

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 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, February 20, 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; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Marilyn Chapman, Election Commissioner; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement Department; Ms. Jan Kennedy, Treasurer; Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections; Ms. Jacque Wedel, Marketing Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson, Director of Preventive Health, Community Health Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Wilmer Freund, District Chairman, Sedgwick County Conservation District.
Mr. James Normore, President, Kansas African American Museum Board.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Ken Stevens, of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "I need to mention that Carolyn McGinn is, unfortunately, under the weather at home with the flu. If she's watching, Carolyn, we'll try to manage somehow without you. We wish you speedy recovery. Next item please."

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WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History would succeed in promoting the conversion of ‘Black History Week’ into ‘Black History Month’ in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is rich in African American history, including the birthdays of prominent African Americans like Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. Du Bois, Langston Hughes, and Eubie Bank; and

WHEREAS, we remember significant organizations that came to be in February, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the first Pan African Congress, and the oath of office for the first African American senator, Hiram Reels, in 1870; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month should not merely cause us to pause and consider the contributions of African Americans, but rather it should be a reaffirmation of the enlightened understanding that ALL Americans have equal value as people and as citizens, that African American history is a significant part of American history, and that individual historic origins are what bring beauty and character to our American culture.

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

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

and encourage all employees and citizens to educate themselves about the valuable contributions of African Americans, because African American history belongs to all of us.”

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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Mr. James Normore, President, Kansas African American Museum Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We would like to thank the Commissioners for the Proclamation on behalf of the citizens of Wichita and on behalf of the Kansas African American Museum. We thank you very much. We also would like to thank the Commissioners for their continued support of the museum and its efforts to educate the citizens of Wichita on African American life and culture. We thank you very much and we ask that you continue to support us and we will continue to pray for you. I would also like to mention that as far as support of the museum, that on April 21, we do have a ball, it is the Caribbean Dreams. We ask the citizens of Wichita, the Commissioners and all those who listen to come and participate and support us in our major fund raising efforts. We thank the Commissioners, we thank the citizens of Wichita, thank you very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I believe we had a lot of fun last year. I think I actually got on the dance floor and made a fool of myself if I can remember right. Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item.”

AWARDS

B. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD TO RON HOLT.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, Carolyn normally would be standing here because this award recommendation coming before us was something that she instituted, but, again, she’s sick with the flu. I’d like to ask Ron Holt to come up. I’ve known Ron for more years than I wish to admit. We used to bump into each other over at City Hall when I was acting as the governmental relations for Multimedia and he was there. He was always getting the favors before I could because he was always in the offices before I was. As you know, Ron just recently retired as President of KG&E and during the time that he was doing all of his work for KG&E, he still found a lot of time to give back to a community that he so dearly loved and he continues even though now, given his age, you would think he would want to slow down.

Some of the causes that he has a passion for, he still is a member of the Kansas African American Museum Board of Directors. He is deeply involved as a Board of Director in Big Brothers and Big Sisters. This is a state-wide group that he works with that places programs throughout Kansas counties, the Boys and Girls Club of south central Kansas Board of Directors. As you know, this is a safe place for boys and girls to learn how to grow and they have a lot of programs for disadvantaged youth. He is also on the board of the Greater Wichita Convention and Tourism Bureau. He is on the Board of Directors for the Wichita Community Foundation and that foundation actually helps allocate funds for projects to improve the quality of life. He is on the Board of Directors of United Methodist Health Ministry Fund.

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Now Mr. Holt's hobbies, he actually has time for them, including not only volunteer community service of course, he is also very active in his church. He is married and has three grown children and seven grandchildren. Ron recently retired, as I mentioned, as President and Chairman of the Board for KG&E, but he continues to work tirelessly for a community that he has a passion for. Ron, I want to thank you for all the dedication you have done for Wichita and Sedgwick County and present you with the Sedgwick County Community Enrichment Award."

Mr. Ron Holt said, "Thank you Chairman Sciortino and to all of the Commissioners. This is a wonderful honor. I've said this time and time again, the community of Sedgwick County is a wonderful place to have a life, to raise a family, and this is great to be honored this way but I could never ever repay all that this community has given to me and my family. I stand here today very humble and very honored to receive this award. Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Clerk, call the next item please."

C. PRESENTATION OF CONSERVATION ADVOCATE AWARD TO THE BOARD OF SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Wilmer Freund, District Chairman, Sedgwick County Conservation District, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My purpose in being here this morning is to present an award to the Board. Before I go there, I would like to take a few minutes to explain why we are giving this award to you. As you know, each year, at our annual meeting, the Conservation District recognizes landowners and operators in Sedgwick County who do an outstanding job of constructing and maintaining their best management practices on the land to further resource conservation. This year, the Board voted to recognize Sedgwick County and in particular the Board of County Commissioners for the role you play in helping us promote resource conservation. You do this through your intra-agency cooperation with us and thereby we can get more money, more practices on the land, and spend less money for administration.

Since 1999, when we moved in with you down at the Environmental Resources Department on Tyler Road, you initiated the Conservation Action Grant Program, which is administered by Irene Hart. The District, through our very capable manager, Susan Erlenwein and our staff, Monte Munion, our non-point source coordinator, Rosemary Renner, the cost share administrator, and Andy McGrail, our water quality specialist. We have accomplished the following through the cost share program. Listen to these numbers. We have constructed eight livestock waste systems. We have constructed or rebuilt 50 domestic on-site waste systems. We have plugged over 250 abandoned wells. We have cost-shared on 33 irrigation efficiency upgrades and 57 terracing and waterway projects and installed one dry hydrant and looking at three more for this year.

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Our big success story, for 2001 however, was the Friends of Lake Afton project. This is an effort to clean up the water in Lake Afton, which has putrefied because of the nutrient run-off from the drainage area. Fifty-eight percent of the landowners of the land that needs treatment have contacted us for the program and 85% of those people have signed up in the first year. That is over 50% results. These numbers were possible because of the understanding and cooperation of the Board of County Commissioners, primarily through the Conservation Action Grant Program. Your contribution to the Conservation District generates well over a half million dollars annually that goes toward resource conservation in Sedgwick County. That is about a five to one ratio return on your investment.

So having said that, on behalf of the Conservation District, it is my pleasure to present this Conservation Advocate Award to the Board of County Commissioners for your cooperation with us for resource conservation.”

Chairman Sciortino said, ””Mr. Freund, I think we have some comments or questions that we’d like to put forth to you. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Wilmer, thank you very much for being here today. I think we are all really disappointed that Commissioner McGinn is not able to be here today because, as Ben mentioned earlier, she is sick and at home. She has certainly been one of the driving forces to get us on really a good track in working with the Conservation District. I know that you had requested and I believe she was your speaker at your annual meeting just a few weeks ago. We certainly know her commitment.

I’ll go backwards for just a moment. Right now, Commissioner Betsy Gwin and I are kind of the senior members here, but I remember back in the early nineties when we dealt with the Conservation District and it was always kind of a tussle. We knew that we should be interested in conservation. We knew we should be leveraging these dollars, but we never could really feel that we had a comfort level. Every budget season we would have a struggle and you were here a number of times to make sure that we tried to stay on track. Then in the late nineties, I believe one of the real turning points, was when as you said you moved out into our natural resources group with Susan Erlenwein as kind of that direct connection. Then working with Irene Hart on the Conservation Grant Program. That seemed to really be a time frame when we just took a big positive step forward with the Conservation District. I’m not sure any of that would have happened. I know Commissioner Hancock was involved in that, in Susan’s first move over there. I know that Carolyn McGinn has been extremely supportive of those programs.

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Today's award presentation, Wilmer, I think is an example of a good thing that wasn't happening very well and now is just a real success story. So, I appreciate your effort and work and all the effort that the board puts in. I know there are board members on there who have been there for a number of years. I hope that they are as satisfied with the way things are happening now. I know we can always do them better. We really appreciate your coming and saying thank you. We're glad we've got this program on a good track. From my standpoint and I believe the other Commissioners, and again I am disappointed that Carolyn is not here today to really accept this award but we'll make sure she gets to at least see it. Thank you Wilmer, we appreciate your being here."

Mr. Freund said, "Let me just say, you said you weren't quite sure whether this would have happened. I can assure you that that is the reason it happened. We were somewhat apprehensive, if you recall, in the move. We wondered what was going to happen to our autonomy and so forth and you assured us, particularly Commissioner Hancock played a large role in that. As far as the board is concerned now, we are unanimous. We feel great. We know that we would not have been able to accomplish these numbers if we hadn't had the full cooperation of the board. We really appreciate it. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just another comment, Wilmer, before you go. One of the things I think or a couple of people who made this linkage a success, you mentioned Commissioner Hancock and in his absence we want to thank him but I think the Board's confidence in both Irene Hart and Susan Erlenwein and in our ability to work with them, to understand the way our relationship with them has been in the past as employees of Sedgwick County, they have been a wonderful link between your group and the Board and have assured us through their confidence and their ability to connect between the two groups, I think those two women particularly have been very important in the success of our newfound relationship."

Mr. Freund said, "You are absolutely correct and that is why I mentioned their names this morning. Again, thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Wait a minute, Mr. Freund, you can't leave yet. My initials are B.S. so I always get the last word. I just want to echo what my two fellow Commissioners have said, especially as it relates to Commissioner McGinn. Everybody comes to these offices with some talents and some background. With her having had her degree in Environmental Studies, I found her as an invaluable resource of educating me on the importance of it. If my memory serves me right, it was because of her insistence that we started this well plugging program. I didn't even know there were open wells around Sedgwick County or if there was, so what type of thing. She has been very gentle at times and very effervescent at times as far as I am concerned in educating me on the need of continuing to support the efforts that your group is doing. I think she deserves a big thank you from all of us on that too."

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Mr. Freund said, "I need to comment on that also. When Commissioner Hancock was our liaison more or less between the Board and the District and I made sure, through Bill, that knowing Carolyn's background that we could have her as our liaison again between the Board and the District. It has worked very well. She's up on things and she knows what is going on and she does support us in almost 100% of our efforts. I just can't stand here and tell you how much things have changed in the last three years. Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Gwin, you know what I'm referring to. It is just a complete turnaround. It is 500% better than it was in the past. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Clerk, call the next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have had a couple of public hearings on Commission boundary redistricting, one at a workshop at the end of November and another one at your Regular Commission Meeting on December 19. If I could, I'd like to make some comments about the information that is before you."

As you know, we have considered a total of five scenarios for Commission redistricting. They all have slight differences, but the goal of each of those scenarios is to redistribute your population so that you can get to a target population of approximately 90,500 population per Commissioner district. All of those scenarios come pretty close to doing that. Each one is a little different. In the space available, I have put up scenarios three, four, and five for you to consider with scenario three being on the left and scenario five being closest to the podium.

Real briefly, here is what those do. In each one of those scenarios there is really no change to Commission districts of five and two. Those are the ones shown in light green and purple. In each one of those scenarios there are minor differences in the changes to Commission District 1. The majority of changes come between Commission Districts 3 and 4. As you may recall, Commission District number 3 had to lose about 11% of its population in order to get to the targeted amount of 90,500 and Commission District 3 [sic] needed to gain about 7%. In each one of those there are slight differences, but the majority of differences come between Commission Districts 3 and 4. I can go into specifics on those, but the purpose of this morning's agenda item is to have a public hearing so I think, unless you have questions, it would be appropriate to open this for public hearing and receive public comment."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Rich before we open this for public comment. I don't see any questions. I would like to now open this portion of the meeting for public comment. Is anyone here in the audience who would like to speak to this redistricting proposal that we have before us today? This is your one last chance to say something for or against redistricting. Does anyone have any comments that they wish to express to us as it proposes to the redistricting? Then I will close the public portion of the hearing and restrict the comments to the Bench. Commissioners, any comments that you would like to make on this? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I have a couple of questions for Rich. After looking at all five of these scenarios, I think the one that I am most comfortable with and ready to proceed with today, unless something develops in this discussion that would make us think we should continue to wait, is scenario five. There are, I guess Rich, a couple of questions. As I listen to Commissioners and you, in earlier discussions at the public meetings and the times that we have discussed this either in a workshop or from the bench, we've talked about trying to straighten out boundary lines as much as possible to alleviate confusion as much as possible. We've talked about keeping like neighborhoods together as much as possible. Do you, in your estimation, does scenario five fit the criteria that was both laid out in legislation, in law, that we should follow and does it accomplish . . . I know you can argue for one plan or the other, one scenario or the other, but in listening to Commissioners talk about issues of keeping lines as straight as possible, keeping neighborhoods together, trying to get to a balanced number, does scenario five fill those issues, in your estimation?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, it does. The statutes require the districts to be as equal and compact in population as possible. While I think that probably all the scenarios meet that test, I think certainly scenario number five will do that very well for you."

Commissioner Winters said, "With District number 3 being the district that is going to lose the most population-wise, a little over 11,000 people, in scenario five, am I correct, we're talking about Precincts 610, 614, 634, 633, and 623 moving from District 3 into District 4. Those are along the west side of the Arkansas River in the Indian Hills, Benjamin Hills kind of area, which is immediately adjacent to District 4, is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "That is correct."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton."

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Commissioner Norton said, "I just want to make a comment that we have worked awful hard at looking at the different maps and different scenarios. We've already had one meeting that solicited public opinion and we had very few speakers. We've opened the public meeting today and we had no comments. From my perspective, when we first started analyzing the districts, particularly District 2, it was apparent to me that even though I represent Mulvane and had a good relationship with that area of Rockford Township, that it really made sense, based on geographical boundaries and the changes going on on the south portion of the County, that Derby and Mulvane being linked by the expansion of Rock Road makes sense for both of them to be in the same district. So we made that decision. Ben and I worked on that and I think it was very prudent to pull that together. It does make a natural boundary. It cleans up trying to explain what your district is to constituents and it does push me up a little bit further north up into Wichita, but that does give me a little more urban area. So I think, from my perspective, we've worked real hard to make sure that it makes sense population-wise, constituency-wise, but also boundary-wise. I think that change is going to be very positive and bring like constituents together down in that corner of the County.

As I look at the other districts, I think the same changes moving toward scenario five made the same sense. It cleans up boundaries, it brought like constituents together, and certainly got the populations, which we are most charged with doing, very close together. I'm very supportive of scenario five. I did have one e-mail comment that they thought that scenario two was the best scenario, but as I went back and analyzed it, I really am going to be more supportive of scenario five, although I do want to go on record as I had one constituent advocate for scenario two. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't think any of us have had a great deal of comment, one way or the other. I think what we're seeing today are minimal changes, quite frankly, though District 3 and 1 do have to give up a little population, we are not making a wholesale realignment of our districts and are only adjusting as is necessary to meet those population guidelines. As you said, as far as two and five are concerned, to put cities of like interest and geographic nature closer together.

Probably the most substantial change in my district will be to move the city of Park City to District number 4. That has been the only small city in Sedgwick County that two of us have shared. It was difficult for those folks up there, I think, to understand exactly who their Commissioner might be, maybe for a lot of communities. But right through the center of Park City was the dividing line. Since my district did have to give up some population, Carolyn and I talked about that and thought that a realignment that allowed one Commissioner to represent Park City made good sense to us and I believe it will to the folks of Park City.

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Other than that, there are some precinct changes that are minimal, I think. It still leaves me with just over 91,000 folks in my district population-wise. It puts me a little bit larger, but the way Commissioner Winters' District is growing and other outlying communities are growing I'm sure you all will catch up in no time.

The other thing, I think, that I'd just like to make in a passing comment, we're looking at total population here based upon the recent census. Then we also got paperwork based upon voter registration. Now with the Election Commissioner sitting here, I think this will be a plug for her people and her activities, it is a shame to see how few people in this County are registered to vote. When we are looking at total population numbers of over 400,000 and we have 227,000 of those who are registered voters, that is a shame. I want to encourage all of you, no matter in whose districts you live, if you are not registered, if you haven't reregistered, if you've moved, whatever the criteria might be, register to vote. This is an important election year. You're going to be choosing state leadership and local leadership and deciding on other issues. As I looked at this, I'm reminded that to be a real part of the process, to be a part of improving where you live, to be a part of the decision making where you live, you must be registered to vote and you must exercise that right.

There's my speech, Marilyn. That's the best I could do in a short time, but I'm going to be supportive of scenario five. The changes make a great deal of sense. They do bring the districts into numerical harmony and I think keeps similar neighborhoods together. Changes are minimal but, I think, important. I'm supportive of that and as I said, my last comment is, register to vote and exercise that right. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton, your light is on again."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just one last comment that I really kind of forgot to say. It is encouraging to me that most of the information was plugged into a computer, put together by G.I.S. and the election office and that the idea that personal biases, political agendas, gerrymandering was not part of the whole process. We kind of gave some overall ideas about what we thought we needed to achieve and many people plugged that into a computer and a computer model was spit out without having all that other baggage other than population, boundaries, precincts, all of that, the population base and I think that is very important for the public to know that this was a process that was very bland in bringing that information to us so that we didn't have to make little decisions about we want this precinct or we don't want this precinct that the computer did most of that for us. I think that is very important to note. That's all I have Mr. Chair."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "I want to just echo what Commissioner Norton has just said. I do want to thank G.I.S. for their work on this. Also Mr. Euson, I want to thank you because you were intimately involved in working with G.I.S. and Commissioner Norton is exactly right, especially given all the controversy and press that we've been seeing about the state's attempt to redistrict. Our redistricting was done fairly. It was done without bias and it was done to accomplish what the statute actually says that they mandate that we accomplish."

For me, I do appreciate it being much easier for me to explain where my district is because if you see the western boundary all I have to do is drive west until I hit the river and turn south and keep on going. I don't have to worry about jumping over like I did in the past. And I do agree that Mulvane and Derby being represented by the same Commissioner makes sense to me. I also like the fact that Park City now can have one Commissioner. I do have a question. We don't have any precincts that are split, is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "There are no precincts that are split, that is correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Is there any further comments or questions? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just had one comment. I want to express my appreciation and thanks to G.I.S. This has been good technology, I think. It has given us an opportunity to look at a lot of options. I also want to express my thanks to Rich Euson. I know that he has even attended some meetings specifically on how do people do redistricting, how do you keep it as fair and as even as possible. Rich, I certainly appreciate your efforts. I know you've done a lot of work thinking and looking at the redistricting issues. One more time, as far as you are concerned, scenario five meets the requirements that we set out for ourselves and state law."

Mr. Euson said, "Yes sir, it does."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, if there are no other comments and we're willing to make a decision today, what's the will of the Board?"

Commissioner Norton said, "The only question I may have is Marilyn is here today, and if she have any comments as Election Commissioner, that might be appropriate. Just want to be sure that you are connected to this, since you're going to have to process it all and change the precincts and make sure people vote in the right places."

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Ms. Marilyn Chapman, Election Commissioner, said, "I've been slightly involved in this. It looks good to me. We'll take care of notifying all the people sometime this summer. Everyone will get a new voter registration certificate that shows all of their new districts, not only the County Commission Districts, but the state legislative districts. We'll take care of everybody and make the transition just as smooth as we can."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Marilyn, I have just a question. If my memory serves me right, because we're going into an election cycle now here quickly, we did something about refurbishing, replacing or enhancing some of the voting machines, and is everything ready to go?"

Ms. Chapman said, "Everything is ready to go. We received 100 additional voting machines last summer. During the month of September, a crew from Microvote Corporation and our voting machine technicians went over every single machines that we have, all 850 of them, installed upgrades in the machines, tested them all, made any repairs that were necessary. So, we feel that we have 850 brand new machines. We're really excited about it. We'll get a chance to test all of them in November."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So the voters don't have to worry about dangling their chads or dimpling or whatever it was last time."

Ms. Chapman said, "They don't have to worry about any of the chads and hopefully not about waiting in line either."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. Thank you very much Marilyn."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I have another question. Rich, I think I asked you to prepare a resolution, in case we wanted to take action today, regarding acceptance of scenario five. Is that a resolution that I have in my packet, in my backup today?"

Mr. Euson said, "There is not a resolution in your backup but I have prepared a resolution based on these scenarios and I have one for scenario five if you're ready to adopt one."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So if I wanted to do that today I could just make a motion adopting that resolution regarding the acceptance of scenario five and then you'd bring that to us later for signature."

Mr. Euson said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any further comments?"

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Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution to approve Scenario 5 for redistricting of County Commission Districts.

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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, before we go to another item on our agenda, I'd like to ask you to consider taking an Off Agenda item as it regards to the Eclipse Teen Center."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to take up an Off Agenda item regarding the Eclipse Teen Center.

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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Sciortino said, "The Eclipse Teen Center has been operating now, I think they are into their second year, and they've had some startup concerns and we've supported them in the past. They've asked us to consider helping them out once again. Commissioner Winters and I met with a couple of the principals on the board and, speaking personally, I'm very excited about the potential that this organization can do and I would be in hopes that we could consider helping them once more. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner Sciortino. I'm going to be supportive of this. There have been a couple of very good articles in the newspaper. There was an editorial a few weeks ago encouraging the community to support this teen center. There was a great article just this past weekend about they got the majority of their fund raising done, the kids came back and really had a good weekend there. I think they got down to about the last \$26,000 or so and the City of Wichita has committed \$12,500 and I'd be supportive of us committing \$12,500.

I know that a lot of people have some questions about teen centers and whether they are really the best thing to do or not. I don't know that you can ever put a profit and loss margin or a bottom line on a teen center and expect it to do what everybody hopes it would do. But I think it is just one more spoke in the wheel of things that are happening. I think it is good for us to be supportive although I clearly understand if some people think that teen centers don't meet their full goals. I completely understand that but would hope for your support today."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm going to be very supportive of Eclipse. I've been out there several times and met with different individuals. What I was encouraged with was that even during the time when they may have had some financial shortfalls they still had some kids coming to the center every Friday and Saturday. It was not like it dried up and there were no young people there. They continued to support it and find that as a viable solution to drugs and alcohol and other behaviors. I think we should continue to support that. The other thing was I think originally their focus was going to be on older teens and as they learned their market they decided that middle school young people would probably be their better market. As they transitioned to the younger market I think they had some problems with older kids being there at the same time as younger people and I think they've worked that all out.

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The second thing they had to work on pretty hard was they had the teen center functioning three or four days a week and they had a pretty nice building that they needed to find other usages for. They've gone out and found those usages and I think that is going to be real important to the long term health of the building and the center, notwithstanding what they are doing for young people on Thursday, Friday, Saturday night. I think they've got a future and hopefully it will be the model for other teen centers that can proliferate in other parts of the city. This is pretty much a downtown location and I would hope that we would have this as a model for other kinds of centers that can happen. I'll be very supportive and I wish them the best as they move forward."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate the comments of my colleagues and I support Eclipse, as I hope they are successful. My opposition in the past will continue today. I believe that the funding for this facility and others similar to it should be from the private sector and not come from public funds, so I will be voting no."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I would make a comment too, because I had to debate whether or not continuing to support a teen center was something that government should do, especially in lean times because our revenues are going to be less than what they were in the past and it charges us with the responsibility of reprioritizing how we spend, especially for non-essential items. The reason that I am going to be supportive of this is actually the members of that board sold me on the concept. We've got some individuals on that board that have a passion for trying to help a youth have an alternative lifestyle before they get into trouble. I'm convinced that the way you stop a 19 or 20 year old from being a drive-by shooter is to get to them when they are 8 and 9 years old.

I also have been down there on the weekends and it really energizes me to see 100, 200, 300 young people having fun in a drug-free safe environment. It is an opportunity for us to indoctrinate, if you will, our youth that there are alternative lifestyles that they might want to choose, as opposed to not having anything to do and hanging out and running around with maybe a gang or something and getting into trouble at an early age. Also, when they came to me, they did impress upon me that they really feel now that they do have their act together. That they think with this assistance they can now be self-perpetuating, self-sustaining and I'm willing to support this one more time to see if maybe we can bring this dream that this board of directors have to fruition. I will be supporting this but I certainly understand Commissioner Gwin's concern and I shared a lot of her concerns as to whether or not this was something government should be funding. Any other comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to support the Eclipse Teen Center up to a maximum of \$12,500.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

E. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE* RELATED TO PLUMBING CODE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIALITY CONTRACTING AND LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLATION.

Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This Resolution is basically a clarification of past uses of our plumbing code. In the past, from the existence of the department they've always allowed water sprinkling companies to install water service and this primarily takes place in the incorporated areas of the County because we don't have that much of the area that actually has public water service, normally they'll have a well. In the past, it has never really been looked at, just from the fact that 25 years ago when the department was started it was somehow overlooked, it was a gray area of the code.

What this does is that it clarifies, that it allows yard sprinkling system people to actually install the water service. One of the reasons behind that is that in a lot of cases when you install a yard sprinkler system you would have to call a licensed plumber out to do part of that installation so you'd have two licensed contractors on the job who are virtually doing the same kind of work. We've clarified this that allows the yard sprinkling installers to install the water service and this is basically the same as what the City of Wichita and City of Derby and we believe the City of Haysville allows the same thing. I'm willing to answer any additional questions, if you have any."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Glen, it looks like we do have one. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. I was involved with this in the very beginning. I think you need to comment that this has gone through the Plumbing Board and it has had some scrutiny. It has been looked at, as far as language and how it fits in with the other communities in Wichita. Would you comment on the process you went through, Glen."

Mr. Wiltse said, "The process is whenever we have amendments in any of our codes we have a specific board, whether it be plumbing, electrical, mechanical, or building, and first we go to our Legal Department. We refer to them as to the legal language. They put it into draft form and then we set up a meeting with our Plumbing Board. if there are any modifications at that time then it goes back to the Legal Department and is taken back to the Plumbing Board again and this was voted upon and approved by our Plumbing Board."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any further questions of Glen? I don't see any. What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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F. TREASURER'S OFFICE.

**1. RESOLUTION RELATED TO SEDGWICK COUNTY TREASURER'S
ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR NON-
DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES.**

Ms. Jan Kennedy, Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have something that I would like to share with all of you. We're number one. I'm just taking equal time, Chairman Sciortino."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that a K-State thing on there?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "No it is actually not. I did have a question too, regarding the earlier redistricting. Have we offered to lend to the state our G.I.S. and Election Commissioner expertise? It sounds like they could use it.

What I have for you today is a Home Rule Resolution that empowers me to accept installment payments on non-delinquent real property taxes then, after that, both guidelines and agreements that are required in order to execute this resolution.

The resolution basically says that you are going to let me do that and you are not responsible for anything that happens and if there are any complaints they have to see me. That's kind of what it says. This has arisen from comments from citizens who have come often at the tax due date or shortly thereafter in a total tizzy because, particularly people who live on a fixed income, have much more difficulty accumulating a pile of money sufficient to pay half or full taxes when they are due. Many of them have asked, 'Could I make payments?' We've not before ever had this opportunity for those citizens. So this would allow those people and for that matter any citizen, although those people whose mortgages include their taxes would not be interested in this because they are already, in effect, doing that by paying into their escrow. What we would be doing is allowing citizens to begin, in January, to pay the taxes that are due next December or June depending on whether they are doing six months or a year, thus allowing them to budget and be a little bit more fiscally responsible and not have no Christmas because December 20th is the deadline. I would appreciate your consideration. Are there any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes, I see that we have some questions of you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Jan, is the intent here to allow the folks to pay in monthly or quarterly or are you flexible in that regard?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "We are relatively flexible through the agreements but the intent is to make it more like a monthly payment."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Then by the time taxes are due, what happens if those folks don't have enough money in their accrued account with you to pay those taxes? Then what happens next?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "The objective is that we would estimate what the payment should be based on last year's levees and they would pay in one-twelfth for eleven months. So there would still be an amount due on the due date but it should be nearly one-twelfth of the total. In other words, on that last payment then you would collect even additional if there were raises in taxes or a decrease if there is a reduction in their tax bill. The practical matter is that we will take their lump of money and post it once the tax statements are created, so that when the statement goes out to them it will show what their tax bill was, what they have paid in, what is still due."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. I think that's all."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "To kind of dovetail on what Commissioner Gwin was saying. If they have a balance and they cannot fulfill that last balance, they'll get a refund and it will go delinquent. They can make a partial payment though, can they not?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "We cannot currently accept partial payments, which is one of the reasons that we are looking at this formal process. We hope that to change with the P.C.I. software but it is a limitation. It has been a limitation of our teller cashing system on the C.I.C.S. system that we just can't work around. There is just no way to work around it. The other thing that is important is that, as is made clear in both the guidelines and in the contract, this won't interfere or impede in any way the foreclosure process. If they've made a substantial number of payments, they presumably would have a half-payment covered by December. However, if they don't, they would go delinquent even if they paid 40% of their tax bill."

Commissioner Norton said, "Will that be described to citizens in the contract and everything?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "Yes sir. I believe you have that. We talk about it both in the guidelines and in the agreement."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think that is going to be important for people to understand on the front end that you could pay for eleven months and then, if for some reason can't pay the last payment, you can't accept just the partial part of it. That's all I have."

Ms. Kennedy said, "We can actually move that to showing paid on their account, but if they can't make the last payment then they are still going to be delinquent in this case on June 20. The law doesn't change that says that you are paid or you are not paid."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Jan, just a couple of questions that I anticipate citizens calling me on so I'll ask you so I'll have the answer. Since they are prepaying their tax ahead of time will there be any interest that we will pay them on the prepayment."

Ms. Kennedy said, "No, we are simply going to hang on to it for their benefit."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It is like the Christmas club, you prepay."

Ms. Kennedy said, "Exactly."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I have a question of Rich. I'm a little confused that this has to be a home rule . . . I mean, is there a need for a resolution on this? I would assume that Jan could accept . . . if somebody came in and said I'd like to give you \$100 now towards my next year's taxes, you are forbidden by law to accept that?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "I'm not forbidden by law that I know of."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So why do we need a resolution?"

Mr. Euson said, "The issue is not whether she is prohibited, she is just not permitted. The statutes just don't permit her to do this, but the statutes are silent as to whether she can do it. So therefore you have home rule authority to give her that ability to do that and that is really all you doing is giving her that ability. You are, in effect, supplementing the state statutes and allowing her to accept these payments."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, good. Thank you."

Ms. Kennedy said, "Thank you. I didn't know the answer to that either."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Are there any further comments or questions for Jan? What's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR TAXPAYERS TO PREPAY NON-DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES.

Ms. Kennedy said, "These are the legal documents that we believe are necessary to allow us to carry out the intent of the resolution. There is a requirement, I believe, statutorily that we have guidelines, policy if you will, in place so that has been prepared. Just an aside, I will tell you when this process started early on and I found out what the requirements are I made a guideline or a policy statement. It was one page. But now, it has been through the mill so it is a little bit more comprehensive. We feel like that we have a good guideline and, in effect, as to what we are going to do, how we are going to account for it, what the rights of the taxpayer are.

This is their money and will remain their money until taxes are due. They can withdraw it, we hope they don't, but certainly they can. So this talks about . . . both the guidelines and the agreement then talk about what our rights are, what their rights are, whose money it is, at what time the ownership of the money changes, how it will be accounted for, what they can expect from us and what we hopefully will expect from them. I hope you've had a chance to at least glance at these. If not, I will try to respond to any questions regarding either the guidelines or the agreement between the taxpayer and myself."

Chairman Sciortino said, "One thing that you just mentioned that threw me for a little bit of a loop, indicating that this is still their money and they could pay in for ten months and then they could call and say 'Well, something has come up and I need to withdraw \$1,000 out of my account', not the whole amount, we have to maintain that flexibility. Do you set up individual accounts? Are these in interest bearing accounts or where do they go?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "They'll be separated because I view it as having a fiduciary or a trust responsibility for the funds until such time as they become due. They still are the taxpayer's money. We will have them accounted for for each individual that participates in the program. So at any given time if you participate, for example, you can say what is my balance and we can tell you. And yes, we do need to have the flexibility for you to be refunded in whole or in part anything you have paid us prior to taxes being due because we don't own the money."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "I understand that. What I'm trying to get at exactly where does the money go? I'm sure you don't keep it in a lock box in your office."

Ms. Kennedy said, "It will be in with the operating funds."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any other questions?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Just real quickly, will there be a penalty for withdrawing. If after 11 months they decide to take their money out and do something else to pay their taxes will we have a penalty to cover our cost of running the program and taking care of their money and having the bank account and make it a little tougher for them to not follow the system they have set up in the contract they have signed? It seems to me that we would be like a penalty for early withdraw-ment after we've spent our time doing it."

Ms. Kennedy said, "That isn't currently contemplated. Certainly, it can be changed should the need arrives, but initially, to begin the program to have, if you will, a pilot program of the 300 and some citizens who have indicated an interest in it, let's see how it works and whether or not that is necessary. If we need to penalize them then that can be modified, the agreements can be modified. Hopefully it will be a rare occurrence and we're not trying to do this to penalize taxpayers, we're trying to do this to help them meet their obligation. Things do arise and emergencies happen and people being people we know that is going to happen and we have to prepare for it. I would not like to see it be punitive unless we find that it is being consistently abused and then I think punitive would be appropriate."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see any other questions Jan. What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Chairman Sciortino moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I have a Motion and a Second. Any further comment?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "Just one comment. I'm not asking that you approve the guidelines or the agreement but that you review them, receive them and file them. I don't know if that matters to the Motion or not."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "I think we made the motion to approve the Agreement because that is what it has down here as the recommended action. What are you suggesting that our recommended action should be?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "Mine says review the guidelines and form agreement, receive and file."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Mine says approve the Agreement. Mr. Euson, which of the two should we be doing?"

Mr. Euson said, "I see nothing wrong with taking the recommended action. I think you can approve the Agreement. It would be preferable for you to just receive and file but if you have a Motion, I would go ahead with the recommended action, no harm."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, we have a Motion and a Second and there are no further comments. Clerk call the role."

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 Jan. Next item please."

G. SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER OF WICHITA, INC. FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK JUNE 8, 2002 TO HOLD A FUNDRAISING WALK.**

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This request for use of Sedgwick County Park would be the sixth year for this particular walk. The goal is to have 300 to 350 participants and it would begin at 7:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m. The arrangements for the use dates have been coordinated with the park superintendent and would be subject to a receipt of a certificate of insurance and we would recommend your approval."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you Jerry. Any questions for Jerry on this item?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH (YOUTH HORIZONS) FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK MARCH 30, 2002 TO HOLD A FUNDRAISING RUN.

Mr. Harrison said, "The second use agreement is Youth Horizons, they've been at the park for several years also for the Easter Sun Run. It consists of a two mile and 10K run. The dates have been coordinated with the park superintendent. It is subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance. We would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Call the next item."

H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS SCHOOL FOR EFFECTIVE LEARNING PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR USE OF 2002 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT FUNDS.

Ms. Jeanette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item H-1 and H-2 are similar enough that I would like to take both items at the same time if that is acceptable to the Commission."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that okay with you Rich, that we could just make just one Motion?"

Mr. Euson said, "I think she is just asking to make her comments at the same time."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Then we have to have separate motions. Okay, go ahead Jeanette."

Ms. Livingston said, "Agreements with K.A.N.S.E.L. and Episcopal Social Services set the terms and conditions for receipt of the 2002 Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention Grants. Per the Commission's recommendations, I have met with each agency, carefully reviewed and revised their contractual outcomes for 2002. the Agreement with K.A.N.S.E.L. provides \$95,000 grant for 2002. It funds their G.E.D. program for youth. They serve youth who have dropped out of school and many have had personal experience with the juvenile justice system. Additionally, the K.A.N.S.E.L. program provides a lot of remedial classes to assist these youth. K.A.N.S.E.L. has been a prevention grant recipient since 1998.

Episcopal Social Services grant is \$59,835 for 2002. The grant funds the teen intervention program or T.I.P. It serves youth who have been arrested for minor misdemeanor. It is a formal diversion process through the District Attorney's Office. It funds a six-week program that focuses on personal accountability and responsibility for these youth. Episcopal Social Services received a grant in '98, 2000, and 2001. Both programs have consistently demonstrated good outcomes and both were awarded grants through the formal request for proposal process administered by the County Purchasing Department. The Board of County Commissioners had previously approved the grant amounts. The items before you are just the contracts that set out the expectations and the outcomes for both programs. The recommended action is to accept the contracts and authorize the Chair to sign. I'm available for any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you Jeanette. I don't see any questions, so I'll ask the Board to consider Item H-1 first. What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you."

**2. AGREEMENT WITH EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDING
CONDITIONS FOR USE OF 2002 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY
CRIME PREVENTION GRANT FUNDS.**

Chairman Sciortino said, "On Item H-2 what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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**3. AGREEMENT WITH MT. HOPE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.
TO PROVIDE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CONGREGATE MEAL
PROGRAM.**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In last year's legislative session the legislature directed Kansas Department on Aging to implement some pilot projects where seniors could receive meals at schools around the state. The Central Plains Area Agency on Aging volunteered to try to locate a school that would be willing to do this and we were able to find one through Mount Hope. So the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging will collaborate with Mt. Hope Community Development District, Incorporated, to provide the intergenerational school congregate meal program at the Mt. Hope grade school. The project will allow eligible seniors age 60 and older to receive a lunch meal and participate in a monthly intergenerational activity at the local grade school.

These funds will be provided from the Kansas Department on Aging. There are no additional funds that go into this. This will run through May 31st for this pilot project. We'll be reimbursed up to \$15,000 to plan and implement this pilot project and out of this funding Mt. Hope will receive up to \$4,555 to provide the services. There is no financial obligation from the County. This provides for a daily meal at the school and a monthly intergenerational activity. I think they were planning on getting started with this today. We would request your approval and authorize the Chairperson to sign. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to take them."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think we have a couple for you, Annette. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks. My question is always how many people will it serve. Do they have an idea of how many meals they will serve?"

Ms. Graham said, "It will be 12 people a day. One of the goals of the pilot project was to find a community that did not have a regular meal site and Mt. Hope met that criteria. Their goal is 12."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think this is a really neat idea. All too often we take our seniors and want to just put them in a senior center or cluster them together and I think they have a lot to offer the youth and can get them involved in somebody else's life. I think the seniors would enjoy that. Are the seniors coming from the Mt. Hope area or can any senior apply for this program or how does a senior, if somebody is listening or watching, would like to get on the list to be one of these people, how do they go about that?"

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Ms. Graham said, "As this was planned, there is a Mt. Hope senior center although they don't have a regular meal site. So they talked to the people there in that community to find out how many people would be interested. So as they kind of planned the project they needed to have an idea of the number of participants."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So it is basically going to come from that Mt. Hope Senior Center? I'd like to go on record if one of them can't make one of those meals that I would be willing to help the program along by coming. I do qualify."

Commissioner Gwin said, "He's the only one who qualifies."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Some of you are getting real close to qualifying. I think this is a great program and it would be my hope that we could maybe even expand upon that and make that available in all areas. That's neat. Enough said. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you Annette. Next item please."

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4. AGREEMENT WITH CLARENCE M. KELLEY DETENTION SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE OFFSITE JUVENILE DETENTION HOUSING SERVICES.

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you this morning is an amended agreement with Clarence M. Kelley Detention Services. The agreement provides Sedgwick County additional juvenile detention beds when the number of detainees in our current juvenile detention facility exceeds capacity. The amendment increases the daily per diem rate from \$115 to \$120 per day for juvenile detention beds through December 31, 2002. Sedgwick County would be responsible in this agreement for a monthly average daily population of 20 through the 31st of December of 2002. Basically that is it. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just have a question. I know we are guaranteeing a minimum of 20. What is our present population that we are averaging over there?"

Mr. Ternes said, "I don't have the exact number. I can get that to you, Commissioner, for the year 2001. For the year 2000, as far as our cost if you are interested in our cost, I can give you that figure but the average number I don't have that with me today."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Do you know the cost per bed that we paid for 2000?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Yes sir, I do. The cost for detention beds, not just this facility but what we do is we maintain for all facilities we contract with."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No, that won't help me. I was going to go back door and get to the number."

Mr. Ternes said, "I'd be happy to get that for you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Are we pretty comfortable that we are not going to fall way below 20 so that we're paying for more?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Yes sir. We have some provisions in the contract that allow us both for some safety nets if we go under and also if we go over. The facility can use those beds that if we're under 20 per day they can contract with other providers around the state to fill those beds and then we are reimbursed for that cost of care."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I would be interested to know, on the average, for last year what we averaged. Apparently we're pretty comfortable that 20 is something that we're going to be able to need."

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Mr. Ternes said, "I would venture a guess that it is pretty close to what we maintained there last year."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't have any further questions. Does anyone else have any questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CABLE DIRECT, INC. FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Ms. Jacque Wedel, Marketing Manager, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a standard trade agreement with United Cable Direct. What we are wanting to do is add a new level of service to our clients through hospitality. When we hosted K.I.S.S., the rock group K.I.S.S., they were wanting to watch golf and we really didn't have anything to offer them. Through an advertising agreement with United Cable Direct, which is wireless cable, we are wanting to offer that service both to performers and then also to offer an upscale environment to our guests through our Coors Lite V.I.P. Room, which we'll bring an agreement to you in the next couple of weeks. What we have done is sold naming rights for that and United Cable will be providing some of the monitors and some of the services to help implement that room. We recommend approval and authorize the Chairman to sign. Are there any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see any questions, so I'll just ask what's the will of the Board on this item?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. Tell John we don't want him watching sporting events all day long. Next item please."

J. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE AN ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER AT RANGE 25, STEP 5+.

Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson, Director of Preventive Health, Community Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to request approval of a policy waiver to hire an advanced practice nurse, that is an nurse practitioner at range 25, step 5. Just a little bit of background information about this position, this position has been budgeted for many years and it has been vacant since the spring of 2001. That is basically because we have salary limitations for this position. We were having difficulty hiring someone at the salary range that it was posted as. Hiring this nurse practitioner allows reestablishment of family planning services at the Stanley Health Station. Clients and the community at the Stanley Station have been requesting these services. This action requested would prepare us to offer a nurse practitioner a salary starting commensurate with her education and very close to her experience. We are requesting an approval of this policy waiver for this position. Any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just have one. What actually will she be doing? What does a nurse practitioner do?"

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Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, "I was prepared to describe it and I wasn't sure if you wanted to know exactly what she will be doing. An advanced practice nurse is a registered nurse who has additional training, which allows her to perform physical examinations, physical assessments, history taking, and prescribing of appropriate medication. This nurse practitioner would be describing women's health services at the Stanley Health Station and that would include teaching about women's health, teaching self-breast examination, performing breast examination, referring for mammograms, performing gynecological examinations, prescribing contraceptive measures if the client is interested in those measures. So she comes with additional skills and additional training. Any additional questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the policy waiver.

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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

Commissioner Winters said, "Could I ask for a short recess. I have a phone call from a state representative that I need to take."

Chairman Sciortino said, " At this time we will recess the County Commission meeting for ten minutes."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:31 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'll call back to order the meeting of Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners. Clerk, would you call the next item please."

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K. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR INSTALLATION OF CROSSING SIGNALS AT 71ST STREET SOUTH AND APPROXIMATELY 1,850 FEET EAST OF TYLER. DISTRICT #2.**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item K-1 is a three party agreement between the Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Sedgwick County and the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the installation of crossing signals with gates at the intersection of 71st Street South and the company's tracks, approximately 1,850 feet east of Tyler. Sedgwick County will be responsible for the installation and continued maintenance of the advance warning signs and pavement markings. The railroad crossings in the state are prioritized by K.D.O.T. and selected accordingly. The total cost of the project, which happens to be \$86,640, will be 100% federally funded. I recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you David. Any questions of David on this item? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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2. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR INSTALLATION OF CROSSING SIGNALS AT MACARTHUR AND APPROXIMATELY 1,100 FEET WEST OF WEST STREET. DISTRICT #2.

Mr. Spears said, "Item K-2 is similar to the previous item. This is also a three party agreement between the Kansas and Okalahoma Railroad, Sedgwick County and K.D.O.T. regarding the installation of crossing signals and gates at the intersection of MacARthur Road and the company's tracks, approximately 1,100 feet west of West Street. Sedgwick County will again be responsible for the installation and continued maintenance of the advance warning signs and pavement markings. The total cost of the project, which in this case is \$97,000, once again will be 100% federally funded. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you David. I have a question for you from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you Mr. Chair. Not really a question, I just wanted to indicate that both of these are in District 2 and while they are not roads and bridges, I am very appreciative that we will do some traffic controlling in that area. As that area grows, it is going to b very important to have railroad crossings signalized. This is a good project for District 2. I'm still wanting my three projects of roads and bridges, so these don't qualify."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

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3. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH APAC KANSAS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – RIDGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR CESSNA ADDITION. DISTRICT #2.

Mr. Spears said, “Item K-3 is approval of a Modification of Plans and Construction, request number one and final with APAC on Ridge Road improvements for the Cessna Addition. The modification will decrease the contract by \$1,399 due to variations in planned quantities from actual field measurements. All costs of the project are to be paid by the properties in the benefit district through special assessments. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Before we go to the next item Commissioner Norton, I think I'm confident in saying whenever we can get 100% federal dollars we can consider some of those projects. Next item please."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you for that magnanimous gesture Mr. Chairman."

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4. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH DONDLINGER & SONS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECTS.

- **819-A-3276 BRIDGE ON 10TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 117TH AND 125TH STREETS NORTH. CIP #B-349. DISTRICT #4.**
- **837-B-2992 BRIDGE ON 127TH STREET EAST BETWEEN 109TH AND 117TH STREETS NORTH. CIP #B-351. DISTRICT #1.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item K-4 is a Modification of Plans and Construction, request number one and final for two bridge projects included in one contract. The first is on Seneca between 117th and 125th Streets North, designated as B-349 in the Capital Improvement Program. The second bridge is on 127th Street East between 109th and 117th Streets North, designated as B-351 in the Capital Improvement Program. There will be a net decrease of \$14,004.96 due to variations in planned quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you David. Any comments or questions for David on this item? I don't see any. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

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L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 7 AND FEBRUARY 14, 2002.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today are the result of two regular meetings of the Board of Bids and Contracts. The first meeting held on February 7, 2002.

**1) ORNAMENTAL STEEL FENCE- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & MUSEUMS**

Item one, ornamental steel fence for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Wittwer Enterprises for \$67,150.

**2) 100 HR INSPECTION ON AIRPLANE- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET AIRPLANE**

Item two, a 100-hour inspection on the airplane for Fleet Management. The recommendation is to accept the expenditure with the Service Center of \$31,839.36.

**3) UPGRADE INTEGRATED CONTROLS AND ALARMS- FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item three, upgrade integrated controls and alarms with facilities maintenance. The recommendation is to accept the only proposal received from Simplex for \$550,000.

The second meeting held on February 14, 2002.

**(1) PARKING LOT FOR ADULT RESIDENTIAL – FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item one, parking lot for adult residential for Facilities Projects. Recommend the low bid from Cornejo & Sons of \$122,500.

**(2) LAPTOPS – APPRAISER
FUNDING – APPRAISER TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

Item two, laptops for the Appraiser's Office. Recommend the quote from Gateway of \$17,227.

**(3) TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT – EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING – EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

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Item three, telephone equipment for Emergency Communications. Recommend the quote from SBC Datacomm, \$37,989.35.

(4) A & E SERVICES FOR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY – FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

And item four, architectural and engineering services for the Juvenile Detention Facility projects. Recommend the proposal from Gossen Livingston for \$1,298,500. Be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items as presented today.”

Chairman Sciortino said, "Iris, I guess I have one question on Item 4, what was the reason we didn't pick Durrant/ Wilson, Darnell, Mann on this project? It is only a few thousand dollars but it's \$30,000 less. Why didn't we pick them?"

Ms. Baker said, "I'll let Kathy Sexton go over some of the detail or any questions regarding that process."

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager and Chief Information Officer, said, "Commissioner, the Durrant proposal that you mentioned is one of the lower cost proposals. The Gossen Livingston I think was the fourth lowest cost. On the Durrant proposal, although the firm did make a good proposal there were some weaknesses in their proposal that the committee felt would not be in our best interest. Essentially, the staff that the Durrant team proposed was relatively new to Durrant, although Durrant as a company is a very good company, one of the two primary staff people that would be working on our project, one had only been with the company a couple of months and one closer to six months. With two people with less than a year of experience with the company we did not feel comfortable going with them."

Chairman Sciortino said, "They were only with this one company but what was their experience in architectural design? I don't know that it matters that they worked for a particular architectural firm. Did they only have six months experience in architectural design? I don't understand."

Ms. Sexton said, "The individuals are experienced architects I'm sure, but they didn't have very much experience with this company and working on this project we did not feel that it was worth that \$30,000 or so of less money to go with a team that was not as experienced and did not have the clear experience that the preferred firm did, which is Gossen Livingston."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. The completion date wasn't something that was critical to you?"

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Ms. Sexton said, "We spent a lot of time in committee discussing completion dates but no, we did not feel that their proposal was going to provide us any benefits."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Kathy, do you have a list? I think it might be appropriate to know who was on this selection committee. Do you have a list of people who participated? This was not a one or two person decision and maybe tell us who was involved in this process."

Ms. Sexton said, "I do have that list and you are correct. This is a very big project. We haven't had a project this big in some time so we spent a lot of time reviewing these proposals. I, of course, was on the committee as was Stephanie Knebel, the manager of our Project Services, Iris Baker, Purchasing Director as well as Mark Masterson, Larry Ternes and Marla Sutton from the Corrections Department, Ellen House and Judge James Burgess and Judge Paul Buchanan from the courts were all a part of this decision process as was David Spears our County Engineer, Andy Schlapp who is working on some other pieces of juvenile detention. We wanted to make sure they were coordinated, then, from the District Attorney's Office, Jeannette Clary and Steve Klassen our Facilities Manager. There are so many pieces to look at and no, this is not just building a juvenile detention facility, it is also remodeling two buildings and connecting all three buildings in secure and appropriate ways. We have four County departments involved."

Commissioner Winters said, "I am sure a group this size it is probably difficult to get a unanimous decision but it was certainly the consensus of this group to recommend the firm that you are recommending today."

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes Commissioner, it was a consensus."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I understand one of the things that drew us toward this proposal was the symbiotic relationship with a group that has built many facilities and them being brought to the table with this too. Would you describe that and give us some of that information?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes, Commissioner. We were very pleased with both Gossen Livingston and the partners that they brought to the table. Gossen Livingston is a local architectural firm and

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they have built and designed juvenile detention facilities, many in the past. Then they partnered with a national firm that focuses on staffing analysis for juvenile detention Chen Associates. They are really going to help out with the staffing analysis in making sure that we build a facility that has the lowest possible operating cost and staffing cost for the long term. Then they have yet another national partner that are architects and they build juvenile detention facilities and have a 20-year history of doing that. So we're very pleased with all the partner and that they have worked together as firms in the past and they are all well known in this field."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly, when you look at the firms who sent proposals in I think the County ought to be flattered that we got a wonderful selection of very highly qualified firms, folks who have worked for us in the past, I'm sure who will work with us in the future or are currently doing projects for us. I'm supportive of the recommendation of the group. I understand the recommendation, the experience that Gossen Livingston has, particularly in these types of facilities. I'm delighted to see the interest of so many other well qualified and very competent firms. Thank you."

Ms. Sexton said, "We were as well. Thank you Commissioner."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Kathy for the record because I assume some people might pick up on it. There is another real qualified firm here, Schaefer, Johnson, Cox & Frey. On the surface it looks like it was dramatically less money, shorter days of completion and what have you. Would you explain why they weren't considered because anybody who just looks at the difference in prices and sees it is a local firm and one that I guess designed our jail across the street. Explain to the public why they weren't considered."

Ms. Sexton said, "Thank you Commissioner, I'd be happy to. First, they were considered. We didn't interview Schaefer, Johnson, Cox & Frey and as you know they are a very competent firm here in the community and we've had a very good relationship with that firm. However, this request for proposal was very complex. It required three specific things. One was that the firm or the team that this firm brought forth, they could partner with others and many of them did, it required the team to have experience building juvenile detention facilities, designing those facilities. It also required them to bring to the table experience in staffing analysis for juvenile detention facilities and also courtroom design and remodeling. This firm did not have all that experience, nor did they partner with someone."

They suggested something rather unique, was they said 'Well, the County should hire a consultant who has more background and knowledge in juvenile detention and we will work

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with them'. We considered that but we really didn't think that was appropriate. That is probably a primary reason why their fee was so much less than the others, because it wasn't a full proposal meeting all the requirements of the request for proposal."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Commissioner Norton said, "It was interesting to me as we move forward in the debate about privatization and County run facilities that part of the group that is being assembled will have built facilities that have been privatized and or run by the government entity and have some expertise in guiding us and giving us information on that, so that we're not only connected to someone who can build a great facility but also give us some guidance and thought processes on the decision we're going to have to make about how we run it and how we support it and everything, just a comment. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts for their meeting of February 7 and February 14, 2002.

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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

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M. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. Three Easements for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 775-Q-4325; bridge on 359th Street West between 6th and 15th Streets South. CIP #B-361. District #3.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 795-A-2713; 199th Street West between 117th and 125th Streets North. CIP #B-317. District #3.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V020013	\$490.00		Andover Crossing Apts.
V020014	\$334.00		Brookside Cottages
V020005	\$296.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apts.
V020006	\$539.00		Steven Shouse
V020008	\$427.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apts.
V020009	\$280.00		Savannah Park Apts.
V020010	\$253.00		Lawndale Green Apts.

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

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V020003	\$337.00	\$330.00
V01024	\$149.00	\$450.00
V2017	\$460.00	\$620.00
V20128	\$252.00	\$322.00
V010110	\$560.00	\$560.00
V2001	\$161.00	\$176.00
V01091	\$500.00	\$320.00
V01066	\$475.00	\$495.00

4. **Agreement with City of Sedgwick Police Department providing online access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
5. **Second Addendum to CDBG Micro-Loan Program Administrative Services Agreement to provide technical adjustments.**
6. **Agreement with Care 2000 HomeCare Service of Hutchinson, Inc. to provide in-home services for older adults; and Notifications of Grant (five) with Associated Home Care (one), Butler County Department on Aging (two), and Prairie View (two) providing funds for older adult service programs.**
7. **National Association of Counties 2002 Achievement Award Applications.**
 - Tissue and Organ Donor Referral Program
Regional Forensic Science Center
 - Electronic Interactive Property Filing
Appraiser's Office
 - Ready to Respond
Emergency Management
 - Dry Hydrant Installation in Rural Areas
Fire Department
8. **Plat.**

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Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2001 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Idel Banks Addition

9. **Orders dated February 6 and February 13, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
10. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the period February 6 through February 19, 2002.**

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is there any other business to come before this Board?"

N. OTHER

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Just a short announcement. I will not be at next week's meeting. I have received an invitation from Brigadier General Lim Kim Choon to join him and Colonel Ladner from McConnell Air Force Base and several other officers who are involved in the Peace Guardian Program at McConnell Air Force Base to travel to Singapore as the guest of the Royal Singapore Air Force. This Peace Guardian Program is a program in which our folks here at McConnell Air Force Base train members of the Royal Singapore Air Force to fly and maintain the KC-135 aircraft. It has been going on for a while, I wasn't aware of it. This is an opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the impact of this on our community, to thank the Royal Singapore Air Force for their participation and their presence in our community and I gladly accepted his invitation to join them for a whirlwind tour of the city and State of Singapore. I'll be leaving this Friday and will be returning to Wichita the morning of March 2nd. I'll try to represent you all well and express our interest in the continuing partnership with McConnell Air Force Base to keep it a viable and important part of our community."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I appreciate it that you have taken it upon yourself the responsibility of representing us. Commissioner Gwin, I've made those trips to the Far East. I don't envy you the checked bags or the three days of waking up at one in the morning wanting lunch and thank goodness for cable TV because not too many other people are up. Then you want to go to bed at 11:30. It is going to be kind of testing on your body. I appreciate that you are going and better you than I. Anything else?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I had several things but they all paled compared to going to Singapore so I won't. No, I really didn't have anything else."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Weren't you going to Bentley or something?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No, but I've been to Bentley and it is a fine place to spend a weekend."

Chairman Sciortino said, "If there is nothing else to come before the Board this meeting is adjourned."

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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