

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 5, 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 5, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Vice Chair Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director, Diversity and Employee Relations; Mr. Dale Miller, Current Plans Supervisor, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Troy Bruun, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Mr. Andy Schlapp, Project Manager, Division of Community Development; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Wichita State University Self-Help Network.
Mr. Ron Pasmore, Director and CEO, KETCH, Inc.
Mr. Jeff Usher, Program Officer, Kansas Health Foundation.
Dr. John A. Brooks, 3400 S. 143rd St. E., Wichita, Ks.
Mr. John H. Lohnes, 3459 S. 143rd St. E., Wichita, Ks.
Ms. Robin Justice, Program Director, Regional Nurse Manager, Air Evac Lifeteam.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Carolyn Brown of First Unitarian Universalist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, November 14, 2001

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 14th, 2001.

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes of November

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14th. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2001.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

1. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT

- **JACQUELINE COOK, EMS**
- **DAVID EDWARDS, FIRE**
- **SHERRI FOUNTAIN, EMS**
- **PAMELA MACGRATH, COMCARE**
- **ALICE PARKER, CORRECTIONS**

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- **JANET BAPTIST, APPRAISER'S OFFICE**
- **JACQUELINE COOK, EMS**
- **GINA ROMAN, AUTO LICENSE**

3. CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **CAROL FLOWER, CORRECTIONS**
- **SABRINA HENRY, APPRAISER'S OFFICE**

Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am very pleased to be here today to congratulate some County employees for their commitment to deliver quality public service by taking some required and elected courses to complete career development certificates in the Supervisory Management program, the Professional Development program and the Customer Service program that we have. We thank you for your support of this program and we thank their department heads and supervisors as well for letting them attend these courses and completing these certificates. I know that you'll be pleased as well to join me in congratulating these employees.

If I could have all my recipients come up today. First of all, we have several who have completed the Supervisory Management development certificate. First is Jacqueline Cook from EMS. Next we have David Edwards from the Fire District, Sherri Fountain, also from EMS, Pamela MacGrath from COMCARE. Alice Parker, who is from Corrections but could not be here this morning.

Completing their Professional Development certificate we have Janet Baptist from the Appraiser's department, Jacqueline Cook again from EMS, Gina Roman, Auto License.

Also this morning, we have two individuals completing their Customer Service certificate, Carol Flower from the Department of Corrections and Sabrina Henry from the Appraiser's department. Thank you, Commissioners."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, I certainly want to congratulate all of you for receiving these certificates. I know that this is work over and above what your daily responsibilities are, but it's that extra effort that you put in that helps make our county better. So, we certainly appreciate the time and effort that you put into this. Congratulations and thank you, Jo for putting together the program.

Next item please."

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CITIZEN INQUIRY

B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE “CELEBRATE SAFELY CAMPAIGN.”

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, “Madam Chair, I don’t see Karole Bradford in this meeting.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, if she shows up, let’s just let her talk later.”

Chair McGinn said, “That’s what I was thinking.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “I would defer this item until some other time.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer Item B until later on in the Meeting.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

PRESENTATIONS

C. PRESENTATION REGARDING COORDINATED ACTIVITY BETWEEN

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SEDGWICK COUNTY FUNDERS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Wichita State University Self-Help Network, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Great to see you here this morning and to be back again. Here to report to you progress made since last year, when you received the report from the WSU Hugo Walls Center done by Nancy McCarthy Snyder. Dr. Snyder’s report was presented to you officially in November of last year and you asked a very good question after that. And that question amounted to two words, ‘So what?’ What are we going to do with this report and we came back to you and said ‘Let’s use this report as a starting point and not as a finished product’. And let’s use this report as an opportunity to bring people together, rather than to hand people a set of rules and expectations. And a strong message came from you and County Manager Bill Buchanan that we needed a process that was about building relationships between non-profits and the County. And then, as we proceeded, we learned that it needed to be about more than just the County, but all funders that have relationships with these non-profits. So, today I’m here to talk to you about what happened over the past year.

And the first thing that we talked about a little bit was the fact that this study was funded, both by the County and by the Kansas Health Foundation. And we were asked, at that point, to go forth and not go forth by ourselves but let’s put together a set of folks from around the community that represent both funders and non-profits to go forward. And in your handout you see, after the slide show, the very first white page is a list of design team members, the original list and then that list that grew over time. It’s a nice representative group of non-profits and funders from the community.

In January, the funders and non-profits met for the first time and the design team said to us, ‘Let’s not jump right into the report’ in terms of its content. Let’s talk about the kind of relationships and how we want to work together. And so, you’ll see a green sheet there that talks about we went through our history together and some of the issues that have happened, as non-profits and funders over the years. And it’s a great experience, just building a bridge to the future, based on some of the things that we had been through. And these were some of the primary statements that came out, you know. How do we want to work together, in terms of how we communicate? Keeping processes simple, making sure that what we do is based on actual needs, let’s be creative but let’s look at outcomes.

So, talked a lot about sort of the ground rules for working together in the future. We also decided to add additional funders, as I mentioned. And the County and the Kansas Health Foundation decided that this really needs to be, along with you, an ongoing process. And we remember thinking, ‘How do we take this report and make a difference in one session?’ And at that point, we got the word, from County Manager Bill Buchanan, we will know when we’re done. Let’s go forward and start

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working together and see where it takes us. So, instead of putting pressure on ourselves to get something done in one meeting and then to expect that to really change the system, we began working together as partners.

The first thing we decided to do was to work on something we're both concerned about and that's contract development and monitoring processes. We decided that this would be the carrot that would get people involved and it wasn't abstract. It was very direct. It was very detailed. It had to do with some ways that we work together.

In May, we had a second large group meeting and at that time they decided how to go forward with these two topics and put together what we refer to as the longest break-out session in recorded history. What happened was they decided to work, over the summer, on a set of tasks and charges that they gave to each other. And so, this was kind of a development of a core-funder group which is listed on the second page, on the white page following the design team. And these groups met through the summer. A core group of funders, which was expanded from the original group and then a group of non-profits got together and worked throughout the summer on a number of different tasks. Tasks that they actually gave each other to do. So, they decided what they would be doing and it was kind of fun to watch them sort of assign tasks to each other and decide these are the things that really need to be worked on.

Then they agreed to meet on October 5th, so they had an actual deadline. So, we used kind of the theme of we were cultivating and planting seeds at this point. In October, we would meet for the harvest.

Some of the things that the non-profits worked on were the possible roles of local, non-profit driven accreditation processes. And, at that time, they were discussing the possibility of having some kind of a local group do accreditation to help build the capacity and the infrastructure of non-profits. That changed, over time, but that's where we started in the summer, possible structure of an area not-for-profit organization. This non-profit organization, how would it be conceptualized? What would be its role? How would a group of non-profits get together and work together in a constructive way to build their own capacity and deal with their own issues and provide mentoring

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to one another, challenge one another and also speak in a common voice about the needs that they have. And the concept of a chamber of service was forwarded and the charge was given to the non-profits to explore that idea.

Both groups decided that they wanted to talk about how they could be better partners and stronger partners in contract negotiations and then they also talked about what they would like to have, as their role in the contract development process.

For the funders, they were asked to talk about the role of the funder in capacity building. What would they do to help the capacity needs and building the abilities and the infrastructure of the non-profits to be able to handle the challenges that exist out there right now in the area of non-profit management? They also decided that they'd go across all these funders groups and they decided what they had in common, in terms of monitoring things and in terms of expectations that they had, in terms of request for proposal expectations and processes and one of the documents that you have in front of you is a kind of a blue/ aqua type color and it actually has what are all the various things that the funders, the product there, what do they have in common and how do they cross over each other, in terms of expectations for the non-profits.

They wanted to also look for ways in which they could be involved in the monitoring of . . . partnership, more of a partnership in monitoring of non-profits. How could they be more of a partner, rather than a reviewer. And also talked a little bit about preferred roles in their contract development process.

So, some of the products that you see in front of you is discussion of the value of national accreditation. What happened, over the summer, is the group said 'Let's not do local accreditation'. It's a lot of work. We're not sure where it's going to lead us. We're creating, perhaps, more work than really we'll get some kind of an outcome for. But they did say let's go forward and say if an organization has national accreditation, how does the monitor, the reviewer or the funder use that accreditation to get the most impact out of that process that they had invested in going through. So, that's one of the processes that they decided to work on. You'll see a product from that on a goldenrod sheet at the back of your packet, where they have recommended uses of accreditation in the monitoring process. So, what we're saying here is if you're coming in to monitor an

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organization and they're accredited, then how should you be involved in their accreditation and how should you be using their information that comes out of accreditation.

They also presented the possible structure and design of the chamber of service. That's in the packet as well. That would be in the purple or lavender one, talking about the non-profits products from the summer. They have some recommendations for how they could be better partners in building contracts, the process.

And then, also, there's a white paper, so to speak, being passed between the two groups and that began over the summer, where the non-profits wanted a clarification. When you, as a funder, are both a service provider and you are a funder how do you go about managing that role? And so, the funders put together an initial paper that they talked about that role and what they did to manage their responsibilities within that role. They sent that over to the non-profits and the non-profits said, 'Great, we agree with all that. Now we have more questions.' And so, they sent over another set of questions and so we have this sort of dialogue process going on between the two groups, with a product coming out of it that's really about clear communication. And perhaps some of the feelings around this issue have been generated by a lack of understanding of how things are managed when you're in that dual role. And so, this is a process that continues on, now. The funders just met last week and they were discussing some additional responses that came back from several questions that came from the non-profits.

They also began to even talk about capacity building and what does it mean. The funder group gave these common monitoring ideas and what are the commonalities between how they operate. They gave a checklist for early warning signs. This document came out of the original Nancy McCarthy Snyder report. If you remember, there was a warning sign. Sometimes it was referred to as dashboard. Lights would go on and we would see if there was a problem. That's had several new generations of evolution. It went from a warning list to a technical assistance indicator checklist. So, you need technical assistance if these kinds of issues are happening. And just last week, the funders changed it to a set of guidelines for a strong non-profit. And the idea of that is that this is an internal document for a non-profit to take and that document, as it is at this point, is on a yellow sheet. This is a document for every non-profit to review themselves with and then, the idea is, is that we're communicating well enough and we will be communicating well enough that

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they can ask for help in these areas. So, it's not a strong 'We're going to hammer you with these ideas' but 'We're going to discover where areas of development can happen', together and individually, as a non-profit. So, the funders look at this list with the non-profits and can discuss these and say, 'Hey, look, if a strong non-profit has these characteristics, how are you doing in those areas?' So, we'll see this evolve, as time goes on. So, less of a dashboard, perhaps, and more of an interactive process is really what people want to do.

And the other concept of if there's two lights that go off on the dashboard, then you do something or if there's three things that happen, you do something. Non-profits and funders kind of said, 'No. One of those lights could go off and it could be really important.' And so, let's not make a threshold number of indicators of when there's a problem or not. Let's just use this as a tool, a guideline for strong organizations. So, that's how that's evolving. They also produced what their role would be, as both funder and provider. That's the white paper I referred to. And then definition of capacity building came out and that continues to be developing.

So, we're back to the question 'So what?' And really, that question, the answer to that question has evolved into a relationship between expert input, the kinds of things that we can get from the Hugo Walls Center, and other experts that are available, national trends, best practices being combined with local talent that the non-profits and the funders have. There's an incredible amount of expertise that exists in this community and we are recognizing it and using it. Combining that to find opportunities for concrete planning together, creating partnerships and discovering and implementing best practices. So, what this report has really led to is not a set of things we will do, it is a way that we will live, breathe and work together and we will continue to work together, throughout the future.

So, when we came back together in October, we decided we'll not have this local accreditation, we will not create a common depository for monitoring information. That's was one of the ideas is that all of the information from every agency would come to one place and then the funders would all come to that place and get that information. And the diversity, still, of when that information is needed and when it would need to be updated made some of these things that sound good become sort of huge things to maintain, that may not be as useful as originally thought. So, this group has done some things to work together but they've also decided what they're not going to do together, which is just as valuable sometimes.

Completed projects, you see that we've agreed on some best-practices regarding how we use accreditation. Some things that we're working on, this early warning sign process, you see that. It's turned in now to some guidelines for strong non-profits. And then, one of the exciting

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developments that we'll be telling you about in just a moment is that 20 non-profits representatives are getting together to discuss the initiation of a chamber of service in this community for building their own capacity to do their jobs well and they're discussing now exactly what structure that will have and exactly what kind of function that particular group will have in the future.

Other works in progress, there continues to be a dialogue between this dual role of funder and service provider. I see that coming closer to an end, but I see also still legitimate questions and great answers that are going back and forth. There's also some discussion, which we expect now probably in January to be more of a large group dialogue around the RFP process. Question and answer between all of the funders that attend and all of the non-profits, exactly how do all of these various requests for proposal processes work and how do we get our voice heard before the request for proposal comes out and how do we get all of our questions answered when the request for proposal is presented. And what these various funders are willing to do and what they're not willing to do and why they don't do certain things, out of fairness to all potential applicants, and so forth. So, there's some questions and answers and we expect that to be more in a dialogue process in January.

And then, finally, we are working on the capacity building definition and example of activities, along with Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder and the Self-Help Network group is working in that area as well. A lot of information, a lot of things have been happening. We wanted to have an opportunity for you today to hear from some of our partners in the process. So, we've asked Ron Pasmore from KETCH to come and speak for a while and then also Jeff Usher. We'll have Ron come forward first and talk from the perspective of a non-profit involved in this ongoing partnership process and then Jeff Usher will talk about the funder's perspective."

Mr. Ron Pasmore, Director and CEO, KETCH, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't have a lot of comments. I wanted to speak a little bit to the local non-profit association idea that came out. Those of us that participated in the summer work group brought together a lot of different organizations that don't normally get together. We represented a variety of different areas, all in the human service arena. We discovered, through the summer, that a lot of our organizations are at different levels within our own internal capacity. We also discovered we all see different areas of the community in needing to address community capacity.

The idea about having a local non-profit association is to create a self-help group, if you will. There's a lot of self-help that could be done across non-profit organizations in helping us with our internal organizational capacities. A lot of that has to do with the size of the non-profit, the age of the non-profit, how long have they been in business. I think, too, all non-profits face very similar challenges in just their internal organizational capacity. Working with volunteers, recruiting volunteer board members, training board members, looking at our administrative systems, our financial systems there's a lot of commonalities and I think we can all gain a lot from learning from

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each other.

A second point that I believe is kind of important. We all do different things but it's all focused on meeting needs of our community. Having this association, I believe, is going to create some opportunities for us to begin looking at collaboration, over time. Sometimes, when organizations don't associate with each other, they focus in on what their mission is but it may leave gaps in the community. People that . . . needs that aren't being met and by being together, organization that serve different arenas in the human service area I think it will create more opportunities for collaboration and better serving our community.

I can't really give you any specifics. We're going to have our first meeting Friday and we're going to begin talking about how can it be organized, what should the structure look like, what should be its real purpose and how are we going to sustain it, over time. I've been told by other executive directors, that have been around for a while, that this has been tried in the past and it hasn't worked. And we're going to have some of those folks there and I hope to learn what was tried and why didn't it work. Because I think this could really benefit not only the organizations that fund programs, but the whole community at large. I'll take any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "We don't have any yet, Ron. Thank you."

Mr. Jeff Usher, Program Officer, Kansas Health Foundation, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Kevin pointed out, the report came out in November but the Kansas Health Foundation became engaged in this process back in March of 2000, when we partnered with the County to do this study to try to actually prevent fiscal and programmatic problems with public use of non-profit agencies to provide services in Sedgwick County. The Kansas Health Foundation of course was interested in that, in our role of capacity building across the State of Kansas. And of course, being here in Sedgwick County, we're also very interested in this community as a whole.

One of the things we thought this study was going to do was give us kind of 'Here's the fix'. What we found out, just by reading the study, was that there are some major issues and those issues centered around relationships and trust. And that's when we started moving and realizing this is going to take a lot of work. It's tough work. But I think that the results of this work has been fabulous and one of the things that we did find out is that we have wonderful not-for-profits using public funds to provide services that do it very well. In fact, 95% do it very well. We do have problems. I think one of the things that we also have found out is that the early warning signs, usually we know them. There are just barriers to try to figure out how do we solve some of those problems before it gets too late. And again, the key to figure out how to solve those problems is

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again based on trust and relationship building. And so, that's one of the things we found out.

The final solution, of course, I think and the theme is this ongoing. A relationship doesn't end, once a product is delivered. So, I think the concept the non-profits are working with to develop some kind of chamber of service is a wonderful concept that will help support the ongoing dialogue with funders and not-for-profits in Sedgwick County. And I'd like to say that the Kansas Health Foundation would be pleased to continue to support and be a partner in that process. Thank you. Any questions?"

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Do you have a question for Jeff? Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Mr. Usher, as you know, Sedgwick County is a funder also. Now, are the funder's groups, if I heard you right, they're getting more and more comfortable that this process is going to get us to a point where there's more harmony between the funders and the providers and a little bit less of a confrontational type approach."

Mr. Usher said, "I think as dialogue continues and people begin to understand the reasons funders do certain things, both the non-profits and the funders, that reduces some of that tension. I think there's always going to be a little bit of tension between funders and non-profits. That's a reality. But we have to strive, as funders and non-profits, to understand each other and continue to work towards that understanding."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guess I'm speaking for myself, but I think I'm speaking for the County too. We view ourselves as actually customers of the providers and we're purchasing a service from them and I think that it's not uncommon to expect that that service has a certain guarantee or a warranty that we're going to get the product that we felt that we were purchasing and I'm in hopes that the providers will also agree that there has to be some way of assuring the funders that, yes, this product is deliverable the way it was presented because the only leverage that we have on them is to withdraw the funding. And if I'm hearing you correctly, you're comfortable that we're starting to move in that direction."

Mr. Usher said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, that's great. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Well, it sounds like a lot of work has gone into this, Kevin. You might want to come back up here. I don't have any specific questions for you but I think we may have here before we're done. I remember when we started this process, a year ago, and it was very much needed because we have a lot of people out there in our community that certainly want to serve the community and we know we have a limited amount of funds so how will we do that in

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the best possible way. What I think is interesting, you guys have grappled with all these issues and going through all of this and one of the things that you came out with . . . or two things, if I wrote them down correctly, we don't want an accreditation process and we don't want this centralize unit that everybody goes to. And when you said that I'm thinking, 'Oh, government red tape' and that's exactly what you don't want and so, I think that's very good information to come out with. And then you talk about what the real issue is, relationships and trust. And I think that we can, when we think about businesses or anything we do, it really does boil down to that a great deal.

I like this idea of chamber of services, as I'm looking forward to hearing how that works and if it is successful because when I look at this list of the individuals from the non-profits and the funders and the folks that have been involved in this, we've got some of the best people in our community putting their heads together and coming up with solutions about how we serve our community with some of the social service providing entities that we do. So, anyway I just wanted to say thank you and Ron and Jeff, thank you and others that aren't here today for taking extra time to help us put together a process in our community that will work better. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. Well, as an observer of non-profits for a lot of years, not only as an individual donator and funder but now someone in government who helps fund and as a board member and as a volunteer, I think this is awesome. The word that I heard that I really like is collaboration. I think it's paramount that non-profits and funders start using all the protocols and disciplines that they have and share them with each other because some of the bigger non-profit entities can help some of the smaller ones if they'll just share information on how they set up their board, how they apply for grants, all of those things that all of them have to do. So, I think that word collaboration is huge.

I'm interested in who the original chamber services members will be. Is that going to be a set number? Is everybody invited that's a non-profit? I mean, it seems like it would be unwieldy if all the sudden 80-90 non-profits show up next Friday or whenever the first meeting is."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Ron, did you want to address that? How many do we look at having at the first meeting?"

Mr. Pasmore said, "I think we're going to have about 20 people there Friday. I envision it as something being open to any non-profit organization that wants to be a part of it. So, we have a statewide organization called the Kansas Non-Profit Association. We've talked about possibly this being a local chapter within that and they've indicated that they don't have that anywhere else but

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they would be pleased to see that. But the intent would be to be open to anybody.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Where is that meeting going to be? It’s this Friday.”

Mr. Pasmore said, “Yes, we’re going to meet at the Wichita Child Guidance Center.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. Could someone be a fly on the wall and observe that?”

Mr. Pasmore said, “Sure. It’s going to be from 1:30 till about 3:30 and Kevin and his group, they’re going to help by facilitating that meeting, so we kind of move along.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, great.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That’s all I had.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I just wanted to make two quick points. Kevin, wanted to say it’s nice to see you back at the podium at Sedgwick County. Over the years, we’ve seen Kevin there many times and we certain think that it appears like you’re doing good work at WSU but it’s nice to have you back. And then, just say thanks to Ron and Jeff for being here, plus all the others that have been working here. I think this is . . . kind of started out, folks didn’t know exactly perhaps where it was headed but I just thought about a dozen things while you were talking today. And as Ron said, you know so much depends on the size of the agency, the age, what the organization is like and on one hand you know you begin to see things that become more bureaucratic. But on the other hand, when you see agencies really mature and the long standing community institutions handling big budgets, there is going to be some need for training, re-training, better training, better understanding of how budgets work, better understanding of how personnel issues work and I think, better understanding of how non-profit boards work and I think, this just really looks like good material to me. So, I’d say thank you, Kevin, to you and to everyone else who’ve been involved in this. I know there’s been a lot of folks involved in it but I sure hope that everybody continues to remember that as Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, we’re just trying to make these kinds of organizations the best they could possibly be with our help and it’s certainly not in any kind of adversarial way.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “I think that message has been loud and clear. Your presence at some of these meetings has been great. We’ve gotten a lot of positive feedback about not only your presents but the funders and then various levels of individuals from those funding groups participating actively.

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What I hear from non-profits is that's a message to them that it matters. That you care what happens and that you are speaking truth and you're being honest when you talk about partnerships."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you very much."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just to echo what my colleagues have said, I guess it's always comforting to know when there's a small voice out in the wilderness kind of speaking an idea that sooner or later people begin to hear it and come together to be a part of that and make it a big voice for service and for the people we all represent. And from me personally, there's nothing better than answering that 'So what' question. So, thank you for that information today."

Chair McGinn said, "Again, thank you and you know I mentioned this before and I'll say it again, I know this started because of the social services and those types of things, but when I think about a board that I'm on, Cowtown and the board that Betsy's on, which is the zoo, and we're all on different boards, hopefully some of the information and material you come up with, we can expand it to those folks as well. All right, thank you, thank you for being here today."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

D. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE BUILDING BRIDGES RACE RELATIONS INITIATIVE.

Ms. Sue Castile, Executive Director, The National Conference for Community and Justice, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to present to you this morning. I'm Sue Castile with NCCJ and with me is Lucretia Taylor with Sedgwick County and also an NCCJ board member. I would like to thank some of my other board members for joining us this morning. Deputy Chief Terry Moses, Sister Tarcisia Roths, Susan Smith and Joan Phillips. We are all excited to tell you a little bit about what's happened with the initiative in the past year.

I was really pleased to hear Kevin and Jeff use the word dialogue so many times. Actually, I tried to count, but I lost count. That's exactly what I want to talk with you about this morning. It's a critical component to beginning to solve any kind of community problem and broadening our understanding. The mission of the initiative has been to build bridges and increase respect among people of different races, religions and cultures and we chose to emphasize the dialogue format because it's designed to enhance mutual understanding. And it also encourages citizens to have a voice and to become involved.

Since January of 2001, nearly 400 citizens have participated, representing about 75 organizations from social services, educational institutions, government, law enforcement, faith, various community groups and they've taken place, literally, all over the community including churches, schools, police substations and even bookstores. We've trained about 80 facilitators.

And in February of 2001, nearly 70 faith leaders gathered to discuss ways that they could address issues of racism within their congregation. In April, we hosted a faith leaders panel discussion and that was important, because we had a panel of folks talk to other faith leaders from their perspective about how important it is to do this within their congregation. Eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is recognized across America as one of the most segregated hours of the week.

In April of 2000 [sic] we also held an action forum. Many of those dialogue participants came together and made a commitment to continue to work on some of the issues that they had identified in their small group conversations. Some of those issues that we're working on at this time are the achievement gaps between . . . for students of color, the over representation of students of color in special education, as well as the under representation of students of color in gifted classes. And the

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Wichita Public Schools have been wonderful and very cooperative. This is an issue that faces many districts across the country. The staff here, with the Wichita Public Schools, have been innovative and creative in trying to come up with ways that begin to address this in our community.

We also are working with ways to increase and improve relationships between local police officers and youth, young adults. In October, WSU hosted a building bridges week of anti-violence to commemorate the tragedy of September 11th. NCCJ and the Building Bridges Initiative were part of that process and hosted a film series. I think this is really an important piece, because while Mayor Knight actually launched the initiative, it's a community process. What the community will carry forward and make happen, after that initial launch, is what's really critical.

The panel presentation highlighted the importance of building bridges in a violent world, it was organized by faculty representatives for their student organization. In October we held a series of events. Those were mostly organized by one of the task forces, comprised of volunteers of the initiative and the drama and arts task force. And we hosted multiple events relating to racial and social justice for youth. Poetry slams are kind of a new thing. I guess they've been happening all over the country. We held the first one in Wichita and had about 150 students and adults attend that and participate in a local competition and had some national guest speakers come in for the finals. We also were able to participate in a training with Partners Against Hate. One of NCCJ's staff and a local law enforcement representative attended a training in North Carolina. Partners Against Hate is an organization that is supported and partially founded by the Department of Education and it's designed to help faculty and middle school students identify hate crimes and intervention techniques and to intervene before things escalate to a point of violence.

I'd like to let Lucretia speak for a few minutes, as someone whose been involved in the initiative and an employee of Sedgwick County and share her perspective of the value of the dialogue process."

Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director, Diversity and Employee Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Sue had talked about dialogue and it's very, very important and so I wanted to share my experiences here as an employee with Sedgwick County and also as a board member of NCCJ. Back in the spring, the County Manager and his senior staff, we embarked on a six-week dialogue on race and racism and going into that process. I must admit, I was a little bit skeptical at first because I didn't believe that individuals could be honest and open about things that can be very, very personal and very, very hurtful and deep and share experiences.

But what came out of that six weeks was something that I will truly never forget, because

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individuals were open and honest about race, racism, their backgrounds, how this shaped them. I think this is such an important thing, not only for this organization but for our community. The individuals from different backgrounds who have different experiences can sit down at a table, share open and honest dialogue and also come up with some things to do, some action plans and to become individuals who can better understand each other. And I think that is very, very important.

So, the many events and things that Sue has mentioned are very important for this community, especially in light of what has happened on September 11th. I think we need to have more dialogue, to be more open and honest with one another and to look at our differences, celebrate those differences and understand those differences and we can only accomplish that through dialogue.

I am so honored and pleased to be part of this organization who is committed to diversity, who is committed to open and honest dialogue. We are also working with our Diversity Committee. We've begun to do a dialogue. We started in November and we'll have our last dialogue session next week, actually next Wednesday in doing the dialogue process, in dealing with differences within our own organization.

I think our Diversity Committee is one place to start but we can certainly replicate the process countywide, have all County employees participate in the dialogue. It is meaningful. I must admit, it is very, very meaningful. It is a meaningful process. That's all I can say. It's just a meaningful process. It's one that I certainly have enjoyed doing and, again, I would like to thank you, Commissioners, the Manager certainly for allowing this process to happen within our own organization. What I told Sue yesterday and what I truly believe is that what affects one affects us all in our community. If there is racism in our community, it not only affects the individual or the group that believes that there is racism or discrimination, but it affects us as a community as a whole. We cannot grow and prosper as a community if one person is left behind, if one person feels disenfranchised, or if one person feels discriminated against or not a part of this process in our community. So I think, as an organization, we have to insure that no one is left behind, no one is disenfranchised and everyone has a full voice within our community. So, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Lucretia."

Ms. Castile said, "Thank you, Lucretia. I would certainly entertain any questions. I'd also like to invite you and encourage you to come to our annual meeting on December 11th at Newman University where you'll hear more about this initiative and our other programs and how we've been involved in the community."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, I want to thank you, Sue for being here. We're about to complete the

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second year and I know you and many of the folks that work with you and others that volunteer have worked very diligently over that period of time going out into the community and putting together some of these dialogue sessions.

I was involved in one of the pilot dialogue sessions and when I heard Lucretia say, "A little skeptical at first" I can remember my first session and, you know, wondering what I'm walking into and all that. And about after the second session, everybody is very comfortable with themselves and everybody really starts opening up and so, it certainly helped me understand other cultures. It allowed me an opportunity to ask questions that I had that I didn't have answers for and it certainly was an opportunity to enrich my life. And so I was very happy that I was a part of that but I also want to extend a thank you to Manager Bill Buchanan, because we came back with that and he took it to the next step and he has his senior staff dialogue group that come together and he had them go through that same program so that they could take it to some of their employees and that kind of thing. And so, I want to commend him for taking a stand on that.

And it sounds like we are getting out in there and Lucretia explains that we've got more work to do. We have quite a few employees but it sounds like we've taken the first step of getting there. And so, again, I want to say thank you for coming back, Sue, and giving us kind of an update of what's going on and wish you continued success. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, certainly anytime we talk about tolerance and understanding and inclusion in today's environment it's important. Those words cannot go away from our lexicon. We have to use those words every day. I guess one of my questions is, after September 11th, what we think about ethnicity and race and religion and culture changed. I think a lot of people thought in Wichita, Kansas of race issues as black and white. Now we know it's beyond that. It's also not about skin color. It's about thought processes and backgrounds and where you grow up and what your core values are, what you're belief mechanisms are.

Mayor Knight really struck the initiative. He pushed it for a year. That was a national initiative. Where do we go from here, now that that's kind of washed away? I think it's critical that this doesn't stop and I know NCCJ has had that as a value since their inception but where does the community go now? I mean, shortly the mayor is not going to be the charge on this. That's kind of diminished a little bit. It's not a national issue anymore. At least it doesn't have that mechanism.

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We need to be powerful, as a community, in continuing this dialogue. So I guess is where do we go now? It's interesting to me when you said the most segregated hour in the United States is eleven o'clock on a Sunday. People are in church and they go to their church that they feel comfortable with their ethnicity and background and values. How do we break a lot of that down and where do we go from here, as a group?"

Ms. Castile said, "I want to thank you for posing that question because that's critical. We can't make significant enough progress on any major issue in our community in a three year time span and your recognition of County Manager Bill Buchanan is exactly where we go from here. This has to become a community owned initiative and many organizations have done one or two or three dialogues and that's wonderful and it's a good place to start but we have to go much deeper than that in those organizations.

So, the process I think is still critical to the issue itself and we need community leadership to continue talking about this topic to keep it on the table and in front of people and to not lose interest. As a society, we're very fast paced, dramatically changing demographics and we have a tendency to focus on one thing and then quickly more to another and certainly there are many other important issues as well, but we must keep this in front of people and that's how we need your help and support."

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

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Thank you. Any other questions for Sue? Again, thank you for being here today and thank all of you that have come in support and all of the time that you spend on this and so, please come back and give us more updates."

Ms. Castile said, "Thank you very much."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Commissioners, do I have a Motion to receive and file?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- E. CASE NUMBER CON2001-00050 – RESOLUTION REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW ANIMAL CARE, GENERAL, LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF 143RD STREET EAST AND 31ST STREET SOUTH. DISTRICT #5.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Dale Miller, Current Plans Supervisor, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is a request for a Conditional Use to permit animal care, general. In fact, what the applicant's asking for is the ability to operate a large animal veterinarian clinic. The applicant currently has a veterinarian practice specializing in equine medicine in Butler County and he wants to move back into Sedgwick County. The applicant actually owns approximately 40 acres in kind of this L shape here that is located east of 143rd and south of 31st Street South. The Conditional Use area is just this approximately 10 acres in size area and, as I said, he has a current practice in Butler County he wants to use to this location. He currently has his own stallions there today but since he's going to be operating the vet clinic, he needs the Conditional Use.

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Here's an aerial that shows the site more clearly. Typically, the Commission doesn't hear Conditional Uses except for in the case of a protest or an appeal and, in this case, we did have an appeal from a nearby property owner. Property owner that lives in this area here owns approximately 55 acres altogether on the west side of 143rd Street did file an appeal stating that he had concerns about the use of this drive off of 143rd as the primary access to the vet facility. The person that filed the appeal, his drive is here, approximately 640 feet south. The next closest drive is up here, approximately 800 feet to the north. The appeal letter indicated a concern that this is an unpaved road. That there would be additional noise generated by this particular location being used, that there may be children playing on 143rd Street and what he would rather see is for the applicant to come up this way and use 31st Street as the primary access point to the facility. As you can see, it is quite a little bit more distance than what they're proposing today.

This is the site plan as it's laid out. You can see the barn facility, the drive on the ten acres as you get to the application area. This is the barn as it is today, on the west side of it looking east. Looking to the north, looking south, west and southwest. Not sure one can see, but the residence of the person filing the application would be back in this area somewhere. They are somewhat southwest of the barn area and then back to the aerial.

Planning Commission did recommend approval of this, subject to nine conditions that are contained in your staff report. Just to make a clarification, an appeal does not carry the same weight as a protest, as you're familiar. If there's a 20% land area represented by the protest, then you have this abnormal majority that you have to achieve in order to deal with an application. An appeal does not carry that same level of responsibility, so you can deal with it on a simple majority basis. With that, I'd try to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Is the applicant here? Doctor, could you come up for a minute? This is in my district and I just wanted to ask you a couple of questions. I haven't received any phone calls protesting this or whoever this individual was that had a problem. The ingress and egress road that you're proposing, that's already in existence, is it not?"

Dr. John A. Brooks, 3400 S. 143rd Street E., Wichita, Ks., said, "That's correct."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. I don't know that I'm going to put too much weight on a lot of children playing. I don't know if there are any. Does the person protesting have a large family of small children or anything that you know of, because I drive my area . . ."

Mr. John H. Lohnes, 3459 S. 143rd Street E., Wichita, Ks., said, "I'm that person."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And what you're proposing is to relocate your veterinarian service that is presently in Butler County into Sedgwick County."

Dr. Brooks said, "That's correct, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And not only to care for your own horses but then anyone else that might want to avail themselves of your service and I understand there's a new equestrian subdivision going up there on Harry and 127th. Well, I don't have any other questions of this individual. If there are some questions of the doctor."

Dr. Brooks said, "If I may, most of my veterinarian services are by appointment only and they're scheduled at least 30 minutes apart so it's not like there's a great confluence of clients at one time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do you make house calls?"

Dr. Brooks said, "I do make house calls."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I don't have any other questions of the doctor."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Doctor, could you tell us, just briefly, what you do in this facility now."

Dr. Brooks said, "Right now it's a stallion station, where we have stallions that we stand for breeding purposes and also show horses. So, those are there at that facility now."

Commissioner Winters said, "And we saw that picture of that barn there. Will you need to enlarge the facility or do you have ample space there?"

Dr. Brooks said, "Right now, it's fairly ample space. In the future, we plan to add on a wing of stalls off to the south and east side."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Would they be the same configuration? That looked like a pretty new, nice structure."

Dr. Brooks said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. That's the only two questions I had."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "The only other question I had of the applicant is that there are several conditions applied to this recommendation from the Planning Commission. Are you in agreement with the conditions?"

Dr. Brooks said, "Yes, ma'am, we are."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Thank you. That's all."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Any other questions of the applicant? Okay. Is there anyone here today that would like to speak to this item? Please come forward and give your name and address."

Mr. Lohnes said, "I'm the property owner across the street. This came late to us. We had originally been told by our neighbors further to the south that are not on this picture that were clients of Dr. Brooks that their original plan was to come in off of 31st South and we said, 'That fine', we have no problems with that, feel free to do so. Subsequently, the road . . . they cleared a fair amount of property across from us and built a nice winding road and graded it well and did their horse breeding operation.

Truthfully, I'm not too concerned about the kids. We've got a couple that are elementary age and the families down on the north end have limited families with some middle school kids but I'm not certain of that.

The road, 143rd, isn't built to handle any additional traffic. What isn't evident here is the grading that . . . or the grade that is present when the County redid this . . . let me back up. It's a quarter mile from their entrance to the corner and the quarter mile . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It's a quarter mile to the south?"

Mr. Lohnes said, "Going to the north, from 31st to 143rd entrance. The last tenth of a mile or so is

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about 10 feet below the remainder of the grade. It rises about 5 to 6 feet to come up to 31st South. This isn't built to handle much traffic, it's standard Kansas clay with some sand on top of it. It gets messy enough today. Spring thaws are worse.

Part of the joy of being out here is that we don't have a lot of traffic and we'd like to keep it that way. There's been maybe a 20% increase since they began their horse breeding operation. They tend to be larger trucks with trailers and it does kick up an additional amount of dust that we really don't need but the traffic hasn't been onerous. Like I say, the concerns are that we're going to make a bad decision worse and that the next step will be that Dr. Brooks will be here saying, 'Gee, you know this road and its condition is impacting my practice, we need to pave the thing'.

I'm hopeful that the ten year time frame that I had anticipated still having before we had growth of the region to need that was going to be at least that time. I think this accelerates it and I'm not sure that it's in the best interest of the neighborhood."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. We have a question. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Could you just come over and point to where you're residence is."

Mr. Lohnes said, "In front of the circle. The house is here."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, and you own property clear up to 31st."

Mr. Lohnes said, "Up to 31st South."

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

Chair McGinn said, "David, is that a township road or is that a County road?"

Mr. David Spears, County Engineer/ Director, Public Works Department, said, "I believe 143rd Street is a Gypsum Township responsibility. 31st Street is a Sedgwick County responsibility."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, so that's not our road. Okay, thank you."

Mr. Spears said, "31st is paved, 143rd is not. It's not ours. 143rd is the townships."

Chair McGinn said, "I have a question for you. David, before we would go in and pave 143rd, wouldn't that have to be the majority of the homeowners or the landowners agreeing to allow us to do that? We wouldn't just go in and arbitrarily pave that road, would we?"

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Mr. Spears said, "Well, there's several different methods, as you know, that we have to pave roads. One is a cold mix operation that we do and we have, at times, done township roads with that. Another way is that can be petitioned by the adjacent landowners to pave the road with a hot mix, a longer lasting thing and that would have to come before the County Commission. But it's not something we normally do. It's a township road. There's not much traffic on it. Even on 31st, there's only about 700 cars per day."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And how many cars per day on a non-paved road would there have to be before we would seriously consider the need to have it paved? Is there any kind of number?"

Mr. Spears said, "No, we don't really have a number on that. Let me just say that our average county road, the average county paved road has about 2,500 cars per day. So, 31st is even light and a township road, I would say, just guessing, that we do not take counts on township roads. We could go out there and put a count on it, but I would say it's under 300 cars per day."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, we would have to quintuple almost. Okay, I don't have any other questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I have a question for Dale and I think I can see it, Dale, on the sketch of the proposal. I was just curious how many feet it was from 143rd Street East to the westerly boundary of where they're asking for the Conditional Use. If I'm reading this map, it looks like it's 512 feet."

Mr. Miller said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, it's over 500 feet. Am I looking at that correct? Okay, that's the only other question I had. That seems to me to be a considerable distance away from the road."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any other questions for Dale? If not, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Concur with the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and approve the Conditional Use, subject to the recommended conditions, and adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Dale, you know why you’re here. Marvin said you’re a better horseman than he was. Thanks for being here. Good to see you. Next item please.”

DEFERRED ITEM

F. AGREEMENT WITH AIR EVAC LIFETEAM, DBA MIDWEST LIFETEAM, PROVIDING AIR AMBULANCE HELICOPTER SERVICE.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I won’t go over all the information I shared two weeks ago with you. You asked for some additional information on the safety record of the helicopter service, Midwest Lifeteam.

I did a fairly exhaustive research on three different particular websites, the National Transportation Safety Board, who is responsible for investigating these types of incidents with helicopters and fixed-wings. And also with the Air and Surface Transportation Nurses Association who watched this very closely for their own organizations and post a lot of the incidents out on their website and also with the Federal Aviation Administration website. What we were able to find was with St. Louis Helicopters Airways we found two incidents.

Now, keep in mind that when we are talking about the Part 135 holder, that is who is responsible for

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the aircraft and, in this case, the pilot and the maintenance of that aircraft, sort of like our fleet maintenance has the ambulances. They are responsible for replacing them and maintaining them.

However, we supply the drivers and that would be the one difference. In this case, the pilot is with the group St. Louis Helicopter Services.

There were two incidents. No deaths and no injuries in either one of those helicopter services and I did research back to 1996 through right up to the date 2001. If there are any other questions, the other item was on the accreditation process and I believe we've provided some information on that as well and I believe Robin Justice is here, the chief flight nurse for Air Evac EMS to address any questions that might be on that."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, I want to thank my colleagues for allowing me some additional time to get my hands around this matter. It came to us when we were all out of pocket and I just needed some time to get comfortable. I had two main concerns. One thing Tom has failed to mention that I had requested is I wanted to see the safety record of Air Evac too, because I was getting a little bit uncomfortable with why was St. Louis Helicopter involved in this, when Air Evac doesn't have a partnership with St. Louis Helicopter, if I understand it right, on any of their other facilities that they operate. Why Air Evac chose St. Louis for this one. Robin, you may come up too, if you would, because I'm going to have some questions for you.

There were two main concerns that I needed to get my hands around and I think I have because I've had some conversations with Ms. Justice and I'm getting more comfortable with this. The two issues were one, realistically can two helicopter services survive? Is there sufficient business in Sedgwick County for two helicopter services and the answer is no. And both companies, EagleMed, Air Evac, Midwest Lifeteam indicates that in order to survive, they need to have flights from outside of Sedgwick County and I believe the number that both people are talking to me is around 30 a month is what is required to make this a viable entity.

The reason I had asked for the Midwest Lifeteam's business plan was to get comfortable that there were sufficient additional flights in this 100 mile, 150 mile radius that would allow two entities, if they aggressively pursued the business, to survive and not be a case where, in order to survive, they

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had to cannibalize on each other. And I think that taking a look at their business plan would have given me that comfort. The company has chosen not to share that information, which is their right. I had even offered to sign a confidentiality statement and that's a business decision that they have chosen to make and I accept that.

The second thing that I wanted to assure is that if we go ahead and approve this, that the citizens of Sedgwick County would receive the highest possible service available and, to that end, I was trying to push to have an agreement signed that, from this day forward, any air service that's providing service in Sedgwick County would be CAMTS certified, which is a voluntary certification but it's really the best of the best that can qualify for this certification. Somewhat like what we had at our forensic science center and Dr. Dudley was able to get this very prestigious award, which we all said was a seal of approval that we were one of the best forensic centers in the country. I spoke with Ms. Justice and she has given me assurance and I'm sure she'll state it here now that Midwest Lifeteam has absolutely no problem in an addendum to our existing agreement that they would be CAMTS certified within 18 months and I'll let her speak for herself on that, but that was my understanding. Is that not correct?"

Ms. Robin Justice, Program Director, Regional Nurse Manager, Air Evac Lifeteam, said, "Sure. Yesterday, after our conversation, I visited with our CEO, Colin Collins out of West Plains and there's a couple of different ways that I wanted you to think about that. We had talked about 18 months as the end, a long-term goal. There's a couple of things to consider, once the data has been compiled for a year. We take other data from different committees that make up the criteria that is necessary in order to achieve accreditation by CAMTS. So, in stating that, what we need to make sure is that there's a clear understanding for the board and for Sedgwick County or for Tom that truly, if that is something that we're going to be required to do, that there is an understanding that we will make application within 18 months and, first of all, give us the time to get the data because it takes a year of operational data before you can even begin to compile what is necessary for the site survey, to have the board with CAMTS meet.

There's a lot of things that go into it. It's time exhaustive. It's a very expensive process. However, every single day, on every mission in 22 bases that we have nationwide, we follow CAMTS guidelines every single day. We have people in our organization from our administrative level that serve on boards of directors that make up the CAMTS board as a whole, because there are many organizations on a national level that are represented that make up that organization. Steve

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Wilkerson, who is our Director of Operations, serves on the board of directors for the National EMS Pilots Association. We have education that is represented in the AMS organization. So, there's a lot of different people that put into those guidelines. We simply don't carry the CAMTS label on our aircraft. So, I just wanted to clarify that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, and I need to clarify something, because that's kind of . . . your clarification has muddied, a little, what I was trying to accomplish here. We've had conversation with CAMTS and they indicated that, from day one to certification is 18 months. They thought that was a reasonable period of time that you would be certified. You just indicated you wanted 18 months before you even applied for certification and that wouldn't be acceptable to me."

Ms. Justice said, "I just want to make sure that there is specifics on the addendums so that we know that, even though Air Evac Lifeteam, Midwest Lifeteam has made application that in order to make sure that we are doing what you want us to do, that we're not going to get dinged in the process if the board says, 'Well, we're not going to be able to do your site survey for 14 days from today' and it just so happens that goes past that year. I just want to make sure our communication is correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I think we can get the verbiage comfortable but let me make sure that you understand what I want."

Ms. Justice said, "We are very willing."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That you would apply for certification after the one year, once you've got all your data and then there's six months there to make sure that all the 'i's and 't's got dotted. If there was something in that 'i's dotted, 't's crossing process that was outside of your control, that it was because of CAMTS not being able to do something, we would understand that part."

Ms. Justice said, "Very good. As long as our communication is on the same page, that's all I ask for."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Now, the other thing that I'm still having a problem with, but I'm not going to be an obstacle. Assure us again, because we had conversations on this yesterday, about there is sufficient business within a . . . like if you need 30 a month and Sedgwick County is only going to be able to provide two or three a month, that there is sufficient business, outside of scening things, because the majority of your business aren't scene related, that it's a business that two entities, if they were aggressive enough in getting the business, could survive, in your opinion?"

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Ms. Justice said, "We believe so."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And I guess, just the other thing, why did you pick . . . maybe the additional expense or what have you, of having St. Louis Helicopter file for that Part 135 when, in all of your other entities, it's just been Air Evac that has done that?"

Ms. Justice said, "That was a decision that was based on the board of directors for Air Evac Lifeteam, also one that came from our president, Colin Collins. Aircraft availability within our organization, in order to meet the demand of where our program development was leading us to go, it was something that was very willing to be done on St. Louis Helicopters' part. They wanted to team up with us and you're going to see that a lot more in the industry as the demands that are placed upon society from our medical communities and also from our aviation world, you're going to see a lot of vendors that join together to make a program happen."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I know. And also the existing company has a relationship, I think, with Rocky Mountain, if I'm not mistaken. I thought they have that arrangement. I was just confused as to why . . . and I think I'm getting a better feel for it. If it turns out to be a very viable business for you and it really is a good additional to the corporation, there could be a decision to go ahead and then take care of it yourself in the future. You're not excluding that possibility."

Ms. Justice said, "I couldn't answer that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I don't think I have any other questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Really, I didn't have too many questions. I just had a couple of observations. First of all, I agree with Ben. My concern is if there's enough business. Now, we had the one helicopter, EagleMed has added a second or is adding a second, you'll bring a third. Does three helicopters, business-wise, make sense? Now, you know, certainly, we can't create a monopoly here. I think I'm going to be supportive of moving forward but it concerns me that, in a year from now, two years from now, services diminish because it is a business decision. You have to continue to be profitable and if there's not profit there, we could find ourselves with two weaker

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businesses instead of one stronger business that's expanding. And that scares me a little bit. It is all about service to the people and hopefully this will create better service, as opposed to eighteen months, a year from now creating a less service.

The other thing I had, just a comment, I was still concerned a little bit about the conflict of interest from the medical doctor that works for the County in part of an agency, connectedness, and with a private industry. Now, I've been assured that there's no protocols that he'll ever be involved in in both of them, but just the idea of an impropriety of working for the county and working for the private industry that I'm voting on, gives me an uneasy feeling and I want to be sure that's on record that I'm still a little queasy about that, because I think there's possibilities, any time you try to serve two masters, that you're going to have a conflict of interests somehow. That's all I have, Madam Chair."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "I don't know whether this is for Rich or for Tom. Can this, or any company, operate and locate in Sedgwick County without our approval? Can't they? Can't they just say, 'We're going to do business here' and operate in Sedgwick County without coming to us?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "They can. Yes they can."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So the only reason they're coming to us is to get an agreement signed as it involves responding to an EMS call for air transport service from Sedgwick County or within Sedgwick County to a hospital in Sedgwick County. Correct?"

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "So, if they want to take a risk, as a business, of operating here based upon what they believe their expectations of business in and outside of Sedgwick County, that's a business decision this company has to make. Correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "That's also correct."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And if they . . . the only reason they're here, or if they chose not to make site calls, or work with EMS, if they didn't want to go pick up people in Sedgwick County from accidents and take them to local hospitals, they could still do business here without our approval, couldn't they?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes they could, without the dispatch function."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "So, all we're doing here is creating an agreement so they understand the guidelines of EMS dispatch, correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, that's correct."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So, I mean, it seems pretty simple to me. They've made a business decision that they think there's enough business in and around south central Kansas or Kansas as a whole to support their company. The only thing I have to discuss here today, I think, is will they abide by the protocols of dispatch from our people when the need is . . . when that call is made. Isn't that the simplistic end to all of this, Tom, or not? Is it too simple?"

Mr. Pollan said, "That's what the agreement does. It sets up a cooperative arrangement for us to respond in as safe a manner as possible and that's what the agreement does."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. But, I mean, I think that's my issue here. Whether or not I believe that this company will follow the protocol. Will you, in fact, honor the agreement that we have in front of us to follow the protocols of the guidelines of this County for emergency response?"

Ms. Justice said, "Yes, ma'am."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I'd just follow up then, Tom, on the same question to you. After investigating this company, you're in agreement with proceeding on with this contract?"

Mr. Pollan said, "Yes, sir. I am."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Worse case scenario, we don't have an agreement with this company. There's a major disaster in Sedgwick County. This entity is operating in Sedgwick County. Even though we don't have an agreement, is there anything that precludes us to call them and say we need a flight?"

Mr. Pollan said, "No. We could use them in a disaster at any time."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. So, if there's any real emergency, I mean, we could draw on anybody that might want to assist us in that. Okay, Mr. Euson, I've asked that this addendum be made to the contract. Would that preclude . . . I wouldn't feel uncomfortable . . . That wouldn't delay them getting started, would it, since they've already agreed that they would sign that addendum?"

Mr. Euson said, "The only delay would be in getting the change made and getting them to re-sign it and getting you to sign it. The change can be made very quickly."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "All right. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "I have a Motion and a Second. We have discussion."

Commissioner Winters said, "I second it for discussion. I think I would also support some kind of an addition to the Motion that requests that they proceed, after twelve months, of filing for CAMTS accreditation. That's not part of the original Motion, but if someone would make an amendment or addendum, I'd support that also."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I think the speaker said it was after 18."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's what her company . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What she has said is that she would be certified after 18."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I didn't hear her say that."

Ms. Justice said, "That was before he and I kind of got on the same page, because I think we were

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allowing for 18 months to make sure that the company that does the accreditation, that organization, that all of our 'i's are dotted and all of our 't's are crossed. We're not going to be penalized by not being able to do that."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. We're still having discussion on this Motion. Commissioner Sciortino."

AMENDED MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Let me try, how would you refer to it? I don't know if it's a substitute Motion or an addendum to the Motion that would indicate that the applicant would file for CAMTS certification in 12 months and would be CAMTS certified within 18 months, barring anything outside of their control. Would that be acceptable?"

Chair McGinn said, "Is the maker of the Motion okay with that?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes."

Chair McGinn said, "The Second?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Yes."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Any other discussion? Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS

G. READY TO RESPOND PROGRAM UPDATE.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the last of these reports for a while. That's the good news. The bad news is that it's still necessary to continue this process.

Let me report to you on what has occurred in the last week or so. Last week, we gave certification to 30 mid-level managers at Excel Corporation and this was generated by a manager that attended an earlier Ready to Respond program at her church. This week, Chair McGinn and Randy Duncan spoke about Ready to Respond to the quad-county planning meeting. The quad-county planning meeting is a group of . . . is the county commissioners from the three other surrounding counties that meet on a route and regular basis with Sedgwick County about mutually interesting ideas and opportunities.

On December 4th, Randy addressed about 200 folks at the meeting of the Retired Kansas Gas Service Employees on government actions in response to September 11th and tonight we deliver a program at McLean Elementary. We continue to advertise the Ready to Respond program at Bentley on December 11th and that's open to the public.

We will continue the December 11th programs, programs on the 11th of the month, which will allow us to remind folks and ourselves that this is important to prepare ourselves for disaster. We've received requests for information from cities in Arizona, California, Nevada and the State of Kansas about our materials and what we are doing and those communities are planning to implement variations on our theme.

And finally, our Emergency Management employees are taking FEMA classes. This is the Federal Emergency Management Administration classes in the District of Columbia this week to get current information and also sharing about Ready to Respond to participants in other communities.

I would like to tell you that I think we've done what you've asked us to do. You've asked us to begin to take a look at a governmental function and how it plays in response to disasters and terrorism. We've reviewed our own policies and procedures. We've practiced evacuations. We, on the 11th of every month, we remind ourselves and citizens about being prepared and we're working with other governments, small cities in this county and other counties throughout the state on this program.

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We've engaged citizens in this program, about 500 to date, and we have lots more work to do and we will continue that. But we think it's time now to continue with this program and report to you, perhaps monthly, if there's some new and exciting things to proceed.

I would remind citizens that www.sedgwickcounty.org you can find out about this Ready to Respond program and download and print the materials for yourself and, if you want trained, to call us at 383-7546, Emergency Management, and they will schedule. They will come to your house. They will come to your school. They will come to your church. We will tell you where training might be but we will provide programs for you to be prepared for disasters and terrorism.

The mantra is still the same, is that preparedness is prevention and we believe that and that's what this program's about. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Bill for that report. Just being out in the public and the community and listening to folks out there, this has been a very well received program. They're very interested in it and wanting to know more about it. So, I want to thank you again and staff for the work they're doing. And also, just hearing about how some of them are taking FEMA classes, continuing education is very important, I think, to Sedgwick County Emergency Management and I'm glad that they're doing that. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. You're always too modest, so I think I'm going to blow your horn a little bit because you were actually the instigator and came up with the initial idea that maybe this type of a project would be good for us to have. And I commend you for it. I would have probably thought about it but you thought about it first and I really think that needs to be said.

I'm really excited that . . . because I saw some of the e-mails that we're getting nationwide recognition for this. The only thing I could fault you on, Bill, is that we didn't copyright this whole thing so that we could charge them something. But I think it does . . . they say that imitation is the highest form of compliment and it makes me feel good that this idea that we started with is being recognized as maybe a model that other communities much larger than ourselves, in some cases, are saying 'Hey, this is a great idea that's come out of the mid west' so you're to be complimented also on that. Thank you. That's all I have."

Mr. Buchanan said, "It's your idea, as you said."

Chair McGinn said, "I think it was the idea of many up here. So, again thank you and we look forward to the next report and hope it's not something exciting and different in our country. Commissioners, I'll take a Motion to receive and file."

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MOTION

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

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

H. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CREDIT CARD POLICY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Troy Bruun, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Last week, you approved four financial policies that will increase our efficiencies and strengthen our internal control. One of those policies was the purchasing charter resolution, which allows purchases under \$1,500 to be made with the County credit card. This change necessitates a revision of our current credit card policy.

The credit card policy before you this morning streamlines the purchasing process for small dollar transactions. It gives cardholders the ability to make certain purchases costing less than \$1,500 without direct involvement of the Purchasing Department. It requires cardholders to reconcile their account and get departmental approval before submitting their statement to accounts payable for payment.

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Financial responsibility for cardholder misuse is clearly stated, along with circumstances in which a card will be suspended. I'll answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "We have questions. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm definitely in lockstep in supporting this item because I've had some conversations with you and with Chris and this does nothing but improve the efficiency of the way we do business. It also, I think, enhances the way we can have monitoring and controls on it. I did state, to one member of the press this morning, I just want to make sure that I didn't misstate, that actually, in some cases, a department head has got outlined what he or she is authorized to charge on a card. That they can't go out and . . . I don't know what I'm saying, but if it's the Fleet Management there's items that they can charge but all of the sudden he can't go buy dinner for 27. Am I saying it right?"

Mr. Bruun said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And I think that while we can never put up safeguards that are 100% guaranteed that if someone wants to be a crook, we can't totally isolate ourselves the ability of having something done that way. As I read what we're doing, it's going to make it extremely difficult and they would have to be highly, highly creative. And I compliment the Financial Department on some of the enhancements you've done on the way we're going to monitor and control the use of it. Thank you. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I'm also going to be supportive of this and I guess, Troy, you can confirm this. I guess one of the things that I'm comfortable about is that everybody in the organization is going to have to have somebody look at their card to check off before it receives payment. I mean, no matter who you are, somebody's going to be checking your credit card to make sure that it's following County policy. Thank you very much."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Personally, I'm not as concerned about all the checkmarks and checklists as I am that we're empowering a lot of our people. We're trusting them and we're telling them that we trust that they can make good business decisions and that it will streamline their ability to do their job. So, for me, the empowerment part of it is important. Obviously, you've got to go back and check it and make sure that the one or two bad eggs don't spoil the soup for

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everybody. But obviously, this is a true empowerment of an employer to let their employees do their jobs at a streamline level and I'm very supportive of that. Thanks."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

Commissioner Sciortino left at 10:45 a.m.

I. PRESENTATION REGARDING A VOLUNTARY RECYCLING PROGRAM.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Andy Schlapp, Project Manager, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today, I wanted to come in and talk to you, briefly, about our recycling program. We're beginning to implement phase two and the implementation and the steps to success, as I try to learn to speak here.

As you know, earlier . . . to give you a little background, earlier this year we implemented a voluntary recycling program with an educational component to ask citizens to remove 50% of the recyclables from the waste stream. So, that was the goal that we set. That goal, if you put it to

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actual tonnage is 13,808 tons of recyclables. And again, if that's not reached we would implement mandatory subscription, voluntary participation in July of 2003.

December was the month that we were to begin the program of monitoring to see what is being removed from the waste stream, so that is why I'm here today. Phase one, the first part of the program, was to create awareness of the issue that we're facing in Sedgwick County and it was a multi-step plan. One was a media plan, where we'd use television, radio and newspaper to try to reach a large majority of the population. But the more important project in this would be the public contact, making sure we're out touching and talking to as many people as we possibly can, using new brochures, the Internet, speaking engagements, community events, anything that we can do and actually go out and talk to a neighborhood group or anybody. Our goal was to have a consistent message, so that if you came to one of our speaking events and we handed out some brochures, that you would realize that that's also part of the media campaign, that you would see Amy. And again, if you saw the media campaign and you came to one of our events, you would draw a correlation that these two things are together and, again, to increase the amount of awareness that is out there.

What we did in the media plan, starting in September and running through the end of this year, is we ran 1,430 television commercials, 278 radio commercials, 30 newspaper ads and two billboards.

And the public contacts, we presented to over 50 civic and neighborhood groups, participated in seven special events and those can last anywhere from three days to seven days, distributed over 6,000 recycling guides and have observed over 2,800 visits to our recycling and information website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

What are the results? We did an informal survey. Over 68% of those surveyed reported that they were aware of Amy and the 'Do the Math' campaign. So, that's a pretty good success story of what we've done in the initial three months to make sure the people are aware of the recycling issues that we're facing in Sedgwick County.

So, today we're going to start phase two and it's a call to action. Now that we understand that there's an issue that we need to deal with, how are we going to move forward? And again, the plan's going to be very similar. It was successful in the first phase, it should be successful in the second phase. We'll have a media plan and we'll use television, radio and newspaper again to go to a mass market and make sure that that's out there. And then, really focus on public contact, again with the brochures, Internet, speaking engagements, community events and have a consistent message to make sure that they're tied together. People understand that phase one is phase two and these two also go together.

What are we going to do? The first thing we're going to see is the 'Spread your Christmas Cheer' campaign, which is our Christmas tree chipping program where people, after the end of the year, can chip their trees and take the mulch home and use in their gardens. And then also the commercials will move from creating awareness to how are you going to recycle and again, we'll

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use radio commercials, newspapers and billboards to also convey that message.

But more importantly, as we move forward, is going to be the public contact. We need to get out and visit more and more people, civic and neighborhood groups, special events and the materials. One of the things we're going to do is we're going to put a thermometer on the County website so anybody who wants to can come to the website and see where we are and how close we are to the goal and what we need to do to achieve it. So, we'll have some real-time numbers so people can see where we are. And, again, that's our new recycling guide at the bottom there and you can see that's the consistent message. That's part of the TV commercial. It's also on the handouts that we're giving.

One of the things that's going to be interesting is the business project. We're going to go out to businesses and we're creating a folder now. And one thing we're asking is, when they hand out the paychecks every two weeks, or every month or every week, whenever they pay their employees, can we stuff a piece of paper in there that talks about recycling and how you recycle at home, again, contacting and touching the individual. Any type of posters they might need in their business, we would be glad to help them produce newsletters, putting stories in employee newsletters.

And again, any business that wants to contact Environmental Resources may do so and we'll go in and do a little audit of what they do and personalize a recycling program for them. So, again, what we're really focusing on is how do we get out there and help the individuals get where we need to go. In schools, again as we look at this, and everyone always says it's children that really make a difference in adult's lives because they come home and, my kids do anyway, and they pester me all day long and it's like, 'Whatever you want we'll do it' so we've started our recycling program. And what we're going to do is focus on 3rd grade. So, every year will be a 3rd grade program and one of the things we're going to try to do to help schools is put that curriculum on the Internet also, so the schools can come to our Internet site, pull up the tools that they need to move forward with the recycling. We're not always out there trying to figure out what type of curriculum. They can use it as they see fit. And again, we're going to meet with them and move forward on that.

Some other ideas we had, as we go forward, is going into restaurants, you know, kid's menus. Putting Amy on the kid's menus. See what restaurants are interested in doing that. We provide the artwork. They just make sure they hand it out to the children as they come into the restaurant. Cups at convenience stores, have a picture of Amy as you're getting a cup of coffee or a Coke. And again, the other thing is, with the pizza businesses, you order a pizza to go, we stick a recycling guide on top of the pizza box and it goes out the door into, again, one of the ways that we can go out and get as many people understanding our message as possible.

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So, our conclusion, phase one, the awareness is complete. We had 68% response that they were aware of the program. Today, we start phase two. As you go home today and start watching the TV you'll notice a different set of commercials that start today. Phase three will start later, in '02, and that's going to be reinforcement and testimonials, people that have made a difference in our community will be phase three. And I'm glad to answer any questions at this time."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Well, thank you Andy for giving us this report. I know I shared with you the other day that somebody had called and said that the Amy commercials were real nice talking about recycling but they didn't talk about how and what should we do. As you said, the first part was awareness and now it's helping people do the right thing. So, appreciate that. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Andy? And I was glad to see you're starting in the school. I think 3rd grade is a good level but you're right, it's what the kids learn at school and they're still excited in 3rd grade and they come home and get us all excited, one way or another. Thank you, Andy."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

Commissioner Sciortino returned at 10:51 a.m.

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2001.

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Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today for considerations are the result of the regular meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts held on November 29th, 2001.

1) COMPUTERS- DISTRICT COURT/ DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Item one is computers for District Court and Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from Gateway of \$61,460.

2) WINDOW BLINDS FOR MAIN COURTHOUSE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

Item two, window blinds for the main courthouse for Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the low bid, meeting specifications, from Little Incorporated of \$15,117.

3) HOTMIX OVERLAYS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

Item three, hotmix overlays for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Inland Corporation of \$159,580.

4) CULVERTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

Item four, culverts for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Big R Manufacturing of \$10,808.76.

5) LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

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Item five, liquid calcium chloride for Public Works. Recommend the only bid received from Scotwood Industries of \$33,200.

**6) FILE SYSTEM FOR TREASURER'S OFFICE REMODEL- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item six, file system for Treasurer's Office remodel for Facility Projects. Recommend the low proposal meeting specification, option one, from Records Retrieval for \$41,371.20.

**7) REPLACEMENT ANTENNAS- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

Item seven, replacement antennas for Emergency Communications. Recommend the low bid for material and installation from Kreifels Communications of \$38,840.60.

**8) ALTARIS GDI TOOLS- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

Item eight, Altaris GDI tools for Emergency Communications. Recommend the quote from PRC Public Management Services of \$91,500.

**9) MEDICAL OXYGEN SERVICE- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

Item nine, medical oxygen service for Emergency Medical Services. Recommend the low bid to contract with Wichita Welding for medical oxygen service for an estimated annual cost of \$44,002.

**10) THERMAL TICKET PRINTERS- KANSAS COLISEUM
FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM**

Item ten, thermal ticket printers for the Kansas Coliseum. Recommend the low bid meeting specifications from Inland Associates of \$11,089.

**11) RUGGEDIZED LAPTOP COMPUTERS- SHERIFF
FUNDING: SHERIFF**

Item eleven, ruggedized laptop computers for the Sheriff. Recommend the low bid including trade-in from GTSI Corporation of \$33,245.

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**12) MODULAR CABINETS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

And Item twelve, modular cabinets for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid from Advantage Associates Incorporated of \$10,043.95.

Be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items today as presented.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any questions for Iris today on these items? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Sorry, Iris. We couldn’t give you any problems today. Next item please.”

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Two Easements for Right-of-Way and four Temporary Construction

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Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 795-A-2713, Bridge on 199th Street West between 117th and 125th Streets North. CIP# B-317. District #3.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010164	\$216.00	2	Village Green Apartments

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>
V20128	\$400.00	\$252.00
V94116	\$467.00	\$466.00
V9907	\$288.00	\$200.00
V8009	\$210.00	\$184.00

4. Bankruptcy Settlement of delinquent personal property taxes requested by Dennis Jones, pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1703(b).

5. Order dated November 21, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

6. General Bills Check Register of November 30, 2001.

7. Payroll Check Registers (two) of November 21 and November 30, 2001.

8. Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. Buchanan said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I’d recommend you approve it.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "I don't believe we have a Fire or a Sewer. So, is there any other business to be brought before this Board?"

L. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have two things. I had a chance, this last weekend, to go to the village Christmas and Christmas lighting in Haysville and they have reconstructed much of the old town area that got blown away from the tornado. I would urge people to stop by there and see the blacksmith shop on weekends. It's now a working blacksmith. They've got all their equipment back in there and they're making different items, generational kind of items from the Eighteen Hundreds. The bank is put back together and they had Santa Claus in there. They had a new community building that was built on an old basement there that serves around 85 people. So, it was pretty exciting to see that part of Haysville be put back together. And I was pretty excited about that.

And then finally today, I had a chance to help out at the Red Stocking Breakfast and Chair McGinn was there. I'll let her talk about . . . she actually got to serve. I just got to stand on the end and pour coffee but she actually got to serve. It goes for a good cause. It's the Kansas Children's Service League, which was originally the Child Abuse Prevention Council out of local and now it's a State

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organization. I had a chance to serve on that with Judge Burgess about 18, 19 years ago. So, it is a non-profit that's pretty dear to my heart. And we had a chance to serve and there was a lot of people there eating breakfast this morning, a lot of people."

Chair McGinn said, "A very well attended event and I guess they've been doing this for many years. It's nice to be a part of that. It was great to see so many people from the community come out to that. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thanks. While you all were out doing that, I was speaking to an Optimist club this morning at 7:00, bright and early. We spent some time, or all of our time talking about trash issues and the focus of it all had to do with recycling. So, the recycling guides that I handed out and the questions that I answered, I think they were ready for the next step. I mean, I think they understood. They'd gotten the messages, Andy, about the need and now it's 'Well, what do I do with my material, where can I take it?', those kinds of things. So, it was a very lively and interesting conversation.

Yesterday, several of us went to the forum that we presented for the businesses, as far as minimizing their waste. I saw it kind of as a first step, too, maybe for some businesses who have yet to do anything. I thought there was a lot of beginning or first step information. I think the next time we need to do one we probably need to do like a second step. Maybe for businesses who already get it, who are in the process of recycling their office paper and those things but maybe business material exchange programs or those kinds of things that are the next step in the process for them.

I got a sense, I didn't see my evaluations yet, but got a sense that a first step is probably a good place to start but you probably need to step it up next time we present it or at least identify the target market that this forum is for those companies who have yet to institute their own internal recycling program and we'll tell you how to go about that. Or this presentation is for those of you who are interested in material exchange opportunities or whatever. I see kind of a whole rainbow of presentations there. I wasn't able to stay. I had to go pick up a sick granddaughter from school, but I'm sorry I missed the last presenter. I heard he was wonderful.

And then, what appears to be a twenty-year plus tradition for me, Friday I'll be attending the Wichita Area Association of Realtors holiday luncheon and it kind of shocked me, when I acknowledged at the calendar that I'd been attending that for twenty years but I'm going back. They make me pay for my tickets now. There was a point where they let me come free, so I don't know if that means I'm wearing out my welcome or they know I'm going to show up all the time,

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so they might as well get some money from me. Ben, I bought your ticket yesterday too. So, they're looking forward to seeing you too. That's about it for right now."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, you mention the waste reduction for businesses. I had a chance to take a quick look at the survey response and it seemed to have a very positive response. And so, I agree with you though. Maybe we need to look at that second step. And one of the things I heard too was the fact . . . talking about our quad-county meeting and our opportunity to share with other commissioners and that is what can we do regionally together. And one of the things that came out of that, as well, was bringing recycling companies or material exchange companies to our region and so, I'm glad we had that opportunity to share with our fellow commissioners how we can bring numbers together to get businesses here.

Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, just a couple of things that I'd like to comment on. Last Thursday evening, we did have a good meeting out at the Extension concerning the northwest bypass around the northwest part of the City of Wichita. We did have a good article in the paper the day before, that let's people know that those kinds of things are going on, because it's disappointing when people say, 'Well, I didn't know you were having a meeting' but at least I think we got some good publicity and some good information from the consultants handling the report.

I also attended the business recycling and I agree with both of you. I think there were some good things there yesterday but I think we need to take it up a notch and continue to help business and industry think of ways to reduce their waste stream and I think there are some additional things that we can do and kind of go from recycling business 101, we need to get into the 300 to 500 level class here pretty quick.

Then I would remind Commissioners that the A.L.A.R.M. group is meeting on Saturday. I'm not sure I'm going to be able to attend yet, but I think it is important that we have some County representation at that meeting if at all possible. So, you all might check your calendars and it's up at Bel Aire and I think it's good that we continue our relationships with those mayors and council people from the small communities. That's all."

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Chair McGinn said, "I'm on the program but Andy got top billing, so I noticed that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Tim and I are coming to raze you."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, sounds like we'll have representation there."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, give them my regards. I'm going to be out of town, so I won't be able to be there but give them my best."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Just a final thing that I wanted to share was that Old Fashion Christmas at Cowtown, one more weekend for it, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It's a nice evening event. They serve fried chicken dinners and just have lots of activities going on, dancers and people playing music. So, if you haven't been, it's a great event and consider membership as you pay admission. Any other business to come before the Board?"

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 and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:10.

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, "We're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. and returned at 11:12 a.m.

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Chair McGinn said, "We're back from Executive Session. No binding action was taken during Executive Session. Mr. Euson, do you have any recommended action for us today, at this time?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, ma'am. Commissioners, while in Executive Session, we discussed a matter involving the lawsuit that the County filed against the Honorable Paul Buchanan, Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial District. That lawsuit had to do with the supplemental funding for the 2002 budget and we have reached a settlement, subject to your approval of that lawsuit that would involve the additional funding to the court's budget of \$45,200 which would result in a total County-funded budget for the courts of \$2,372,646. We believe the settlement is reasonable and we would recommend it to you for your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the addition of \$45,200 to the court's budget and authorize the Chair to sign a settlement agreement.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Any discussion? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Yes, thank you Madam Chair. I'd make a couple of comments. I think that a number of people have worked very hard on this budget and I think that we, in the past years, have had a good working relationship with the 18th Judicial Court here in Sedgwick County and I hope we can continue to have that good working relationship in the future. We were working against a couple of constraints, I think, where we saw State Statutes that were perhaps in opposition of each other. But with staff working with the administrative judge, we got this budget down to where we were within \$45,000 of each other in a 2.3 million dollar budget and I'm going to be supportive of this settlement.

I think we need to settle this budget issue and then, if we need clarification in how long-term funding of district courts are to be handled, we need to work with our legislators and others to try to help clarify any misunderstanding or how we can get the statutes so they're more clearly defined and so we can at least have confidence that we know what we're responsible for. But I think we have done an excellent job. We've let the bid contract for the remodeling of the 5th floor and, Mr. Buchanan, I believe that's correct, and we should be underway with getting that. I know that Commissioners want that to be an expedited process. So, for this bit of disagreement, I'm going to

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be supportive of getting this settled and let's find another venue to figure out how to correct this long-term. So, I'm going to be supportive of this Motion."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Rich, this settlement in no way precludes us from going to the legislature and asking for some clarification on the ambiguity of the two statutes, is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "That's correct. It does not preclude us from doing that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Good. Because I also have a concern where there's one statute that says the courts can set their own budget and the elected commissioners can't have anything to say about it and the other statute says 'no', that all budgets have to be approved by the elected officials on the board and, to me and this is just me speaking, I have a problem with . . . you know, one of them says there's no separation of powers, that the courts have supreme power in setting their own judgment. The other one says 'no', there is this idea of separation of powers is important and I plan on trying to see that if our local delegation wouldn't see the need to clarify this ambiguity for us. And so this doesn't preclude us from lobbying our legislators or asking for some relief in that area. Okay, good. That's all I have."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. Just in the spirit of what we have organized today, I think I'll be supportive but I also want to remark that as we move into tough economic times, that I would challenge all the governing bodies that have to set budgets to join us in looking for that little bit that we may have to save next year. And I don't think that precludes the District Court either. If we look forward, in the next year or two in the budget, and we have to cut back dramatically, I would challenge the District Court to do the same thing because I think we all owe it to the taxpayers to be prudent with their money. And I think we came up with a good agreement this year and we fully funded them but, you know, that may not be the same in the next couple of years, as we have to revisit budgets and make some very tough decisions, and I think all governing bodies that spend taxpayers' money have to be held up to the same standard. Thanks."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, just to piggyback, I believe everyone has. I believe there was a request sent for all departments and even of the elected departments. Is that not correct, Mr. Buchanan, that all the departments, even the electeds, have come back with some modification on

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their budgets to show their willingness to share with us in what might be a definite . . . Does that include the courts?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No. They have not submitted anything yet. The deadline was a week or so ago.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “But everyone else has?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, that’s kind of disappointing. Okay.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just wanted to . . . if we’re ready to vote, I just wanted Rich to say, one more time, what we’re doing here.”

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, I did neglect to ask you to include within the Motion to authorize the Chair to sign a settlement agreement but the Motion should be to approve the settlement, as I outlined and to authorize the Chair to sign a settlement agreement.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. And not to be redundant, I concur with what many of you have said up here and I hope that we can get some clarification in the legislature this spring. All right. Any other discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, Rich. Is there any other business to come before this Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:45.

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're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. and returned at 12:01 p.m.

Chair McGinn said, "We're back from Executive Session. Let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before the Board? Mr. Manager? We're adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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