about that. But once we approve this and I'm sure there will be a discussion about extensions of contracts and that that would be the appropriate time to do that. We're just trying to clear this detail up so we can proceed with the purchase of the property."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. And this is for how long again?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I believe it's longer than that. Rich, can you help me out on that?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is until June 1st, 2007 and I would emphasize that we did buy this property subject to this lease, so we are stuck with that term."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just a couple of other questions to carry on what the Chair said. Do we actually own the billboard or are we just leasing the land that the billboard is on? You can't say yes, because that was either/or."

Mr. Euson said, "We are leasing the land that the billboard is on."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "They are leasing the land that the billboard . . . we own the land."

Mr. Euson said "We are leasing it to them."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, we're leasing the land so they own the billboard. Okay. That pretty well answers it. And there's no option or escape cause in this agreement that allows either party to terminate prior to 2007 or anything like that, that you're aware of, Mr. Euson?"

Mr. Euson said, "No, there is not. It could be terminated, of course, by mutual agreement but there

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is no other out.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. So, we really don’t have much options until 2007, if we want to try to do something. Because I kind of like the idea of what the Chair said, if it would be possible to, in lieu of \$600, get four billboards a year that we could do something with or something like that. Okay, that’s fine. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right. I don’t see any other questions. Commissioners, what the will of the Board on this?”

MOTION

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

Chair McGinn said, “Thanks, Bill. Next item.”

H. NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,684 UNDER THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL GRANT YEAR 2001.

Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sedgwick County once again has successfully applied for and received State Criminal Alien Assistance program funding for another year. Through the efforts of Sheriff Gary Steed and his staff and the staff and management of the Justice Benefits Inc. Sedgwick County was awarded \$160,684 for the 2001 State Criminal Alien Assistance program year.

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This is \$133,116 less than last year's award of \$293,800 and several factors play into this reduction. One of which was the total appropriation for this year's program was decreased by 6.4% down to \$536,000,000 from the year before. And factor two would be that there were 100 new jurisdictions that applied for these funds this year, which was an increase of 25%. So, it's more jurisdictions going for less amount of money. Total jurisdictions applied this year was 517 jurisdictions. And the third factor is that Sedgwick County's number of alien inmates for this year went from 687 inmates last year to 440 this year and we had alien inmate days went from 16,084 down to 14,570. So, a lot of factors play into this reduction.

But while Justice Benefits Inc. was a good partner in the analysis of data and development of the grant application information for the 2001 program, they did so this year without compensation, as we fell below our baseline amount from the 1999 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program which was \$179,299.

We've already begun to work with Justice Benefits Inc. providing them data for the upcoming 2002 State Criminal Alien Assistance program year and we recommend that you accept the grant award of \$160,684 for this year's program. And I will be glad to answer any questions you might have."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Well, I think you cleared it up, Marty. I was just going to visit about the Justice Benefits Inc. They assisted but they're not receiving any compensation for that?"

Mr. Hughes said, "Not for this year, no, because our amount went down below the baseline amount."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, they've really probably done a good job of selling us all over the country . . . I mean, helping people and they've got too many folks applying for too little money."

Mr. Hughes said, "Yeah. I imagine they probably have. They might have even hurt their own case but they've done a good job for us and they work well with us. We appreciate their help but they're not getting anything for it."

Commissioner Winters said, "But they're not getting anything out of this."

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Mr. Hughes said, "Not this year."

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

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. Now, last year we got \$293,800. Is that correct?"

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And this year we got \$160,684."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What did Justice Benefits do for us that was so great? I mean, we got a tremendous reduction in revenue . . . I know we don't have to pay them for the effort but why do we still feel that they did a tremendous job for us?"

Mr. Hughes said, "They take the data, the raw data that we provide them, and they put it in a format so that we can submit it to the Justice Department to get the funding. So, that's really what they do. They take our data and manipulate it in a way that we can submit it to the Justice Department."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And their compensation package is just on commission? I mean . . ."

Mr. Hughes said, "I believe it's 22% of the amount we receive above the baseline."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

Mr. Hughes said, "And the baseline was 179,000 I think."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is that . . . How did we arrive at the baseline, since last year it was 293? How did we get the 179?"

Mr. Hughes said, "The baseline was from the year before last year. The last year that we did it ourselves."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so because of their help we got 293?"

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Mr. Hughes said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, I see. Okay, that’s all I have. Thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any other questions on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the Grant Award.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. ADDITION OF ONE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR POSITION, RANGE 32, TO THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’re requesting the addition of one position to the staffing table for the Mental Health Center director, range 32. COMCARE, the community mental health center, has changed tremendously over the last couple of years. There are now staff of approximately 400, a \$23,000,000 budget and numerous contracts. We’re seeing the level of complexity of running the center increase, with an evolving money structure and requirements such as HIPPA compliant. We’ve added a number of additional programs over the last couple of years, including such programs as Project 275, the Mental Health Services in Schools, the Crisis Transition Team, the City Drug Court, the Juvenile Diversion program, the City Liquor Tax Fund management.

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We've expanded the program in the jail and we're soon to implement the foster care program, which will start December 1st. This position will lead, direct and manage the department. I'll be glad to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Debbie."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one, Madam Chair. Describe what you're going to do on foster care, come December 1. That's new and foster care has been such a big issue in the state. Describe your connection with that, Deb."

Ms. Donaldson said, "December 1, we will begin receiving referral from the foster care provider for those children who need specialized mental health services, due to their serious emotional disturbance. Since we have the array of services and the system of care to truly meet the needs of those particular children. Non-SUD and children who meet the criteria of SUD but do not need specialized services will remain the responsibility of the contractor."

Commissioner Norton said, "Who was taking care of those young people prior to this contract?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "They had, in our community, they had worked to develop within . . . the foster care provider tried to develop their own system. But it has not been able to do the kinds of things I think they were hoping to do and so they are moving that back to the mental health center with that full system of care in place."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's a pretty expensive proposition to try to run in-house. Could that have been part of the problem of the increased costs in the foster care system?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes, it was very expensive."

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

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Any other questions for Debbie?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the addition to the COMCARE Staffing Table.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. THIRD QUARTER PREVENTION FUNDS PERFORMANCE REVIEW.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to provide just an update on the performance of the grant recipients for 2001 Prevention Funds.

In 2001, eleven programs received funding. These program target at-risk youth and their families. A key component of the prevention fund is effectiveness in insuring that program achieve the outcomes they need to really assist families and youth. All the programs have outcomes and are graded on such.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters has been a prevention fund contractor since 1998. They provide one-on-one mentoring services with at-risk youth. They met 4 of their 5 outcomes to date, in 2001. One thing to note is 2001 is the second year with a new measurement system. The program based outcome evaluation tool, which is the national Big Brothers/ Big Sisters tool. It utilizes surveys of the parents, teachers and the mentors to gauge progress for our youth.

Operation Jumpstart is a program that's a collaboration between Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and Communities in Schools. They provide in-school mentoring and tutoring services for at-risk youth. To date, they've met 8 of their 9 outcomes, earning them an A.

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Boys and Girls Club Targeted Outreach program is an academic program for youth that have been suspended or expelled from school, particularly the youth that fall under the no-tolerance policy that have been expelled for a year. They have a very good record of returning youth to school, meriting an A to date. Not only do they return kids to school, but they also provide a two-semester follow-up to improve their grades and improve the attendance and also try to insure that they do not have future suspensions or expulsions.

A new component of this program this year is the USD 259 Community Learning Center that has been set up in the Boys and Girls Club and that will work with targeted outreach to appropriately serve youth that come to that program.

Communities in Schools provides collaborative school-based services to at-risk youth. The County Prevention grant fund services at Oaklawn and Cooper Elementary Schools as well as Derby Six Grade Center. To date, they've met or exceeded all their performance outcomes, meriting an A.

Episcopal Social Services Teen Intervention program, originally designed to serve first-time shoplifters, it has since expanded to serve other minor misdemeanants, including those that have more than one offense. They provide . . . they work with the youth, but also provide follow-up services and work with parents. In 2000, they did struggle with their outcomes for youth that had multiple offenses. In 2001, they really turned that around and improved their outcomes. To date, they merit an A-.

Family Consultation Services, the Expect Respect program targets teen domestic and relationship violence. It's a presentation provided in 9th grade gym classes and all of USD 259. It has since expanded to serve all the schools in Sedgwick County. In addition to the presentation at 9th grade gym classes, they also offer optional support groups for youth who have experienced domestic violence. They're working, for next year, working with WSU to improve their evaluation. To date, they have merited a B.

KANSEL is a GED program. A key component of this program is the remedial classes they provide. Many of the youth that have dropped out of school and come to KANSEL to get their GED have very low levels of particularly reading and math skills, unable to immediately progress to the GED but instead need remedial classes. They have had a very low recidivism rate and met seven of their eight outcomes, earning an A.

Higher Ground, this is the Learning the Ropes program. This was formerly Tiyospaye. It's an adolescent substance abuse prevention and treatment program. They incorporate experiential courses with their traditional treatment. To date, they've met all their outcomes, earning an A.

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Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy, during the 2001 school year the program was not living up to the expectations that we know that it could meet. During the summer, the program staff regrouped, re-examined their outcomes and their progress and decided to refocus of middle schools. The grade to date C represents their progress to date. The third-quarter grade is important because it illustrates that since they've refocused to middle schools that their performance is improving and that their working to refine the measurement process does seem to be working.

Wichita Family Services Institute, this is the On Trac program. It serves youth that are exhibiting behavior problems. They get referrals from the school district, from the District Attorney's Office, from Juvenile Intake and Assessment. They work with kids to improve their grades and their attendance in school and to reduce recidivism. To date, they've met all their performance goals, meriting an A.

Wichita YMCA, the Black Achievers program, it's a program that has several different components. It includes a summer internship program, a career lecture series, a summer fitness and a summer leadership camp. The grade to date A is for the components of that program that were completed as of the third quarter, which ended September 30th. Since that report has been completed, the leadership camp component of this program has been dropped because of the low attendance and referrals. They met all the outcomes for the programs that were completed as of the third quarter and that's their grade to date, an A.

Before you, the summary of all the programs with their performance grades. Overall the programs have been very successful in serving the youth that they target. They all have outcomes that appropriately assess the performance of their program. I'm available for any questions, if you have any. I believe there are a few program staff available if there's any program-specific questions."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. Talk about progress that they've made. I find it interesting that there's a lot of 'As' there and generally anywhere you have a bell curve where there's high performers and low performers. So, we either picked very well or they've listened to us when we've given them guidance, one or the other. Where have some of them come from, from first quarter to third quarter? Obviously, their grades are pretty good right now. Have any of them struggled in other quarters?"

Ms. Livingston said, "Well, at least one program did and that's why I broke down their grade to date from their third quarter grade. Overall, I would say that most these programs have been funded for at least a couple of years. I would say you can really tell the development of their performance measures and their ability to meet them, because they not only set the performance measures but if they don't meet them they tend to look at them and say, 'Okay, why are we not meeting this, what can we do better to meet these expectations?' I think they've really evolved, many of them to do

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that. And you can see, Family Consultation Services is new to 2001 and they are still working to refine their measurement processes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “One of the things I think we need to challenge ourselves to do, because there’s a static pool of money, is to continue to challenge each year for these organizations to raise their own bar, so that maybe they’ll have to slide down to a B+ next year because the bar is raised and then fight hard to get it back to an A. I think it’s very important that they continue to stretch themselves to deliver more and more services and reach more and more people or children with the monies that we have available. That money is not going to go on infinitum. We want to be sure that they understand that they have to improve, raise the bar and I would challenge us to maybe make the criteria a little tougher next year. Get the information out to them, tell them we’re going to raise the bar, but challenge them to do that. I think it’s very, very important. That’s all I had. Thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Jeannette, you know this is one half, perhaps, of our prevention effort. The other part of it, that I’m thinking about, is that that comes directly from Juvenile Justice Authority in Topeka that we work through the Juvenile Justice Correctional Advisory Board Team Justice and their work in helping make sure we put that money in good places. Do you have any ideas about the comparison of how you and your group use to evaluate the people that we look in these prevention efforts as compared to Team Justice and the WSU group who evaluate the prevention money we spend that comes from Juvenile Justice Authority? How would you compare those two evaluation processes?”

Ms. Livingston said, “I serve on the prevention committee for Team Justice and am fairly aware of what they do and how they do it. The new contracts, being July 1, 2001, have performance measures much more similar to what we’re working with on the prevention fund. Prior to that . . . that money and that process has evolved also on that side. They also look more on the aggregate scale. They look at the school. All right, they’re going to say, ‘Has attendance improved at the school?’ versus ‘Does the kids that this program serves improve their attendance?’ That is a lot of how JJA measures those, although in their contracts for fiscal year 2002, some of the programs do

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have outcome measures that are similar that will document 'this is the outcomes we had for the students we served'. But their focus still is more on the aggregate level that WSU research is going to look at. Before this program was implemented, this school had this attendance, versus after the program has been implemented it has that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, you know and I understand that and I think that's a good answer and I don't want to get our evaluation processes so difficult that agencies and others performing tasks are more involved with evaluating themselves and making sure that they're filling out the right forms. But still, I think now as we begin to put significant resources into these different programs, we just need to make sure that we're confident that we're putting it at the right places. And that's not to say anything negative about anybody that's out there providing a program because everybody that provides a program as they deal with children and young people have the best intentions in mind. And I don't think there's anybody out there trying to do something that's not right. But we just need to stay fully attuned to the fact that we've got to have some result. And I think if we remind ourselves, Commissioners, that when we talked about this briefly at a staff meeting a couple of weeks ago, I remember we all kind of committed to have, after the first of the year, another workshop and intensely look at some of these programs, as we start thinking about 2003 and 2004 and what is it that we want to accomplish in a longer term.

So, Jeannette, you'll need to help remind us that we're going to do that again after the first of the year but I think these prevention efforts are so critically important and are on such a high scale that, again, we need to make sure we're fully engaged. So, thanks for that, Jeannette. Thanks for this stuff. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Jeannette, I guess I'm going to say 'Me too' to kind of go along with my two fellow colleagues, what they've mentioned. I do think that when I see a lot of As I'm thinking either our outcomes are so low it's easy to achieve. I'm going to pick out one. One here, and I won't even mention the name, it said that the goal was that 70% of the program graduates will achieve 50% of the objectives identified in their personal goals. And they were actually able to get 100%. Well, to me that says that that was too low of an outcome, plus if I agree with you that these are the goals that I'm going to achieve and I only achieve half of them, that's a failing grade. And I would encourage you to work with these people, but do raise that bar so that we get a . . . you know we're going to have a workshop here after this meeting that's

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going to talk about the fact that we may be facing some tough times, as far as revenues coming into the County, and if that turns out to be a reality, we're going to have to really be careful and maybe start to re-prioritize where we spend the finite amount of tax dollars that we have to spend.

I would be comfortable if we could get these goals to a point where we really think that we're really getting a dollars worth of productivity out of a dollar spent. So, I don't know exactly how to word it, other than just that I think we need to re-look at some of the bars that we've set to see whether or not they shouldn't be raised. Especially on some of these where the goals was 70 or 80% and I keep seeing 100% reached, 100% reached, 100% reached, 100% reached. Maybe the bar was too low."

Ms. Livingston said, "Yeah, I agree and I have worked with some of them. I have been in discussions with at least one of the programs to talk about raising that bar and to look at that. It's based on what they expect or what could be expected from the research, if you're serving this population of kids, a lot of that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But also with two years of history now, you're going to be able to more accurately set a realistic goal."

Ms. Livingston said, "And that's exactly what I was talking to that program. If you take substance abuse, in particular, you know the numbers are high for recidivism. And so they were expected a rather high recidivism, you know youth to recidivate very commonly. That has not been the case with that program. So, I agree and I will do that for 2002."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It's just like what any business would do or even what Mr. Buchanan does. If a certain department has a budget and they've exceeded it by 100%, I have a suspicion that the next budget he negotiates with he's going to ask them to get it a little . . . okay, that's all I have. Thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Jeannette, these programs are for at-risk youth. Who defines what at-risk young children are, youths are?"

Ms. Livingston said, "I think that comes through the request for proposal process. A component of that proposal is statement of community need and the committee that examines those proposals reviews that and they're really the ones that determine is this the target population that we want to serve with these funds. So, it comes from that proposal and then how the program is implemented."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, I guess what . . . and it's hard to criticize what appears to be

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success because obviously you want groups to succeed, but one of the things that kind of jumped out to me was are we sure we're getting to at-risk youth. I mean, my first thought would be if you've not identified the right kids who really need the help and you're preparing a program for children who aren't necessarily at risk, then maybe you're outcomes are going to be better because they're not so troubled. They don't have the family management issues or others. I'm not saying that's the case, but it certainly appears to me that, either as a couple of my colleagues have said, maybe the bars are too low. It also might be that we're not getting to the most needy of the youth and their families, the ones who are the hardest to get to. And I certainly commend people on what they've been able to do today, but maybe we're not getting to the heart of some of these really troubled children and their families. I don't know that but I certainly want to make sure that we are getting to those who need it the most, not just those who come and volunteer or are part of some sort of other program. I don't quite know how to express it but I am concerned that maybe we're not targeting, maybe we're not getting to the most difficult, the most problematic circumstances."

Ms. Livingston said, "And that kind of varies by programs. Some of the programs are diversion programs so you know those kids have been arrested. You know there's a documented need. Some are more primary prevention. When you're working in elementary schools, you're going to be working a little further back from the arrest and that's one thing. Another thing would be . . . so some of the outcomes you can definitely tell and when you're measuring recidivism, well you know they at least committed the crime in the first place, those sort of things. Others are a little bit further back, are more primary prevention, not so much intervention. And one program in particular, I've really worked and struggled with that too, and it goes back to how you define 'at-risk' and how we want to look at that and how we really want to cut that off at what point."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And then another couple of things were evaluations of success as measured by parents. I think one of my colleagues in the staff meeting said maybe we want to have somebody who stands outside these agencies or outside our government come and look to see whether or not these are successful. It might be easy, or not so difficult for me as a parent to say 'Well, you know little Johnnie is acting better today than he was 3 weeks ago' but that doesn't necessarily mean that he is. And so, we may want to follow up on really what youth are we getting to and are we getting to the ones who need us the most and are we critically evaluating those outcomes. So, just food for thought or points of information. I appreciate the time. Thank you."

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

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Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks. Well, Jeannette pretty well talked about what I was going to visit about and that was trying to define high-risk kids, because I think our ultimate goal is to keep them out of the juvenile justice system and I think it’s hard to identify the core values that we’re trying to look at when you talk truancy, the empirical evidence that Ben likes to talk about, shows that if you keep them in school they’re not as likely to be on the streets doing something. But I don’t think that’s a holistic approach totally, because some kids do drop out of school, go into the work force and do just fine.

So, I think we’re going to continue to struggle with at what point do we drop into these different programs and how far upstream do we go to pick up kids that we know are going to have that potential of getting in the juvenile justice system, whether they have some socio-economic problems, whether they have problems lashing out at school because of mental type problems, if they have family type problems, victims of divorce. There’s a million things that we try to pinpoint that are indicators that they would go into the juvenile justice system. I think we’re going to have to work real hard over the next few years to try to define that and condense down to a real succinct mission of population that we want to go after. And you kind of alluded to that.

You have to describe what high-risk is and we’re going to struggle with that, I think, over the next few years as a commission and I think that’s what we’ll really try to determine when we meet after the first of the year, is what do we really want to reach, who are those targeted young people and how do we keep them out of the system and that’s going to be a tough dialogue. It would be nice to be able to fund every program that tries to reach a child, but we know we can’t. So, it’s almost got to be like a SCUD missile. We’ve got to find and pinpoint exactly the target that we’re looking at and go after it. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Jeannette, isn’t there . . . I think what you’re hearing comment is what’s the definition of an at-risk child or what’s the profile of a child that potentially could be at-risk and isn’t there any . . . I’m amazed that there hasn’t been some national study or through the school system some study that says, ‘Okay, if they fit this profile between the ages of x and y, they are determined to be at-risk’. Am I hearing that there is no empirical evidence to quantitate that?”

Ms. Livingston said, “Partly through the Juvenile Justice planning process, the County somewhat adopted the Communities that Care model. It has specific risk factors in it, school-based, family-based and community-based. Some of the risk factors that this particular funding source targets is early and persistent anti-social behavior, family management problems and lack of commitment to school. Some of the other research based risk factors include peers that are involved in problem

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behavior, families that are involved in criminal activity. There are a number of them, and I can't think of all of them off the top of my head."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, that might be something that, when we have this meeting right after the first, maybe you could bring us some ideas of how we might redefine what at-risk is and have some sourcing as to why these recommendations are being made so that we can look at that a little closer."

Ms. Livingston said, "I'd be glad to."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Because I agree with maybe the situation being that revenues aren't going to be as readily available to us, we need to really make sure that what monies we do spend will achieve the goals that we're hoping they will. Okay, thank you. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "All right, thank you. Are there any other questions for Jeannette?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Report for the month of October, 2001. Coliseum had an attendance of over 50,000, 12 events, 23 individual performances. Our net revenues were in excess of \$115,000.

Highlights for the month, Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Show, nearly 7,000 attended this event. A huge increase over last year. And this is one of the cause and effects from September 11th. We've seen a huge increase in attendance at gun shows throughout the country. Whereas, most of the other events and the majority of the events have taken declines in attendance, gun shows are one of the things that are apparently thriving right now. We also had the Royal Hanneford Circus. Produced the event ourselves this year, designed the marketing materials. It was a great show. It had all the elements that you'd expect in a circus, including a lot of interaction with the public. I will tell you that our bilingual event, the Sunday performance in English and Spanish, we were extremely pleased with the way that turned out. We had a lot of folks that we had never seen at the Coliseum before. So, I think we were serving a portion of our community that we had not previously reached. We were very happy with the way that turned out.

We also had the Disturbed concert. Nearly 7,000 in attendance with that. This was against the trend. It was the highest attended show that they had on their tour. We just happened to get the right show at the right time in the right market. We're very pleased with the way that turned out.

Another annual event is the Wheatland Poppin' Johnnies, which is the antique John Deere tractors. It was a pretty neat show if you're into old equipment and talking to some of the old timers that really follow this circuit. It's a lot of fun. They had over 11,000 people attend the show this year.

In the sports zone, three hockey games, the Thunder opened their tenth season. We had over 10,000 people, almost 11,000 people attended those three hockey games. Last month, we talked about some concepts that we introduced this year and one of them is the Cadillac Bar and Grill at the south end of the facility. We also introduced the Austin Blues Barbeque Stand. The Cadillac Grill features hamburgers, chicken strips, fries. The fries and strips come in a two-pound tray. They've proven to be extremely popular. What we're always trying to do is increase the per caps. We're trying to increase the amount of money that people spend and one of the measurements we did was the first three hockey games of last season versus the first three hockey games of this season and, as you can see, we've increased our per cap for hockey 8%. It went from \$5.24 a head last year to \$5.67 this year. Now, that's directly contributed to those two stands. We have not changed any other prices. So, those are being very well received. It shows that if we present something in a very appealing manner and if the customer feels that they're getting value for their dollars, they will respond and they will buy.

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Now, if we could apply that 8% across the board, that would be an additional \$95,000 a year in revenue for us and we're going to continue to look at different ways we can do. Hopefully, one of these days, we'll be able to do the big upgrades. We'll be able to supply those kinds of things and I'm sure be very pleased with the kind of response we get from the customers.

That's the completion of my report for this month. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Are there any questions for John?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

K. RESOLUTION RELATING TO EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS IN STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO BE FURNISHED BY KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, A KANSAS CORPORATION. DISTRICTS #1, #2, #4 AND #5.

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item K is a resolution prepared by KGE for modifications to street lighting in Sedgwick County. The key addition is the installation of a light at Rock Road and 55th Street South. Three other lights have been removed from our bill because their locations now fall within the city limits of Wichita, Haysville and Park City, respectively. Another light was removed due to expansion of the jail. Finally, two lights were removed at the intersection of 13th and Greenwich Road and replaced with one light. There will be a net decrease of \$155.12 in the yearly compensation. This will make the annual compensation for streetlights paid by the county to KGE \$89,413.36. I recommend that you

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adopt the resolution.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any questions for David? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2001.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The following items presented for your consideration are a result of the regular meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts November 8th, 2001.

**1) MOLDED SEAMLESS CHAIRS- JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH
FUNDING: JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH**

First item today is molded seamless chairs for Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. Recommend the low bid from Perry, Larson and Associates for \$26,182.

**2) CHANGE ORDER FOR ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITY- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

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Item two, change order for Adult Residential Facility for Facility Projects. Recommend the acknowledgement of the change order for Alcon, Incorporated of \$123,523.

3) SYSTEMS FURNITURE- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

Item three, systems furniture for Facility Projects. Recommend the quote from Goldsmith's of \$65,129.05.

4) HARDWARE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL OUTLAY

Item four, hardware for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from Dell of \$15,899.

5) CISCO EQUIPMENT- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Item five, Cisco equipment for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from Southwestern Bell SBC of \$61,014.45.

6) FORKLIFT- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING- FLEET MANAGEMENT

Item six, forklift for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, meeting specifications, from Lift Truck Center for \$18,695.

7) IP PHONES- FLEET MANAGEMENT AND COMCARE
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PB-355) AND COMCARE

Item seven, IP phones for Fleet Management and COMCARE. Recommend the quote from Southwestern Bell SPC for a total of \$33,917.95.

8) COMPUTERS- COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE

Item eight, computers for COMCARE. Recommend the quote from Dell of \$49,850.10.

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**9) MS OFFICE SUITE XP PROFESSIONAL- COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE**

Item nine, Microsoft Office Suite XP Professional for COMCARE. Recommend the quote from Software Spectrum of \$14,688.

**10) PREVENTATIVE ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE- FACILITY MAINTENANCE
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

And item ten, preventive electrical maintenance for Facility Maintenance. Recommend the low proposal from Linder and Associates of \$18,578.

Be happy to answer any questions. If there are none, I'd recommend approval of these items as presented today.

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Eleven. Don't we have item eleven?"

**11) OUTDOOR FURNITURE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

Ms. Baker said, "Sorry. Excuse me. Eleven, outdoor furniture for Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the proposal meeting specifications from Fry and Associates for \$14,335.65."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. Go back to item number two. I know it fits in under the contingency amount, \$123,000 is a pretty good change order. How much of that is the safe room? I'm really an advocate of putting safe rooms in but do you have kind of a cost figure on that as to how much extra cost that put into the project?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes. Jim Osterlund with Facility Projects."

Mr. Jim Osterlund, Project Manager, Facility Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The safe room was \$33,000 and part of that."

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Commissioner Norton said, “What is the design mechanism for that? Is it ICF materials? Is it concrete block?”

Mr. Osterlund said, “This particular one, since it was done after the fact, is made out of two by eight framing on twelve inch centers, three-quarter inch ply wood doubled on one side and a quarter inch plate on the other side. All framing is both to the floor and to the ceiling. It will withstand 150 mile an hour wind and it’s located within the building.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. So it really didn’t add that much cost to the total cost. Where did the rest of the cost come from in the change order?”

Mr. Osterlund said, “Another big bulk of it was the project didn’t start for six months after the time the contract was written. The contractor has an obligation to hold his bid for 60 days. There is a material increase and also his roofing contractor had backed out, his low-bid roofing contractor backed out, so they had to take the second person. That initial cost was \$26,000 of that portion. The other big chunk of that was the redesign of the courtyard. The courtyard initially included a lot of parking but as we started buying properties on Central, we redesigned it, which required it to be resubmitted to the City. It’s quite a bit larger, additional fencing, additional lighting. That’s probably the bulk of it. The other portion that was a big chunk too, a lot of existing walls wouldn’t except finishes, cracked plaster, not enough clearances for electrical boxes and that sort of thing. But those four items were probably \$100,000 of this change order.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. I guess my only question is, if we went that far over, why would we not re-bid some of those items that look like they were going to go up?”

Mr. Osterlund said, “The contractors on site and the subs on site, a lot of these things were time sensitive to make these repairs as you’re going on and knowing that the whole thing was going to be within the budget of the overall project and we had that 10% contingency, we felt like it was a good business decision to use that contractor on site.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Let's talk about item eleven. This is still in keeping with what I anticipate I'm going to hear in this workshop. That we're going to have perhaps to look at some substantial reductions in revenues, meaning that we're going to have to reprioritize how we spend our dollars. This item is for outside furniture around the courthouse so that people that want to go out and have a cigarette, or a jury is on break or something, can sit down and do that, I guess. Looking at the two bids and they're both from the same people, there's a difference of like over \$5,000. Both of them have the same length of warranty. As a matter of fact, the lower bid will deliver quicker than the higher bid. What is the real . . . and maybe Kathy can jump in here, that's another \$5,000. Now, the way you get to a million dollar reduction in expenditure is a dollar at a time or \$5,000 at a time. And I hope that maybe, if we start looking . . . Somebody explain to me why it's fine to spend \$5,000 more of taxpayers dollars to have some places for people to sit out in front of the courthouse."

Ms. Baker said, "Commissioner, what we looked at . . . and Kathy, feel free to jump in. What we looked at were the specifications submitted for the furniture. We looked at the durability, how it was made and those were the defining factors. The proposal that's recommended was, by far, better quality. It was heavier equipment. It was better designed, better built and we felt it would last a lot longer than the alternative bid."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but the better equipment didn't feel that that product was that much better that they didn't feel comfortable in warranty-ing it any longer than the other equipment. They both said, 'We can't guarantee it past 10 years'. I could take \$5,000 and if I can save it and put it in the bank and draw interest over it, over a ten-year period, I could probably replace the equipment with brand-new equipment again. I mean this is the kind of mindset that I think the county is going to have to get into if we're really going to be looking at some lean times, that maybe we can't afford a Cadillac chair. Maybe we have to look at a Chevrolet chair and also, the reason for . . . I mean, this isn't crucial, we need this equipment to operate in the county. This is, I think, for convenience basically of people that want to go outside the county courthouse and smoke, I believe, is why people would go out there. And I'm just a little . . . I'm uncomfortable with spending \$5,000 more money for just some chairs or benches that people can sit on and smoke cigarettes or whatever they use the chairs to sit on. Kathy?"

Ms. Sexton said, "I do understand your concern there. I do think that these tables and chairs are

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intended for more than just the smokers, although the smokers are a big part of it. We do want to provide a nice place for the smokers to be and a safe place and we want to encourage them to go to the areas that do have the tables and chairs and not the areas that have the forklifts and the delivery trucks backing up. So, that's one of our issues. But some of this, too, is that this is the front of the courthouse. We want the chairs and tables to look acceptable to this area of the community. These that we have chosen match the standard pretty much set by the City of Wichita in their purchase of the black metal park benches and trash cans and the things that you've seen in Old Town and all throughout downtown. So, these will match that. The alternative bid doesn't look as nice. It doesn't look the same. It is definitely not the quality of steel and construction as the others and staff just felt that this would last longer, it would look better and it would be a better buy for the amount. You're right. It costs a little more. We thought it was worth it and it would last better and hold up longer."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "How much longer does staff anticipate the \$14,000 chairs will last over the \$9,100 chairs?"

Ms. Sexton said, "We have not said, 'Well, we think it will last one year more or two year. I couldn't give you any kind of a specific answer. It looks and feels like it will last longer and hold up better. It's twice the weight, in terms of each unit. One unit, for the alternate bid, is about 200 pounds. The one we're going with is closer to 400 pounds. So, it just gives you an idea of the kind of quality construction that you're talking about."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Any other questions? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. As we discussed this, I even talked about why don't we use recycling products out there and that really doesn't give us the look that we're looking for. Obviously, that would promote our recycling efforts and the usage of that kind of product, but also would be reasonably priced.

I've got to tell you, this higher priced product is what we put in the parks in Haysville and they do hold up a lot better than the lower priced. If you look at the difference, it's dramatic in the gauge of steel and the coatings and everything. So, even though it is a little more pricey, I think we'll get a lot better usage. I do advocate doing something out front, because just as an observer, before I became a county commissioner I was appalled at walking up to the courthouse and seeing how many cigarette butts were thrown into the beds out front. And as an old retailer that sat out in front

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of my Target Store and hand-picked those out of my beds, I have a real emotion about that and one of the things that we'll do with this is make sure that we have trash cans and the butt irons out there to take care of that problem. Smokers aren't going to go away and if we can corral them into an area where they police themselves and don't throw cigarette butts and cigar butts on our grounds, I'm an advocate of that.

I agree with you, Ben. We do have to look judiciously at these kinds of things. Maybe there's a combination. I noticed that under the picnic tables, they're the same item. I mean, obviously, there wasn't an alternative that was heavier so maybe we need to revisit if there's a combination there where we can have the heavier duty benches, which get all the weight, and spend a little less on the trash cans and butt irons that aren't going to have the weight and people sitting on them and doing anything to them. So, maybe there's a compromise there that would make sense. Thanks."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Madam Chair, the only request that I would make, can we take the first ten items as one unit and the eleventh item as a separate unit, because I won't support that item?"

Chair McGinn said, "Fine. Somebody like to make a Motion on the first ten unit?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts, item one through item ten.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts on item eleven.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010159	\$504.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apartments
V010160	\$330.00		Guy's Rentals

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V97069	\$285.00	\$284.00

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V20142	\$300.00	\$318.00
V20135	\$375.00	\$384.00
V94120	\$455.00	\$212.00
V99075	\$288.00	\$173.00
V94116	\$467.00	\$435.00
V20139	\$162.00	\$166.00
V20143	\$329.00	\$480.00
V20010	\$400.00	\$560.00
V010111	\$675.00	\$485.00
V010119	\$464.00	\$530.00

- 3. Modifications to Contract (two) with Alzheimer’s Association Sunflower Chapter and Senior Services, Inc. providing technical adjustments.**
- 4. Authorization per K.S.A. 79-2012 to withhold delinquent personal property taxes under the County Treasurer’s certification dated November 6, 2001.**
- 5. Order dated November 7, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register of November 9, 2001.**
- 7. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chair Carolyn McGinn

Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Under other business today."

N. OTHER

Chair McGinn said, "I'm going to go first. I had a great opportunity Friday to attend the JROTC event. And back when they were having Sedgwick County Fair days at the Cowtown Museum, Commissioner Winters introduced me to Colonel Hester, who is a part of this program and that's when I got the first about this whole event. And I have to share that Commissioner Winters did a poor job last week talking about this program. And I say that because you can't describe it unless you're there and I know he struggled and did his best to described all that went on.

Anyway, it started out at Century II and you had all the different cadets there from the different schools. There's like nine or ten schools there and from junior high up to high school. And they're all lined up in their different school groups and then they have a leader for each group and then they have the main leader, which was, I can't remember what her title was exactly. Do you remember, Tom. But anyway, she was the head cadet. She ran the whole show, basically, out in front of all of them. But anyway, they start the program bringing all the flags of the United States, and the Kansas flag and they talk about each one of them and they bring in all the different military flags in and they talk about it. And so then they go through all of their formalities, as far as the saluting and standing at attention and standing at ease and all that. So, anyway, we had this part of the program and then they had Colonel Ladinier from McConnell give the talk. But it was just the feeling of pride through that whole ceremony was just enormous.

But then after that excitement, then we went over and had lunch with some of the parents and some of the leaders that help with this group. And they start out with some of the kids sharing their personal impact, how it's effected them and then they had parents talk about it. It was hard enough hearing that, because it was difficult for some of these parents to even get it out about how it's affected their child. But then they had two principals share and the first principal was Don Dome from Northwest High School and he talked about how his morning started out at 7:00 with a breakfast and they had some veterans come in and share their story. And he said that those cadets, one, made their day because veterans are not given the opportunity to share their story to our children and others about what it's all about being an American and he said the level of education just went sky high when those kids left and went to their classrooms, because he knew they were going to pass on those stories and they were very motivated and inspired.

Then they had a principal named Keith Wilson talk about how it has effected just little stories. He

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started out saying I'm not going to tell you about this story and then he went and told the story and I seriously cannot tell you the stories because you just can't get through them without choking up. But one I will share that there was a child custody case and one parent wanted the child to go to one city and the other wanted the other. And he said it ended up the child went to the parent that had the JROTC program and they had to ask why did you make your decision based on that and at first he asked one of the leaders that works in the schools about . . . he goes 'What is it about this program that's so great? You teach kids to be in the military.' And he went up and he pounded on the table and he said 'This is about leadership'. And so, he talked all about the whole leadership side of this and anyway, after you go through that whole event, you do find out it is about respect for the military, respect for our country and what it is to be free. But they really hone in on leadership in the community and in your family and those kinds of things.

Anyway, I'm botching it too, because you just can't describe it. So, I'm going to close with that. If you ever have an opportunity to go to that or support that kind of program, I would encourage folks to do that.

The other thing was on Saturday we had a wonderful day for Veterans' Day and it was really great to see, I believe we had all City Council members and County Commissioners out walking together and a couple of school board people and our sheriff walking together and doing the fun stuff of handing out candy. But anyway, it turned out to be a wonderful parade. They had great participation and they had a good crowd out there as well. In fact, one of the larger ones they've had in some time and so, wonderful event.

And then the final thing is what we've already talked about at the start of the meeting, the Civil War monument rededication, great event, again, great day. Had a nice turnout and again, I think it's great that we're preserving some of these kinds of things, because those are the things that we go by and it gives us the opportunity to tell the story and I would encourage folks in our community, if you are down on Central and Main area to take a look, because they did a wonderful job.

All right. I think Commissioner Norton was next."

Commissioner Norton said, "Oh, okay. Just to dovetail on the parade a little bit, it was interesting that right behind us was a JROTC group from Heights and as we were walking, Ben looked at me and said, 'Wow. Where did that military group come from? Is that from McConnell?'"

Chair McGinn said, "That was me."

Commissioner Norton said, "Was it you that said that? And I said 'Naw, I think they were yelling Heights Falcons'. They had great spirit and a wonderful camaraderie and actually they marched

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pretty well too. And they looked . . . I didn't see any kids that we sloppy in that group so they must have been the best of the best. But it was the Heights Falcons, the JROTC, great pride, great spirit.

Early in that day, I had a chance to go to Haysville and speak at the Veterans' Day ceremony there at the municipal building. I've done that many years as mayor. This was my first year as commissioner. Huge crowd this year and I just wanted to thank the Keever/ Wire VFW Post for inviting me back because that is always a great event.

Earlier in that morning, Commissioners Gwin and Winters and I were at the ALARM meeting, which is the Association for the Legislative Actions of the Rural Mayors. There were eleven or twelve mayors from the small towns there. Randy Duncan and Dr. Magruder gave the presentation on disaster and medical mitigation for bio-terrorism and how to be prepared. I had to slip out a little early, but it looked like the meeting was well attended. There was good information exchanged and it's just another collaborative partnership where the County can help the small communities do what they're maybe not equipped to do because of resources or whatever but it's a great partnership and it was good to see that kind of turnout from mayors and council members from our small communities. I do think that part of our mission is to serve the unincorporated areas and certainly to help out with collaboration with Wichita, but the small communities are very underserved on some of these things like emergency management and we can really help them, because it's one of our strengths.

I have to comment real quick just on one person and that was the gentleman that sang the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic', Ernest Alexander. Wow. I've got to tell you, if you ever have a chance to hear the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' sung by Ernest Alexander, better be prepared to have a lump in your throat, because he was incredible. No music. Sang it acappella and I know it touched all the commissioners as it did myself.

The other thing is that we went to the Cessna announcement of their new service center that was out in my district, just barely in my district, but it's a wonderful economic development item that has come before us. It's going to create 500 to 800 jobs, a lot of infrastructure and construction jobs and it's pretty exciting with the economic downturn that we feel like we're going to experience to have a company that is local grown to step up and say we're going to continue building and putting in infrastructure and creating jobs, even though there are tough times.

The final thing I have is I went to an Arts and Humanities Council meeting last week and I don't want to preempt what they're going to come and say but all appearances are that Arts and

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Humanities Daze had wonderful numbers, had great participation and I think they'll come and do a Powerpoint presentation to give you that information, but I'm really proud of Sedgwick County this year for stepping up and putting a little funding in it to create something, I think, that is going to be a wonderful event for many, many years to come and I'm anxious to see that report when they bring it to us, because I think you're all going to be amazed at the daze. Thanks."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate the recap of the weekend. It was a nice time for us to spend some time together and celebrate our community and what's good about the past and obviously what's good about the present. One of the things that I wish had gotten a little bit more publicity was the wonderful encampment at the grounds of the old Historic Courthouse. After that . . . after the weekend was over, I was speaking with a friend whose niece was bored to tears in her middle school class, studying about the Civil War and I thought, 'Dad gummite' if we'd gotten that news out, she could have come and spent some time and visited with those folks in their reenacter caricatures and everything else I think would have really felt better about studying the war. But anyway, if that would happen again, we sure want to let people know about that.

For those of you that have been out to the zoo lately, you'll see some construction work going on in the entry plaza. David's folks have recently gone about the business to tearing up the concrete in the front. You were supposed to do that. They were asked to do that, so that it can be redesigned and reconfigured to remember a long-time patron of the Zoo, Gayley Coleman, through her families contribution and also contribution on her memorial when she passed away. It will be . . . lots of nice elements and trees and some sculpture and those kinds of things that will make the entry to the zoo even more appealing.

Just to comment real quickly on the folks from Public Works. If you've never seen those guys operate equipment, I was just baffled. I sat out there one morning and watched one of those fellows, I don't know what that big piece of equipment is, operate that deal to rip up a piece of concrete and then set it back down, tap it, break it in two, just the right size, stack it on top of the other piece, lift it up, move it over and he just did it like that. I was really . . . I don't know who was working but they were doing a heck of a job, just rockin and rollin out there. And the weather has been cooperative so the zoo folks tell me that it all depends upon Public Works being able to tear it out so that they can get the concrete poured while the weather was still amenable. So, watch for that. It's a little inconvenient right now but you enter and exit through the gift store on the south side. You can still get in that way.

Tomorrow, I will be speaking to the annual Wichita Area Association of Realtors, to their annual

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meeting. I'm going to take a Powerpoint on the Ready to Respond. Hopefully, they and some of their groups then will get the word out to them, their customers and clients or however and look forward to that time with some of my former compatriots."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "When is the time for that meeting?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "The Realtors luncheon, I think 11:30 to 1. It's not the champagne luncheon. It's their annual membership luncheon. So, I will bring greetings on their behalf and give my presentation on Ready to Respond. Hopefully we'll get some more folks signed up to attend those classes."

Chair McGinn said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. We might have to extend this portion of our meetings if we keep staying as busy as we are but I think it is good to think about some of things we're involved in and just to mention a couple that I've been involved in is, as I mentioned briefly last week, Wesley Medical Center and KWCH, Channel 12 sponsored a panel discussion and a talk by Dr. Deborah Prothro-Stite out at WSU. She's from Harvard University and an expert on teenage violence and violence in young people. We had a very good meeting out at WSU and I think that Channel 12 is going to rebroadcast it a number of times on their off-channel 52, whatever that is.

Last Friday morning, I did attend the ground break . . . not the ground breaking but the ribbon cutting of New Market Square shopping area in northwest Wichita. And sometimes we tend to forget about the economic development impact of these kinds of facilities we think of as retail and nice shopping but, just since this summer, there are over 900 new jobs at this location. Nine hundred people working at New Market Square, along with all of those buildings are on the tax rolls and so they will play an important part. So, it's just a great development.

Sunday afternoon, I did participate in a program out at Mount Hope, Kansas. Had just a great celebration in the community center. It was full. Couldn't have gotten hardly anyone else in there. Had some patriotic music. Congressman Todd Tiahart was there to award a medal from the country of France to Don Brandenburger, a citizen of Mount Hope who was involved in the D Day operations. So, for a Veterans' Day ceremony, it was tremendous. Representative Dan Thimesch and I were there, along with Congressman Tihart so we just had a wonderful time at Mount Hope on Sunday.

And then, last night, was pleased to attend the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and a number of us were there. William Bennett gave what would just have to be considered a pretty patriotic

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kind of message that was very well received. So, it's been a busy week."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Well, I also enjoyed the weekend. I was really energized by the number of people Saturday that showed up to the parade. That was really neat. I was deluded into thinking that everybody was clapping just because they were so happy to see their electeds, but I noticed that when we ran out of candy the clapping stopped. So, I don't know if it was us, or the candy.

I just want to share something about Rock Road. As you know, I've been involved in talking and negotiating with the base and Rock Road is open again, but Colonel Ladinier and I will be meeting later on this week. We're together on this idea of trying to find a permanent solution. One that would give the base all the security they feel they need, while at the same time keeping Rock Road open, because to open and close that main arterial is really difficult. There's over 13,700 cars that pass, like at 47th Street and Rock and that number doesn't change, I think all the way up to Pawnee it only goes to 13,800, which means the majority of that traffic is coming from the Mulvane and Derby area, trying to ingress and egress through Wichita.

Plus, I am concerned about the traffic that it's putting on Webb Road, because Webb, before this closing of Rock Road, had about 2,700 cars on it a day, up to maybe 4,000 when you got up to Pawnee, but now they're taking 8,000 or 9,000 cars a day and that's just bumper to bumper and it's dangerous and I just want to let everyone know and the public know that the Colonel and I are really working toward how can we resolve this, what kind of partnership could we form to have a win/win situation for everyone. And I'll keep working on it and report back to you if we have anything meaty on it."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "I thought you'd report on the cannons that went off the other day."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks for reminding me. That was a health hazard. I mean, somebody's got to warn an older gentleman when those cannons . . . I lifted out of my chair I think vertically about two feet when that thing blew."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I've got to tell you, all of us were ready to respond for you, Ben."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “My heart, I didn’t need a pace-maker or anything. Man, that jump started me big-time.”

Chair McGinn said, “Well, Ben, we’re just really pleased that you didn’t need a jump start and you’re here today on your 60th birthday. So, congratulations for making it to 60.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I’m kind of proud that I did because the alternative didn’t sound good.”

Chair McGinn said, “And Commissioner Gwin, I hope you enjoyed your birthday on the holiday. Anyway, happy birthday to you too. Is there anything else that needs to come before this Board? If not, we’re adjourned.”

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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