

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, December 19, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Jim Osterlund, Project Manager, Facility Project Services; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Ms. Amanda West, Sedgwick County Health Department; Mr. Dennis Mauk, Assistant Director, Emergency Medical Services; Dr. Charles Magruder M.D., Director, Community Health Department; Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Human Resources; Mr. Ken Cox, Division Chief, Fire District #1, Mr. Clark Hayden, Captain, Fire District #1, Mr. Wesley Baba, Captain, Fire District #1, Mr. Bob Pippin, Firefighter, Fire District #1, Mr. John Rush, Shop Supervisor, Fleet Management; Ms. Patricia Sluder, Administrative Assistant, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Communications Director; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Andy Schlapp, Project Manager, Environmental Resources; Dr. Mary Dudley, M.D., District Coroner/ Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Lisa Clancy, Assistant District Attorney; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Treasurer; Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Office of Risk Management; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Public Safety Director, County Manager's Office; Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Counselor; Lieutenant Sam Houston, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Gerald Frantz, County Appraiser; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Lonnie Myklebust, 1900 W. 37th Street Court N., Wichita, KS

Mr. John Polson, 621 N. Fountain, Wichita, KS

Mr. Dale Goter, Director of Production, KPTS Television.

Reverend Spencer, Ninth Street Church of God.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Ms. Judith Press from Mid-Kansas Federal.

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FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, November 28, 2001**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2001.

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2001.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item please."

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AWARDS

**A. PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD TO REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS MAYANS
IN APPRECIATION OF HIS SERVICE AS SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION CHAIR FOR 2001.**

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, it is the end of the year and it is an opportunity for us to thank our South Central Kansas Delegation for all the support they gave us last year and the partnerships that we have with them, but most of all to thank the Chair of the South Central Kansas Delegation, Representative Carlos Mayans.

I know he hates to be bragged upon, so that is why I'm going to read some of these comments about him today. Representative Mayans has served in the Kansas Legislature representing House District 100, which is basically over on the west side of Wichita area since first being elected in 1992. He is currently a member of several legislative committees including Ethics & Elections, Insurance, Health Care Reform, Legislative Oversight, and S.R.S. Oversight. He is Chairman of the newly formed 2001 committee on Kansas Futures, which was established to address the challenges and needs of the growing aging population in Kansas. Representative Mayans served as the Chairman of South Central Kansas Delegation during the 2001 legislative session, fighting hard for several issues important to South Central Kansas that included water quality relating to the equus beds and finding the legislative solution to the high air fares out of Mid Continent Airport. Representative Mayans also finds time to serve on the Sedgwick County COMCARE Advisory Board. He and his wife Linda have three children.

The role of serving as Delegation Chair is more than just a figurehead position. It involves arranging weekly luncheons with many people from our region. It also requires him to come back home on Saturdays for coffees in the Sedgwick County area to allow constituents to meet with him and provide him information so that he can do his job better. He just completed his term by organizing the annual delegation meeting at W.S.U. last Thursday that we all attended. We are grateful for our productive cooperative relationship with Representative Mayans and other county legislators. These relationships are important to us because, just as we have so much to do as far as social services, public safety and those kinds of things, which public safety is probably going to be a new thing for all of you at the State level, we have to work together to see to it that the money trickles down from the feds to the state to the local level in the best possible way. Representative Mayans, we thank you for all that you have done and we'd like you to make some comments if you would."

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Mr. Carlos Mayans said, "Thank you very much Chair McGinn and members of the Commission. It has been a great year. I think that we have accomplished a lot of things. Certainly I accept all these accolades on behalf of the delegation because one person cannot do everything by themselves. I'm very fortunate to have had a great delegation. We are fortunate in Sedgwick County to have a great delegation, both Republican and Democrats, they are really team players and they do the best they can for this area. These are real people with real jobs and real families that take their time to serve in the legislature.

I appreciate the support of this Commission. This Commission in the years that I have served there I think have been the most helpful and the most cooperative. You have come several times to the legislature during the session. That is very important to us. You keep in touch with us, which is the key, communication. I appreciate that very, very much. I think we've got great things in this community going for us. I know you do and I know a lot of folks know that. I look forward to continue working with you in the future. I think we are going great guns here and in the next year or two we're going to really do some great things. I appreciate all your efforts and your help. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Before you get away, it is our privilege to hand this plaque to you. We hope that you hang it proudly in your office. This is a sign of appreciation for the service that you do for our community. Thank you very much."

Mr. Mayans said, "Thank you very much."

Commissioner Winters said, "Madam Chair, I would like to add, Carlos again, as a west-sider, appreciation for your leadership this year. In making comments about next year, we want you to know that we're going to be trying to be as helpful as we possibly can and will still look to you for some leadership. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Yesterday too, thanks to Representative Mayans, we had the opportunity to present our 'Ready to Respond' to the committee in Kansas that is listening to all the things that are going on as far as emergency management and is our State prepared to respond in the event of a disaster. We certainly appreciate his letting our community share what we are doing. Thank you."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Going back to that 'Ready to Respond', I think it is important that the citizens know that we've been receiving calls from communities throughout the country asking for our blueprint on how they could maybe take what we've generated and a lot of the credit goes to you because you were the instigator to get us started on this. I think that bodes well for what Sedgwick County is doing to get nationwide recognition that we have a plan that others want to emulate. I just think that needs to be made public."

Chair McGinn said, "We shared that as well, but also the credit goes back to all of you because I think we all put our heads together on it. Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please."

B. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD.

Chair McGinn said, "I'd like to have Reverend Spencer come up here for this next award. This is our last Community Enrichment Award for 2001. Again, just a little bit different and unique. A little over a year ago, Reverend Spencer called me about a project that he had over in the historic McAdams area. He showed me the facility and explained to me how the highway had locked in a neighborhood that had about 55% seniors. He showed me some of the other things that they were doing as far as bringing kids in in the evening and teaching them how to use computers. One of the things that was a challenge as he tried to bring the community together is they were using the basement of their church and it was hard for people to get downstairs and upstairs. If you've been over in that area, it is over in the Phyllis Wheatley area, but back behind the Phyllis Wheatley area they built another building at some point in time, I don't know how many years ago, but it was torn up and that kind of thing but the structure was good. He had a vision for fixing this building up and wanted to know what we could do at Sedgwick County. Well, at 1:30 today you're going to see the results of what you all have done in partnering with the 9th Street Phyllis Wheatley Group to make a nice facility for that area that is often neglected.

I'm not here to honor Reverend Spencer. He is here to share about the individual who is going to get the Community Enrichment Award. Today, we're going to recognize one of the Sedgwick County's staff. As one example of many of our staff leaders here at Sedgwick County who go over and above, outside their job in the call of duty, to do things in our community to make it better. I'd like to have Jim Osterlund come up here. I'm just going to share briefly and let Reverend Spencer share just a little bit more about what Jim did.

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We gave a limited amount of funds to fix up a building. Part of this partnership had to do with folks coming in and painting, putting up cabinets, seeing that the job was done. I found out after we had our three-day Veteran's holiday, except we participated in parades and all that stuff, but what I found out was that Jim Osterlund was spending his vacation putting up cabinets at the Phyllis Wheatley Center. I think he later went out there on his own time to do some staining and those kinds of things. I'm going to let Reverend Spencer share just a little bit about what Jim did and then we'll present the award to Jim."

Reverend Spencer, Ninth Street Church of God, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just to highlight a few things that Jim did, we have a kitchen in the building and Jim designed the kitchen. Not only did he design it, I look at Jim as a servant leader. By that I mean not a person who is leading and saying 'Do this and do that' but a person who is doing it himself. Jim spent many, many hours in that building. He designed the kitchen. One Sunday . . . Let me give you just an idea, one Sunday after we came out from church I saw Jim's pickup down by the building. When I went down there, Jim was there working. This is going beyond the call of duty. Lucky enough for me that my wife was at work that day and I couldn't go in there and see Jim working and go back home so I had to stay with Jim and we were there until about three o'clock working. Jim took his holidays, when he could have been golfing or barbequing or whatever, he spent time in that building working and nobody asked him to do it. Many Saturdays he was there working hard. He deserves this award. Jim, congratulations. I know you have a good worker. You have a good person in Jim and I'd like you to give him a raise."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Wait a minute Reverend, you were doing great right until the end and you blew it."

Commissioner Norton said, "Was that in the form of a Motion I wonder?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "We're big on compliments but a little slow on cash."

Chair McGinn said, "Jim said he'd second your motion. I think we'll start with the Community Enrichment Award today. Jim has, in the past, worked at the Orpheum, setting design and construction. He is renovating a home in the historic Midtown area and volunteered a great deal at the Phyllis Wheatley Center and also for Habitat for Humanity. Again, I'll say that Jim is one example of probably many of the staff here at Sedgwick County that go over and above the call of duty. I happened to find out about Jim because he was working on one of my projects. We had a limited amount of funding and we had to make it go a long way. I understand that Jim was very good at twisting some of the contractor's arms and getting them to believe just a little bit longer.

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Again, I know many or all of you are coming out this afternoon at 1:30 to see some of the fruit of his labor. I think it is a great facility in a part of our community that is often neglected. Jim, I want to present you with this Community Enrichment Award and congratulate you on all that you have done and thank you for being a great Sedgwick County employee but also a great citizen of our community.”

Mr. Jim Osterlund, Project Manager, Facility Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you so much. I think I’ve got the best job in the County because I get to spend other people’s money. I guess the time becomes available because of the people I work with. I’ve got Stephanie and Paula to back me up when I need to be out and running around doing things. The carpenter shop was very instrumental in making this happen too so it is not a single person effort by any means. Again, I’ll accept this on behalf of everyone who has helped with it. Thank you so much.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Madam Chair, I have to share with the people that every time I see Jim he really makes me feel good. Sometimes I get depressed about being follicly impaired and I see Jim I just realize that I am still am a very lucky person.”

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

C. RECOGNITION OF RANDY DUNCAN, SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, AS THE 2001 CLAYTON R. CHRISTOPHER MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT.

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As I walked up here . . . Before I read this, Randy assured me he’s very satisfied with his pay and benefits. I am very pleased to inform you that Randy was honored at the International Association of Emergency Managers annual conference last month with the Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award for 2001. The award is presented to a local Emergency Manager who has shown unselfish devotion to duty and who has made outstanding contributions in the field of Emergency Management over a sustained period.

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Randy was nominated by the Association president-elect Hank James. Highlights citing the justification are the following: leadership of professional organizations, his work on local, state and federal and international committees and projects, his work as an educator and trainer to the public and the professional certification and training completed and performance in five presidential disasters, one of which occurred in Sedgwick County. The award is sponsored by Region 4 of the association, that is the southeastern states, and is among the most prestigious and respected in the profession.

There are three pages of justification. I think we are all very well aware of the great work that Randy Duncan does for Sedgwick County, but here are some things people may not know. He was past president of the International Emergency Management Association, past president of the Kansas Emergency Managers Association, Chair of the International Association's Domestic Preparedness Committee, President of the International Association's Region 7, which includes Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri, Vice Chair of the Governor's Commission on Emergency Planning. He's working with the state and fire marshal to develop a regional state response to hazardous materials.

With your support, he supported the federal government in projects in Turkey, New Hampshire, the Virgin Islands and most recently spent ten days in New York in support of the Department of Justice Emergency Operations Center in the aftermath of 9/11. He has published professional journals. He even wrote the intro to a book, *Living Safe in an Unsafe World*, and he would be happy to provide autographs to anybody who wants it. The award is quite large but I think it is a big award for a big professional."

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you all very much and I only have one comment to make in reply to Jim. Jim, I disagree, I have the best job in the County. I very much appreciate your support. Believe me, while the awards and recognition by our peers are very important, another thing I think is even more important is when our elected bosses, that is you all, demonstrate your commitment to real emergency preparedness by knowing what is going on, by emphasizing the 'Ready to Respond' program and by allowing us to do what we are supposed to do and provide the resources to help protect folks. The real thanks for all this lies with you all. Thank you very much."

Chair McGinn said, "Randy certainly is a great asset to our community as we found that out. He wasn't here very long and then the tornado struck in south Wichita and Haysville. We saw what kind of work he could do. Clerk, call the next item please."

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DONATION

D. DONATION OF TEDDY BEARS BY THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, TO BE USED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS).

Mr. Dennis Mauk, Assistant Director, Emergency Medical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are fortunate to be chosen as a partner this year for the Health Department Employee’s project. Amanda West is here from the Health Department.”

Ms. Amanda West, Health Department, said, “We started this tradition last year, collecting teddy bears from our employees for our Christmas lunch to decorate our tree and then to donate to an organization. Last year we did the police department and this year we decided to donate to the EMS. I present this bear to you and we have over 50 more back at the department to give to you tomorrow.”

Mr. Mauk said, “Thank you. We would recommend that you would accept the donation and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you very much for the donation. Next item.”

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APPOINTMENTS

E. RESOLUTION APPOINTING RANDY PARKER (AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Chair McGinn said, "Is Randy Parker here today? Commissioners, I need a motion to adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

F. SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2002.

Mr. Charles Magruder, Chairperson, Suicide Prevention Task Force, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The first item that we have for you today is a request to continue the task force for an additional year. The task force members have unanimously agreed that they would like to continue this effort so we would request your approval to officially keep the task force members on task for an additional one year time frame."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Doc, the agenda item says approve the recommended appointments. Are those going to be read into the record so we can do that?"

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Dr. Magruder said, “We can do that. It is my understanding that we had provided those.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Madam Chair, they’re in our backup. Do you want me to read them?”

Chair McGinn said, “How many are there?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Probably 15 or 20.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I think you should read their names.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommended appointments or reappointments and the current task force members be reappointed for 2002: Kevin Bomhoff, Harold Casey, Randy Class, Deborah Donaldson, Charles Magruder, Liz McGinness, Terry Miller, Rose Mary Mohr, Terri Moses, Mary Navarro, Toni Pickard, Sheldon Preskorn, Nathan Stanton, Gary Steed, Elsie Steelberg, John Sullivan, Jessie Tyson.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

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G. APPOINTING RESOLUTION.

1. RESIGNATION OF GEORGE D. POTTS, PH.D. FROM THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This resignation has been tendered to us and I would recommend you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTEN L. SKAER, DVM (COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we have prepared this Resolution and recommend it for your approval."

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Any discussion? Commissioners, it is my understanding that she is not here because she is a K-State graduate and she didn't know if the Clerk, who seems to be putting orange all around the courthouse about Syracuse, was worthy to swear her in. I think that she would like to wait until after the K-State defeat over Syracuse. I have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

RETIREMENTS

H. PRESENTATION OF CLOCKS TO EMPLOYEES RETIRING JANUARY 1, 2002.

Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is kind of the end of the year and it is also the end of nine employees of Sedgwick County's career here at Sedgwick County. We are here to celebrate the retirements as well as many of their friends, families, and coworkers. We appreciate you being here to support these employees. If you are one of our retirees today could you come forward and stand in front of the screen?"

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**1. KEN COX,
DIVISION CHIEF, FIRE DEPARTMENT
31 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Our first retirement is Ken Cox, who is a Fire Division Chief with the Fire District. He will retire January 1, 2002, after 31 years of service.”

Chair McGinn said, “Ken, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to thank you for all your years of service.”

Mr. Ken Cox, Division Chief, Fire District #1, said, “I think the best I can say is I’ve had a real good career. Working for the people of Sedgwick County has been great. Thank you very much.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Jo, before you go on, can I make a comment? I would like to congratulate Ken from the Bench. I tell you, he did some wonderful things for the south part of the County while I was mayor. It is nice to see you here today, Ken, and not under a disaster situation. I really appreciate it and your hair is looking great. Ken once told me, he said, ‘the first thing I’m going to do when I retired is grow my hair out’ because he is a Native American and that has been a dream of his for 31 years.”

Mr. Cox said, “I’ve been in uniform since I was 17 years. I went into the Marine Corps when I was 17 years old. I haven’t had a chance to grow it since I was 17.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well as an old guy with white hair that would probably grow his out if he wasn’t in public service, you’re looking pretty good. Congratulations.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’d grow mine out if I could.”

**2. CLARK HAYDEN
CAPTAIN, FIRE DEPARTMENT
28 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Ms. Templin said, “Our second retiree, Clark Hayden, known to all of us as Bill Hayden, will retire January 1, after 28 years of service with the Fire District. Bill plans to spend time with his wife Vicky, his daughters Carmen and Crystal, son-in-law Lee and future son-in-law Jessie. He can now spend and devote more time to church activities, traveling, camping and a lot of family time. While employed at Sedgwick County, Bill has always worked in the Fire District and describes it as a rewarding experience.”

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Chair McGinn said, "On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to present you with this clock and wish you the best in your retirement and thank you for your years of service. But you have to answer this question. You went to Valley Center didn't you?"

Mr. Clark Hayden, Captain, Fire District #1, said, "Yes."

Chair McGinn said, "I was thinking you played football. I noticed the name and remembered all those big guys. We had a great football team."

Mr. Hayden said, "We did have a good team."

Chair McGinn said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Hayden said, "I'd like to thank my lovely wife, Vicky, and my two daughters, my big one Carmen and my little one Crystal, and my family members here. I sure appreciate it and I love them all. Goodbye."

**3. WESLEY BABA
CAPTAIN, FIRE DEPARTMENT
26 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Ms. Templin said, "Next we have Wesley Baba with the Fire District as well, a Fire Captain. He will retire January 1, after 26 years of service. Wes plans to spend time with his wife Donna, his daughter Robin, and his dad John Baba. Wes said that he would like to travel and see more of our great country. He is also looking forward to working on and restoring antique cars. Wes has spent all of his 27 [sic] years with the Fire District and the last 15 years as a Captain. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Sedgwick County during my career with the Fire District."

Chair McGinn said, "I'd like to present this clock to you and wish you the best in your retirement. Thank you for all your years of service."

Mr. Wesley Baba, Captain, Fire District #1, said, "You're welcome. It's been my pleasure. I guess Jo said mostly what I was going to say. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Sedgwick County during my career with the Fire Department. I've also worked with many wonderful people who risk their lives to protect all of us and our great community. I'd just like to say thank you to all of them. This includes E.M.S., Sedgwick County Fire, Wichita Fire, and all the other emergency services. Thank you."

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**4. BOB PIPPIN
FIREFIGHTER, FIRE DEPARTMENT
26 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Ms. Templin said, “Bob Pippin, a Fire Department Firefighter, will retire January 1 after 26 years of service. Bob plans on spending time with his wife Betty, who he has been married to for 24 years. She is a nurse practitioner at Wesley Medical Center and his two sons Kent 18, a freshman at Butler County and Matt 17, a junior at Andover High School. Bob plans to devote more time to RV-ing, fishing, school bus driving, and volunteering as a firefighter at Andover and at Benton. Bob worked for E.M.S. from 1976 through 1998 as a Paramedic Lieutenant and a Captain, Fire Department from 1998 to the present as a Firefighter. ‘It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens and visitors of Sedgwick County for 26 years as a paramedic and a firefighter. Thank you for this opportunity. I wish I were younger so I could continue my career as a firefighter. It is what I love to do.’”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you Bob. On the behalf of the Board of Commissioners, we present you this clock and wish you the best in your retirement. We thank you for all your years of service.”

Mr. Bob Pippin, Firefighter, Fire District #1, said, “Thank you very much. I appreciate this gift and am thankful for my family and the support of my wife Betty. When the pager goes off in the middle of the night it is kind of tough on the family. It has been an honor to serve as both a paramedic and a firefighter. I’m proud to be part of the firefighting profession. I give praise to God for watching over all of us. I thank the Commission and may we keep our focus on serving the people. Thank you.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Jo, before you go on, Bob is also a township official for Payne Township and I told him if he’d continue his job and I’d continue mine, we’d get together at least one year for a township lunch and that way I’d be able to see him. Good luck Bob.”

**5. JOHN RUSH
SHOP SUPERVISOR 2, FLEET MANAGEMENT
23 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Ms. Templin said, “John Rush, Shop Supervisor 2, at Fleet Management, will retire January 1 after 23 years of service. John, would you come forward.”

Chair McGinn said, “On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we’d like to present this clock and wish you well in your retirement.”

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Mr. John Rush, Shop Supervisor, Fleet Management, said, "Thank you. I want to thank the Board and all of my fellow employees who came down to see me get this honor. We thank you."

- 6. DELORES MANIS
FISCAL ASSOCIATE, KANSAS COLISEUM
22 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Ms. Templin said, "Some of you know Delores Manis from the Kansas Coliseum. She was unable to be with us today but she will retire January 1 after 22 years of service."

- 7. CAROLYN ALLEN
FISCAL ASSISTANT, AUTO LICENSE
15 YEARS OF SERVICE**

"Carolyn Allen was also unable to be here. She is with Auto License. She will retire January 1 after 15 years of service. We will make sure that both of these women receive their clocks and their certificates."

- 8. PATRICIA SLUDER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, COMCARE
8 YEARS OF SERVICE**

"Pat Sluder is an Administrative Assistant from COMCARE and she is retiring January 1 after 8 years of service."

Chair McGinn said, "On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, we want to thank you for all your years of service and wish you the best in your retirement."

Ms. Patricia Sluder, Administrative Assistant, Comprehensive Community Care said, "Thank you. All I can say is it's been great."

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**9. JAYATI WEERAKOON
ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS
5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Ms. Templin said, "One more gentleman will retire from Sedgwick County. His name is Jay Weerakoon, who is an Engineer at Public Works. He will retire January 1 after 5 years of service. He was not able to be with us but we'll be sure he gets his clock. Thank you Commissioners."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Congratulations to you all. Thanks everybody for being here."

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

PUBLIC HEARING

I. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Euson said, "Several weeks ago you held a workshop to consider certain options in the redistricting process and we took a look at those at that time. You decided to have a public hearing on this date and we are here for that purpose. At that time, we showed you these figures to give you the scope of the problem that we are dealing with. On the right are the targeted populations based upon the 2000 census that show what populations we are trying to achieve in each Commissioner's district. On the left we are showing the actual existing populations in each district and therefore showing the amount of correction that needs to be made. As a percentage, what those amounts to are District 1 needs to lose about 3.5% in population, District 2 needs to gain about 5%, District 3 needs to lose about 11%, District 4 needs to gain about 7%, and District 5 needs to gain about 2%.

At the time of the workshop, we showed you several scenarios and they were maps that have been prepared by G.I.S. and this is one of them that is showing the current Commission Districts. All of the scenario maps will be based upon the colors and outlines used in this map and so just for the benefit of the public and those present, let me explain those real quickly. The current Commission Districts are outlined in yellow. The city limits of all the cities in the County are outlined in orange. Precinct boundaries, which of course will be very difficult to see on this, are outlined in silver gray.

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Commission District boundary changes, which don't show on this map, but will show on the next five scenarios will be shown as crosshatched. District 1 is shown in dark green in the northeast part of the County. District 2 is shown in purple, District 3 in red, District 4 in yellow and District 5 in light green.

Now before you is a picture of scenario one that you looked at. Before I get into that, let me explain a little bit about what is coming. I'm going to show you five scenarios and these maps are a little on the small side in order to fit them on the screen before you. We have some insets that are available to show the center portion of the County in case anyone who is present at the hearing wants further detail. Then we also have a slide showing the differences in populations for all of these scenarios.

This scenario one, Commissioners, just briefly, let me try to go through that and I'll try to explain. In this, District 1 would give eastern Park City and the Kechi area to District 4. District 2 would give the Mulvane area and Salem Township areas to District 5. District 3 would give four townships and an island precinct to District 2 and District 3 would also give Eagle Township and several smaller precincts to District 4. District 5 gives precincts 3-11 and 3-27 to District 2.

There are some common proposed changes that are common to all of these precincts or common to all of these scenarios. In all five of these scenarios you are going to see that it is proposed that the eastern portion of Park City be given over to District 4 in order to include all the Park City city-limits within one district. You will also see in all of these scenarios that the Mulvane area within Rockford Township is going from District 2 to District 5. You will also find that there is a small island precinct that currently exists wholly within District 2 that will go to District 2. It is now actually in District number 3 and in all these scenarios there are two districts that are near the river that are currently in District 5 but would go to District 2 in order to make them conform with the riverbank.

District number 2 has some proposed changes in it. Some of the common changes that are going to be common to scenarios two through five are that Precinct 305 would go from District 1 to District 5 and District 4 would give Precinct 104 to District 1.

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This is scenario three. It is kind of a variation of scenario two and you can see that in this scenario not really a lot has changed except we have brought populations into District 4 from the north central part of District 3. In this scenario, what we are doing is we are adding territory from District 3 into District 4 except we are now on the east side of District 3 adding that territory and also adding Eagle Township. Finally, scenario five will show that we are adding territory on the east side of Commission District 3 and adding Precinct number 634 and that is really all of the changes in that.

I can go into detail on more of these if you would like but let me quickly show you that we have this greater detail, this is just an inset of the center portion of the County showing some of these precincts in greater detail for one, for two, for three and four and five. Then as I indicated, finally, we have the population figures for you.

I did not prepare all these maps. G.I.S. did that. I would certainly like to publicly thank them, Beau Dealy and John Rogers for all the work they did on this, which is substantial. I think at this time it might be appropriate to open this for public hearing, receive comments, close the hearing and receive and file. I will be glad to answer any questions that you have. I see Steve Banks is here from M.A.P.D. and your election commissioner, Marilyn Chapman is also here.”

Chair McGinn said, “Are there any questions for Rich at this time?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Madam Chair, I just have one for him. Rich, on all five scenarios, in your opinion would they all conform with the laws, as far as what we are attempting to do, would all of those pass muster, all five of the scenarios?”

Mr. Euson said, “I think they are pretty close. That is a conversation that I would like to have with you after the close of the public hearing in private, if we could.”

Chair McGinn said, “Anything else? I’m going to open the public hearing on the proposals that are before us. If you would like to provide comments to us, please give your name and address and we usually give everybody five minutes. Please come forward, if you would like to comment on the proposals for district changes.”

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Ms. Lonnie Myklebust, 1900 W. 37th Street Court North, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am the Executive Director of the Sedgwick County Democratic Party and I have had an opportunity to review the proposed maps and I do have a question. Having looked at the maps that were presented to us a few weeks ago in this forum, as well having had an opportunity to review the maps on the internet, I was unable to decipher whether or not there were any precincts that were split into more than one County Commission District. I was hoping that someone could provide some follow-up for me this morning."

Chair McGinn said, "Lonnie, do you have a lot of questions or was that all?"

Ms. Myklebust said, "No, that is it. Based upon that I may have some follow-up."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, I didn't want to use your time up with Rich but we'll go ahead with that. Rich, would you like to come forward and answer that?"

Mr. Euson said, "I am not aware of any precincts that have been split. As a matter of fact, we're required to follow precinct lines and I believe we have done so."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Anyone else?"

Mr. John Polson, 621 N. Fountain, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've been called a lot of things and I suppose citizen activist would be the most polite one. I reside at 621 N. Fountain, constituent of yours Chair McGinn. My only comments, and they'll be brief, is that as Harry Truman said, trust the public, get as much input from the public, now I've discussed with both you and Commissioner Norton the possibility of setting up a committee, say each Commissioner could appoint two members. I think practically or pragmatically you could maybe five meetings, one in each district, come back in the first part of February with recommendations and just go from there. Trust the public, as Truman used to say, and I don't think you'll go wrong. You'll find out if you're on target or the public and you are on the same page. That's all."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you John. Anyone else here today? I know Commissioner Gwin had someone that e-mailed her who cannot be here today."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "And I'll wait in order to make sure that there's nobody else. I received an e-mail that I want to read into the record at the request of the sender. The e-mail is from Brenda Melby, 11800 Turtlecreek Circle, Wichita, Kansas. She writes,

'Ms. Gwin, as a resident of District 1 I would like to address the redistricting scenarios the Board will consider December 19. Despite the keen interest I have in this issue, my employment obligations restrict me from participating in the public hearing regarding this matter so I must share my personal view point via e-mail. If this correspondence can be entered into the public record I would like for that to happen. If it cannot, then so be it.

My assumption is that the redistricting proposals are being considered for the purpose of balancing the population representative by each district based on the 2000 census data. Without debate this is a just and reasonable argument for changing the district boundaries. Fact, two of the top four cities in Sedgwick County with the largest percentage of change from 1990 to 2000 are in District 1. The largest was Kechi, which increased in population from 517 to 1,038, a 100.8% increase. Bel Aire was second with an increase of 3,695 to 5,836, a 57.9% increase. Andale, District 3, increased by 35.3% and Valley Center contiguous District 4 increased by 34.7% in population. This data suggests that the greatest area of growth potential is in the northeast section of Sedgwick County, District 1. It is my suggestion that the Commissioners weigh this fact very carefully and be foresighted about the potential land and building wealth, i.e. tax revenues, a continued growth pattern in this area would mean for the County.

Redistricting scenario one, completely removing Kechi and Bellaire, (I think that is her statement but I don't think that is right, not Bel Aire but Kechi) from District 1 is wholly unacceptable in my opinion. This scenario reduces the northeast corner of the County to a strictly rural setting thus dangerously exposing it to a susceptibility of siting a landfill there because it technically would no longer have any cities in these northern reaches. The remaining redistricting scenarios keep at least a portion of the two most rapidly growing cities in Sedgwick County in District 1. To site a landfill near these two hugely successful rapidly developing communities would be driving a stake into the heart of economic sense for the County. Please consider redistricting scenarios that do not downgrade District 1 to a hinterland but rather promote residential growth and develop in the northeast section of Sedgwick County. Thank you for your audience. Respectfully, Brenda Melby.'

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Like I said, my only correction is I think scenario one as proposed does remove Kechi from District 1 but not Bel Aire. I read that into the record at her request. Thank you Madam Chair.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right. Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the Board today? Seeing no one, I’ll close the public hear and leave comments to the Bench. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “We’ve gone over this quite a bit and I’ve spent a lot of time with Rich on it. Several of the scenarios I don’t think are going to be very appropriate for what we are trying to accomplish but some of them are getting pretty close. I would be an advocate of somehow putting together a citizens’ oversight committee although I don’t think I want it to go very long. We need to challenge them to give us some input and then move on. What I would recommend is that maybe we appoint one or two people to be the oversight committee, challenge them to return their findings by 2/15. They can meet as many times as they see appropriate and not challenge them to meet more than they need to. It could be they would come together and find out, after one meeting, that there is a scenario that meets the challenges we would give them. I think the charge that we would give them would be to balance population, make sure there is good rural, small town and urban balance to the redistricting plan and try to make sure there are logical boundaries like rivers, township lines, whatever, where they can. That would be their charge. Obviously, we could do that as a Board of County Commissioners, but I think it would be prudent to have some good citizens group to oversight that that we give them. What that does is make sure that we are doing this as good government and not for political reasons. Thanks.”

Chair McGinn said, “Any other questions or comments? Rich, what’s the next steps?”

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments and I would recommend that, unless you have further discussion or questions, that you would receive and file.”

Chair McGinn said, “We don’t have a set deadline as when to adopt this, other than the goal was to try to get it done as soon as possible.”

Mr. Euson said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is there a deadline by state statute that we have to have redistricting completed?”

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Mr. Euson said, “There really isn’t a deadline. There is of course the June 10th deadline for candidate filings and candidates ought to know as soon as they possibly can what the district boundaries are so we should get our work done as soon as possible.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you.”

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

J. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).

1. CASE NUMBER DR01-13 - AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Happy holidays. Every five years, the federal government requires us to do a major update and review of the Comprehensive Plan. That is not why we are here this morning because that is not what has been done in the past year. I’m sure that you remember that process. The Comprehensive Plan, the major update, was adopted by the Planning Commission in March of 2000 and then in the summer by the City Council and the County Commission.

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But the state law requires that we do an annual review, that the Planning Commission do an annual review of the Comprehensive Plan. It doesn't require that they do any amendments but it does require that they look at it annually and evaluate whether or not there is any need to update or make any changes. So this summer we asked the Planning Commission to do two things, one to look at some possible wording changes and some map changes that basically update and clarify and try to deal with some issues. Second, that they review the recommendations of an advisory committee that the County Commission and the Wichita City Council appointed last year to consider some issues, especially out in rural areas.

So the Planning Commission did that. They had a number of workshops and they had a public hearing on November 15th. I remember that evening because it was my birthday. They voted to recommend the amendments that are before you today. Very briefly, just to go over what some of those changes are, there are some changes to the text they are proposing, changes to the maps. The text changes were basically trying to simplify some of the guidelines and remove some duplicative language that is in the plan today about commercial development and where it should locate that is basically repeated in several places. Also to try to recognize that, in some areas, you need to collect access points in commercial and residential access may actually be shared in some cases, as long as you are doing it in a careful way that you are not creating a situation where commercial traffic is being introduced into a residential neighborhood. There were also some map changes. I'll show you the two maps, basically.

We tried to update the maps to reflect zoning decisions that have been made by the County Commission and by the City Council over the past year, which do reflect changes in land use policy for particular parcels. We also tried to clarify the maps and change some of the designations a little bit and simplify them in some ways. That was the map for the Wichita urbanized area. This is the map for the County, as a whole, that depicts the general growth areas. They also identified, on the map, for further consideration some of these areas that we have tentatively called green wedges, areas that are usually between cities that can be open spaces of some kind that can be just preserved or developed in order to kind of mark the beginning of one place and the end of another place to distinguish and give an identity to the separate communities that are in Sedgwick County. Of course that makes it a special challenge when you are saying that an open space ought to be between two communities because then those communities probably have to cooperate to make something happen but we think that those are logical places for those things to happen.

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I'll go back to one issue that we did talk about at some length and there was some testimony about and there was a separate vote on this issue. That has to do with outdoor auto sales lots in the County. It is really primarily a City of Wichita issue because people who are doing these lots are looking for generally high traffic areas and the question is we've seen a trend toward the use of numerous small lots in town to be used or reused for the purpose of selling used cars on open lots and, in some cases, it has been a very good reuse of a property that maybe sat vacant for some time and gets some new life and income and some eyes on the street. But in other cases, especially when they are in established areas that are neighborhood commercial areas, they are not seen as necessarily assets. So traditionally those kinds of auto uses, where you don't usually buy a car every week like you buy your milk, are located in more commercial industrial districts and not in neighborhood commercial areas. That has been the issue, is where to locate these. We've had cases throughout the city where there have been contested cases and there's been neighborhood opposition to those.

The Planning Commission has recommended the wording to you that's on top, which is similar to the wording that is already in the Comprehensive Plan. But basically I would summarize it by saying that it is kind of a case-by-case approach. This is a use that really depends upon the specifics of each site and shouldn't be any stronger wording than that in terms of where to guide them. The staff recommended a clearer statement that these uses ought not to be located in areas that are established neighborhood business areas where you have the frequent use and you need a concentration of frequent services to make a successful business center. That there are other locations throughout the community for them and that is where they ought to be guided.

The City Council yesterday met, considered the plan, and they recommended the wording on the bottom. The staff recommended wording on the sales lots, which doesn't mean that you can't locate a sales lot in a neighborhood business center on a case-by-case situation but it does give some more guidance and some more defense, I think, to the City Council if they make the decision they generally have in the past, which has been to deny some of these lots in neighborhood business areas. For example, Hydraulic and 31st Street and Harry and Rock Road and 13th Street and St. Paul on the northwest side. Those have been all areas that have been contested areas and where the City Council has voted, based on neighborhood opposition largely, but they weren't suitable locations.

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So that is really the only issue where there is a difference between the Planning Commission and now the City Council on that vote. As I said, it is more of a city issue. You do have the potential and believe me we have had from time to time inquiries of properties that are zoned commercial outside of the incorporated area limits where people come in and say 'well, what do you think about a used car lot at this location'. It doesn't take much to open up a used car lot. Once you do, it does tend to have an impact on the rest of the area and how it is going to develop in the future. Our feeling is to continue to be sort of cautious in that area and that is why we recommend the wording, the lower wording. I'll try to answer any questions that you have."

Chair McGinn said, "Your wording though just puts it down to a case-by-case."

Mr. Krout said, "Well, I think no matter what you do, it is always case-by-case. I think that the wording that the staff recommended and Council adopted on the bottom does say to try to guide these away from established neighborhood commercial areas where the neighborhoods are working to try to bring in and hold businesses that provide regular services."

Chair McGinn said, "Can you share with me just a little bit about why the Planning Commission thought differently about that item?"

Mr. Krout said, "Well, everyone sort of has their own opinion but we have had the situation where the Planning Commission has recommended, usually by split votes, but recommended approval on a case and then the case has been appealed to the City Council and the City Council has denied it. I think the Planning Commission's feeling is that a business is a business and that any reuse is better than no use at all, which is what they generally see even though it may be a short time when they see a vacant site. The conditions that we developed that are in the code that regulate some of the worst sorts of things that you might see on a car lot, large banners, string lights, and loud speakers and those sorts of things are not permitted so they feel with those restrictions a car lot ought to be allowed in basically any commercial area.

They've also said, and to a certain extent it is true, that a car lot does not generate as much traffic on a daily basis, in and out customers, as a Quik Trip or a gas station, or a lot of neighborhood convenience uses. That's true because you don't have as many people who are buying a car in any neighborhood, but they also tend to, as other Planning Commissioners have said, they also tend to attract, by their nature, they want to attract people sometimes on an impulse basis. We have a unique situation where someone wants to deal for example on Rock Road a sign that is a 30 foot diameter suspended steel ring over the cars that will be shiny aluminum and light up at night because that's the nature of that business. That is a permitted use in that district. The sign issue is one that the Board of Zoning Appeals will take care of.

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I think the Planning Commissioners who voted for it said this is not a use like a heavy industrial use, it doesn't necessarily belong in a business district. We really don't see any problems with locating them in those areas."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Marvin, when will you be considering the whole Comprehensive Plan again? When does that come up for total review?"

Mr. Krout said, "From the standpoint of the major update, which will include running the transportation model and all of those things, I would say 2003 and 2004 is when we will heavily involved in that."

Commissioner Norton said, "What other issues did you deal with besides this one? This is the one that you kind of made a change on. Did you look at manufactured housing again? Did that have any dialogue at all?"

Mr. Krout said, "Well, there was discussion about it. I think what the Planning Commission decided and the staff decided too is that whatever issues there are about manufactured housing they are more likely to come up in the south Wichita area than anywhere else so let's let the consultants handle that one and see what kind of feedback they get and what kind of recommendations they're going to make. They do have some recommendations, not just on a location and where should we have them if we have any more in south Wichita but in this upcoming study they also have some recommendations, I think, on new design standards to make them more compatible if there are going to be any new ones developed."

Commissioner Norton said, "When will that be completed and submitted to the Commission?"

Mr. Krout said, "The Planning Commission is scheduled to have a workshop and review that plan tomorrow and then they'll probably have a public hearing in January on that plan and the Oaklawn plan and that probably means that the County Commission will review it in February. If there are standards that are recommended and there are standards that ought to be changed community wide, then we would open up the zoning code probably to do that, after the plan is adopted."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, that's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you Madam Chair. Marvin, I don't know for sure if this is for you or for Rich Euson, but the recommended action is to direct staff to prepare a resolution adopting all the recommended plan amendments. Who is making the recommendation? Is it M.A.P.C. that's making the recommendations?"

Mr. Krout said, "We're bringing you the M.A.P.C. recommendations. Because of this one issue that we weren't sure about, we didn't prepare a resolution."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But I mean, if we were to approve it the way it is worded, we would be approving M.A.P.C. recommendations. What would we have to do if we wanted to approve the staff recommended wording?"

Mr. Krout said, "Just amend the motion to follow the recommended action with the exception of adopting the staff recommended wording and the Council recommended wording for locational guideline number six."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Then would that require a larger percentage of vote since we're going against the M.A.P.C.?"

Mr. Krout said, "It does require a two thirds vote on an item if you're overriding a Planning Commission recommendation the first time. If it were sent back then it would be a simple majority, but it would require four votes to do that today."

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

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Marvin, when you are talking about these auto sales lots, the ones that pop into my head just real quickly are the ones that have located at major intersections that used to be filling stations. I'm thinking of Broadway and Central, Broadway and 13th, and Douglas and Hillside. You know, they're kind of that pad site out in front of, well I'm thinking of the one at Douglas and Hillside particularly, the pad site out in front of the grocery store and hardware store and that kind of stuff. Are those the kinds of lots you're talking about here?"

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Mr. Krout said, "Yes, I think that, for instance in College Hill, if the College Hill tract was not already zoned general commercial which is a heavier zone, that you only find close in to downtown because it was an old zone before we had a light commercial zone, they can come in and ask for a conditional use on that there would have been a lot of opposition. Just like, for example at Rock and Central, the northwest corner, we have an application for a car lot. There was heavy opposition and the applicant withdrew his case."

Commissioner Gwin said, "The northeast corner."

Mr. Krout said, "Right."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So what happens to those corners then? It is expensive property, some of these intersections, particularly that Rock and Central one, lots of traffic count and everything. So, what would potentially go there? It has been sitting vacant for a while. If you eliminate these kinds of uses for that kind of infill of that vacant non-tax producing space, what realistically could fill those spots then?"

Mr. Krout said, "If you look around, you have seen some other kinds of reuse. There is a battery store at Central and Edgemoor. There is a phone store in a former gas station site in midtown on north Broadway. We've seen a hardware store and a little furniture store in other re-dos. I think usually it requires someone who is going to come in and do something a little bit more than just take that existing building because usually that building is a small building for its site and the site is a little bit back further than usually retail buildings are."

So it would probably take someone who is willing to do some investment and rebuild around it. But I think Pawnee and Seneca we've also had some redevelopment there. There are other retail opportunities and I think what neighbors and even some neighboring businesses have said, like in the West 13th Street area, is this is a neighborhood business area and we want to attract other businesses that are going to help strengthen our business neighborhood and this kind of car lot is not going to be that kind of use. There are other areas, which is why it has to be somewhat case by case, like Meridian and Harry for example, which is not really a neighborhood business area and there are heavier uses around it and it is a transitional area and that was an area that we supported. Two miles further down the street, 31st Street and Meridian, there was strong opposition from neighboring businesses, protest petitions. I think you can pretty well identify what is a neighborhood commercial area and I think that will be helpful for people in the business to know where it is going to be easier or harder, where they can expect opposition."

Chair McGinn said, "I agree. I was going to say, what Quik Trip doesn't take Walgreen's will."

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Mr. Krout said, "Or the city will to do traffic improvements."

Chair McGinn said, "That's true. We saw that happen there at Central and Ridge."

Mr. Krout said, "And at 13th and Broadway."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I've been racking my brain, I can't think of a used car lot, there probably is, but out in the unincorporated area. The way the staff recommended wording it would pretty well guarantee that there never would be a car lot in the unincorporated area. Wouldn't we be then forcing these people to go back into the city? The idea about non-neighborhood serving commercial uses, that would be everything else . . . here's a farm, 80 acres in the middle of no where, and a man wants to put in a car dealership there. I don't know why he would, but that wouldn't be permitted under this scenario."

Mr. Krout said, "If you're out in say . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It said existing or planned and if I'm the first one that wants to be there, there are no existing car dealers there and I can't think of any that are there already so there would never be any. Is that right?"

Mr. Krout said, "There are some areas on the plan that we've identified as commercial or industrial that aren't developed yet. For example, East Kellogg and West Kellogg, east and west of the city limits are areas where we would expect to see auto related and heavier commercial uses in the future. That would be one area. South Broadway unincorporated is an area that I don't think you'd classify as neighborhood business and you've seen, because of historic traffic patterns, you've seen uses like that and I know we did approve recently a conditional use on a corner on South Broadway and 95th Street, I think it was, for a car lot. So there are locations where they're still suitable."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. I want to support Wichita if I can here on this because this is the plan that they would like."

Mr. Krout said, "The City Council was unanimous in adopting it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That doesn't preclude, well it does . . . the other cities can have their own plans because they're not part of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, with the exception of the unincorporated area adjacent. What about that little ring area of influence?"

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Mr. Krout said, “Well I think that is where we rely heavily on the small cities and try to work with them and try to understand what is your ambition and your vision for the entrance to your community. So for example, Derby feels very strongly about not making Rock Road look exactly like K-15 turned out, so they have a stronger feeling about the entrance to their neighborhood and what might be the unincorporated area out at say 63rd Street or 55th Street South. But I think Maize has a little bit of a different idea about what it wants to do with commercial on 53rd Street leading into town from the east. What we try to do is work with them, understand what their plan says for that area and then let their Planning Commission have an influence on it.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well that’s the point. Now let’s say, for example, there is a small community that would like to encourage that type of business, would that preclude them from encouraging this type of business?”

Mr. Krout said, “No, I don’t think so, because the Comprehensive Plan says to look at the plans that the communities have developed in their areas of influence. That is really the first thing that we look at.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That’s all I have.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Well, I think Commissioner Sciortino is about to get to the question I’ve got. If we would support this staff recommendation, I remember I had a case out in my district near St. Marks or in St. Marks, and St. Marks is an unincorporated community. We didn’t think that that was necessarily a good place to have a car lot but once we went and looked at it and said ‘well this is a pretty neat little historic building’ and we could see what they were going to do and it fit. If we would go ahead and take this staff recommendation, we could still do a project like that, couldn’t we?”

Mr. Krout said, “Sure. The plan is just a guide and you know that sometimes we’ve come to you with recommendations for approval on something that wasn’t consistent necessarily with the plan. I think you always have to look case-by-case at those sorts of situations. I think as a general rule what we are trying to better get across is what the city neighborhoods have said about trying to protect the appearance of their front doors is the way that they look at it.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. That’s all I have.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, I'm going to support the staff's recommended wording. In reading the back-up material I know where this type of thing has hit hard has been in District 6 of the City Council's district. Their D.A.B. Board had a great deal of concern about this and that is a good deal of my district. I'm going to support staff's recommended wording to the rest of the changes. I would ask for support but I'd entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution adopting all the recommended plan amendments with the exception of number six and on number six to approve the Metropolitan Area Planning Department's amendment.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. MAPD MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Krout said, "I'll try to be real brief and I know that we talked about some of these items in a workshop just yesterday so I don't want to repeat myself. Caseload in November included a C & D landfill. One was approved at Hillside by the City of Wichita at Hillside and K-96 on some barrow pit land they have. The Planning Commission has another one that they are going to review by a private owner at tomorrow's meeting. That is in the unincorporated area. We've been working on proposed subdivision amendments in consultation with the home builders and as a result in this issue about rural lot development that I talked about yesterday, we are probably going back to the drawing board and trying to rework some of the original recommendations on that.

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The same evening that the Planning Commission held their hearing on the Comprehensive Plan, they also had one on the wireless master plan. There were two comments. One was from a spokesman from a neighborhood group who wanted to know if we had an stealth towers where you hide these things in church steeples and things like that or make them look like pine trees, which would probably stick out like a sore thumb here. No we haven't had any yet but we do expect as there are more towers and they become lower that we will probably see more things like that. But we have had about 30 new towers approved and they have been throughout the community and with a couple of exceptions they have been accepted and there hasn't been a lot of opposition to them.

I think the Planning Commission's recommendation was we don't need to change the guide lines. They seem to be working fairly well. We have public hearings when we need them. We've denied the one or two that we needed to or sent them back to the drawing board. In the meantime, the industry is moving ahead with their plans and I think the people are getting used to the fact that there is going to be some of these things sometimes in the skyline.

I've talked to you about the neighborhood plans and I talked to you yesterday about I.T.S., Intelligent Transportation Systems. We spent a lot of staff time trying to work with city and county departments to bring them together because this has to be a cooperative program between city and county, between transportation and emergency type services, and we've had free assistance from the federal government consultants who have come here for three-day workshops. I think we're a long way along in terms of planning on that and hope to come to your with a memorandum of understanding with the state transportation department within the next month. I think I can probably stop there, unless you have any other questions about the report you've already received."

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

MOTION

Chair Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you Marvin. At this time, I'd like to take a ten-minute break. We do have a lengthy agenda today. We will be in recess for ten minutes."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:34 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m.

Chair McGinn said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. Next item."

DEFERRED ITEMS

K. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR USE OF UNEXPENDED STATE FISCAL YEAR 2001 FUNDS FOR VARIOUS JUVENILE PROGRAMS.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item was deferred from last week when Chris Kautzer presented the details of our grant application to the Juvenile Justice Authority to allow unspent money from state fiscal year '01 to stay in our control for use this year.

Last week you had some questions that I want to briefly address. First, the state has already decided to allow local districts to keep the money, so long as they submit a plan that the state approves. The application before you is the plan, which was developed and approved by the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.

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It is important that you know we intentionally did not spend these funds last year. We were very concerned about the state's fiscal situation and we wanted to have some flexibility this year. The two media campaigns proposed here provide that flexibility because we can wait until the end of the legislative session to make our final decision on spending these funds. Our immediate plan is to evaluate the current truancy media campaign. If those results are favorable and depending on the state funding situation later in the year, we will work with you to make a decision before buying any further media. At this point, I'd be happy to try to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mark, I guess the key point would be that as this plan will allow us to keep these dollars we will still have flexibility between now and June if we see shortfalls in other places. We'll be able to shift some of these funds?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes, or if the state does a current year cut which was proposed last year but they did not end up doing, we would have the flexibility to shift it to direct services to maintain our direct services."

Commissioner Winters said, "I think you certainly answered all my questions. I would like to just make a side comment that I think last week Chris Kautzer did do an excellent job in presenting the plans and what the various aspects were going to be as they supplement already existing programs. I think Chris did an excellent job. I think we got off a little bit on really thinking about where these funds came from and where they were headed to. I think we talked about it a little bit at staff meeting yesterday so I know I am comfortable with moving forward."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just want to echo what Tom said. I've gotten good evidence since that we're going to move ahead good with this and we've made some smart actions. I didn't have any problem with the presentation last week. I did have some problems with kind of the media part of it and those questions have been answered. I'm going to be fully supportive of the application and moving forward for next year."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Application.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

L. TREASURER'S OFFICE.

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX JUDGMENTS TO BECOME DORMANT.

Ms. Jan Kennedy, Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "By statute, personal property debts to Sedgwick County become outlawed if you will after 20 years. So these are the ones that we need to write off this year. While it is a fairly large number, if you can recall the past few years, when it was running millions of dollars, this looks a little bit better that it's about \$504,000. This drastic decrease in the amount we are outlawing, if you will, by resolution has to do with the fact that 21 years ago cars came off of the personal property tax list so it is smaller than it has been. I would urge you to adopt the Resolution please."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. PRESENTATION OF THE 2002 TAX DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR.

Ms. Kennedy said, "This is just a courtesy to let the taxing districts we work with know when to expect the distributions that we make from the various tax roles. This is for informational purposes for the County, as well as other taxing districts."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I'm certainly going to be supportive of this. For other Commissioners, as unusual as it may seem, there was a day and age where the Sedgwick County Treasurer did not have a distribution calendar that they shared with other public local governments here in Sedgwick County and you could hardly think of how such a thing could be but at least for the Treasurer preceding Jan and now Jan has carried on that same good management, so other folks know when money is going to be available. A pretty simple deal yet for years it did not happen."

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file the distribution calendar.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

M. PRESENTATION OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Charles Magruder, M.D., Director, Community Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are pleased this morning to present to you our annual report for 2001. What I will present to you is basically to once again give you some of the background as to why this is an important issue, both nationwide and locally. To remind you once again of the Surgeon General's paradigm that is used to look at this issue, summarize some of our activities for the year 2001. I want to emphasize summary. This will not be all-inclusive of all the things but just to give you a little bit of what we have accomplished and you can see the details in the written report that has been provided to you, then, once again, to provide some of our possibilities for where we might go in the future. Again, to remind us of why this is an important issue, it has been declared a serious public health problem by the Surgeon General that demands our attention. There are some alarming national statistics that support that.

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First of all, again to remind you, 85 Americans die from suicide each day throughout our nation. Suicide rates are highest among white American males age 65 and older. Some of the risk factors that have been well documented: living alone, widowed, having some type of physical illness, and perhaps one of the things that is most alarming for the medical community is they have just recently had a visit to a health care provider.

In terms of some of our statistics that are alarming, between 1980 and 1996, the rate of suicide among African American males age 15 to 19 years increased 105%, a very dramatic increase. It is also alarming to note that almost 100% of that increase is attributable specifically to the use of firearms. In another unfortunate aspect of this is that people at younger and younger ages are being impacted. Among persons age 10 to 14 years, the rate of suicide increased by 100% from 1980 to 1996.

In terms of our local information, again just to remind you of what we have discussed previously, in the year 2000 there were 48 suicides in Sedgwick County and we did talk about the H.R.S.A., Health Resources Services Administration, an arm of the federal government that did a comparison to similar counties across the nation indicating that we have a suicide rate that compares, in their terms, unfavorably. Again, to remind you as well, there is some concern that this information from the federal government may not be completely accurate but never the less this is how it is presented for our county. As you look on the left-hand side, you see the rate per 100,000 population. For Sedgwick County that is 12.9 suicides for 100,000 population and this is for the year 1998. Of our peer counties that the federal government compares us to, the rate varies from a low of 8.7 to a high of 14.5. Again, according to statistics from the federal government the U.S. rate is only 11.3.

Now, in terms of the paradigm that the Surgeon General has put forth for looking at this, there are three aspects. The first is awareness, which simply involves broadening the public's awareness of suicide and its potential risk factors. Intervention, enhancing services and programs both population based and clinical care and methodology, which involves advancing the science of suicide prevention.

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Now in terms of our accomplishments for 2001, of course the first thing was the formation of the task force. We did have a community planning initiative and we did form our subcommittees in accordance with that paradigm for awareness, intervention, and methodology. It is important to point out that this not only includes task force members but a number of other people from the community are involved as well. In the awareness subcommittee, which is headed by Chief Moses of the Police Department, they had a very aggressive campaign and have had a number of activities that they have had in place. They launched a nine-month media awareness campaign which Bev Baughman and Kristi Zukovich played a critical role in. We had a very nice period where we educated the media. A community resource list has been developed and we're in the process of getting a poster contest for both youth and elderly populations. A brochure has been prepared describing the stigma of suicide and why that is an important issue.

The intervention subcommittee formed two active work groups, one is post-vention which involves support for family members and others who have been impacted by a suicide and also designing educational presentations. They did identify a specific program for post-vention that is called 'Loss' that is under review at this moment. That educational presentation was completed and has been delivered in a number of areas. They also examined specific programs for schools.

The methodology subcommittee, which is headed by Dr. Pickard, she has found a large number of talented masters degree and public health students that are involved with that, as well as several other people. They have completed a review of school-based interventions. They developed a web site resource list that was an initial review of local suicide statistics and in your document you will see a number of nice graphs that outlined that circumstance. They did provide technical assistance to other subcommittees to help them design things in the appropriate way.

In terms of our future thoughts of where we would like to go, we are looking for a mechanism to fund initial plan development. Some of the potential costs of that are outlined in the document that has been provided to you. We're going to have further coordination of suicide prevention efforts, not only within our community, but also with the state. COMCARE and other organizations have very nicely established those relationships that we can build upon.

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One of the things that people are really excited about is our specific work with the Forensic Science Center. There are two specific areas that we are going to look at there in the future. Support for family members and survivors of suicide, again looking at the post-vention issue. And as has been mentioned previously by some of our County Commissioners, how to develop a psychological autopsy process which would enable us to gather more detailed information about a suicide after it occurs.

We're also going to explore the potential role of social marketing, which is a new mechanism of how to do outreach in communities. We're going to develop a common data set for the community, again addressing some of the items that have been presented by you in the past as to how we get more information to look at these things more specifically. A study design for examining suicide in general and of course continuation of our media activities and educational presentations.

In terms of the building process, we kind of see this as starting out with coordination of existing resources, developing our initial plan, and then plan development. The initial investment and plan development is needed before implementation. Some of the examples that we have to look at that are preliminary data base development and assess preliminary awareness activities. We feel that this initial investment is important to ensure that the likelihood of larger grants in the future is a better possibility for us.

Again, just a quick reminder of our ultimate goal. If we look at where we are at now, at a rate of 12.9 per 100,000, whether that is 12.9 or whether it is 10, our ultimate goal in accordance with Healthy People 2010 objectives is 6 per 100,000 by the year 2010. At that, I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chair McGinn said, "I don't see any questions. Would you mind introducing some of the members that are in the audience Doctor?"

Dr. Magruder said, "In the third row is Dr. Pickard, who heads the methodology subcommittee. To her right is Kris Collins and she is the Vice-Chair of the task force. Chief Moses is back there in the very nice green and black shirt. Debbie Donaldson you know quite well, in the back. I don't see any others in the moment.

If you have no questions, there is one final comment I would like to make if I could. I just wanted to comment on the importance of equal and fair representation. I did note that we do have an abstract purple image that is present at the County Commissioner's table and I did want to point out again, in the interest of equal and fair representation that we do want to . . ."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "I can't let that go. I think that it totally inappropriate but at any time that K.U. would get a football team that could play in a bowl game which is what we're referencing right now, we would be happy to show the K.U. Jayhawk and I think we'll be able to show that in the basketball team, but this was in reference to the football team because there is an employee here, an elected official that for some reason supposedly got a degree at Syracuse and has been plastering us with oranges and everything about the upcoming bowl game between the team that will win and we had to have something to bother him."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Keep that Jayhawk handy though Doc. It's basketball season."

Dr. Magruder said, "We would certainly hope that the K.U. basketball team has a better record in post-season play than what we have seen with K. State."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "We hope that K.U. has a better record in post-season play than they have demonstrated in the last few years too."

Chair McGinn said, "Let's bring the meeting back to order. At least our state does have a team for every season. I wanted to thank all the committee members who are here today and those who are not because this is time over and above their call of duty to serve on this committee and help decrease this sad problem that is going on in our community. Thank you all. Any other questions for Dr. Magruder?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the plan.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chair McGinn said, "Before you leave, I was going to say, I'm looking at your tie and I thinking it's safe to ask about it. The last time we asked about it I didn't like the answer."

Dr. Magruder said, "This is simply a painting, a Salvador Dali painting down in a museum in Florida."

Chair McGinn said, "It's very nice. Thank you, Doctor. Clerk, call the next item please."

N. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING SEDGWICK COUNTY PREMIER LEGAL PLAN DOCUMENTS.

Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Office of Risk Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following resolution, contract and agreement all deal with our employee benefits. With reference to item N-1, Sedgwick County previously adopted legal plan documents to meet the plan requirements of Section 125 of the I.R.S. Code of 1986 as amended. For the Sedgwick County flexible benefits plan, Sedgwick Premier is the title, the health care reimbursement plan and dependent care reimbursement plan effective January 1, 1996, with your adoption of Resolution 35-1997. The Resolution before you today merely amends and restates the legal plans as provided in your back-up documents. These legal plan documents were prepared by a contracted attorney, in accordance with Section 125 of the I.R.S. Code. Documents are required to be kept on file and there are no reporting requirements. There were no major changes in these documents other than some eligibility dates and some status change qualifications. My recommended action would be to adopt the Resolution."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, do I have a motion to adopt?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. CONTRACT WITH PREFERRED PLUS OF KANSAS, INC. TO PROVIDE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Rippee said, "Item N-2 is a Contract with Preferred Plus of Kansas to provide a co-existing health plan for Sedgwick County employees in addition to our self-insured plan. The recommended action is to approve the Contract and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item please."

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3. AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY'S SELF-FUNDED HEALTH, LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Rippee said, "Commissioners, Item N-3 is next year's Contract as the Clerk read and the recommended action is to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Vice Chair, if I could. Phil, are there any problems with what is going on with Blue Cross and Blue Shield, nationally and in the state, that will affect this?"

Mr. Rippee said, "Not at this time. Blue Cross/ Blue Shield is being taken over by Anthem, which is a national company. They've assured us that there will be no immediate changes, especially in this next year's contract. If there is anything that surfaces for 2003, then we'll bring it to everybody's attention. For right now, we should be okay. We've experienced about a 13.2% increase overall in our premiums and, basically, that was well below the national average."

Chair McGinn returned at 11:07 a.m.

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

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

4. AMENDMENT TO THE 2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF OUTSIDE AIR PRECONDITIONING UNITS AT THE REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have two proposed amendments to the Capital Improvement Program this morning. The first is the addition of outside air, preconditioning units at the Regional Forensic Science Center. This problem has been characterized by a lack of adequate cooling capacity during the summer months. That lack of system capacity has limited the ability of the staff to accomplish their mission. This is not a matter of comfort but most directly impacts the laboratory staff. They've been working on this problem since the building was first occupied and have gone through an incremental process.

After a series of minor changes, the County commissioned a study that was completed in 1999 and the first of the recommended options was pursued and that was the installation of electronic decontamination units and some reduction in the outside air. Now that helped but it didn't completely solve the problem. Another one of the options recommended in that original study was preconditioning of the outside air. In other words, they are going to dehumidify the outside air before it goes into the central air system."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Isn't that what an air conditioner does?"

Mr. Giroux said, "Yes sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So we're going to have an air conditioner to condition the air before the air conditioner conditions it."

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Mr. Giroux said, "That's correct. It is one way to additional capacity to the problem. We may have to get our engineers to do further explanations but they're available here."

During the past summer we again hired an expert to take a look at the current use of the facility and further examine the preconditioning option. They looked at the mechanical, electrical, and structural requirements to do that installation, as well as develop a cost estimate to make that installation.

His recommendation was that we install two units that will be installed on the roof of the facility. The roof is structurally adequate to accommodate that and it again adds that additional capacity to solve the issue. One notable fact is that it will not disrupt operations at the Regional Forensic Science Center during the installation. We anticipate that it will provide the capacity that we need to finally develop adequate capacity.

The project cost is \$284,000. D.I.O. and the Public Safety have come up with funds from their operational budgets. The C.I.P. committee has reviewed the project in detail and does recommend approval. If you have any questions, we have members of the Forensic Center staff here as well as our maintenance staff too."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Pete, you're the finance money guy so I'll repeat what I think I heard you say. The air conditioner system over there is not working right and we've hired a consultant to try to figure out how to make it perform and even though this seems like an expensive fix, this is the most economical fix to this problem with the air conditioning and we have had as good an expert look at it. They've examined whether we should just scrap the whole air conditioning system and start over but this is just not our guys saying we need to do this. We've had the experts study this."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Yes, this has been a problem for a number of years. We've taken small steps trying to resolve the problem. When it first was discovered we tried turning temperatures up and down and doing all those internal things. We did different sorts of maintenance programs. Last year we, as Mr. Giroux indicated, we took some affirmative action to improve the system and now we're into the second recommendation by what we've been told are some of the best heating and air conditioner engineers in and around the state."

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess my only other question is who is M.K.E.C.? The system study was completed by M.K.E.C."

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Mr. Giroux said, "I'll have the staff correct me if I'm wrong but I think it is Mid Kansas Engineering Consultants."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, that's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you Madam Chair. I think I'm liking what I'm hearing. We've got an existing system that isn't adequate enough for our needs. Whoever can answer this, we are doing this to work with our existing system and that is going to prove substantially less money than having to scrap it and put in a whole new system. This is a fix that will allow us to use some of the assets we already have in place and improve the efficiency, if I'm hearing right, and a much less expensive way of doing it."

Mr. Giroux said, "Yes sir, and it doesn't disrupt the operation during the installation period. It is one way to add that capacity."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay if the consultant could just nod your agreement."

Mr. Giroux said, "He's our employee."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, that's great. That's all I have. I think it is a good idea."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess I'm interested in, this is a pretty new facility, how did we get through the process with not having the right capacity for a specialty business like this is, knowing that you are going to have laboratories and you need that kind of air flow. It seems like there is maybe some repercussions back to the original engineering that we should look at. I don't know if that is right, but I know having run buildings myself that later we found had poor capacity that some of it went back to the engineering of the original building but they didn't figure the space right or the B.T.U.s right or whatever."

Chair McGinn said, "Just so Commissioner Norton knows, we had this discussion a year ago and that is a contentious issue. I see Bob Lamkey is here."

Commissioner Norton said, "Not to protract this any more, but that's what came to my mind."

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Mr. Bob Lamkey, Public Safety Director, said, "Some of those things were in play. Another thing that is effecting it, quite frankly, in the time that we've been there we've added to the capacity of the building in terms of laboratory and those processes and so the design may have been sufficient for the vision at the time but we've actually added capacity and that has exacerbated the issue. So we need to move ahead with this process and as Commissioner Sciortino said this is a good fix for the price."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's fine. I didn't know all the history. I'm supportive of it. We have to fix it, but obviously something happened that we didn't get good capacity to begin with. That's all I have."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the C.I.P. Amendment.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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5. AMENDMENT TO THE 2001 CIP TO CANCEL CIP PROJECT PB #462, PLANNING STUDY FOR LAGOON EXPANSION AT JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH.

Mr. Giroux said, “We’re actually going to give some money back, it is a rare occurrence. This study was originally a study to evaluate the lagoon capacity and whether it ought to be expanded was originally approved as part of the 2001 CIP in August 2000. During the later part of that year and during this year rainfall has lessened and the staff has implemented a series of actions that has helped solve some of the capacity issues. First and foremost, we’ve worked on the facilities there and they now have low flow fixtures. They refined some of their management practices on where water goes and where it doesn’t go and, again, we have had some climatic conditions that helped resolve the problem. Mr. Weber is one of the recommending . . . I don’t know if he’s aware of that. In any case, if you approve the study cancellation we’ll return \$4,000 to the general fund. The CIP committee has reviewed it and does recommend cancellation of the project.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Obviously we’re going to cancel this. As we move forward and it maybe has to be done in the future, would this be a place where we could apply some of the new technologies for self-contained alternatives? I think we should challenge ourselves to try to test that in places. This is a County controlled facility so maybe that is one we want to look at going away from lagoons completely and testing some of the alternatives. Just a suggestion.”

Mr. Giroux said, “We’ll keep that in mind.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the CIP Amendment.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

O. AGREEMENT WITH QUIVIRA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK FEBRUARY 2, 2002 TO HOLD AN ESKIMO RUN.

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a standard Agreement we have had with the Boy Scouts for several years to hold the Eskimo Run at Sedgwick County Park. It will be subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance. The dates have been coordinated with the Park Superintendent and we would recommend your approval."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

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P. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (KLETC) FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO USE KLETC TRAINING GROUNDS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS TRAINING.

Lieutenant Sam Houston, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have identified a need for more hands-on training for emergency vehicle operations course use. The only training we receive for the use of emergency vehicle operations is during our recruit class. This will provide hands-on training for current commissioned deputies in this training course over at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, Kansas. It will enhance our vehicle operations for our deputies. It will hopefully break some bad habits that we've accrued over the years, in my 26 years. So, our recommendation is that you approve this Agreement for us to use their training."

Chair McGinn said, "Any questions for Sam?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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Q. AGREEMENT WITH THE MARTENS COMPANIES TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION, REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF VALUATION FORMULAS FOR FINAL REVIEW OF 2002 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY VALUES.

Mr. Gerald Frantz, County Appraiser, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We would like to contract with the Martens Companies to help us and assist us in developing our commercial models for the final review of 2002 commercial property, focusing primarily on office, retail and warehouse properties. These services are valuable in developing and defending fair and equitable appraised values. The information will be used to establish January 1, 2002 commercial property values. The contract cost is \$4,500. We ask that you approve this and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chair McGinn said, “Any questions for Jerry?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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R. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE OF REGULAR SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Communications Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today we have an agreement. It’s a reoccurring agreement we have with Channel 8, KPTS, to broadcast the weekly Sedgwick County Commission Meetings. This has been a long-standing partnership with KPTS and each Wednesday they allow us to interrupt children’s programming so we can bring government into their lives at a very early age. They’re very happy to start that process. This has been a mutually beneficial partnership for a number of years and I will talk about how it has been helpful to us. It allows us to show government at work, while the work is being done, because we do broadcast live every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. It allows us to bring Sedgwick County government’s work into the households of those who live in Sedgwick County, regardless of where they live, because it is public television. We get the fortunate advantage of having that opportunity to showcase to a number of other people across the state who have access to KPTS as well.

“We have the opportunity to have our local media partners, who sometimes use the live coverage to take down some clips that they use in their noon news or their five o’clock news so it helps them from having to send someone down here and that is often helpful to us. I think it is beneficial for Sedgwick County and also for KPTS because it helps us be supportive of public television in an affordable way and we do get a benefit out of it as well. I have asked Dale Goter to attend today. He is from KPTS and may want to say a few words.”

Mr. Dale Goter, Director of Production, KPTS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thanks for taking the time to deal with this. I’d just echo everything that Kristi said. It is still a good partnership for us and we think a vital part of our community service mission. We look forward to continuing it next year. I would stand for any questions that you have. I would just encourage you, throughout the year, if you have comments, critiques, or criticisms, I know you’re not shy about telling Kristi about them and getting them to us. We just want to make it the best product that we can. I’d stand for any questions that you might have.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Just a comment. It seems to me if we continue the K-State, Syracuse, K.U. debate on camera that we’ll become an augmentation of the children’s programming and not a substitute. Just a comment. Thank you.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here today Dale. Are there any other questions for Dale or Kristi? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

S. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENTS (TWO) FOR ONE-TIME GRANTS.

- **SEDGWICK COUNTY PERMANENCY PLANNING COUNCIL:
\$23,000 TO CUSTOMIZE CHILD-IN-NEED-OF-CARE
DATABASE**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The first grant is with the Sedgwick County Permanency Planning Council and it is \$23,000 of County prevention funds to customize the child-in-need-of-care database. This is used to identify barriers in the system that result in children not achieving permanency as quickly as they might. We are actually looking at doing that and have been actually involved with that for several years. This will really give us the data to measure that and to be confident that we are making the right decisions. I would recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "So is this a one time expenditure?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes, it is."

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Commissioner Gwin said, “Debbie, we have both of those Agreements under one item, do we need to take them separately?”

Chair McGinn said, “We do. What's the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Agreement with the Permanency Planning Council and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

- **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY:
\$10,000 TO ADJUST STAFFING**

Ms. Donaldson said, “This is an Agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters and I would recommend that this be deferred indefinitely at this point.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to defer the item indefinitely.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH INTER-FAITH MINISTRIES TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this is our yearly Agreement with Inter-Faith Ministries to provide the overflow shelter from December 1st through the end of February for those individuals who need that kind of shelter when all the other shelters in the community are full. It is \$7,500 and those are County funds. I would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Any discussion?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I think it is important to note that the City of Wichita and United Way are both contributors in this same project."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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

3. AGREEMENTS (TWO) TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATION FOR FRAIL OR AT-RISK ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS.

- **JODY LUJAN**
- **MAE FIELDS**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "These Contracts that I present to you today cover the Community Service Coordination Services for fiscal year 2002. The Community Service Coordination Contract initiates our fourth year as a program provider. We provide services to clients age 60 and over who needs cannot be fully met through the information assistance contact over the telephone but who do not require the full-blown services of case management, which is more long-term. These services are funded under the Aging mill levy and it is a fee for service contract with two individuals. The Contracts are with Jody Lujan and Mae Fields. That is a total budget of \$10,482 that was previously approved in the mill levy budget. I would request your approval and authorize the Chair to sign."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

Chair McGinn left the meeting at 11:30

4. AGREEMENTS (7) AND CONTRACTS (15) TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO HELP ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS LIVE SAFELY IN THEIR HOMES AND INDEPENDENTLY IN THE COMMUNITY.

Ms. Graham said, "These are Contracts and Agreements for a variety of services which include senior centers, community services, and these are funded through the Aging mill levy program. One of these contracts is for a new program provided by Envision. The others are for existing programs that are continuations.

These funds include: under the senior centers, the Bel Aire Senior Club for a total of \$2,022, Cheney Senior Club for \$4,486, Clearwater Senior Club for \$3,631, the Downtown Multi-Purpose Senior Center for \$111,816, the Lynwood Senior Center for \$49,848, Mulvane Senior Center for \$3,369, the Northeast Multi-Purpose Senior Center for \$55,145, the Orchard Park Multi-Purpose Senior Center for \$47,181, the Sedgwick Senior Club for \$1,487, Valley Center Senior Club at \$4,975. This is a total of \$288,005.

Under our Aging Services we have: the Alzheimer's Association Adult Care Connection for \$15,203, Vision Senior Outreach Service, which is the new program, at \$8,400, Good Grief of Kansas which is a widow support services, \$9,372, the Guadalupe Health Clinic for health screenings at \$20,570, Medical Services Bureau for \$27,000, Senior Services Meals on Wheels at \$172,277, the Senior Services Neighborhood Connection which is a volunteer service at \$23,175, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at \$22,660, Senior Services Roving Pantry at \$51,750, Senior Services Senior Employment Program at \$47,955 and the Wichita-Indo-Chinese Center at \$13,257. A total for the Community Services is \$411,619 for a grand total of \$699,624. These are the grant award contracts we would request your approval and authorize the Chair to sign."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions of this presenter? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Agreements and Contracts and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

Chair McGinn returned at 11:36 a.m.

5. REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2002 AREA PLAN FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING.

Ms. Graham said, “The Sedgwick County Department on Aging administers the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, which is one of 11 planning and service areas set up by the State of Kansas to provide aging services. Each federal fiscal year the Agency is required by the Kansas Department on Aging to submit an area plan, which is a plan of services to be provided under the federally funded Older American’s Act. This plan was originally submitted to you in July of 2001 and approved. What I bring before you today is a revision, which is a change to the original area plan and this is for the funding of services under the Title 3-E, which is a new program, the caregiver support program, and the Title 3-D, which is a medication management fund. They are both new funding mechanisms for last year. So we had to go through the process of meeting with the community stakeholders, determining what services we were going to provide based on the definitions, getting the request for proposal, taking those in front of our advisory council for their recommendations and approval. So what we present to you today are these programs.

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Under medication management, which is total federal funding of \$13,000, we are providing grants to Ilene Vaughn a registered nurse, who will be doing individual in-home medication management discussions. So we'll get referrals and she will go out to the home and work with the individuals one on one to help them understand the medication. Saint Raphael Home Care Incorporated, \$4,800 will be doing group education on medication, counter effects, and using it and information on that and Associated Home Care will receive \$1,000 to do that services in Butler County.

Under the Title 3-E caregiver services the total federal funding that we'll utilize this year is \$246,421. The providers receiving the awards will be the Kansas Association Area Agency on Aging, which is a statewide caregiver information campaign, which was started September 18th. We started with the commercial on the care giving campaign and that is funded at \$38,970. The Sedgwick County Department on Aging Information and Assistance services, \$60,000. Butler County Department on Aging Information and Assistance at \$8,736. The Wellness Professional Mental Health Association and Butler County Department on Aging and Prairie View will all be doing caregiver training across the tri-county area. Senior Services will be doing respite services for \$29,250. Alzheimer's Association respite services for \$3,800. Prairie View will be doing individual counseling for caregivers at \$4,860. They will also be doing a support group for \$6,500.

These proposed Area Plan Revisions have been approved by the advisory councils, Butler County Commission, the Harvey County Commissioners and there was a mistake in your written material. We requested that you approve the changes, however there is nothing that needs to be signed with this revision at this point in time, because the 2002 plan has already been signed by the Chair Person. So what will happen is once this revision is sent up to the Kansas Department on Aging they will send us the new grant award and those will be brought back before you for a signature."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Maybe I know the answer to this, I'm not sure. In the previous agenda item we went through the \$699,000 of mill levy money that is in our 2002 budget and we worked through all of those programs when we were working our budget last July and August. So this is kind of the final contract with all those senior centers and the aging services groups. Now this item, where did all of these funds get talked about in deciding where the best place to put those monies?"

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Ms. Graham said, “We had a stakeholders meeting and we identified the stakeholders in the the Butler, Harvey, and Sedgwick County areas that were individuals, silver-haired legislatures, area directors from the two other areas and agencies and organizations providing services to the aging population and to those care-giving groups. We invited them all to come to a meeting and we talked about this new funding source from the Older American’s Act, about the definition of services that could be provided, about the additional criteria that Kansas Department on Aging put down on top of that about what services needed to be funded and focused on for this first year of the program. We gathered input and we came to a consensus about what the primary needs were in our community for this first year of this program.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Do each of those other counties have aging advisory groups like we have here in Sedgwick County and were they involved in this process?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes, they do and they were all invited.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And our aging advisory group was involved and they all agree with this and all the other Commissioners from those other counties have already checked off on this?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes, they have reviewed it and authorized it.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Must be a good deal. Thank you.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the revised Plan.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

T. AGREEMENTS (FOUR) WITH CITY OF WICHITA RELATED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSITION.

- 1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**
- 2. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPACE LOCATED AT 1900 EAST NINTH STREET**
- 3. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR EVERGREEN PARK HEALTH STATION LOCATED AT 2700 NORTH WOODLAND, SUITE B**
- 4. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ORCHARD PARK HEALTH STATION LOCATED AT 4808 WEST NINTH STREET**

Mr. Andy Schlapp, Project Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I have the privilege and honor to present to you four agreements with the City of Wichita related to the Health Department.

Before we proceed, I just want to take some time and recognize and kind of celebrate the progress that we've made on this item. Ten years ago, some of you were here and may remember I was tasked with looking at ways to consolidate different areas of the Health Department and that failed miserably. That was one of my biggest learnings in my life of how to handle negotiations and how you need to do things differently to be successful. Today, with the help of many people, we have been successful in transitioning the Health Department to what I think is going to be a better operation and improved services to the people of Sedgwick County.

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The things that we did differently this time, first of all, is the Commission was engaged and was very supportive of this process and wanted to make sure that the lines of communication stayed open. They did so with the various members of the City Council and they were engaged in this process and they wanted to make that happen. Again, it is that top-down directive that makes all the difference in the world that takes out the personal agendas of people in both organizations that have various reasons to not see this happen. So you need to be thanked and the City Council needs to be thanked. Also, along those lines, both managers, Bill Buchanan and Chris Cherches took the time to actively be involved in this to negotiate the process and make sure that every step of the way agreement was reached and understood so, again, personal agendas did not get in the way.

Finally, I want to thank Ernie Garcia who was my counterpart from the City of Wichita. Together, with him, we were able to prevent those personal agendas from stopping this process. For years we've heard the City and the County can't work together and Central should have barbed wire and all these things because they just can't communicate. I think today is a great example of how we can communicate, how we can get things done and an example of cooperation between governing bodies. Again, all the people involved need to be thanked and you need to be thanked for your hard work on this. Today, you have before you four agreements to be signed. One is the inter-local agreement that will spell out how the Health Department will look after the first of the year. The other three are least agreements that need to be signed. There will be some technical revisions, some small things that need to be changed and Bob Parnacott and Jay Hinkle, the City's Attorney, are working on that. I would ask that you approve these Agreements and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "I want to say thank you to you, Andy for all the work and dedication you've put to this project. I know this is something that did come from the top. Elected wanted to say how can we serve our community better. I want to thank Ernie Garcia for working with the City of Wichita and working with you, Andy and his City Council members in trying to get this put through. You're right, the community does say the City and the County doesn't get along. It is unfortunate because we were just talking at another press conference a week ago about how people have that perception. It is unfortunate that, for some reason in the press, all the things we do together and work together to make the community better, to put our resources together, to be more efficient doesn't seem to get in the news. This is certainly an example of how we have put our heads together and our resources together to serve our community better. Again, thank you to you and thank you Ernie Garcia and Manager Buchanan and Chris Cherches for all the work that you've done to do this. Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you Madam Chair. Andy and Ernie, I want to echo what the Chair has just said. I've been involved in negotiations in the past and I've been involved in this one, peripherally, with the electeds. I do understand a lot of hard work. At times emotions override intellect and a good negotiator just lets that tidal wave go past and keep your eyes focused on what the goal is. I'm going to be very supportive of this change because I feel we're starting to carve out an identity for this County that all the citizens that reside in the County can see and perceive the value of County government.

When I first came on this Board, and I was guilty of it before I came on, of making the comment I don't live in the County I live in the City of Wichita or I don't live in the County I live in Derby. That depressed me because I know of all the services that we provide. This is a direction that I've been hoping that we could start working toward, providing services that all citizens, regardless of where they live in Sedgwick County, in or outside of an incorporated community can identify 'oh yes, that is a service I receive from Sedgwick County', like our E.M.S., like 911, and now the segue into the Health Department being Sedgwick County Health Department.

I'm very excited and I want to compliment both of you on the yeoman's task of trying to manage elected to get the project done. However, I want to go to the inter-local agreement Have you got a copy of it in front of you? On page one on the definitions, it states that Sedgwick County herein after will be referred to as the Board and the City of Wichita here and after will be referred as Contractor. Do you see that in the beginning of the definitions? If I could direct you to page eight of the Contract, when it talks about funding, it states that the quarterly payments will be made by the Contractor to the City. I don't know if that is a mistake or how the Contractor can pay itself. How should this read?"

Mr. Schlapp said, "City should be crossed out and County should be inserted. That is one of the technical changes that has been made."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So you've already . . . I don't have to keep finding all the nitpicking that I've found."

Mr. Schlapp said, "It's helpful but we are looking at that in detail."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I just got confused about the City paying itself. I'm not going to point out the other ones. I didn't mean to embarrass you I just saw it there. That's all I have."

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Chair McGinn said, “Any other questions for Andy? If not, what's the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Agreements and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you Andy and thank you Ernie for coming over here today.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Madam Chair did we read all four into the record? I think it would be appropriate to at least read all four of them for the public record.”

Mr. Schlapp said, “Sure. The first Agreement is the intergovernmental agreement. The second agreement is a lease agreement for Health Department space located at 1900 East Ninth Street. The third agreement is a lease agreement for Evergreen Park Health Station located at 2700 North Woodland, Suite B. The fourth agreement is a lease agreement for Orchard Park Health Station located at 4808 West Ninth Street.”

Chair McGinn said, “That’s what our vote was about. Thank you very much.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And the only other comment is that what this continues to do is to allow each government to do what it does best. As a provider of health services and those kinds of things, it is just assigning the responsibilities under the umbrella of the government that can handle those responsibilities most efficiently. It is a very big positive thing. Congratulations this time around. I know ten years this was not good.”

Mr. Schlapp said, “Thank you.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

U. PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

Ms. Mary Dudley, M.D., District Coroner/Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Resolution that you have involves revising our fee schedules. You should have a copy of our current fee schedule and the proposed fee schedule. The fee schedule of the Regional Forensic Science Center has not been revised since they were initially established back in 1995. As you are aware, this does not involve fees for Sedgwick County citizens, these are mainly for our regional services. So this would be a proposed schedule for the services that we provide to out of County cases that we perform and laboratory studies and that sort of thing. It will help offset our operational costs. The proposed action is to approve this Resolution for the revised fee schedules and I'd be happy to entertain any questions you may have."

Chair McGinn said, "Dr. Dudley, we looked at the regional market and we're either at or below what is out there regionally."

Dr. Dudley said, "That's correct."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. First of all Dr. Dudley, thank you for the cookies, they were delicious. I think we all ingested more calories than we needed to. As I understand the fee changes, one of the reasons we are doing this, because these are for services that we provide for people outside of Sedgwick County who come in to use the Regional Forensic Center."

Dr. Dudley said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This ensures the fact that there will be no subsidy by Sedgwick County taxpayers to provide this service. In other words, they are going to be asked to pay the actual cost of what it is costing for these services."

Dr. Dudley said, "Yes."

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

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Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I'm going to be supportive of this fee schedule change. I did want to make a couple of comments. I agree completely with Commissioner Sciortino that we want to make sure that Sedgwick County taxpayers are not subsidizing other taxpayers. I certainly want to encourage you to stay in tune with what the market is out there in providing these services. I know that when we make this kind of change it does have an impact on our customer counties and a number of them are smaller counties and if they get a couple of deaths that require extensive kind of work it certainly puts a financial impact on them, especially the smaller counties as I mentioned.

I'm going to be supportive but I would certainly encourage you to think about what the real market value of your service is and not believe that we could just continue to raise these fees and generate revenue that we could use elsewhere here in Sedgwick County. But you did provide me with some additional information and I'm confident that we're not going to be overcharging these other counties. Again, when I'm involved with a number of those groups on the Kansas Association of Counties Boards and you see them, they do talk about a lot of difficulties they have and even this is an expense that they have trouble budgeting for and sometimes can become very much a hardship on their counties. Again, I'm going to be supportive of this but I hope that we all keep that in mind that it does have a negative impact on somebody. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "How many other counties and entities use our services?"

Dr. Dudley said, "We are currently providing services for approximately 44 counties in the State of Kansas."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is it pretty contiguous with Sedgwick County or are they scattered all over the state?"

Dr. Dudley said, "It is pretty much scattered all over the state and it really is also up to the county. We don't have a formal contract with the county, it is if they would like us to perform services for them they have the option of referring the cases and they are only charged on a case-by-case basis."

Commissioner Norton said, "What other options do counties have in the state besides our forensic center?"

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Dr. Dudley said, "As far as the pathology services, there are private pathologists that can perform those particular duties and services that they need up in Topeka and also in the western part of the state. Laboratory services they can use the K.B.I. and for toxicology, private laboratories and we are within the cost range of what the fees are charged within the state and also the surrounding states."

Commissioner Norton said, "And we provide all those services under one roof, is that correct?"

Dr. Dudley said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "Which is different than maybe farming it out to a toxicologist here, a pathologist and all the others."

Dr. Dudley said, "That's right, we are the only forensic science center with the other laboratories in-house in the state."

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

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you Madam Chair. I'll be very brief. First of all, Dr. Dudley, I want to compliment you and your staff. Since you've been on board you are finally bringing to fruition the dream that the County Commission has had for years, a real true regional forensic center. I understand some of the concerns that we have about our pricing, but I'm sure or at least I would encourage you to make sure we stay competitive. It is kind of akin to, I remember my previous employer, we had a pop machine and the manager wanted to keep that artificially low at twenty-five cents where every place else it was getting up to seventy-five cents for pop and we had people coming from all over, outside of our employees, and taking seven or eight of them home.

While it may be a little shock for some of our clients when we adjust these prices, it is still competitive and I don't think they can go to a better place than our regional forensic center, especially if our prices are the same, and then they can take benefit of the professional staff that you've been able to amass around you since you've been here. I congratulate you on that. That's all I have. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I agree with part of what Commissioner Sciortino said and I'll expand on that. Since you and part of your staff are here, I think he is correct in the facility is to a point where when we thought about building that facility in the very beginning I think you're getting very close to being there. I'd just say congratulations again to you and your staff. You're doing a great job. We're glad you're here. Betsy and I for sure remember when there was no such facility."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And we never got cookies from the other coroner either."

Commissioner Winters said, "Again, my comments weren't meant to say you weren't doing something right, it was just trying to keep in balance with everything as being a public service to this region. Commissioner Sciortino is right in my mind that this place is to the point where we really dreamed it would be. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions of Dr. Dudley?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the fee schedule.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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V. ADDITION OF ONE PART-TIME TRUANCY COORDINATOR POSITION, RANGE 20, TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Lisa Clancy, Assistant District Attorney, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here before you today to request an addition to our staffing table for a part-time position. This was brought to our attention through a supplemental grant, which I know that Mr. Mark Masterson was here today talking about extra monies that carried over from the Juvenile Justice Authority. They went out to bid, some of the monies and supplemental grants and we actually put in for a supplemental for a truancy immunization grant. That is for a part-time coordinator. Basically, what the part-time coordinator would be doing is assisting our full-time coordinator and also our office specialist in running the truancy department. Last year we had approximately 2,700 referrals from the schools all through Sedgwick County. We currently are over our limit that we had last year within these last three months. We are thrilled to be able to have a part-time staff through to our truancy department and I'm requesting that you authorize the additional staffing to our staffing table."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Lisa? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Does your truancy program, is prevention a part of your truancy program or is it more of a tracking and figuring out what is going on?"

Ms. Clancy said, "No, prevention is a big part of it. With all the referrals that we get, for example in the month of November we had over 200 referrals, and that is throughout Sedgwick County, all the schools. What we do at that point is we sort of distinguish where the severity levels are through each individual. A referral may come in and they may have just missed the statutory limit by maybe a few hours or something. What we do is we really look at individual cases, find out what the problem is, the severity level, and then address individual needs according to that. Yes, we do try to really prevent before it becomes a child in need of care case."

Commissioner Winters said, "I think we're going to be looking at our prevention venues again in the first quarter somehow and I think we want to be sure to include you all in that in thinking about what we need to be doing on some continued prevention."

Ms. Clancy said, "Absolutely. We really try to look very heavily into prevention with our juveniles so that it doesn't carry over to the adult."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay."

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Chair McGinn left at 12:00

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the addition to the District Attorney's Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Next item please."

Chair McGinn returned at 12:01

W. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The month of November 2001, we had over 55,000 people attend events at our building, 21 events, 33 individual performances. Net revenues were \$175,000. Some of the recurring events, the Wichita Farm Trade Expo, this is a recurring event. It has really solidified to be a very nice industry specific segment event, 240 exhibiting companies, 400 booths and over 12,000 people come through the doors. We're looking at a new five-year agreement. We might even expand from Pavilion I into Pavilion II for the next several years because the show is really growing. We're really happy about that.

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Then we had WWF Smack Down. Now this is one of the highest rated cable television programs in the country. The show was the 27th, which was a Tuesday, that is when it is shot and then it is sent back and cut and edited for national broadcast on Thursday. It is always nice to get some national exposure there, not only for Sedgwick County, but for the Kansas Coliseum. We had 60 individual tickets and other than that it was a sold-out event for us.

In the sports zone in November we had over 27,000 people attend nine Thunder Hockey games and one of the bright spots that we have experienced lately is our new concession concept, the Cadillac Bar & Grill and the Austin Blues barbeque stand. They have allowed us to maintain a \$.40 a head across the board increase in customer spending. That is really working out good for us. If we provide a good product and a pleasant atmosphere, the people will respond. We've been very encouraged by that and we're going to continue to seek ways to improve our concessions operation because that's where we get the majority of our revenues. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, any questions for John?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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X. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2001.

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Minutes of the December 13th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are nine items for your consideration.

**1) DEFERRED ITEM FROM DECEMBER 6, 2001 BID BOARD MINUTES
SURVEY EQUIPMENT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item one, survey equipment for Public Works. It was moved to reject all bids and resubmit at a later date.

**2) SPRAY EQUIPMENT- NOXIOUS WEEDS
FUNDING: NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Item two, spray equipment for the Noxious Weed Department. It was moved to accept the low bid meeting specifications from Vegetation Management for \$23,939.96.

3) PROPERTY SALE- CORRECTIONS/ FACILITY PROJECTS

Item three, property sale for the Corrections Department. It was moved to acknowledge that there were no bids received for the sale of County property located at 207-209 N. Emporia.

**4) ELECTROSTATIC PAINTING- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item four, electrostatic painting for Facilities Project. It was moved to accept the only bid received from Premier Electro Spray for \$12,840.

**5) DEMOLITION OF HOUSE, OFFICE & BUILDING- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item five, demolition of a house, office and building located at 512 N. St. Francis, 600 and 602 East Central. It was moved to accept the low bid of Cornejo & Sons for \$12,251.

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**6) PRINTERS FOR 1ST FLOOR PAYSTATION- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item six, printers for the first floor pay station. It was moved to accept the low bid of S.A.I. Computers for \$18,700.

**7) RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES- ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
FUNDING: SOLID WASTE**

Item seven, recycling collection services for Environmental Resources. It was moved to accept the only bid received from an annual contract with Waste Connections for an estimated monthly amount of \$13,251.50.

**8) TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWELS- SHERIFF & COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

Item eight, toilet paper and paper towels for the Sheriff and other County departments. It was moved to accept the low bid to contract of Southwest Paper for an estimated annual use cost of \$79,466.

**9) COPY MACHINES- DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FUNDING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Item nine, copy machine for the District Attorney's Office. It was moved to accept the low bid from Icon Office Solutions for \$25,668, plus the estimated maintenance cost for a five-year period for a grand total of \$29,868. Be happy to take any questions and recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

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

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Discussion? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a comment. On Number 7, as we add other locations, will that come back before us or will that be added just to the Waste Connections contract?"

Mr. Phipps said, "We can bring that back before you. We do have four new locations on our list, the Dillons on South Hydraulic, 37th & Woodlawn Dillons, a Leekers in Valley Center, and a Kraus Foods at Colwich. Those will be added."

Commissioner Norton said, "Are we putting them out for separate proposals or are we just adding?"

Mr. Phipps said, "Just adding to this."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. That's all I had."

Chair McGinn said, "I have a motion and a second, any further discussion? Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

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CONSENT AGENDA

Y. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. **One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-I, J, N 1/2 K; Webb Road between the north Wichita city limits and K-254. CIP# R-238. District #1.**

2. **Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010166	\$325.00	Butler	GY Knoop Trust
V010167	\$392.00	5	CC Strawn
V010168	\$324.00	5	Springcreek Apts. – Phase II
V010170	\$590.00	2	Country Walk Apts.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V98000	\$219.00	\$209.00
V2082	\$000.00	\$92.00
V01025	\$375.00	\$365.00
V2001	\$248.00	\$161.00
V20010	\$330.00	\$366.00
V200100	\$268.00	\$300.00
V200101	\$158.00	\$123.00
V2004	\$194.00	\$214.00

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4. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Kerri Billingsley	Clearwater Golf Course
Patrick D. Crowell	General Station
Mark Sroufe	Lake Afton Bait Shop
James W. Peters	Schulte Country Store
Mark C. Reed	Sedgwick County Zoological Society
Norman Massey, Jr.	M & F Beer Store

5. Out-of-cycle step increase from Appraiser III, step 3, to Appraiser III, step 5, in the Appraiser's Office.

6. Resolution authorizing destruction of routine financial records for the period 1949 – 1998.

7. Technical corrections to the Sedgwick County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual:

Policy 4.902: Career Development/Tuition Aid Program

8. Notifications of Grant Awards (six) for Title III Older American's Act Program for fiscal year 2002.

9. Authorization per K.S.A. 79-2012 to withhold delinquent personal property taxes under the County Treasurer's certification dated December 12, 2001.

10. Order dated December 12, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

11. Payroll Check Registers (two) of December 7 and December 14, 2001.

12. General Bills Check Register of December 15, 2001.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend your approval with the addition of an Off Agenda plat. The name of the plat is Making 8 Ranch. I would recommend your approval of the Consent Agenda with that addition."

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of the Making 8 Ranch plat.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "We need to recess this meeting."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Fire District meeting at 12:07 p.m. and returned at 12:10 p.m.

Chair McGinn said, "I'll bring back the meeting of the Board of County Commissioner's Regular Meeting. Is there any other business to come before this Board?"

Z. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have two things. One, this is our last meeting before the Christmas holiday and I would like to wish all of our constituents out there in TV land holiday greetings and whether that holiday is Christmas or Hanukah or Ramadan, I would like to extend the best greetings to everyone.

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The second thing is I had the chance to go by the Salvation Army distribution center yesterday and did a little volunteer time. It is in the old Montgomery Wards building in the Wichita Mall and they are still needing volunteer help and I would encourage staff and people out listening to us if they would like to do a little holiday volunteer work that the Salvation Army could use their help. Their distribution will be tomorrow from seven in the morning to about seven at night and they'll have around 5,000 clients and families coming through there. It is a pretty big deal to distribute the packages, certificates, and vouchers. You can't believe the number of bicycles that have shown up at the Salvation Army. I think, every child that needed a bike through that Angel Tree or one of their Stars of Hope is going to get taken care of. If you have a little time and would like to volunteer the Salvation Army could use that. Otherwise, have a great holiday. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other business?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'd like to echo that too because this is our last meeting. If anybody is still watching after this four-hour marathon, I'd like to wish them a Merry Christmas and encourage them not to forget the reason for the season."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, potential litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 12:20 p.m.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. and returned at 12:44 p.m.

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Let the record show there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Mr. Euson, do you have some comments?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes sir. While in Executive Session we discussed the settlement of a claim with Wesley Hospital in the amount of \$18,183.14. I would recommend that settlement for your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved approve the settlement.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I do have a question. If anyone has any questions, Mr. Euson will you be here to explain what all that was about?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, I will."

Vice Chair Sciortino said, "Is there any other action to come before this Board? This meeting is adjourned."

AA. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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