

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**December 18, 2002**

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 18, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Jama Carlton, Executive Secretary, County Commissioners' Office; Captain Mitchell, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Philip Rippee, Risk Manager, Risk Management Department; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Ken Elliott, Economic Development Specialist, Division of Community Development; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager/ CIO, Division of Information and Operations; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; 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**

Ms. Wanda McDaniels, President, NAACP Local Branch.  
Senator U.L. 'Rip' Gooch, Chair, South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation.  
Mr. John Deardorf, President, Association of City/ County Management.  
Ms. Marla Flinsey, Education Director, Kansas Association of Counties.

### **INVOCATION**

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, November 20, 2002  
Special Meeting, December 3, 2002

The Clerk reported that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2002 and Commissioner Norton was absent at the Special Meeting of December 3, 2002.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2002. What's the will of the Board please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2002.

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 Carolyn McGinn	Abstain
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 3, 2002.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**PROCLAMATION**

**A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING DECEMBER 31, 2002 AS CELEBRATE SAFELY DAY.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. I'd like to read this proclamation into the record. It states:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the practice of celebratory gunfire is a danger to our families and community, and discharging firearms into the air is a serious crime; and

**WHEREAS**, bullets fired into the air can travel up to 2 ½ miles and fall with 50% of the force with which they are discharged; and

**WHEREAS**, falling bullets from celebratory gunfire kill and injure people across the United States every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County citizens deserve a healthy environment for children, families and businesses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2002 as

**"CELEBRATE SAFELY DAY"**

In doing so, we remind the people of Sedgwick County to promote the Celebrate Safely Campaign and to actively work to end the practice of celebratory gunfire in our community. I believe we have someone here to accept the proclamation."

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Did you want to make a comment or two?”

**Mr. Jerry**, said, “Seven years ago, when I first became aware of this problem through personal confrontation with the results of it, I thought I was all alone. Through various efforts over the past years, we’ve taken on a lot of help and between the City Council, the police departments, the County’s Sheriff’s Department, the Safe State Kansas, businesses, children we have really made it grow. It’s not grassroots anymore. It’s becoming an institution and I really appreciate your help, appreciate your support and let’s hope that this is a very safe New Year’s Eve this year.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “You have your light on. Would you like to say something, Commissioner McGinn? Go right ahead.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you. I just want to recognize Historic Midtown Citizens’ Association because they’ve been very actively involved in this and Jerry, I think you do have something coming up, the December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>?”

**Mr. Jerry** said, “Saturday, 2:00 to 3:30 at the Midtown Community Resource Center having a Celebrate Safely party exploring different ways to make noises other than firing guns, snacks, entertainment.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay. All right, and that’s open to the public and I want to thank your organization for what you do to get that information out to people. I know last year Carol

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Bradford came and gave us a lot of good information about this and I believe you may have been here too as well. So anyway, thank you for being here today.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. I think also I’d like to recognize that we have Councilwoman Sharon Fearey in the audience. I didn’t notice her behind Linda, so I want to welcome her for coming to our meeting this morning. They’ve been dealing with a lot of interesting items here recently too. Next item please.”

### **AWARDS**

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD TO REVEREND WANDA MCDANIELS.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “We’re going to wait just a second. Wanda, if you wouldn’t mind coming up, I think Carolyn McGinn is going to make the presentation for you and if you’ll come to the podium, she should find her way up to you shortly.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Commissioners, about six months ago, we said goodbye to a great leader in this community, Reverend Tyron Gordon and today, unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to a great leader and community activist, to Reverend Wanda McDaniels.

I want to give you a little background about her and then I’ve never known her to not have any words, so we want to give her an opportunity to share a few things. Reverend McDaniels was born in Wichita and adopted and raised in Dodge City. Wanda lived in Dodge City until 1955. At 17 she became active in the local NAACP. In 1955 she moved to Great Bend. From Great Bend she moved to Hutchinson and from Hutch to Topeka and that’s where she is going to be moving to, which is not to far for us.

In all of these cities, Wanda was very much involved in church activities and in the NAACP. In Hutchinson, Wanda was the first African American lady to be selected as project director for Women Community Services. In Topeka, she started work with Civil Rights Commission, which first got her interested in civil rights work. Wanda has been in our community for 19 years and during that time she’s been involved in many organizations throughout the community. Some of these include the Wichita Ministerial League, HOPE Inc., Wichita Aids, Success Inc., African American Family Preservation, Kansans Against the Death Penalty and the Kansas African American Museum, just to name a few.

Reverend McDaniels has most recently been know for her work in the NAACP Wichita Branch. She has been not only an active member of the organization in this community for more than 19 years, but she also served in many roles within the organization, including her most recent position

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as president.

During her years with the NAACP, Reverend McDaniels has worked tirelessly to make this community a better place to live and work and I don't think there have been too many events in the community that Reverend McDaniels has not been at.

I have recently had the opportunity to look over the scrapbook of Reverend McDaniels many contributions to this community and I'll tell you that Reverend McDaniels has made a tremendous difference in our community and in the lives of many, many citizens who live in Sedgwick County and in the surrounding areas.

I just shared a little picture of her background. I had the opportunity to get to know Reverend McDaniels here in the last two or three years and I guess, if I had to sum it all up, I really appreciate this woman's heart for this community to make it better. And if you ever want to know what she thinks, she'll tell it how she sees it and I appreciate her total honesty to share what she sees going on in our community, but it's because she wants to make our community better.

Reverend Wanda McDaniels, we would like on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and Sedgwick County, to present you with the Sedgwick County Community Enrichment award. Thank you."

**Reverend Wanda McDaniels**, President, NAACP Local Branch, said, "To the County Commissioners, there's very few times that I don't have something to say or can't think of anything but I want to say thank you. It's bittersweet to be leaving Wichita, because I do have a lot of friends here and I do enjoy my work here. And being president of the Wichita branch NAACP has been a blessing. The songwriter said 'I've had some good days and I've had some bad days, but I won't complain'. To Wichita, Sedgwick County I want to say thank you, I'm not going to cry, but I want to say thank you and I want to . . . Carolyn McGinn is just the greatest, she's just the greatest and you have been great county commissioners and I want to applaud you and may I do just one more thing. I want to thank you for the award but I just saw the new president of the Wichita Branch NAACP come in and everybody has been asking me who he is. Now he's not better looking but he is younger than I am.

So I would love to present to you, this makes me feel good that he came, because as I pass the baton I'm happy to say that I'm passing the baton on to the younger generation and to a fine young man. May I introduce to you and to Sedgwick County the new president of the Wichita Branch NAACP Kevin Miles and I ask you to work with him as you have worked with me. Thank you so very much

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and pray for me that my health will get better and that I can continue to work the work that the Lord has sent me to do.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Although Wanda is going northeast on the turnpike up to Topeka, she won’t be very far away and she also has been appointed by the State NAACP to be their lobbyists in Topeka. So I’m sure we’ll have opportunities to work with her and see her as well. Thank you.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, I like the young man that’s coming on board already. He’s got less hair than I do, so I can really feel proud. I like that. Could we have the next item and I’m going to go down and make this presentation, so could we call the next item.”

### **C. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO SENATOR U. L. “RIP” GOOCH IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR 2002.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I’ve known Rip Gooch for many, many years and have been very proud to call him a friend. I know a lot of stories about Rip. I know how he got into Wichita. I know all about certain air force that he was associated with and some of the stories I’m not going to read, because I don’t think it’s in polite company I’m supposed to say. But basically Senator Gooch has served the State of Kansas. He represents the 29<sup>th</sup> Senate District, and that’s an area that covers most of northeast and central Wichita since first being elected in 1992. Currently, he is the ranking minority member on both the Committee on Federal and State Affairs and Transportation. He also served on the Committee of Elections in Local Government, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations and the Joint Committee on Economic Development. Senator Gooch served as the chairman of the South Central Legislative Delegation during 2002 legislative session, and he fights hard on a continual basis for several issues that are important to all of us here in south central Kansas.

The role of serving as Delegation Chair is more than just a figurehead position. It involves arranging weekly luncheons during the sessions to discuss topics of regional interest. Senator Gooch went beyond that and also arranged several Saturday morning legislative coffees back home, right here in Wichita and Sedgwick County area to allow constituents to meet members of the legislative delegation and express their views.

We are very grateful for our productive, cooperative relationship with Senator Gooch and other county legislators. These relationships can only benefit the citizens of Sedgwick County. I want to personally, and the members of the Commission would like to thank you, Senator Gooch, for your efforts to bring good government to the people of Sedgwick County and south central Kansas.

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Our state is going through . . . this is where I get dangerous, because I go off the printed word. But our state is in a financial crisis and it is something that we all are a part of because we're all part of the State of Kansas and I want to pledge to you that Sedgwick County will work with you and the rest of the legislators to figure out a way that we can be part of the solution and we'll be talking to you when the legislation convenes in January as to how we can get ourselves past this crisis that we find ourselves in and hopefully we'll be stronger and better because of it.

So everybody, I'd like for you to please give recognition to Senator Gooch and we have a little plaque I believe. Senator, this is a plaque. It reads 'To Senator U.L. 'Rip' Gooch'. I can tell you what the initials are too, that's how well I know the gentleman, 'in appreciation of service as South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation Chair 2002 from the Board of Sedgwick County'."

**Senator U.L. 'Rip' Gooch**, Chair, South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation Chair, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to say thank you to Chairman, you and your Sedgwick County delegation are aware of the fact that you're presenting this to me but it's in recognition of South Central people who have worked hard to try to make things better for south central Kansas. We have learned some years ago that unity is strength and in order to have the strength that we could compete with some other groups in the state government we did form a south central Kansas Delegation so we would have more numbers.

So with that we have been able to accomplish some things for this south central Kansas and I want to take on a little bit more from what your chairman said about the future. We do have a tough job ahead with the financial situation that we have to be faced with but I think you all understand that we'll do the best we can up there but you also got to remember that charity begins at home."

**Chair Pro Tem Gwin** said, "Next item please."

### **D. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.**

#### **1. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT**

- **JAN DUVALL, AUTO LICENSE**
- **PEGGY GALLOWAY, AUTO LICENSE**
- **LASANDA LINZY, SHERIFF**
- **MARY NALLY, COUNTY CLERK**
- **SHELLY STEADMAN, FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**
- **SHARON WILLITS, SHERIFF**

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**2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **CYNTHIA JO ANTHONY, FLEET MANAGEMENT**
- **ROCHELLE CHRISTIAN, AUTO LICENSE**
- **NORMA GAMBLE, AUTO LICENSE**
- **LEE ANN KRAMER, CORRECTIONS**
- **CAROL LEACH, AUTO LICENSE**
- **DEBBIE MUTH, AUTO LICENSE**
- **JACQUELINE NEELY, CORRECTIONS**
- **LASANDA LINZY, SHERIFF**
- **TONI WARREN, AUTO LICENSE**

**3. QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- **RENEE COLLINS, COUNTY CLERK**
- **TERESA FREEMAN, COUNTY CLERK**
- **DENA HILLIS, AGING**
- **DAVID KING, COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE**

**Ms. Jo Templin**, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "If I can have all the employees that will be accepting their career development certificates just make a line behind me please.

We are here today to recognize 19 County employees who have achieved their 2002 Career Development certificates. These certificates have a number of required and elective courses that employees must complete to receive this certificate. And this morning we are very pleased that this group of employees represents a diversity of the departments within our organization. So we would like to thank you very much, as the Board of Commissioners, for supporting the Career Development program and also for the department heads and managers who supervise these employees and allow them to take time from their regular work schedules to attend these courses. We would also like to thank all of the coworkers here today who are helping celebrate this achievement as employees accept their awards today.

The first certificate program is the Supervisory Management certificate program and so when I call your name just come up and accept your award. Most of our employees could come today but there are some that could not.

The first is Janice Duvall from the Auto License department, Peggy Galloway also from Auto

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License, Lasanda Linzy from the Sheriff's Department in Detention, Mary Nally from County Clerk, Shelly Steadman from Forensic Science Center, Sharon Willits from the Sheriff's Department in Detention.

Next we have the Professional Development certificate. First we have Cynthia Anthony from Fleet Management, Rochelle Christian from Auto License, Norma Gamble also from Auto License, Lee Ann Kramer from the Department of Corrections, Carol Leach who is from Auto License, Debra Muth also from Auto License, Jacqueline Neely from the Department of Corrections, Lasanda Linzy also from Sheriff received the Professional Development certificate this year, Toni Warren, Auto License.

The last certificates that we'll be presenting today are entitled Quality Customer Service certificates. We have Renee Collins from County Clerk, Teresa Freeman from County Clerk, Dena Hillis from Department on Aging and David Kind from COMCARE. That's it. Thank you, Commissioners."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Did you want to say something? I'll just say thank you all. It's very seldom that the public gets to know all the hard work that people have to do in order to keep the services flowing to them and you all should be commended on taking the extra effort to actually further your education so that you can better serve the citizens of Sedgwick County and we applaud you for that."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Next item."

### **RETIREMENTS**

#### **E. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.**

##### **1. JAMA CARLTON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And I've asked our Vice Chairman, Betsy Gwin, to be down to present the awards."

**Mr. Doug Russell**, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let me read a few things that Jama plans to do after she gets over the wall here. Jama has been in the County Commission Office for 15 years. She's worked with 13 different elected officials. Jama says that in terms of family she'll spend more time with her son and daughter-in-law and niece and

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nephews, plans to travel to visit siblings in Rhode Island. I notice other people say brothers and sisters but what this states is siblings in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Arlington, Virginia, might even think about a cruise. Purchased a lawnmower to take care of her yard, and spend time planting and growing flowers in the springtime. Joined Genesis Health Club and intends to spend a lot more time there. Got to be specific here, it doesn't become a goal.

'I joined a group called Senior Friends and will attend some of their functions from time to time. I know I'm young and not really the senior group, but I'll pretend.' Way to go Jama. That's true. 'In the spring I'll look for a lap dog who needs a good home'. Kiss your garden goodbye. Have only worked in the County Commission Office. Employment at Sedgwick County, 'my years at Sedgwick County will be remembered fondly' Jama says. 'I am proud to have worked for the leaders. Each of the elected officials I have served have taught me something'. I'll bet so. 'Sedgwick County employees are the greatest. They take care and they work hard to serve. I don't know how 15 years went by so quickly. I want to say thank you Sedgwick County for so much and most of all for the friends and for the memories'. So Jama, I'll give you the certificate and Commissioner Gwin will . . ."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I know I can tell Jama one reason I know that the years went by so quickly. You never slept, you were here all the time. You were here as early or earlier than anybody else in the place. I see a former commissioner number two back there. I see Bill Hancock back there too. On behalf of us, because we're the ones you work for, there's your retirement clock. Now she tells me she's not going to turn the clock side around, because she's not going to be looking at a clock anymore. She says she's going to display it this way. Anybody who believes that Jama won't run her life by a clock, could I see a show of hands. I know you'll be looking at the clock. Thank you."

**Ms. Jama Carlton**, Executive Secretary, County Commissioners' Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you so much. This is not easy for me. I'm not a public speaker but if I could do a little magic trick I'd do that or if I could sing you a little song I'd do that, maybe that would break the ice. So we don't have anything to break the ice, so here we go.

I started working for the County Commission when the Board went from three members to five members in 1987. Tom Scott was in office, about to complete 24 years of service. County Detention was still a part of this building and I remember the catcalls from the prisoners as we came to work on hot mornings. I find it ironic and somewhat troubling that as I leave, Commissioners and staff are planning a third expansion, troubling that we have such a demanding need for more jail

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space. Each commissioner is and was unique and I have a few observations that I'd like to share with you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Now, wait a minute Jama. How much do we have to pay you not to share these observations?"

**Ms. Carlton** said, "This could be a little tricky. Dave Bayouth, gregarious, you either liked him or you didn't and those of us who did called him Teddy, short for Teddy bear. Mark Schroeder, neatnik, he was precise and he loved Howdy Doodie. While in office, he left the bench twice for the birth of two of his three children. Tom Scott defined politicians of his time. I can still hear him say 'Come on in, son'. Bud Hentzen, kids and grandkids, I used up most of my hard drive space keeping track of grandkids, last count, 42 or so. Bill McCray, a kind gentleman with an illustrious political history and a beautiful signature, always had two little marks under the 'c'. Bill Hancock, some of us call him 'former two', a kind and gracious gentleman, would always take the time to listen. He knew how to grow peaches and he knew how to get a kitchen remodeled. He became a grandfather while in office. Betsy Gwin, the first female elected to sit on the Sedgwick County Commission Bench, smart and gracious lady. Grandma Betsy has one sweet granddaughter. Kathryn was born during Commissioner Gwin's tenure at the Bench. Tom Winters, pensive and compassionate, a pillar until his grandson Jack came along and he instantly turned to mush. I'm telling it like it is. Andy Bias raised the dress code for the Commissioners. He wore ties like Commissioner Gwin wears colors of nail polish. Melody Miller, the second half of a father/daughter team, an able and accomplished businesswoman. Carolyn McGinn demonstrated to me that a woman can be a wife, mother, daughter, sister and an outstanding public servant. She sings and plays an instrument at her church. She has a good sense of humor but don't push it. Ben Sciortino keeps a crystal candy bowl on his desk filled and available at all times. In addition to candy, he'll give you a golf lesson. Tim Norton, some of us call him 'new two'. He came to the Bench having been a small town mayor who led the effort to overcome the incredible destruction brought by Kansas weather. He walked the devastation with Vice President Al Gore. His grandkids think he looks like Santa. I think he looks more like Kenney Rogers. Maybe it depends on the time of the year.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served 13 of you and thank you for the knowledge I gained from each of you. Though each of you were different, each of you remained faithful to your mission of service to our citizens. In the nearly 16 years I was at Sedgwick County, you made me laugh, you made me cry, you made me worry, you made me hope for you and sometimes you made me wonder. The issues were varied and always interesting, from building jails, regulating nude dancing, dealing with the motley crew, viewing fences, mending fences with the city, to reappraisal

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and the selection of a new manager. It has truly been my good fortune to have served you in Sedgwick County and to work with so many wonderful people and County employees. Three ladies with whom I worked closely are Bess Dreams, Cecilia Chavez-Maggard and Lisa Corr. Each of you made my job easier and I'll miss seeing you each day. I'd like to mention Linda in the Manager's Office and Lynn as well. We worked very closely. Thank you all. Happy holidays to you and yours and I'll see you at 2 for cake."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You can't leave yet because we have some comments now. We want rebuttal time. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. Well, I just want to say, it's been a pleasure getting to know Jama over the last four years and I'll tell you, early on it took some time to get used to because, as Betsy talked about the clock, Jama's very precise, everything had to be in its place and here's Carolyn not always on time, not always and things aren't always in place. So anyway, I think we did get used to one another and it's been a pleasure to get to know you, Jama and I'm very glad I had that opportunity.

And you know I'd like to think that we're a serious group here but I will share that some of the best stories that I've heard in my life were back in the kitchen that Hancock made us remodel with the Bill and Jama stories of the things that have gone on here during their time. And so, I will always cherish those stories as well and have promised not to tell anybody either. So, anyway Jama, enjoy your retirement and please come back and see us. It's been a pleasure to work with you and have a great time. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, just real quickly I certainly want to say to Jama how much I've appreciated your help in working with you over the 10 years that I've been here. You really did an incredible job in your run through of 13 folks in just the very few sentences being able to capture some of the attributes of some of those that have gone before us. That was very good. I also would want to remind everyone or anyone in the courthouse, between 2 and 4 we are going to have a reception for Jama right here in this meeting room this afternoon, so you're certainly welcome to come by and say farewell to Jama and again, best wishes and we'll see you this

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afternoon at the reception.”

**Ms. Carlton** said, “Thank you. I’m looking forward to it.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I would be remiss without giving the old number two a chance to come down and say something if he would like. I’ll sum it up for me by saying this, that you know with all the decisions that we have to make, with all the acrimony there is, that life really boils down to relationships and you came into my life and I came into your life two years ago and I appreciate the friendship. And beyond all the other things, that’s the most important thing that you gave me was a friendship as the new guy and I appreciate that, Jama. Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “My turn. I can’t minimize how difficult it is. Some people think this is a real prestigious job to be executive secretary to the Board of County Commissioners but you know you have five diverse personalities. Occasionally, somebody will tell Jama this is what I want you to do. Two minutes later, another commissioner says, no I don’t want you to do that, I want you to do this. And somehow she’s got to wade through all that and get something done. She’s been able to, and I say this in the kindest words, manipulate five diverse personalities to somehow figure out how the commission office can keep functioning.

When I first came on board I was mothered. I like to be mothered and she somehow figured that out. She figured out how I like my coffee made. She figured out that I was not very good at filing, so she suggested gently that maybe filing some of this stuff might work better for me and she set that up for me. You’re going to be missed kiddo and I want you to know that you’re always welcomed back in your kitchen at any time and please visit us. Bring us some of the fruits of your labors from your flower garden occasionally and enjoy your retirement because you really deserve it.”

**Ms. Carlton** said, “Thank you so much and I will be back. I’ll be back with treats.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Oh, okay. Treats are fine. Thank you.”

### 2. MITCHELL PAIGE, CAPTAIN, SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT.

**Mr. Russell** said, “We’re losing another 20 year employee, Mitch Paige, Captain Mitch Paige of the Sheriff’s Department. Mitch plans to spend time with his wife and their two grown daughters in Wichita. They plan to travel to Europe and visit their Air Force son. Mitch will now be able to spend more time on the golf course, once the weather permits. He has worked in all the

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departments of the Sheriff's Department and describes his employment with the County as 'the best job a person could have'. So, Mitch Paige, I'll give you this signed by all the Commissioners."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And we put our names in the right place and everything. On behalf of the Board and the folks of Sedgwick County, we want to thank you for your service. I told him I thought he could go play golf later on today and he wanted to know if that was an order, but I don't know. I don't think I supercede you, Sheriff so sorry. Enjoy your retirement. Come back and tell us stories about the trip to England to see the kids and all your wanderings throughout the country. Thank you, Mitch."

**Captain Mitchell Paige**, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Commissioners. I would like to say that I've had the chance to work with some of you over the years and I've certainly enjoyed that. And I would also like to thank you for the support that you have given to our department. We have needed it and we have gotten it and we appreciate it.

The last thing I'd like to say, because Jama gave such a great talk when she was up here and she stole a lot of the things I wanted to say. When you come second you don't get a chance to be first, but I do appreciate all the friends that I've made throughout the County, not only in our department and I'm truly blessed to have been a part of this profession. I think it is the greatest profession going. Again I thank you and I will enjoy the retirement."

### **3. PHILIP RIPPEE, RISK MANAGER, RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.**

**Mr. Russell** said, "Finally, those of you who know Phil Rippee won't be surprised if this takes me a minute. After completing 43 years of continuous employment with the U.S. Marine Corps, USD 259 and Sedgwick County, Phil is retiring for good and moving away from Wichita. He intends to become a member of the sheriff's posse in Webster County, Missouri and assume active roles in the Local VFW and the American Legion Post.

Phil started with Sedgwick County as a Public Works administrator on January 3 of 1983. He assumed the position of Risk Manager on April 4<sup>th</sup> of 1988. As risk manager, Phil has been supervised by assistant county manager, human resources director and the chief financial officer, so he's ready to leave.

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I would describe my employment, he says, with Sedgwick County as extremely rewarding because of the everyday diversity associated with it. Rarely does anything occur which effects people or situations in the same way. It was always very stressful because risk management functions are almost always on the negative side when dealing with employees and citizens, due to some personal or family problem or some property damage or injury claim. So Phil I think would like to make some additional comments once the Commissioner . . .”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “I shouldn’t be surprised, I asked Phil if he had any idea how many workers comp claims came across his desk in those years. Oh, I have that. I’m going to talk about it. So that’s so like Phil, so typical. But on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the folks of Sedgwick County and the employees, we wish you well on your retirement. Come up and see us. Thank you.”

**Mr. Philip Rippee**, Risk Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Commissioner Gwin and Doug. I appreciate the remarks. Commissioners, the time has finally come for me to retire and some people know that prior to working for Sedgwick County I was a Marine and I had some good duty. I was an embassy Marine, I was on the presidential staff with President Kennedy, flew in Air Force One. A lot of people don’t know that. I had tours all over the world. I’ve been all over the world and I was also . . . I have a combat action ribbon for combat.

During my tenure as Sedgwick County risk manager, I’m truly proud of the fact that risk management has saved millions of dollars of taxpayer dollars through effective management of our various risk reduction programs. I’m also proud of the contribution Sedgwick County Risk Management has made in promoting risk management throughout the state and peer relationships established with Sedgwick County, the State of Kansas and the neighboring state of Missouri.

Due to the nature of my job with Sedgwick County, I have come to know other departments and their operations and all their employees in those departments extremely well. The relationships and interactions with others inside and outside Sedgwick County will be the major thing missed in my retirement years.

Basically, we’ve processed since I’ve been risk manager about 5,500 work comp claims. We processed 375 insurance claims and over 300 liability claims. I would like to personally thank my staff. Diana Mansouri, my safety coordinator, has worked by my side for 15 years. Also Linda White, the work comp coordinator who has been here for a year and a half and we had a small office so we only had one other person, Kamela Carpenter and Brenda Whillet, the two others that

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worked as work comp coordinators for me and also we have a new addition, Bev, who works with us now as a temp.

And I will miss both Diana and Linda very much and they do a tremendous amount of work in our department operations to help and support the other departments. We are not public oriented in the fact that we serve the public so much as we are a support department and I always tell people at new employee orientation that if you've got a problem and it's not risk management, come see me anyway. Maybe I can help you with something and that's our . . . we always try to be the best we can be but we also know that we have to operate as a team and that's the way we've always done that. Thank you very much and I'm going to enjoy my retirement."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Doug. We'll just have a few seconds here to give Commissioner Gwin a chance to come back. She doesn't walk as fast as Commissioner McGinn. You all don't have to leave. The exciting stuff comes up now. Clerk, would you go ahead and call the next item please."

### DONATION

#### **F. DONATION BY KEN AND LENORA SCHULDT OF ONE QUARTER HORSE GELDING, VALUED AT \$6,000, TO BE USED IN THE JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM.**

**Mr. Mark Masterson**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Boys Ranch at Lake Afton is a rehabilitation program for male juvenile offenders, as you know. We serve about 180 youth each year. One of the tools we use in that process is an equestrian program, or a therapeutic riding program. Youth who take part learn to care for the horses, perform daily chores and then learn to ride. The program also provides an important connection to the riding community in Wichita and Sedgwick County by bringing volunteers in to work with the youth on these important skills.

We appreciate this generous donation from Ken and Lenora Schuldt. They are the owners and operators of the Arkansas Pepper Farm in Goddard. The horse is named Kid. He's a five-year-old registered Quarter Horse with over three years of professional training. He's well suited for our program. I would also like to thank Delores Craig Moreland, who played an important role in this donation by introducing the Schuldts to the boys ranch and I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Are the Schuldts here in the audience?”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “No, they are not.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, I have to share something. I make a point to show the agenda ahead of time to my wife and she looked at it and she wanted to know who was going to pay for the other three-quarters of the horse. She’s not a horse person. I think this is a fantastic thing that the Schuldts have done. They are a very expensive . . . they’re a very big horse too. They’re sometimes close to 17 hands high because they’re a mixture between a race horse and some other big animal that makes the quarter horse. They’re big. They’re not a little horse. But I think this is going to be neat because the ranch does make a tremendous effort in showing those young people alternative lifestyles and how you can have fun and do it legally and we want to publicly thank them very much. And Commissioners, any other comments on this item?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much, Mark. Next item please.”

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**G. CODE ENFORCEMENT.**

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2000 EDITION, AS**

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**AMENDED.**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2000 EDITION, AS AMENDED.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have a little glitch on this item and the next one. The advertisement was not properly placed and therefore the public did not have proper notification of these public hearings and therefore we need to defer both items G-1 and G-2.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Should we defer it for a set time?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Just defer.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to defer Items G-1 and G-2.

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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much. Next item.”

**3. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO GIBBS MACHINE AND TOOL, WICHITA, KANSAS.**

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’d request deferral of this item also. We’re still in negotiation over the terms and

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conditions of the abatement.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “So you wish G-3 to be deferred also?”

**Ms. Hart** said, “Yes, sir.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to defer Item G-3.

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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Next item.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**H. ISLAND ANNEXATION REQUEST BY CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

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**Mr. Robert W. Parnacott**, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an island annexation, which is the type of annexation where the property that's being annexed is not adjacent to the city limits and I'll make a comment early, because it does appear to be adjacent to some city limits, but in general an island annexation involves a parcel away from a city that the owner has consented or petitioned for annexation by the city and it comes to this Board to make a determination and a finding whether the annexation would hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of any other city or of the area in general.

The only other city that might be impacted by this particular annexation is the City of Wichita. They have been notified. They have not raised any objections to this particular annexation. As I made kind of a comment, you can see in the green rectangle that's right north of that red parcel is subject of a prior island annexation several years back by the City of Maize. So the proposed annexation does adjoin an area that's been annexed by the City of Maize. However, under the statute, city cannot unilaterally annex off of an island annexation. They have to wait until the whole city limits have grown down to that earlier island annexation before they can use that to unilaterally annex next to it.

So, having said all that, a brief background is it's on 37<sup>th</sup>, a little north of 37<sup>th</sup> on Maize Road, kind of at the half-mile it looks like. And it is a small piece, I think maybe 200 by 100 or some odd. It will be a small commercial operation. It's currently undeveloped but they will put a small business right there. It's a commercial establishment next to it, I believe it's Woodard Mercantile and Grain. Anyway, there's probably not much more information to share besides that. The City of Maize will supply the water and sewer services to the area when it's annexed and we do have representatives of the city here that would be available to talk if necessary."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, any comments or questions of Bob Parnacott? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to make a finding that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located in Sedgwick County; and direct the County Counselor to prepare an appropriate resolution.

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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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**I. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

**1. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS, TO BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**Ms. Hart** said, "Sedgwick County is the recipient of a LEPP based grant. LEPP is Local Environmental Protection Program from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. We operate the grant in partnership with the City of Wichita and we have an opportunity now to apply for a target grant, which is a supplemental grant, to do additional programming.

So before you is an application for a target grant with three different components. The component that would apply to Sedgwick County is that we would hire some part-time staffing or consultant staffing to first develop a framework for a county-wide wastewater plan. Secondly, design standards and policies for on-site and community wastewater systems and thirdly, identify sensitive groundwater areas and develop design standards for wastewater systems in those areas.

The other two components have been included at the request of the City of Wichita. The second component then would provide some staff support that they request and the third would provide some specific programming regarding the Arkansas River.

There's no local matching funds required, although we have suggested that we will provide some in-kind services. I'd like to request your approval, and can answer questions that you might have."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I see that we have a question. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Irene, you said this is a supplemental, so this is over and above the regular LEPP program?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "Right."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Any further comments? Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign a submittal letter.

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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**2. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF CHENEY, KANSAS FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARD, TO BE USED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE DRAINAGE STUDY.**

**Ms. Hart** said, "The City of Cheney submitted a 2002 Small Cities Grant application for a city-wide drainage study. Since then . . . we were unable to fund it at that time because we just only had so much money in that program but since that time, the problem with storm water drainage has intensified, particularly with development of two additional housing subdivisions on the outskirts of

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Cheney. They are requesting \$7,500 for a comprehensive drainage study of the entire area and due to the urgent need we scraped together \$7,500. We took it from mileage and photocopying and travel and any place we could find it and were able to come up with \$7,500. So we request your approval of this contract with the City of Cheney. We would administer it in the same way as we do the small cities grants, but know that it's not out of that source of funding. It's out of a little bit here and a little bit there and we put it together and were able to find the funds for it. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Mr. Chairman and other commissioners, as you know Cheney is in my district. I do want to apologize that I wasn't aware that this item was going to be on this day's agenda. The agenda review that I saw last Friday did not have this item on it. I have been in conversations with Cheney and know that they have a problem. The acknowledgement of the problem is not the issue. Normally though you have more time and more information, more background than seeing an item coming before us on a Wednesday morning. So, I know that this is not the normal way that we handle these kinds of issues so I'll look to some guidance and some direction from you all, just because of the fact that this item . . . you knew nothing about this item before right now."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Tom. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I had a question. Is there an urgency to approve this today or can it be approved at the next meeting?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I would think the only thing about the next meeting is the next meeting is going to be January the 8<sup>th</sup> and I think, Irene, you can tell me where this money is coming from but I think she's right that it's a bit out of several of her different budget items and the question would probably be those finance guys get a hold of stuff that's not done by the end of the year and put it over into next year's budget. So I guess it would be just beware of the finance guys if we decided to defer it and it would probably not work."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Could you specify that it stays in reserve?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Irene, do you have comments about that?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "I don't know the budget."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "What was the question?"

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**Commissioner Winters** said, "What if we defer this item?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Can it be deferred until our next time? Is there some urgency here?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I thought the question was could we keep whatever . . ."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, that's the first question. The second would be can this money stay in a reserve until we have an opportunity to know more about this topic?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "I will apologize for not bringing this and working this through the normal procedures. With the potential financial ramifications next year, I didn't know if the Small Cities program would even be there. So I tried to do what I could with what we had."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Bill."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Excuse me, Commissioners. This could be deferred and it can be deferred so that the funds are expended out of the 2002 budget. Yes, that can be done."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Irene, I have to assume that you must feel pretty strongly about this or you wouldn't be figuring out how to save paperclips and really scrape together like you said the money to appropriate this. I mean, am I right in assuming that staff really feels that this is a very worthwhile project?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "Yes sir, I do and it's the first time the City of Cheney had ever asked us for any assistance, so they must feel fairly strongly or fairly that it's an important project to them."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Just speaking for myself, I'd be willing to give this consideration today, but I'll wait and see what everyone else has to say. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "How much is the total amount?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "\$7,500."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I've got to tell you, with the relationship I've had with Carl Koster and the City of Cheney, if they're asking for it I think we should go ahead and take care of it today and let them move forward. And I think everybody on the Commission knows that one of my values is taking care of our drainage problems and they've got some pretty dramatic ones around Cheney and if they can get a study started now and then maybe move forward and get some of it

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fixed in the springtime, I think we should do it. That's not a huge amount of money and you know I support Cheney and Mayor Koster down there because he has been a good partner to us and done some really good work for us in other parts of the County. So I'd be supportive of this today and don't think we need to defer it or let it sit any longer, depending on what Tom believes."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I don't have a problem with the project itself, I guess my question was my surprise. So if you don't get a Small Cities grant, you can come in . . . I mean, that's the appearance that it gives me, that we'll just . . . We'll go find some other money to make sure you get it and so, my question is if we don't have enough money in the Small Cities grants then maybe we need to expand the Small Cities grants and make it larger. And I'm guessing it's in the budget right now for 2003, is that correct?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, ma'am."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What is in the budget?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "The Small Cities grants."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Was it expanded in 2003 or is it the same amount that we've always had?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "The same amount."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Same amount, \$25,000."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So that was my only question is if you don't get it, so we'll just do something else and at the last hour. I don't question that it's not something that's needed."

**Ms. Hart** said, "And I will say it was my own initiative. They did not contact me. No one contacted me. I just knew that that request had been there and since we hadn't had money, I knew it was an urgent situation. So it was my own volition. It wasn't . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "They didn't contact you and ask . . . they weren't asking the County to do anything, other than they had made a Small Cities grant application?"

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**Commissioner Winters** said, "I don't think Irene is saying that it was by her initiative that she decided to do this. I mean, she knew the need was out there and their request was out there and then it just ended up on our agenda this morning."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "And I just want to make sure we're being fair to all communities."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "But one of the things that I think that we've done over the years is since we've had this Small Cities grant, I think we've been able to work with a number of small cities but then there have been other times that cities have come with specific problems or needs and I'll still be open to any city, including the City of Wichita, that has requests and wants participation from us and I think we've participated with a number of them. So kind of Commissioners with apologies, I'm going to move that we approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Any further comment? I want to expand on what you said, Tom and I would have liked to have a little bit of heads up on this a little bit too but the angle I'm going to is this isn't a Small Cities grant under that auspice. This is a community . . . I mean they made that application under Small Cities but I don't think they've ever made an application for a Small Cities grant in the four years that I've been here. They've never asked us for anything and I'm going to try to treat . . . the reason I'm going to support is treat this as outside of that Small Cities box, here's one of our 20 cities saying 'We've got a problem, can you help us?' and I'm always going to want to try to see if we can help them and if indeed you've found money through just making your department more efficient using both sides of the adding machine tape or whatever you do to be efficient that we have the funds.

The one thing I kind of share a little bit of Commissioner McGinn's a little concern knowing where we're at and what 2003 is at, if we have the money in 2002 I'd like to support them. I'm not too sure where the money or any money that we have. Clerk call the roll."

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**3. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE* REGARDING SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP TERMS.**

**Ms. Hart** said, "This is some housekeeping items on the resolution regarding the Solid Waste Committee. The current resolution for membership on the committee appoints members for a two-year term, so we have 11 people whose terms expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. As you know, the committee has been working for a year and a half revising the plan, developed . . . coming to recommendations to bring to you and they need a couple of more months worth of time yet. If you have 11 people whose terms expire the end of the year, we're without a third of our brains and wisdom.

This revision to the resolution allows members to continue until the replacements have been appointed. It allows members to serve at the pleasure of the nominating committee, of the County Commission, and it ties the term of the members to the terms of the Commissioner that appointed them."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. So these committee members whose term expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, they are not being renewed for two years. They're just being renewed, but at the pleasure of the Board. Even though they're still on, the Board could decide at any time once this gets passed to replace them if that was the pleasure of the Board. Is that correct?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "That's correct."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay."

**Ms. Hart** said, "It means they still have to come back in January and do the work and hopefully complete their work and you can make new appointments or reappointments at any time."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Could we make a new appointment and that new appointee is there at the first meeting in January?"

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**Ms. Hart** said, "You could."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. And this is in keeping . . . I'll ask the Legal Department. What we've done here is clean up this board to keep it in keeping with all the boards that we have. That advisory board serves at the pleasure of the Commission and somehow that didn't get into this one. Is that correct?"

**Ms. Jennifer Magana**, Assistant County Counselor, said, "That's correct, Chairman. And it's also consistent with the state solid waste act."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, that's good. Commissioners, any questions or comments?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I guess I have one. So instead of the three-month extension, it's just whenever."

**Ms. Hart** said, "Correct. One of the solutions to the December 31<sup>st</sup> problem, one of the solutions we had talked about was simply extending terms for a period of three months. This gives you even more flexibility in that you can make new appointments, you can allow the others to continue until you're ready to appoint or reappoint."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, I'm certainly going to continue to support letting those people finish their work because there's no reason to bring somebody in new and start all over again. They've been working over a year now and I think that report is due around February. Is that correct?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "We think that's when it will come."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, Commissioners what's the will of the Board on this item?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Any further comment? Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "You just never turned the light off."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Clerk, call the roll."

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**4. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING CODE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Ms. Hart** said, "Commissioners, this item is tied to the two public hearings and adoption of the new code that you deferred earlier, so I would request that this item also be deferred."

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to defer Item I-4.

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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Next item."

**5. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING FOR USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

**Mr. Brad Snapp**, Housing Director, Housing Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing has asked Sedgwick County Housing Authority to assume administrative responsibility for two tenant-based rental assistance grants that are already existing. We didn't apply for these. There's just a conflict of interest in the area and they want us to take over.

These two grants would total \$67,000 in rental assistance and in this case the program is very similar to our Section 8 program, but in this case it would target low-income seniors wanting to live in Sedgwick and Butler Counties. It would be a good addition for the Section 8 program because the tenant-based assistance is temporary, but people can apply to that and apply to Section 8 at the same time when they move into permanent housing. Be a little quicker using the TBRA. If you have any questions, I can try to answer them for you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments to Brad?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

### 6. AMENDMENT TO FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE URBAN LEAGUE OF WICHITA TO EXTEND THE TERM AND AMEND BUDGET TERMINOLOGY.

**Mr. Snapp** said, "In this case, the Urban League has asked us to modify our fair housing services agreement that we have in two ways. One was to change the mileage line item to program promotion and the second one would be to extend the term of the agreement till March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. There will be no monetary difference with the change.

The Urban League, just to remind you, has been providing fair housing education outreach workshops for us and just a kind of a personal agency that we can refer housing discrimination complaints to. So again, if there's any questions, I'll answer them for you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What is the in-kind gift that we've committed to?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "We are going to add information, fair housing information to our website, the Housing Office website."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And that's something we didn't do in the original agreement?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "No, it is in the original agreement."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, so actually what are we amending? We've always given them a \$5,000 cash match. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Yes, \$5,000 cash match. There's nothing really changing, except a line item. It's mileage to program promotion for the same dollar amount and then we're extending it because the federal government . . . HUD requires them to use their federal grant dollars first, followed up by a local match. So they haven't spent our money and we wanted to do that."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. So instead of a line item for expenses say in travel mileage, that line item will say program promotions?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And that's the only . . ."

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**Mr. Snapp** said, “Yes.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. Commissioners, any comments or questions on this one?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Next item.”

**J. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE* TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF COUNTY COURT FINES AND COSTS THROUGH CREDIT CARDS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Kathy Sexton**, Assistant County Manager and CIO, Division of Information and Operations,

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greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you today is about changing the way in which we collect monies or payments for court fines. Currently, payment of county court fines and costs by accused persons must be paid in person over on first floor of the Historic County Courthouse at that office or by mail and they can be paid either by cash or by check. This resolution will authorize accused people to pay their fines and costs through the official county Internet website and it will enable them to pay by credit card. The county will pay the transaction fees or costs associated with the payments by the credit cards because this is part of our vision that we believe it is important to increase the convenience to the citizens and collect money faster for the county. In addition, this resolution establishes a procedure to follow in the event an insufficient funds check is issued by an accused person. That's sort of a new thing for the county court as well.

So just to give you a quick little demonstration, this is the front page of the county website and the mouse there in the lower right-hand corner just clicked on where you go to for this page, so you can find this right from our home page. Now when you get to this county court page, you get the information that you read through to make it very clear to people this is not for Wichita Municipal fines, this is not for District Court tickets. This is for county court only, okay, fines that are written by your fire department, by your sheriff's department, for county code violations such as illegal dumping out in the county or for parking violations perhaps, around the courthouse or out at the Coliseum, those are the typical types of offenses that we're talking about.

So essentially, after one reads through this information, they would enter their complaint or their citation number, which is the number on their ticket that they receive from the officer. Up comes their information about that case, their name, address, the amount of the ticket and the court cost, everything that they would normally pay, were they coming into the office or paying by mail. They would pay this way using their Visa or Mastercard.

Now Jeff here is entering bogus names and bogus numbers, so you don't need to write down this credit card number because it won't work. It's only for our test system here. Once you put that credit card information in there, you get this receipt type of . . . or the idea if you accept or decline, another chance and then you can get your receipt and print it off. So you can see how quick and easy this system is to use. It will save people the concept of having to get an envelope, get a stamp, write a check.

More than anything else, I want you all to know that we wrote this application to save the county as well. As soon as you hit submit on here, that automatically populates the data base, because we've done the backend programming on this system and that's real important to know, because a lot of things on the Internet are not like that. Many times, people have to then get this information in and data entry the information into their system and then your staff have really saved no time. But this is truly an example of increasing the efficiency of county government because the person that we usually have open that envelope, input that data that says you've paid your bill, and then process that check through the Treasurer's Office and through Accounting and through the bank. None of

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that has to happen anymore, so this is an efficiency measure and a convenience measure for our citizens. I want to thank Aaron Blase especially of the County Counselor's Office and others in the office who helped with this project, as well as Judy Nordhus, Jeff Piper and Jim Jahansooz, all from DIO, who helped program this system. I am available for any questions."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I don't see that there are any. I do want to ask you one thing, Kathy. You mentioned in your presentation parking violations around the courthouse. Is that correct, or is that a City responsibility?"

**Ms. Sexton** said, "It depends on where you're parking. The ones on Central or Main, on the city streets are city officers and city violations. But if you mis-park in the parking garage, say you go over the line and take two spots, say you park in our area out here with the handicap spots, that kind of thing."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "The reason I'm asking that, you know I've had, with this arm problem, my wife has had to pick me up and I see, on a very regular basis, people will pull in on Central, in that little cul-de-sac, leave their car, come in and I assume working with the tag office, but there's an unmanned car sitting there for whatever length of time and I would like to see us put up some signage or something which lets them know that that's not the proper use of that. That shouldn't be temporary, I don't think."

**Ms. Sexton** said, "No, you're right, Commissioner. I'll check on the signage. That area is very well policed."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That's just for pick up."

**Ms. Sexton** said, "Yes, oh yes. They do have them."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, very good. Any comments or questions on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**K. HOME-RULE RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 17-92 OF THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE* RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES, AMBULANCE SERVICE AND MEDI-COACH SERVICE AND LICENSES FOR PROVIDING NONAMBULATORY CARE AND TRANSPORTATION WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, AND CREATING SECTION 17-113 RELATING TO LEVEL OF AMBULANCE SERVICE REQUIRED.**

**Mr. Tom Pollan**, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I started to say this is a simple resolution, but my history and experience in government is nothing is simple. It's usually very complex. And there are some complex pieces to this, but I'll try to move through those without muddying the waters.

What we have is a resolution that we're providing you that will ensure that we continue the required level of Advanced Life Support in all regions of the county. Now what this resolution has done is define that jurisdiction better than our current code does, in the sense we're saying in those areas that we're refunding tax dollars generated by the EMS mill levy. We're not controlling how they provide ambulance services in those small town communities. That would be Mulvane, Clearwater and in Greeley Township and Mount Hope. What this does anywhere outside that area, yes we're asking that if you're going to provide ambulance service it will be done at an Advanced Life Support level. That is our current code. This simply better defines that jurisdiction.

Now, why is it important, at this point, to move forward with a new resolution is that, as you're aware, as of December 31<sup>st</sup> the city/ county agreement will sundown. It will terminate. That will then relieve us of a requirement in the City of Wichita to provide Advanced Life Support. We're not going to do that. I want to assure the public that this community is still going to receive an excellent level of care that is being provided today. Come January 1<sup>st</sup> you've assured that and we're going to continue to do that. What this resolution does then is place the requirement that ALS continue, minimum level. We've always exceeded that requirement and intend to continue to exceed that requirement but the process of this resolution we'll say this extends to all areas as one jurisdiction, including the City of Wichita, including all jurisdictions, other than those that we

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refund tax dollars, EMS mill levy tax dollars back to as required by the State of Kansas.

So again, this is to insure that we continue the level of care this process, understanding that we'll have some minor changes. We did communicate with all of the small town communities, provided them a copy of the resolution asked for their input and feedback. What we got was a few questions of concern about 'Well, what about a disaster? We don't happen to have ALS onboard our unit. Can we do that?' Sure. In a disaster inside the code itself, we relieve that responsibility, in a disaster, we can press any vehicle into service as an ambulance. And the other question was is that if we should respond outside of our community and we don't have ALS available . . . Which, I should remind that both Mulvane and Clearwater pretty much always have ALS onboard their vehicles. So there's really no change to that. They would have to call for us. Well, they were asking do we sit and wait for you to get there? I said, no. We continue the processes we currently do that we would rendezvous quickly, but we must get a paramedic ALS onboard the ambulance if it's not available by then. Otherwise, they would continue transportation as they currently do.

So the changes are really very small but they do have some impact and they do have some complicated impacts to other pieces and that is in our reimbursement structure and that is, if we don't adopt the resolution we would need to move towards restructuring our whole charge schedule to meet Medicare's requirements. That's going to be in effect in 2006 anyway, but we do have this transition period that we can continue, as we currently do, bill at the level of scheduled service. So really no change if we do the resolution. We must do other changes if we don't do the resolution. So, based upon that, it would be my recommendation that you adopt the resolution."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. We have some comments or questions. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Really I think Tom has answered the question and I just want to say we've visited earlier and you have contacted those smaller communities that have volunteer operations and I just wanted them to be aware of what this was about and you've had that communication. That's correct?"

**Mr. Pollan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay. That's the only thing that I wanted to make sure that they were aware of what was going on."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And Tom, I just needed to get clarified. The agreement that we had, that we still have, that sunsets the 31<sup>st</sup> mandated that we had ALS onboard the ambulances. Now, without the contract we're putting something into our home-rule resolution which will mandate that we'll have ALS. So that's just saying to the City of Wichita, regardless of the fact that it will no

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longer be a requirement of you, we're voluntarily doing it, which mandates that we continue with that same level of service. Is that what I heard?"

**Mr. Pollan** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn 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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much, Tom. Next item."

**L. AGREEMENT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY'S SELF-FUNDED DENTAL PLAN.**

**Mr. Phil Rippee**, Risk Manager, Department of Risk Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm like Arnold Schwarzenager, I'm back. Item L approves the first year of a two year agreement with Delta Dental to administer our self-funded dental plan. The appropriate action for this item is to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. I have just a question of the attorney. A two-year contract, does that mean that legally or statutorily we would have to re-approve the second year

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next year? I mean, can this Board approve more than a one-year contract?"

**Ms. Magana** said, "It can, as long as there are funds available currently to fund that agreement or there is a provision in the agreement for termination, which I believe this is appropriately done."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any further comments or questions? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Thanks, Phil. Bye, Phil. Next item."

**M. DEPARTMENT ON AGING.**

**1. MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENT (TWO) TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.**

- **INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER**
- **SENIOR SERVICES**

**Ms. Annette Graham**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What I bring before you today is an amendment to two existing agreements for the mill levy services program for 2002. These modifications are for senior services to reallocate \$4,452 that was not

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being utilized and was not planned to be utilized for the remainder of this fiscal year for meal programs for the physically disabled and move that into the Independent Living Resource Center, Flex and Home Modification program that always sees more need than they have funding for.

This change was approved by the Physical Disabilities Board and so we would bring this to you today and request that you would approve those changes and authorize the Chair to sign.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioners, are there any questions of Annette on this item?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Modifications to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn 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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Next item please.”

**2. AGREEMENTS (10) TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.**

- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CPRF) EMPLOYMENT**
- **CPRF PERSONAL EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**
- **CPRF THERAPY**
- **INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER (ILRC) FLEX AND HOME MODIFICATIONS**
- **ILRC DISABILITIES INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADULT DAY SERVICES**

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- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOSTER GRANDPARENTS**
- **RAINBOWS UNITED VISION**
- **SENIOR SERVICES NUTRITION**
- **THE ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS EPILEPSY EDUCATION**

**Ms. Graham** said, “The services provided under these ten programs promote accessibility, education, job training, health and safety in order to assist individuals with physical disabilities to remain independent and in the community self-sufficient as possible. These ten agreements, the funding has been approved for the 2003 mill levy budget. These are the contracts with the service providers for 2003 and they include: the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation Employment program for \$36,400, CPRF Personal Emergency Equipment program for \$151,542, CPRF for therapy program, \$52,800, Independent Living Resource Center for their flex and home modification program, \$62,059, Independent Living Resource Center disabilities information referral services for \$28,391, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services for daycare services for people with physical disabilities for \$65,000, Catholic Charities Foster Grandparents program, \$5,000, Rainbows United Vision, \$63,460, Senior Services Nutrition for \$70,000 and the ARC for the epilepsy education program for \$18,000 for a total of \$552,652. I’ll be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioners, any questions or comments of this?”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Just one, Mr. Chairman. I noticed one sentence in our detail backup material that I think it’s interesting to keep remembering that it’s the Department of Aging’s mission to assist older adults and persons with physical disabilities to remain in the community and I think that’s, again, what the purpose of these funds are and we all know that remaining in the community is often a much less expensive option than being someplace else.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I agree with that. Annette, I do need to ask, for the public edification, where are the funds coming from on these?”

**Ms. Graham** said, “These are all mill levy funded from our county mill levy.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. And I think it’s important again, like you just said, to let people know how much we do from the county position, work in this area to help people who are in need and this is another example of that that we do. Thank you. Any further comments or questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**N. AMENDMENT TO THE 2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR D-2, GREENHAVEN CHANNEL.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Pete Giroux**, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning we have one CIP amendment for your consideration. In 2001, we approved or you approved rather, a series of drainage projects. One of those projects was D-2, the Greenhaven channel. You saw some of the challenges last week in Mr. Spear's excellent end of year summary. You saw the conditions as well as some of the things he's going to have to deal with. The design was completed in October of this year and during the design phase the Corp of

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Engineers and state agencies added a variety of different environmental requirements that increased the cost.

Here's the location of the project. You can see it's just to the southwest of K-15 and MacArthur. Originally, the project was funded at \$675,000. After the design and right-of-way acquisitions, we had \$606,000 remaining in the project.

The low bid came in at \$875,832 as you see on the screen. Public Works staff were able to reduce that to the engineer's estimate, which had considered those added environmental requirements. By using value engineering, they substituted a fiber mesh that's in the concrete instead of using a wire mesh reinforcement that's a little more difficult to deal with in this sort of construction and they also changed out to an engineer block wall rather than a cast-in-place wall.

So you can see we needed an additional \$232,000. Luckily, we had additional funds remaining in our original 2001 bond issue as a result of savings on other road, bridge and drainage projects and we had approximately \$600,000 in savings on those other projects, so we do have those funds available. Both staff and the CIP committee recommend approval. Do you have any questions?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I don't see that there's any questions. So what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**O. ORGANIZATIONAL POSITION CHANGES.**

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**Mr. Russell** said, “The item before you are positions that have taken on more responsibility or finally found their place in the organization, in terms of supervisory or skill demands over the last year. We didn’t bring them with the last bunch because we weren’t done with them yet and a couple of others have since immerged. The items effect 19 positions, one in the Appraiser’s Office, 4 in Department of Information and Operations, 12 in COMCARE to accommodate a grant-funded reorganization there in mental health, one in the Sheriff’s Department and one in the District Attorney.

The 2003 budget impact, I believe in you packet says \$58,682. In fact, COMCARE has deleted a position to fund theirs, which means it’s a net savings of \$6,000. So the net impact on this is \$30,230 for 2003 and I can answer any questions.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I don’t see that we have any questions. Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the position changes.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Doug. Next item.”

**P. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

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**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For the Month of November we had a pretty decent month, considering it was at the end of the year. We had nearly 100,000 people through the doors, 28 events, 41 performances. Net revenues were in excess of \$276,000. Started the month with the Chairman's favorite event, Dragon Tales Live. Very good show, the little kids just had an absolute ball. We've got a couple of more family show surprises coming up in first quarter of 2003 and some of them are brand new events that haven't played to market yet and it's going to be a lot of fun.

We had the U.S. Weapons Gun and Knife Show, over 10,000 people attended the one in November. Again, that's a recurring event. We do three of those each year just for that one promoter, the U.S. Weapons folks.

W.S.U. started playing their season, a home away from home this year while their arena is under construction. We've had a lot of fun. We just had a sellout last Saturday with the Kansas State game. It's been nice to have hoops back in the house again. We've had a lot of fun with it. We had go-cart races, we had five events, three weekends, almost 2,000 in attendance. That's really become a mainstay. It's not a very heavily public attended event but it's with the registrations and the families that come along with the racers. You cannot get a hotel room in Park City during those weekends.

We had a Korn concert with nearly 6,500 people in attendance. Sports zone, we had six hockey games, 42,000 people, excess of 42,000. We had four games and one scrimmage with W.S.U. and nearly 21,000 folks attended those.

We also ended the month with a Christmas theme show and when you theme things you want to start from the beginning and we started right at our doorstep by putting some lights on the trees out on the north end of the Coliseum and it really kind of set the stage, as you entered the building, for the Manheim Steamroller show. They included a Christmas village right on the floor, so there were a lot of people that were actually sitting next to the village and you could walk through the village. You can see how it was situated with the way the stage was set up. Round tables on the floor. There was wine and cheese available on those tables. A very, very high-end event and the folks with Manheim Sreamroller, you see they wore silver tuxedos and white tennis shoes. Those guys had an absolute ball. They had a great time. The show was sold out. We're still getting compliments on the show and we'd like to present the band again, maybe a year or two down the road.

Coming up we've got plenty of basketball and Thunder Hockey. We've got the Globetrotters coming in on January 9<sup>th</sup>. We've got the RV show the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. We've got Thunder

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Nationals coming back with the monster trucks 17<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> and we've got the rodeo this year in January, 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you could have at this time."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, any questions of John on this presentation? Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Just a comment. What have you heard from the Wichita State folks, the folks who have been attending the games and Wichita State ADs and others about how they're acclimating to the Coliseum? Have they given us suggestions or compliments?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Well, we've had some things to work past. We had some issues with some site lines, especially with the student area, but we've addressed those. I talk to Jim Shoust a couple of times a week. They're happy, we're happy and the fans seem to be pretty happy. It's been working out pretty good."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Good. Okay, that's great. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. I don't see that there's any other further comments, so what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Chairman Ben Sciortino                      Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**Q. PUBLIC WORKS.**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, P.A. FOR DESIGN OF PHASE 2 STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN SAVANNA AT CASTLE ROCK RANCH 9<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION. DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. Jim Weber**, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In Item Q-1 we're requesting your approval of an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants for engineering design services on 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Savanna at Castle Rock Ranch 9<sup>th</sup> Addition street project. The cost of this work will not exceed \$25,500. All costs of the project will be paid by the benefited properties through special assessments and we request your approval of the recommended action."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any questions or comments?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**2. AGREEMENT WITH RUGGLES AND BOHM, P.A. FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STAKING OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN DEER LAKE ESTATES 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. Weber** said, "In Item Q-2 we're requesting your approval of an agreement with Ruggles and Bohm for engineering design services on the Deer Lake Estates 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition street project. The cost of this work will not exceed \$8,150 and again, all costs of the project are to be paid by the benefited properties through special assessments. We request your approval of the recommended action."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Jim. Next item."

**3. AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY (UPRR) AND SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CROSSING AT 79<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SOUTH OF HAYSVILLE AND THE UPRR TRACKS. DISTRICT #2.**

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**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item Q-3 is a three party agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the Kansas Department of Transportation and Sedgwick County regarding the construction and maintenance of crossing signals with flashing lights and gates at a crossing on 79<sup>th</sup> Street South, which is south of Haysville. The total cost of the project will be \$148,173, which will be funded 100% by the Federal Highway Administration. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, David. We have a question. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Not really a question, just a comment. This comes at a really good time and it is federal money. That’s a crossing that has had several accidents that have caused death over probably the last five years. It has been one that we have studied in Haysville and David has looked at it and it comes at a good time because this will get that crossing signalized before the traffic increases with the railroad underpass project that’s getting ready to happen next spring. So, it couldn’t come at a better time and it will bring safety to an area that will be traveled much more highly after the area at Grand and Main Street is blocked off. So I would hope everyone would support this and I will make that motion.”

**MOTION**

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item, David."

**4. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE, ON SEDGWICK COUNTY DRAINAGE PROJECT – GREENHAVEN CHANNEL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. CIP# D-2. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item Q-4 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one, for the Greenhaven channel improvement which is one of the Bid Board items to be considered today and which Pete just presented a few items ago. The engineer's estimate on this project was \$838,516.75. The low bid of Cornejo was \$875,832.50. This modification will be a decrease of \$37,316, which will bring the project below the engineer's estimate. The changes made are to construct a more aesthetically acceptable segmented interlocking block retaining wall in lieu of concrete and to use fiber mesh reinforcing in the concrete ditch lining in lieu of wire mesh. This process has been approved by the Legal Department. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think this is a great project and of course we've already done some of the work ahead of time but as we move forward on some of these drainage proposals I think this one will be important because it does serve that Oaklawn area that has some major, major problems, and drainage is going to affect the development and the clean up over there if it doesn't get fixed. So, I think this is a great program and I'll be supportive."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And also, you visited with me that the contractor, when you went to them and said, 'would you modify your bid?' he immediately tried to assist us and work with us in reducing his costs too."

**Mr. Spears** said, "That's correct. Ron Cornejo, worked with him and he was very cooperative and we have a good working relationship. And I might mention, on this project, this is one of the few that we are working on that actually homes do get flooded in this area and we think, in most cases now, they will not get flooded after we do these improvements."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Great. All right. What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much, David. Next item.”

**R. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2002.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “There are seven items for consideration today that resulted from the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts on December 12th.

**1) ERGONOMIC CHAIR STANDARDS- VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

The first item is ergonomic chair standards for various departments. Recommend the low proposal from Kansas Correctional Industries for Tough brand chairs, the low proposal from Corporate Express for Bodybuilt, Global, Hon and Kimball brand chair, the low proposal from T.E. Berry & Associates for Eck Adams and Sitmatic brand chairs, the low proposal from Hesston Business Interiors for Haworth brand chairs, the low proposal from Goldsmith’s for National, Herman Miller, Miller Reaction, Sit-on-It brand chairs and the low proposal from Scott Rice for Krueger, Paoli, Patrician, Steelcase, Triad and Via brand chairs, to execute contracts with each vendor for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

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**2) SALE OF PROPERTY AT 207/ 209 N. EMPORIA- PURCHASING**

The second item, sale of property located at 207-209 North Emporia. Recommend the high net offer in the amount of \$169,750 from Cheryl Higgins, subject to receipt of an environmental certificate from the City of Wichita.

**3) 2003 INSURANCE RENEWALS- RISK MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: RISK MANAGEMENT**

Item three, 2003 insurance renewals for Risk Management. Accept the 2003 insurance premiums for an estimated cost of \$880,966.76.

**4) ROOF & PARKING LOTS INSPECTIONS- FACILITY PROJECTS  
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item four, roof and parking lot inspections for Facility Projects. Recommend the proposal from Wilson, Darnell and Mann in the amount of \$51,4000.

**5) SAVANNA AT CASTLE ROCK DRAINAGE & PAVING IMPROVEMENTS-  
PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: 2001 G.O. BONDS (SPECIAL ASSESSMENT)**

Item five, Savanna at Castle Rock drainage and paving improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Ritchie Paving in the amount of \$191,958.82.

**6) GREENHAVEN CHANNEL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: 2001 G.O. BONDS**

Item six, Greenhaven Channel drainage improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Cornejo and Sons, the amount \$875,832.50.

**7) SAP USER LICENSES- ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING  
FUNDING: ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING**

Item seven, SAP user licenses for Enterprise Resource Planning. Recommend the quote from SAP Public Sector Services in the amount of \$223,146.

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Be happy to answer questions and recommend approval of these items.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. I don’t see that we have any questions or comments of you at this time, Iris. What’s the will of the Board please?”

**MOTION**

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

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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. At this time I think I would entertain a motion to take up an Off Agenda item. We have a time certain at 11 but we’re a little bit ahead of time and I think we could take this Off Agenda.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Mr. Chair, I have an Off Agenda item I would like to take up on the K-96 Corridor study.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

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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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you.”

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Commissioners, this is another one that we probably haven’t worked through the regular channels, so I’m just bringing it so we can visit about it here for a few moments today and perhaps make a decision before the end of the year.

Commissioner McGinn and I were approached by County Commissioner Frances Cheph from Reno County about taking on a project of doing a corridor study between Hutchinson and Wichita and the smaller cities that are in that corridor. They had begun visiting with South Hutch and Haven in Reno County and now we’ve had some conversation with Maize and Mount Hope about as that corridor continues to grow, the traffic on there is getting to be really very heavy and there’s going to be, I think, continued opportunities for economic development and growth along that corridor. It’s going to happen.

The folks at Reno County had become aware of the K-10 study that was done by Douglas County and Johnson County on Highway K-10 from Lawrence over to Overland Park and they really went through quite an extensive study and I’ve shared with you this supplement that was in the Kansas City Star back in late 1999 about the promotion of this K-10 corridor. What a study would really attempt to do would be to look at the existing land uses along the corridor, what zoning is in place now, what kind of flood plain limits are there, major drainage systems or problems, where the utilities are, where the roads are and where the access roads are and where some of the real touch points are.

What the folks in Reno County are proposing is that we hire a consultant to put together a study that will put these kinds of things in one document that can be really used as an economic development tool for those who want to use it for that, but can really be helpful in doing some planned growth

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and being able to have the communities and the counties involved develop a better plan for this area between Wichita and Hutchinson.

The cost of such a study could be as much as \$45,000. The plan has been that we just split that between Reno County folks and Sedgwick County folks. So I guess I'm here to ask you to at least consider today making a commitment or putting in reserve at least \$22,500 so we could participate from the Sedgwick County side.

And again, I apologize that we haven't gone through our regular system and somebody brought us a nice, tied-up package saying 'yeah, this is good' or 'this is bad'. But we just kind of got into a time crunch with the end of the year and I wanted to make at least this information available to you so you all could help us think about whether this is something we should participate in or not."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. For the record, this is two apologies in one meeting. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I've talked with Tom extensively on this and I believe that I'm going to be supportive. One of the things that I think we need to look at with this is making sure that once it's completed it's incorporated in the comprehensive plan as we move forward. Because that does take a pretty good stretch of Sedgwick County road and starts to talk about the economic development, the land use and how it would fit in with that and I think that ties in with the comprehensive plan as we start looking at that in 2003 and 2004. I'm not sure exactly when we revisit the comprehensive plan but I think this would give us some good guidance on that far northwest corridor to how we want to plan and use the land and how it ties into the comprehensive plan. So I'd be supportive but I think we need to make sure that it fits in with the overall plan.

I'd also be interested in what R.E.A.P. feels about the corridor study because it is a regional partnership and Reno and Sedgwick County also are in that group and might have some thoughts on that. So, that's all I have, Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, I've sat in on most of those meetings as well and I think this is a great idea for setting out some of the guidelines, finding out what infrastructure is there instead of doing things in a haphazard way. So I would support putting money in reserve. I think the only thing we're not sure of is exactly . . . we've had some meetings where the key guy has not been there. So until . . . I guess I have a little more confidence exactly whose going to take the ball and

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run with it for sure, I'd like to see that we put the money in reserve to be able to move forward once we get everybody at the table. But I think this is a very good, worthwhile project and I agree with Commissioner Norton, especially as we're going to continue to look at the comprehensive plan, this would be a great thing to have in that as well."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. I would agree with Commissioner McGinn about that. I know that I would need to have more details about what it was actually going to look like, who was going to do the study. I know that there was a study done not long ago from Hutchinson, west on Highway 50 to the Colorado line that I was not really too impressed with. I think that's going to be a study that sits on somebody's shelf. I think what they've done in Douglas and Johnson County with this K-10 corridor study has really been an enhancement to how they want to see and how they promote the growth. They, in fact, incorporate a trademark, the name 'Smart Corridor' for this K-10 route and I think, as we continue to see the traffic and the movement on K-96,

I think there's going to be folks that say this is going to be a place where we need to want to have our business or want to do some development and we just need to make sure that we have a plan so we can take advantage of current utilities, sewer, water and we can be the most efficient and economically to local government. And I would agree. So if . . . Go ahead."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "For the essence of time, I'll withgo any more dialogue and let you make a motion if you would like."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I'd like to make just one comment. You and I talked on this and one thing to understand, we don't know if there's going to be monies for road projects or whatever if we need any assistance from the state but as I understand it, this study can be done and put on a shelf. It's not time sensitive and if the project is done five years from now, eight years from now, it's still germane, it would still be worthwhile."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "This study that was done in Douglas and Johnson County was in 1999 and I've looked at it. I mean, it's still valid information. It still has information that's going to be usable for some time to come."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Why don’t you try a motion.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to instruct the County Manager to reserve \$22,500 from our contingency fund that could be set aside this year for use on this project, if this project moves forward.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I might make a modi . . . why don’t you say ‘in an amount not less than 25, just in case.’”

**MODIFIED MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to instruct the County Manager to reserve not more than \$25,000 from our contingency fund that could be set aside this year for use on this project, if this project moves forward.

Commissioner McGinn 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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much. We have a time certain that’s we’re only two and a half minutes behind on, so why don’t you call the next item.”

**S. PRESENTATION OF THE BUFORD M. WATSON, JR. AWARD FOR**

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**EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT TO WILLIAM P. BUCHANAN,  
COUNTY MANAGER.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Mr. Mears, before you start, I don’t know how anybody is conducting any county or city business, looking into the audience. I mean, I see everybody and their uncle that represents an awful lot of our cities and counties here, I assume to compliment Bill. Maybe it’s to condemn him, I don’t know, but Kent and Mark and Ms. Bloodworth and I’m going to miss a lot of names but thank you all for coming to share with us for this award. Yes, sir.”

**Mr. John Deardorf**, City Manager, Dodge City, Kansas and President of the Kansas Association of City/County Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Appreciate having time on your agenda today for this very special presentation. My name is John Deardoff and I’m the city manager in Dodge City and current president of the Kansas Association of City and County Managers. Along with me here are other colleagues from around the area that are here, again, on this very special day and what I’d like to do is have each of them stand up and introduce themselves and their title and what city they’re with or county so you can get a flavor of whose here today.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “We go to lunch at 12:30.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “They can do it right where they stand I think.”

*The following people greeted the Commission.*

Mr. Stan Stewart, City Manager, El Dorado, Kansas.

Mr. I.D. Creech, City Administrator, Valley Center, Kansas.

Mr. Ken Dickson, City Administrator, Mulvane Kansas.

Mr. Ray Humnard, Public Administration Department, University of Kansas.

Mr. Don Geddart, City Manager, Larnard, Kansas.

Mr. Chris Cherches, City Council, Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Mark Schroeder, City Administrator, Derby, Kansas.

Ms. Carol Bloodworth, City Administrator, Maize, Kansas.

Mr. Ross Hanrahan, Deputy City Manager and City Clerk, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mr. Randy Partington, City Administrator, Fredonia, Kansas.

Mr. Ken Hinecky, City Manager, Newton, Kansas.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you all again for coming. We really appreciate that.”

**Mr. Deardorf** said, “I think just having these folks here tells you a little bit about what this award means to our association. But each year, during the fall conference, we take time to honor one of

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our members for outstanding public service and we do this through the Bufford M. Watson Junior award for Excellence in Public Management. The award for Excellence in Public Management was established in 1988, to recognize local government managers who have demonstrated excellence in the public service arena. The award recognizes those attributes exemplified by Bufford M. Watson Junior, the former city manager of Lawrence, Kansas. This award is held as the highest award that KACM gives each year and due to the significance of this award, we typically announce the recipient at the fall conference which we just did in November but we always like to come to his or her community to present this in front of their governing bodies.

Let me give you, just quickly, some of the criteria that this award includes: a commitment and contribution to the profession of local government, involvement in the profession at the state and the national level, support and encouragement of colleagues in the profession, a visionary and opportunistic leadership, a mentoring and assisting young professionals and finally, leadership in promoting professional management in good government and these are all attributes that Bufford M. Watson had.

Not everyone in the room, probably you and not everyone of Bill's colleagues knew Bufford, and so what I'd like to do is just take a little bit of time and kind of part of our tradition is to tell everybody about Bufford, so we can be reminded of what he meant to public service.

There's a book written back in I believe it was 1993, and there were several chapters written about specific city managers in the state and long tenured city manager and one of those chapters was written about Bufford Watson and was written by Mike Wilgent, who is the current city manager of Lawrence, was a long time assistant of Bufford Watson's.

Bufford Watson's career began in 1958 as a city manager of Henrietta, Oklahoma. He held that position for three years and then moved into city manager's post in Muskogee, Oklahoma and Sioux City, Iowa before assuming the city manager's duties in Lawrence in 1970. Bufford's first decade as city manager in Lawrence was marked by a variety of issues. There was a lot of growth going on in Lawrence, the downtown was going through a significant revitalization effort under his leadership and perhaps that was one of the biggest legacies that Bufford left to Lawrence was his efforts in the downtown work.

He also had some difficult times. His first year was marked by turmoil in Lawrence over the Vietnam War and the racial issues that were occurring across the country, across our county governments. There were critics that petitioned for a change in the form of government, and the voters rejected that.

Now Bufford also had to fight off a serious attempt to force his resignation in 1982 and with his

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usual positive attitude in place, Bufford found the community rallied behind him. And Bufford was the kind of person that could handle this in a very professional way. Bufford had an uncommon ability to really talk and listen to people. He was a talented mediator of diverse opinions and really made people feel important. He could inject humor at the right time to bring everything into focus and balance and probably many of the people here will attribute Bufford as probably one of the better storytellers of our time. He could tell a great story.

Another key to his survival of the pressures of work in the public arena was his joy of his family and his home life and each year many of us that went to Lawrence for the spring city managers' conference had the opportunity, as Bufford opened up his home to all of us to come in to just share and talk and meet his family and you could really get a good feel as to how important family was to Bufford.

Bufford was a true professional and highly respected by his peers. He served as president of our association in 1973 and then served as president of the International City Manager's Association in 1986. In 1988, KACM honored Bufford by establishing the Bufford M. Watson Junior award for Excellence in Public Service and we designated him as the first recipient and we can remember how proud he was that day he got that award.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> of 1989 Bufford died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack, shortly after returning home from a city commission meeting. At the age of 59, Bufford left his memory and impact on professional management and in local government and it will live on forever. And each year, as we do this award, it allows all of us to reflect on what Bufford really meant to the city management and county management profession.

So at this time I'd like to ask Stan Stewart, who is the city manager of El Dorado, to share a few comments with you as to what Bufford meant to him."

**Mr. Stan Stewart**, City Manager, City of El Dorado, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. It's an honor and a privilege to be here, and I don't say it all the time, but I'm representing KACM, which is our professional group dedicated to improving local government so you feel good when you're speaking on their behalf. Bufford Watson was one of my heroes, so any time we can speak something that reflects something on him it feels good. And we're here because it's a privilege because of Bill Buchanan and the respect and the admiration that I think all the members of the KACM have for him and the job he's doing is why we're here and why we have this award.

I'm not a very emotional person and I think I . . . you can talk about some spiritual things in my

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family, you can talk about my golf game and that might be the only time I get emotional, except when I talk about Bufford Watson and so hopefully this thing goes pretty well, but I don't do that very often.

I knew Bufford as a student when I was at K.U. I was a classmate of his son, a colleague that he made feel equal when that wasn't even close. He was a mentor to me. I was a fan, I think, of his just like most of the folks that knew him were and I was at his funeral and I've never been at a funeral where more folks laughed. There was more laughter at that funeral than there was at most parties, and I think that was kind of symbolic of how Bufford lived life and how he wanted . . . all of his friends and family knew that's how he wanted people to remember him.

But we watched and we immolated and we learned from Bufford. We created an award for him while he was still alive, which was not very often. I thought about leaving the profession once and I thought it was a chance to go out and make some money and do all those kinds of things and I went to Bufford and asked him what I should do and we talked for maybe 30 minutes and he never once told me what I should do, which is what I wanted. But when I finished talking to him and decided to stay in the profession and that was . . . you know, he was wise enough to know how that decision had to be mine and not his. But I learned a lot just from that episode too of how to let people knock and come to their own decisions.

He represented the best, the brightest. He was a rising star that stayed in his community for a long time and I think that was something that folks in our profession needed to know and needed to realize that how we could be successful, because that wasn't always the mindset of how city managers thought.

But what I want to do today, John talked a little bit about Bufford and I thought did a very good job, but I want to talk a little bit about some of the attributes that I saw in Bufford and how I see them in Bill Buchanan and that's why we're here today. Bufford was personable. He made us all feel at ease. We were included in his group whenever he was around. Bill does that to us. He was as genuine as I've seen. He was sincere when he showed interest in you. You were convinced that you were important. Bill does that to all of us. He was forward-thinking, innovative, he was pushing the envelope. He made us all think, when we were together talking. Bill does that and he does it very well. He was a mentor to a bunch of us. Bill does that and it's not just the folks that have worked through Sedgwick County and through the W.S.U. program but all of us throughout the state. He's a teacher, a motivator and every time we get together, we come away thinking we're a little bit better off personally and professionally when we've had that association.

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Bufford was so active professionally. We know the demands in Lawrence were such but he never missed our meetings and he never was . . . he was active state, the league, national association. Bill does all those things and is happy while he does them.

The things that Bufford did, as much as anything, he loved his profession, he loved his community. I sense that in Bill. He never said anything negative about Sedgwick County, about his governing body. Bufford never did that. I can't say that about myself, sorry Bufford. But he does take the pride in the profession, the organization. He loved life. I get all those senses out of Bill.

When Bufford died I was on the KACM board and I was quite passionate about not giving the award anymore and didn't think anyone could measure up to the standards that Bufford had set. The board rightfully didn't do that at that time and when we're here today, Bill Buchanan deserves that award. He meets all those things that Bufford would have been happy with and I'm sure Bufford would be very happy also that Bill was receiving this award today. So, thank you very much."

**Mr. Deardorf** said, "Marla Flinsey would like to make a few comments on behalf of KACM, or counties."

**Ms. Marla Flinsey**, Kansas Association of Counties, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm honored to be asked to speak on behalf of the Kansas Association of Counties. I'm here to celebrate and congratulate this very special award that your county manager, Bill Buchanan, has received. Stan told you about some of the specific things that earned Bill this award, but I'm here to tell you, in case you didn't already know this, the many ways that Bill Buchanan promotes good government, good county government in Kansas. He deserves this award, not only for what he does in here in Sedgwick County, but also countywide. And I would just give you three examples.

The first one is probably the most subtle, but I have observed over my five years as education director that any time we have Sedgwick County employees in a classroom with people from other counties, they are almost without exception the source of progressive ideas, innovative ideas and they demonstrate that they value learning and I think that's a direct reflection on the leadership of this county.

Second, Bill has been exceptional in his support and mentorship of our very small but growing number of county administrators in Kansas. There are about 18 of them and Bill makes that a real

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commitment to help with them where he can.

And the last way that I really see Bill's leadership extending beyond Sedgwick County borders is the fact that he makes himself and your employees very much available to other counties in terms of sharing their expertise and their ideas. I never hesitate to suggest, when I get an inquiry that I can't answer, that I think somebody at Sedgwick County may have an answer too. I don't even ask permission. I just suggest they call a person. So whether it's sharing technical information or software or making themselves available to teach at our workshops, all of those are ways in which we think Bill's leadership really extends beyond Sedgwick County.

So I not only offer our congratulations to Bill Buchanan, but also to you as well, because it really reflects well on you that you have and keep a manager of his caliber. Thank you very much."

**Mr. Deardorf** said, "Thank you, Marla. We'll get to the award in just a sec. I wanted to share with you some of the comments that were on the nomination submittal for this year's recipient, Bill Buchanan. During Bill's tenure as county manager in Sedgwick County since 1991 he has instilled a sense of pride in public service, he has helped employees, elected officials and members of the community understand the roles in supporting citizen democracy. He's devoted to the profession of public management and it's evident in his long-standing commitment to the profession through his involvement in KACM and ICMA.

But probably perhaps one of the attributes that I've enjoyed about Bill, and Stan touched on that a little bit, is that he's really an upbeat attitude type of guy. He loves to talk, we all know that, and he has a genuine concern for how you are doing in your city or in your county and he's willing to share advice, again whether we ask for it or not, he's always free with that. So we appreciate that. But he's a highly respected member of our association and we're very proud he was elected, not too long ago, as one of our ICMA regional vice-presidents and I think that is a reflection of what Bill's abilities are, his leadership abilities and the respect that we all have for Bill Buchanan.

So it is now my honor to formally present this year's recipient of the Bufford M. Watson Junior Award for Excellence in Public Management to William P. Buchanan, County Manager, Sedgwick County."

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. I want to thank the Commission for taking time out of this very busy meeting to allow this to happen. I also want to thank and recognize John's courage as the manager of Dodge City and the things that have occurred from this bench to be here. So I really thank you. And maybe you and the Chairman can talk later.

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I had an opportunity to know Bufford as a manager in Pennsylvania and he and I served on a committee together and became friends. And so I am touched to be even mentioned in the same sentence, because although these guys have told you about him, he really is and was a giant in our profession and touched people in ways that managers remember and respond to.

The honor of this award is about, I thought, two things. One is the traditions of good government in Kansas. Kansas was one of the birthplaces of professional management. The City of Wichita and the City of El Dorado were first and they argue still about who was the first council manager and one was a couple of hours ahead of the other, but it was in 1917, right in the middle of the progressive movement and so Kansas has been a tradition of that, and to be then honored by people who are part of that tradition and part of a profession that shares a lot of values about democracy and public service and representative government and social equity issues. It's a real pleasure. I'm humbled and honored.

And almost like Santa Claus, I know what these guys have been doing and these men and women for the last two weeks and what they're going to be doing for the next two weeks. Like us, they're going to be agonizing over their budgets. They're going to be trying to figure out how to deliver democracy to people's doorsteps with all the cuts that are faced and they're going to assist their elected officials to make the most informed, best decisions citizens deserve and there's no higher calling than that. Thank you."

**Mr. Deardorf** said, "Bill, a very well deserved award and we appreciate what you do for all of us. With that, Mr. Chairman and Commission, we'll turn the meeting back over to you and we again appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to allow us to share Bill with you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And we now want equal time, since all the accolades were given, I think some of us what to set the record straight. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'll be brief. I saw that Lynn Buchanan was here and I'd like to hear the rest of the story. I think we should recognize Lynn Buchanan. Having been in public service myself for a while, I understand that there's always a great woman behind any man that does this because it is not an easy job to do to be in public service, to be in this kind of work and you need good support at home to be able to do it, I think as all of us have found. So, congratulations Bill. We hold you in the highest regard and keep us on the straight and narrow for the next few years please."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "As one of the two people in this room who hired Bill Buchanan, I'm

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going to apology. Is it okay with you if I apologize? I just want to say that was one of the best decisions I've made and I don't think I've ever regretted it. Well, there was that one day, that one time but Mark, you and I started something I guess and it's nice that Mark could be here to see it too. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I just want to make a brief, quick comment. Again, I appreciate all your attendance today but just as he has helped other professional managers learn, I think he has certainly helped me learn what it is about being a commissioner and I appreciate that very much."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I've never shared this with Bill before, but he's probably the reason I'm in public service as well. Back during the Rails to Trails controversy, he made a comment that was printed in the newspaper that irritated me greatly and I'm still looking for that article. So someday, maybe if I find it, I'll get that into a plaque for you. But it did get me involved in politics and community services. So, thank you Bill."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I've saved my comments for last. My initials are B.S. so you understand I have no problem speaking. If I understood it right, basically what everybody says is Bill's opinionated, he talks a lot and he lets you know what his opinion is on whatever topic you wish to talk about. But seriously, county managers, city managers have a tough job. You report to a diverse board that has different personalities, different ideas, are not short in telling the manager 'I want you to do this' and the manager has to mentally figure out does he count to three, is that the majority, how does he let the elected official down easy when he can't get his opinion made to be the majority of whatever board it is. And Bill does do a good job about tutoring us, educating us, sometimes letting us know subtly that our idea isn't worth a darn but he takes care of our personality in letting us know that."

So Bill, I think I speak for all of the Board here, we congratulate you on this honor. We have to tell you that halfway through the accolades we didn't know they were talking about you because we didn't know for sure if you were the same person they were talking about. Congratulations, Bill, you did a good job. Thank you very much. Next item please."

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **T. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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**1. Easements.**

- a. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Idlewild Street Drainage Project on Idlewild from Clifton to the Arkansas River. CIP# D-3. District #5.
- b. Floodway Reserve Easement located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 29 South, Range 1 West. District #2.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V020081	\$700.00	5	The Galaxy Company

**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>
V2012	\$161.00	\$148.00
V020014	\$334.00	\$319.00
V010172	\$164.00	\$137.00
V01038	\$153.00	\$180.00
V01026	\$400.00	\$400.00
V010170	\$590.00	\$590.00

**4. Agreements (10) to provide approved developmental disability services.**

- Goodwill Industries Easter Seals of Kansas
- Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Services
- Broadway Home Health Care

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- Interim Healthcare
  - Progressive Home Health Care
  - Tomorrow's Dreams
  - Home Instead Senior Care
  - LakePoint Home Health Services
  - Sullivan Gang Care Center
  - Topeka Independent Living Resource Center
5. **Agreements (15) to provide ongoing family subsidy payments to qualifying families.**
  6. **Lease Amendment for space used by Sedgwick County Juvenile Intake and Assessment at 1720 East Morris in Wichita.**
  7. **Group Vision Care Policy for Sedgwick County employees.**
  8. **Appropriation of \$50,000 from Commissioners Contingency fund to the Extension Council to cover State reduction.**
  9. **Modification of an Existing Agreement with The Regents of the University of Colorado providing technical adjustments necessary to bring the Agreement into conformity with County policies and procedures.**
  10. **Letter of support for expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone #161.**
  11. **Contract Addendum with Information Network of Kansas providing expanded access to include the State's Integrated Court System.**
  12. **Amendment to the 2002 Capital Improvement Program to include a maintenance plan for roofs and parking lots.**
  13. **Set January 22, 2003 as date of public hearing regarding creation of The Peck Improvement District.**
  14. **Order dated December 11, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
  15. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 11 – 17, 2002.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner 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 Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, I believe we have a couple of more Off Agenda items.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to consider two Off Agenda items.

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioners, that item, we don’t need to take that. We’re not prepared to do that.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Item C?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Item B.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Item B is the appointment of board. That’s going to be deferred so we’re just looking at Item C.”

**MODIFIED MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to consider an Off Agenda item to review the Minutes of the

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Special Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts December 17th.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner McGinn left at 11:28 a.m.**

**Ms. Baker** said, “The final Board of Bids and Contracts meeting for the year occurred yesterday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002. That resulted in one item for consideration today.

- 1) REMOTE DATA BACK-UP SYSTEM- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**  
**FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

The item is a remote data back-up system for the Division of Information and Operations. And the recommendation is the negotiated proposal from XIOTech to execute contracts for XIOTech in the amount of \$741,493, CommVault in the amount of \$146,149 and Tallgrass Technologies in the amount of \$31,800 for a total of \$919,442, subject to final contract negotiations.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I just saw here that XIOTech was the . . . was getting the 919. Are they subletting these other ones out to these other people? Is that it?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Yes. XIOTech has proposed partnering with the other two recommended contracts.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, but are we paying XIOTech the 919 and then they in turn pay Tallgrass and these other people?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “No, we will pay out separately. That’s why we decided to go the three contract route.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, so our agreement with XIOTech is for \$741,493, is that correct?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. I guess that’s okay, right? All right, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts special meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

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 Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Thank you, Iris. I’d like to now close the Regular Meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Wait a minute. Is there anything else to come before this Board at this time? I will now adjourn the Regular Meeting.”

**U. OTHER**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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**BETSY GWIN**, Chair Pro Tem  
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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
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Fourth District

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ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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