

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 3, 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, April 3, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Sheriff Gary Steed; Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. Wayne Burns, Director, Family & Children Community Services, COMCARE; Ms. Terry Harrison, Supervisor of Immunizations and Health Screenings, Preventative Health Division, Sedgwick County Health Department; Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Mary Beth Hughes-Palm, Member, Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.
Mr. Wayne Burns, Director, Family and Children's Services, COMCARE.
Dr. Rose Mary Mohr, CEO, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
Ms. Debbie Cook, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.
Ms. Norma Bricker, Peer Consultant, U.S.D. 259.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Mr. David Cline of
South City Baptist Church

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 13, 2002

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The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2002.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, you had the opportunity to review the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13th. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2002 AS “FAIR HOUSING MONTH.”**

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. We have a proclamation here that I’ll read into the record. It says:

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunities is a condition of life in our country that can and should be achieved.

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

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

and express the hope that this year’s observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the country.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Proclamation 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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Do we have someone here? Yes, we do have someone.”

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sedgwick County Housing Office remains firmly committed to fair housing in all of its housing programs. We thank you for the proclamation and we look forward to another successful year. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thanks, Irene. Next item please.”

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 5, 2002 AS “MARILYN JOHNSON DAY.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. We have another proclamation that I’ll read into the record. It states:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Worldwide Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has long championed the need and responsibility of a lifelong and ‘virtuous education’; and

WHEREAS, Albert Pike Lodge No. 303, in Wichita, Kansas, the World’s Largest Masonic Lodge, in continuing its dedication to the community and public schools, has set out to distinguish Wichita’s finest educators in the selection and promotion of the Albert Pike Lodge- Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee, comprised of men and women from various backgrounds and vocations have unanimously selected Ms. Marilyn Johnson for her dedication in teaching the kindergarten students at Payne Elementary School for the past 30 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2002 as

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“MARILYN JOHNSON DAY”

in recognition of her service to this City, the Wichita Public School District, Payne Elementary School and the thousands of students and peer faculty that she has impacted through her dedication and fortitude in the discharge of her duties; in commendation of the qualities, capabilities and commitment that she brings to promote academic excellence, in building internally motivated confidence and teaching self reliance to her students and all those around her.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is there anyone here to accept the award? Marilyn’s not here?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “She’s probably teaching at Payne Elementary as we speak.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “As I understand it, later on this week, we’ll be presenting that to her in person. So, I’m looking forward to that. I believe it’s tomorrow night. Next item please.”

APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS (TWO).

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1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING IRENE HART (COMMISSION AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have prepared a resolution that would appoint Irene Hart to this at-large position. This serves at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and I would recommend that you adopt the resolution.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any comments?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I have one. I just have a question. Is this the same board that Doug Russell is on and is he on there too, or is she replacing Doug?”

Mr. Euson said, “She is replacing him.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Norton, you had a question or comment?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, actually that’s what I was going to clarify. That Doug Russell had been our appointee. He has served on that board for several years with distinction. He has been chairman of the Arts and Humanities Council and done a great job but he finds himself in a position of stagnating, ready to move on to something else and I think Irene would be a great addition to it. I also serve on the Arts and Humanities Council. I think Irene would be a good representative, considering it’s a community kind of based organization and she does deal with community kinds of issues. So, I would suggest that we adopt the resolution and add Irene Hart to the appointment of the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Do you want to make that in the form of a Motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY BETH HUGHES-PALM
(COMMISSION AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK
COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we've prepared this resolution for your consideration and this is also a position that serves at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. I would recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. We do have some comments, prior to making the Motion. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I wanted to make a few comments about Mary Beth but I'm certainly going to be supportive of this and would like to make the Motion and see the will of the Board and then make a few additional comments, if that's acceptable."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Certainly."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Did you want to make some comments prior to the vote?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Let’s do the vote and then we’ll make them.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Clerk, call the roll please.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now, Mr. Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Mary Beth is here. Mary Beth, if you would please come up to the podium. We certainly want to thank you for agreeing to be on this board. And I wanted to share with the Commission that, back in 1998 when we started Juvenile Justice Reform, Mary Beth was one of the 25 or 28 people that were on a community planning team that I was on and Mary Beth did exceptional work, particularly on the data gathering of all the information about youth and young people in all of Sedgwick County and a whole host of high schools. And she brought all of that material together and did an excellent job. Then Mary Beth left the community for a while. She’s back. She has agreed to serve on the Team Justice, the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. I’ve talked to Mark Masterson. Mark is pleased that she’s there. Frances Ervin had been on this board, did a great job and we certainly want to say thank you to Frances, but we certainly want to say thank you to Mary Beth. And Mary Beth, if you’d like to make a comment or two, we certainly are appreciative, again, of your willing to be on this committee.”

Ms. Mary Beth Hughes-Palm, Member, Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much. I really am honored and very, very pleased to be a part of the process in this capacity. I’m one of Sedgwick County’s cheerleaders, when it comes to the Juvenile Justice process, the Team Justice process. The work is just exceptional and I’m very proud to be a part of that. So, thank you very much.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “And it’s my understanding you’ll be working with the prevention committee, sub-committee, which is again one of the very important issues. Jeannette Livingston is here today on another matter, but Jeannette is fully entwined in that, as is Mark Masterson. We’re certainly very pleased that we have the people, the quality of Jeannette and Mark, working with the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. But we’re certainly pleased that citizens such as yourself are a part of that.”

Ms. Hughes-Palm said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Before you leave, just a point, Mr. Euson. Do these new appointees need to be sworn in?”

Mr. Euson said, “It might be appropriate to do that at this time.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Don, could you possibly . . . I don’t know. I hope you’re prepared to maybe swear Mary Beth in and then if Irene is here, let’s swear her in.”

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Raise your right hand.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of Team Justice Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board so help me God.”

Ms. Hughes-Palm said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations.

Hi, Irene. Raise your right hand.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council.”

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Ms. Hart said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Don. That was Don Brace, our County Clerk. Next item please."

DEFERRED ITEM

- C. ISLAND ANNEXATION REQUEST BY CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF 47TH STREET SOUTH AND EAST OF HOOVER ROAD. DISTRICT #2.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let me get a slide up on the screen. This is an island annexation request from the City of Wichita and I might preface my remarks by kind of going over the island annexation process. An island annexation is a consensual annexation of a piece of property that is not contiguous with the city limits so that it has to come to the Board of County Commissioners for review.

The process starts with the request, petition or some sort of consent in writing by the landowner to request to be annexed into the city. The city council then passes a resolution for the purpose of requesting the Board of County Commissioners make a statutory finding that I'll state in a second. Following the finding by the Board of County Commissioners, the city then must also adopt an ordinance, which is the final step in the process and then once the ordinance is published, then the annexation is effective. The statutory finding that is required in this matter, on your behalf, is to find and determine whether or not the proposed annexation will hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of any other incorporated city in the County or of the area.

As you can see from the map, it really doesn't impact . . . Haysville is probably the closest city that it might impact, but it shouldn't and Haysville has been notified of this particular proposed annexation and they have no objections that I'm aware of. So really, your focus today should be on whether or not this proposed annexation would hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area, and under the statutory annexation scheme, it is your role in this process to make that finding and to determine what is the proper growth and development pattern in this area.

We do have a member from the . . . Marvin is here from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department to answer any questions. His staff prepared the report that was provided to the city and

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that has also provided to you as part of the backup materials. We have a member of the city legal staff here also, Doug Mosher. I could go into a little bit of the background and then I think, at that point, maybe we can talk about what the options are today and then we'll be ready to answer any questions that you might have.

This is phase one of a four-phase plan development by a developer by the name of Billy Gray. I don't believe he's here today, however. This would be about 112 single-family homes and let me switch to a different slide. That will be a little closer in. And this shows the surrounding tracts and who owns the tracts and gives you a little better view of the area. You can see certainly to the northwest there's already some residential development that's been in the city and a little bit to the northeast also a little patch of residential development that is not in the city at this time. Farther to the southwest we have some more industrial type developments. Of course we have the transfer station down there at 55th and Hoover that has recently been started. We have K.G.E. down there also and then a little farther down we have of course some grain elevators and a variety of other . . . Vulcan Chemicals in the area of course.

The area surrounding the proposed annexation however is primarily agricultural. The development, again, is planned over a four-year period, four different phases. There is not sufficient sewer infrastructure in the area right now so the proposal is to possibly put in a residential lift station. I think the sewage would be piped down 47th and then across, east over the Big Ditch. They also don't have water in the area but there are plans to put water in. I think, beyond that, I probably would open it up for questions at this point but let me address the options real quick first.

Again, the requirement is that the Board find and determine whether or not this proposed annexation would hinder or prevent the proper growth of the area. Obviously, if you find you have enough evidence in the record to support that finding, you can make that finding. On the other hand, if you have evidence in the record that you believe supports the finding that this proposed annexation would hinder or prevent the proper growth of the area, you could make the negative finding. And frankly, the third option is if you decide you don't have enough information in the record you could either continue this further, if there's information that you want to request, or you could deny it on that basis and say, 'We don't have enough information to make this finding at this time, so we can't make this finding'. However, that doesn't mean at a later date the city could not initiate a new resolution and come back to us with new information and hopefully be able to support the finding at that time. With that, I can answer any questions that you might have."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Bob, I'm not sure if this needs to be you or either Marvin or Doug Mosher. I've got questions about utility extensions and those kinds of things and service extensions. Which one of you would like to answer the rules and guidelines about that for me?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "I think I'll defer to Marvin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, all right. You know more about this than I do. I'm just curious. Good morning, Marvin. I guess the question is, I've seen . . . I'm not sure why the island annexation request and maybe it's because of service extension policies of the city. I've seen the city extend water to areas outside the city limits, with an extension, like with a signature or something citing that when the city does get there you won't fight the annexation. Is the same thing true for sewer? I mean, does this parcel have to be annexed before the city would extend water or sewer to it? Is that what I'm looking at?"

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "No. The city has, in some cases, extended water and sewer to properties that are outside of the city. In this case though, if you read the backup material, the developer wants to take advantage of the city's participation, which its policy is that if you're annexed in part of the City of Wichita then the city will pay for the over-sizing of the water and sewer lines that are extended that are intended to serve other properties in the area. Otherwise, it would be the responsibility 100% to the property owner to do that.

And in this case also this developer would have to pay 100% of the cost of a lift station of some type that will be required in order to serve the area and in discussion with the developer and the fact that probably more land in this area, according to the Comprehensive Plan, is likely to develop with urban uses that it makes sense for the city to participate in building a larger lift station that will serve development and participate in the costs so that these 112 lots would pay their proportional share. So it's more a case of coming into the city in order to develop under the city's financial policies, which provide for participation."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And the issue of having to put a pump station or lift station on 47th, that's a necessity, as I read in the backup, because of the lack of capacity on the sewer lines that are at the north?"

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Mr. Krout said, "Right."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, because I don't know what kind of plans there are for those but certainly coming from the north would be a lot closer than bringing sewer from the south. So, there are no plans to expand those lines from the north?"

Mr. Krout said, "It would end up being more costly. You'd have to duplicate, you'd have to parallel addition lines."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. So, it's not a matter then of whether or not the services will be extended but it's a, from what you're telling me, it would be financial considerations the developer was looking at."

Mr. Krout said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, I think that's it right now."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I have a couple of questions that I think could be best answered by the developer, if he was here. I think that I could get comfortable with this. My only question is about how it would perhaps hinder part of the industrial development in this area. A mile and a half to the south we have Waste Disposal's transfer station, we have K.G. & E. power generation plant, we have DeBruce Elevators, we have Vulcan Chemical and other industrial areas to the south of here.

This is an experienced developer. He's developed over 600 homes in this area and if he was here to address the fact that this . . . his intentions about how this would fit in with that commercial development, he could probably convince me that this is a deal. Without having that information though I feel that I'm a little short of sufficient information to make a decision, you know. Bob, can you answer any of those questions for the developer?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "No, I certainly can't speak for the developer. He is aware that this meeting was being held today."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, he has built some really good homes in that area along McArthur Road and done a good job. I have heard him say that some of the commercial development to the south was going to be a hindrance to his development up on McArthur and so I just needed to weigh all of those and hear him say that he would think that he could make this work

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and then go from there. But without that, right now I'd almost suggest that we defer this until we get sufficient information from the developer."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Get your questions answered from the developer. Okay."

Mr. Parnacott said, "Certainly, you can take notice of the fact that he did speak at the March 28th meeting last year on this particular subject in connection with the zoning change request for the waste disposal transfer station and made some comments at that time that we could read into the record if you'd like or just make a reference to the record to incorporate that you remember those discussions."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, yes I do remember those discussions but I would think we wouldn't want to read them into this record because if he wants this piece annexed into the city, I think he would have to say 'Well, I was not correct back a year from now and now I . . .'"

Mr. Parnacott said, "I agree. I understand that. There would be some sort of inconsistency there that would be nice to have that cleared up, sure."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I have several concerns. First of all, the piece of property to the north doesn't appear like it's going to be developed any time soon. What is the zoning on that particular piece?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "The surrounding area adjoining right now is, I think, Single-Family 20 but Marvin may . . . He's shaking his head yes, Single-Family 20."

Commissioner Norton said, "It would concern me that, at some point, that might be considered for rezoning into a commercial or industrial kind of usage that then we've got kind of a hop-skip, leapfrog, residential/ industrial/ residential/ industrial. Even across the street, the Alice Wall property, which I don't think is going to be available to sell any time soon but that could also become an industrial corridor running through there. I just see it's a case of leapfrogging and we really struggle with that. I talked to Carolyn yesterday about it, what happened in Valley Center and that became a real contentious issue to talk about and try to figure out what was right. And I think we would, without the developer here knowing exactly what's going to happen, we might want to deny it for right now, have it brought back to us."

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I'm also concerned about, obviously on the south side drainage issues and what our long-term plan for that whole area is, as far as drainage because it is awful low there. It's right off the Cowskin Creek, if you follow the Cowskin Creek where it eventually joins into the Arkansas River, all that is a flood plain through there, which means across the street and even part of I think the Alice Wall property is all considered flood plain, can't have any development and, you know, what is that going to look like. Is that going to be dedicated to parkland? Is it going to stay Rural Agriculture? I mean, I think that adds to the dilemma we have when you talk about drainage and that area does flood down there.

As I was during the transfer station, I'm also concerned about road capacity because Hoover Road, as we move forward, will need to be looked at. I mean, we've already talked about and one of the sticking points for me with the transfer station was what it was going to do to traffic along Hoover Road. And you know housing is just going to compound to that, whether it's transfer station trucks or housing people moving out of residential areas. You know, what kind of egress/ ingress would that have, what do we need to do to Hoover Road? Does it need to be curb and gutter, does it need to be widened, does it need to have . . .? The study I just received on Oatville School indicated that we didn't need to do anything with signalization, crossings or anything to slow down traffic at Hoover, where Oatville School is, which you can see is U.S.D. 261 along Hoover Road. That concerns me also and I think these questions aren't answered. They're not all developer's questions, but I think they're questions we need to answer before we start leapfrogging and picking up other areas.

The other things that concern me, that had been an area that has been pretty volatile with transfer station, the annexation of Wheatland, Oatville, Prospect Park and Valleyview was fought, so I think we need to be real smart about what we do along that corridor. So, I guess I would recommend that we do deny the annexation for right now until we can talk to the developer and get all the other questions answered and if we need a Motion to that effect, unless there's other comments."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We have some other comments before."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Well, I don't know whose first, Carolyn or me."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Carolyn was first."

Mr. Parnacott said, "Could I follow first with some comments just to share on what Commissioner Norton said. We do have the Comprehensive Plan of course and this particular area is really, at some point, contemplated to be within the urban service area of the City of Wichita but it's farther

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down the road. I think it's maybe just inside the 2030 boundary, the planned deal. There's also a statement in the Comprehensive Plan that we want to buffer low-density residential areas from industrial uses. So, that certainly is a concern with some industrial uses that might be popping up around that area.

And then finally, again going back to the March 28th meeting on the traffic issue, although the testimony at that meeting was generally that Hoover has the capacity to handle this kind of additional traffic, has lots of capacity as a matter of fact, I think there are concerns that were raised by the Oatville School Elementary principal and this development, of course, is even closer to the school, rather than the transfer station. And, in addition, we had testimony that I don't believe that area is very well developed. There certainly are no plans in connection with this annexation to do any developments, other than I believe a proposed left-turn lane. I don't think we have sidewalks in this area and now you have the added concern that you have students crossing the road from the residential area. So, yes, these are all very important questions, I think, to ask."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. I really just want to reiterate just a little bit some of the comments that Commissioner Norton made and one is that I would have a concern on this as far as we don't know what kind of use that would be north and then we're going to have patchwork kind of development there and so I'd be a little concerned. So, we may be just a little premature on that.

The other is is that I'm a little uncomfortable with the backup material comments about the sewer capacity not being sufficient there on the north end of the development and then we look into doing some kind of pump station over the Big Ditch and I'm not sure if that money is . . . I don't understand how that money is going to be acquired and that type of thing. And it even looks like they're not sure if that's even the best option. So, I guess I need more information on that.

The traffic situation, I was concerned when we did the transfer station about the traffic and we were told that the majority of the traffic for the transfer station was going to be going up West Street. And so now, we heard loud and clear we didn't want them on Hoover, so I guess that's just a question or a concern I have.

And then, I too have flooding and development that occurs at the same time in my district and so I guess I want to proceed with caution because I know Tim has some of the very same challenges that I have. So, I think I need more information. This may be a good deal at some point in time, but without some of these questions unanswered I don't feel comfortable moving forward today."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Gwin, did you have any further comments?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just to reiterate, I think there are several questions that still, for me, need to be answered. They have to do with timing of the planned sewer improvement and when that kind of major project would actually be in effect. Again, as I mentioned before and I think Commissioner McGinn did too, I don't understand the sewer capacity issue. I certainly want to know about frontage onto Hoover and where you enter and your ingress and egress of this subdivision. I would concur with Commissioner Norton. I think we need to deny this. It can come back to us later but I think there's several questions that each of us has on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a couple of more comments. I think this will probably be, long-term, be a great development. Billy has done a wonderful job in that area building a lot of homes in the area north of there. So, I think that probably the development will be good. I think there's a lot of unanswered questions. I also believe that we probably will have a chance for other properties to be annexed in the next year and that's all going to be contiguous anyway."

So, for us to be in the middle of this, trying to understand what our role is and controlling the growth on the south side one way or the other when it's going to be all City of Wichita dealing with it indicates that maybe we don't want to make this final decision, knowing that it's going to be all together real soon anyway and it becomes contiguous and then the City can deal with the sewer and the water and all the utilities and roads and everything.

I'm also concerned about whose going to actually take care of that road, as it starts to have City on both sides. You know, we've debated that a lot and now we're going to have to deal with Oatville School and it's going to be City of Wichita owns part of it and we own part of it and who takes care of the road and we need to start looking at working that out a little bit too.

I'm also concerned that I think Vulcan is getting ready to ask for an overlay that creates an industrial area of a lot of their properties and that's going to create a huge industrial district down there, if I'm not mistaken. Is that correct, Bob?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "Yes. We've been approached and it has been indicated that they intend to file a petition to incorporate a new industrial district. I don't know the exact area, but it has to be down

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there. Industrial districts, to be incorporated, need to have at least 100 acres, so it will be a fairly sizable tract at least.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And I don’t know what that does to this, but I know a lot of that property that has been purchased and brought in under the Vulcan umbrella is in this area. It’s not just their Vulcan complex. It’s other areas that they have bought to mitigate some of their groundwater problems and to own properties and I think that could figure into all of this somehow.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to deny the annexation, with the understanding that the City can resubmit once the additional information becomes available.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Bob.”

Mr. Parnacott said, “We will prepare a resolution and we will have it on next week’s Consent Agenda that will formalize this finding and then we will send that resolution to the City.”

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

NEW BUSINESS

D. SEDGWICK COUNTY AND LAKE AFTON PARKS.

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1. AGREEMENT WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK MAY 4, 2002 TO HOLD A FUND RAISING WALK.

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have two agreements today. The first one is with Cystic Fibrosis for their fund raising walk. They've been doing this walk in the park since 1995. This is, again, the same standard agreement we've had each year. It is subject to a receipt of certificate of insurance. We've coordinated the dates and we would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA RADIO CONTROL CLUB FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK APRIL 19-21 AND AUGUST 23-25, 2002 TO HOLD ANNUAL EVENTS.

Mr. Harrison said, "This is an event that we've had with Wichita Radio Control Club for at least 10 years. This is for their special events. They have the 6th Annual Helicopter Fun Fly April 19th through the 21st and the Annual Jumbo Giant Scale Radio Control Miniature Aircraft show and these are the really, really big model planes. And that's August 23rd through the 25th. You might

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want to get out and see those. That's a pretty spectacular show. It also covers their practice and hobby flying times and includes a certificate of insurance. We would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

E. GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2002 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Sheriff Gary Steed, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is the fourth year that we have participated in this Bureau of Justice Assistance program. Basically, this is a grant program that's processed over the Internet and the grants pay for half of the cost of replacing some of our bullet-proof vests that the deputies wear on the streets. I might add that the other half is paid for by a donation from a private citizen.

This year, we plan to replace 27 vests at a cost of about \$15,075. They're purchased through local, normal processes for purchasing equipment and body armor. Today I'd ask the Commission to approve the grant application, ask Commissioner Sciortino to sign the application."

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

MOTION

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Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman or his designee to complete the on-line Application.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL WIRELESS, INC. D/B/A CINGULAR WIRELESS TO PROVIDE PHASE ONE E-911 SERVICE FOR WIRELESS TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS.

Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is one of the final agreements that we have with some of the wireless carriers. We've actually been moving along with Cingular to provide Phase One wireless service in this area. Not quite ready to come on-line but this is one of the last agreements that they have asked for. It basically outlines the service that they'll provide to us and that there is no charge to Sedgwick County for them to provide this service. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Diane. I don't see that we have any questions. So, I'll just ask what the will of the Board is on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Clerk, call the roll. Excuse me. I'm sorry. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Diane, this will move us closer to location of cell phone callers, is that correct?"

Ms. Gage said, "This is taking care of getting the telephone number of cell phone callers and the tower that the calls coming in through. That will be Phase Two when we move into where the location is of wireless callers and we're not quite ready for that yet."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. But we are headed, this is where we're headed with this down this road."

Ms. Gage said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, that generates just one other question. Do you have any kind of an idea when we might be at that ability stage?"

Ms. Gage said, "We're probably about a year out. We're starting to get the mapping done and some of the behind the scenes work that we need to do in our center but we wanted Phase One to be fully operational before we asked for Phase Two. We'd like to get the first part of it working before we really complicate things."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Makes sense to me. You don't want to get the cart before the horse. Okay. Commissioner Norton has a question."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a comment or maybe a question. The issue with the person that was stalled on the train tracks, would that have helped in that process of trying to find that car during that process?"

Ms. Gage said, "No. We would have been able to call them back but it still wouldn't have pinpointed where they were. Maybe would have helped for a large geographical area because you could kind of assume where they were at, based on the tower they would have hit. That would have been all the information we would have had on that one."

Commissioner Norton said, "Eventually, will you be able to pinpoint it closer to where they're located?"

Ms. Gage said, "Yes. That will be our Phase Two and we're about a year out from that right now."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. I don't see that we have any other questions. So what's the will of the Board on this item?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "We have a Motion and a Second. You just need to call the vote."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'm sorry. Thank you very much for bringing that to my attention. Would you please call the roll."

VOTE

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

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

G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO ENTER INTO MANAGED CARE CONTRACTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item is we're requesting a resolution to allow the Mental Health Center director to sign managed care contracts. This is a routine business practice and allows for reimbursement of the services that are provided. I'd be glad to answer any questions and would recommend your approval."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Do you have any questions? I don’t see any questions. So, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO FUND A “PARTNERSHIPS FOR YOUTH TRANSITION” PROGRAM.

Ms. Donaldson said, “Commissioners, this is a grant that has literally been worked on, day and night, and we’re here today to present that and I’m going to turn the podium over to Wayne Burns, who’s Director of Family and Children’s Community Services.”

Mr. Wayne Burns, Director, Family and Children’s Community Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The grant that we’re submitting is an application for is through SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The short title of this submission, which was offered by SAMHSA, is Partnership for Youth Transition.

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In their narrative, they indicate this is for the creation of cooperative agreements to develop, implement, stabilize and document models of comprehensive programs to help support youth with serious emotional disturbances or serious mental illness as they enter the period of emerging adulthood.

This would be a grant for a period of four years. The maximum amount that is allowable under this grant is \$500,000 per year, per contract and cooperative agreement. The model program that we're looking at implementing in reference to this application is the Young Adult Employment Support project, which came out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which looked at individuals that were reaching those transitional ages. They were dealing with two primary concerns. One was the ability to graduate from the secondary or high school settings and also the ability to become involved in some type of employment.

I have had some experience with this program, several years ago, working with the YES project in De Moines, Iowa and the primary focus was on individuals that were referred to the juvenile justice system and the success rates were incredible, in regards to these young people.

The YES program was developed by the Matrix Research Institute, also known as MRI and they set up programs all over the country. Again, the one that I worked with was in De Moines, Iowa. Our program would be termed the Achievement for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Youth and we'd be looking at developing memorandums of understanding to work with participants within the program. What I'd like to do now is to defer to Rose Mary Mohr, the Director of the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas, who has been working on this grant and developing many of these memorandums and also developing the basics of the grant application."

Dr. Rose Mary Mohr, Director, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I think Wayne has done a good job of giving you an overview of the proposed project. As is mentioned, they do see it as a partnership and so a number of agencies would be involved where the community is concerned and we would be looking at a four-year period and among the people that we would be partnering with would include Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Juvenile Justice System, Voc Rehab, along with some other agencies, including Breakthrough Club. I'd be glad to answer questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I believe we do have some, Rose Mary. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I'm not sure whether this, Rose Mary, is for you or for Wayne but in our backup for today's agenda we had several pages of document that had 'draft' written across it and then before today, just this morning, we received what looks like the more

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formal presentation. Am I correct in assuming that the draft is part of what we received this morning, but this morning has more of the detailed budget information about the various allocations of funds? Is that the basic difference between what we'd already had and what we received this morning?"

Dr. Mohr said, "What you received this morning is budget material that came from COMCARE, Sedgwick County, so I believe that's the final presentation, with respect to the budget. It shows some match money . . . or it's not really required . . . match money isn't required but there is some money shown from the Mental Health Association which would in fact be Medicaid generated funding for those youth who would qualify for reimbursement by Medicaid."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, but if we looked at our material in preparing for today and looked at the draft material that we had in our backup material, it's basically the same as what we received this morning?"

Dr. Mohr said, "I think so. I'm not sure. The budget material is fairly recent. The narrative though is pretty consistent. We just recently were able to finalize an agreement with Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland at Wichita State University who will serve as kind of an outside evaluator on this. The grant is due in at SAMHSA on April 11, and so we brought the proposal here today for the signature of Commissioner Sciortino in order to meet the various deadlines that are involved."

Commissioner Winters said, "And remind me again . . . Go ahead."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Excuse me. This budget information is relatively new and what we would propose to do would be for you to authorize approval today and if there's technical reasons why we shouldn't do it or there's some significant reason why we should not proceed, is that Chris Chronis and I will come back to you and tell you that. But there is no . . . there does not appear to be any reason to slow down the . . . to not file the grant."

Commissioner Winters said, "Right. And I agree with that. The material we have in our backup marked 'draft' is understandable. I mean, It tells what the program is going to do. What we have this morning then was, to me, the more detailed financial mechanism that I assume that others will make sure that all of those details are correct and if I had them for a month I wouldn't know whether they were correct or not correct anyway. But the basic of the program we've had. Remind me again who SAMHSA is."

Dr. Mohr said, "It's the federal organization that deals with substance abuse and mental health services."

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Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any further questions or comments? I just have one and I like the idea that Mr. Buchanan, what you suggested and maybe our Motion could be approved, subject to your and Chris Chronis' review of the material to make sure it's technically correct or what have you."

On page 4 of the document I just received this morning I notice a whole section is blank where it says 'insert detailed information regarding number of 14 to 21-year-olds identified in the system'. Do we have that document or is that just misplaced?"

Dr. Mohr said, "I had a draft of that yesterday. We've actually had to accumulate that materials from a number of different systems. It includes the school system, social welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, to name I think most of them. And so, it's taken some time to really be able to locate that. Some agencies have information on all children under 18, but that includes children up to age 14, so we have to be able to separate that out. And I think one of the things that we've learned in this process is that we'll be really happy to see COMCARE be able to put in place its new computer and data system for the County because right now our data around the County, in large part, is in pieces and so there will be material inserted there but I didn't have it this morning."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But that material would be inserted before you actually submit the application?"

Dr. Mohr said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And would we be able to get a copy of it so we can see what it is?"

Dr. Mohr said, "Certainly."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, that's all I have. I don't see that we have any more lights on. So, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application, with the review policy discussed on financials.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I have a Motion and a Second. Rich, does that Motion handle the concerns or just the clarification that the Manager said that he and our Chief Financial Officer would review the document? Does that cover that?"

Mr. Euson said, "That's my understanding of Commissioner Norton's Motion. That's my understanding of his intent, yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I have a Motion and a Second. I don't see that anyone has any further comments, so Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

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

3. AGREEMENTS (TWO) PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF 2002 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT FUNDING.

- **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY**
- **FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE, INC.**

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The contracts provide 2002 Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention grants to the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Operation Jump Start program and Family Consultation Services Expect Respect program."

The Operation Jump Start program is a collaboration between Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and Communities in Schools. It provides structured in-school mentoring services to youth in 5th through 9th grade. The combination of the mentoring with the connection to community services has proved

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to be very effective. For 2002, the program will serve 112 students.

Expect Respect provides domestic and relationship violence prevention and education services to high school youth. They work to identify and assist youth at risk for domestic violence who may need recovery services as well as to emphasize to teens to assist people that they know to receive intervention services. The program is currently in 22 high schools and serves over 5,000 youth. Nancy Corkins with Expect Respect had really, really wanted to be here today. She was not available so she sent a letter for me to just share with you some of the thoughts that she wanted to make sure that I conveyed to the Commission. First of all, she wanted to thank you very much for recognizing violence prevention in our community and selecting Expect Respect as a vehicle to promote the building of healthy relationships. She wanted to be here in person, but she's at the Kansas State Character Education Conference and in the classrooms.

One thing I might note, that this program is kind of unique among the programs that we fund. It really only has one full-time staff member. Most of the direct services are provided through a partnership with other agencies that share a similar mission. So, it's kind of train the trainers sort of relationship. So, if she's some place else, it's not very easy for her to get somebody to come.

She's promoting Expect Respect at the Character Education Conference as a very key part of character education and domestic violence prevention. Expect Respect is available to all Sedgwick County high schools. Currently, they're serving 22 high schools in the area, speaking to over 5,000 students a year. Their coalition, which is the main service delivery method consists of ten partnering agencies together in pursuit of their mission, which is youth violence prevention through community partnership.

The latest partner in this coalition is the Wichita Police Department school resource officers. So, she will be able to train school resource officers to provide the program in schools. The school resource officers will learn the program and become co-presenters to the students next year. I assume that's next school year, so it will be this fall. Just one more way to link kids with local resources.

In addition, Nancy would like to point out that they received some good news from their original funder, the United Methodist Health Ministries fund. They have been selected as . . . apparently, United Methodist Health Ministries fund selects one program each year that exemplifies the mission of that organization, the mission being use of volunteerism, community collaboration and exceeding goals and providing a sustainable program. They will receive a \$1,000 award for their recognition, which will go to the program. Once again, she wanted to thank the Commission for recognizing the program.

I do also . . . Big Brothers/ Big Sisters has sent representatives from their program to provide a brief

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overview. We have Debbie Cook and Norma Bricker.”

Ms. Debbie Cook, Director of Development, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m just here to thank you and let you know how much we appreciate your support, the continued funding of Operation Jump Start. We appreciate that so much. As Jeannette mentioned, we’re able to match 112 children with the program and we’re just thankful for the partnership that we have with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and Communities in Schools.

This program has also allowed us a way to recruit mentors who wouldn’t maybe have time for the traditional Big Brother/ Big Sister program, but they do have time to have lunch once a week with a child at a school close to their company or close to their church. We’re being able to form partnerships with churches and other companies here in town. So, we’re real excited about that.

I became an Operation Jump Start Big Sister last year and met my Little Sister Veronica at Jefferson Elementary and we’ve had a great time getting together once a week. But another opportunity it gave me was to actually observe other OJS matches having lunch together and spending time together. And one little guy in particular that I would see every week, I noticed that he was just grinning from ear to ear when he was sitting with his Big Brother from Operation Jump Start, having lunch and visiting. And I also noticed that a lot of the students would come by and talk to them and ask him who is this guy that was with him and when the Big Brother stepped away for a minute I went over and asked him, I said, ‘It sounds like you’re really popular. I noticed a lot of the kids dropping by to talk to you.’ And he grinned and he said, ‘Well, the only time the kids noticed me is when my Big Brother is here once a week’.

And a couple of the staff members said that they know the day that the Big Brother is arriving because they see such a change in this child’s self-esteem and self-confidence. And it just reinforces to me how important this program is. It enhances the child’s self-esteem but it also shows other outcomes, when their self-confidence is improved we see improvements in their academic performance and their school attendance and we couldn’t do this without you support. We’re able to serve 112 children and we couldn’t do that without the funding that we’ve received from you.

Norma is going to talk about her experience, briefly, as a Big Sister in Operation Jump Start and as an educator in the school system.”

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Ms. Norma Bricker, Peer Consultant, Wichita Public Schools, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I work in 8 different middle schools and so I am in and out of schools consistently and I am visiting with new teachers, that's who I serve. I think, across the Board, all of my new teachers are working very, very hard at their jobs. It's a very tough job to be a middle school teacher. One of the frustrations they always share with me is that they really do not feel like they can meet the needs of their students one-on-one. They just cannot give them the personal contact that they need. There are often 100 to 120 students on a team and when you see that many students every day you just have a hard time giving them a lot of personal contact.

They appreciate so much the students that have had the opportunity to be matched through Big Brothers and Big Sisters. They feel like that one-on-one interaction has influenced them in school in really a very, very positive way.

In some of the schools that I go into, students there know that I'm associated with Big Brothers and Big Sisters because I've been a volunteer for a long, long time. They will come up to me in the hallways and talk about what they have been doing with their mentors, when their mentor will be there to see them and you should just be there to see the excitement on their face and to visit with the teachers also and just hear what a positive influence the mentors have had with these students. I'm out there and I just see it daily, I see the direct influence of this program.

Also, as well as being a teacher, I am matched with a Little Sister at Brooks Middle School and I talked with her this week and I said, "Why do you like being in the program?" and she said, "Well, I know that when you help me in math and reading that that helps my grades but", she said, "I really like just talking to you". And one of the situations that she was in recently, she had a . . . there was a boy who was bullying her in the school setting and she had tried the interventions that we had talked about. You know, she asked him to stop, she tried to avoid him and he was pretty persistent.

And so, when I visited with her a few weeks ago, we talked about some other interventions. I offered to help and she said, "Well, no" she really wanted to try to handle it on her own. So I said, "Well, my suggestion would be to either talk to an administrator or to talk to a teacher you trust on your team". She did that and, within a 24-hour period, the boy had stopped bullying her. I really think, in this particular situation, I helped avoid her being . . . I mean, she did not get suspended from school, which probably would have happened had I not helped her figure out a positive way and a way to solve her conflict that she was involved in.

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I was at the Character Education workshop yesterday. I saw some of you there, so I know you attended also. And of course we were talking a lot about connecting with kids and really trying to make a difference. One of my colleagues said to me that she really didn't feel like she was doing a very good job of that. And I said, 'Well, I have a deal for you'. And so I talked with her about the Bigs in Schools program. She said she was very interested. So, I ran by the office of Big Brothers and Big Sisters to pick up a waiting list for Mead Middle School because I was headed there to do a book study with two of my teachers. I felt like this was just a great thing I had done. I found this volunteer and I was going to get her matched up really quickly and I looked at the waiting list and there was 75 kids on the waiting list and I looked at that and I thought, 'Okay, now 74 more to go'. I've taken care of one of them.

So, there is just such a need out there and all of these students have been referred by their teachers or by other adults in the building. They really need someone to help them and we appreciate the support that you've given to this program and just the cooperation that I'm seeing with CIS and the mentors through Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I just feel like working together, a lot of adults are doing some wonderful things for kids out there in the school. And as a teacher, I appreciate it. As a parent, I have kids in the public schools, I appreciate it and as a volunteer I just appreciate your commitment to ours kids here in Wichita and in Sedgwick County. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. We do have some questions or comments. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a couple of comments. I'd like to compliment Jeannette. I traditionally have to ask how many people are served on these programs and I heard about eight times, it's 112 and 5,000."

Ms. Livingston said, "I finally got the message."

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes, so you kind of took my question right off the thing. I'd like to give my support to both of these agencies. Operation Jump Start is a great program and of course I'm on the board of CIS and there's a great collaboration there. And as we move forward, the next few years, and we always have, collaboration is going to be very important as we see what's happening at the State Legislature with educational funding and what's going to happen in the schools because of that. We're going to have to parlay a lot of organizations and our role to make some good things happen in schools that may fall through the cracks otherwise.

And I happened to run into Nancy Corkins yesterday. She pulled me aside, in front of her booth, and said, 'You know, I'm not going to be there tomorrow but thank you very much for voting ahead

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of time'. So, it's interesting that the number one of the five character coalition items is respect and Expect Respect talks to that number one issue. So, I'm supportive of these. It looks like it affects a lot of our young people and we need to continue these. And I applaud you for bringing these forward to us. Thanks."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jeannette, one part of the process of this prevention funding is identifying goals and outcomes and measuring those and seeing how these groups are doing. Talk to me, remind me a little bit then, how we quantify the results of the presentations of Expect Respect to 5,000-some students."

Ms. Livingston said, "You know, and this is one of the more challenging because in some ways it's very primary prevention, because you're in 9th grade gym classes speaking to everybody, regardless of risk. But in addition to that service, they have support groups for youth that have self-identified that I'm in a violent relationship now. So, our outcomes include the larger expanding the program to serve a number of schools, as well as the outcomes you can expect from the support groups, which are a little more easier to quantify because you know there's a risk. So, that's kind of how I've tried to approach it. I must admit, domestic violence is a very frustrating topic to measure outcomes. I mean, they're planting seeds that, you know, violence is not a normal part of your relationship but these kids have grown up often in homes where violence was a part of every relationship that they've witnessed. So, it's very much a long-term process and the outcomes, as listed in the contract, reflect our best attempts to quantify something that is particularly difficult to do so."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Right. Well I appreciate the ongoing challenge about that and certainly am going to be supportive of both of these programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I also am going to be very supportive but I do have a question. I think, perhaps, Debbie might be able to answer this or take a crack at it or perhaps Norma. You know, our Chairman continues to remind us that there are a lot of needs out there in

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the community and we've only got so much money to put in various locations. But today, with this \$48,000 and this waiting list at one school is 75 people. Is there a direct correlation between the money that you've got and the number of mentors you find or are there lots of other things? I mean, if you had all the money in the world, could you still find 75 mentors or if you had additional funds, would it be a whole lot easier to find? Does that make sense?"

Ms. Cook said, "Absolutely. Definitely, our ability to match children relies on how much funding that we receive. I mean, if we had 2,000 volunteers lined up outside our building today, we couldn't afford to screen them appropriately and to support the matches after we make the pairings. So, our ability to recruit and screen the volunteers sufficiently and to make good matches and to provide support directly is connected to how much funding we receive."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you. Good answer."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let me follow up on that. I'm not going to let you off that easy. Right now, you have no problems whatsoever recruiting the mentors you need, given the money you have and you're confident that if we quadrupled that money, finding the mentors would not be a problem. Is that what we were hearing?"

Ms. Cook said, "Yes and, honestly, it's always been a challenge, historically, to recruit men and we always are successful when we're recruiting women. But I feel like if we have more funding there are more resources we can use and we can spread the word more efficiently of the need. Volunteers are always amazed when we do make contact with them how many children are waiting. So, I think we could definitely do a better job communicating, getting the word out but we would need funding to accomplish that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. I don't see that there is any other questions. So, Commissioners, what's the will of the Board of this item?"

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT TO USE COMMON AREA (TWO) TO SIMON FOR USE OF TOWNE EAST SQUARE AND TOWNE WEST SQUARE PARKING LOTS TO PARK A MOBILE HEALTH VAN AND PROVIDE IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH SCREENINGS TO THE PUBLIC.

Ms. Terry Harrison, Supervisor of Immunizations and Health Screenings, Preventative Health Division, Sedgwick County Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am here to request permission that we can set up our mobile health van in the Simon properties or Towne East and Towne West. A little bit of history about our mobile health van is we’ve had this mobile health van for about 10 years now and we have served outlying areas, underprivileged areas that are not able to come into the Wichita area and we are able to provide immunizations, health screenings which is blood pressure, blood sugars, cholesterol screening, sickle cell checks and international travel shots as well as blood lead testing.

What we are wanting to do is we are wanting to increase the visibility of the van to get it out, not just in the outlying areas, we want to make it more visible in the Wichita community also. Our slogan is ‘The Sedgwick County Health Department is on the Move’ and what were wanting to do was set up in different sites and Towne East/ Towne West would be good sites for the seniors. They walk there every morning to have health screenings as well as parents coming in and out of there. We feel like the patrons would benefit from the services we provide. And it would also help

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us with our goal. We collaborate with KDHE to provide immunizations for . . . our goal is 90% of two-year-olds. And just recently we received an award from KDHE for just that. We did not meet the 90% but we made a 30% increase from last year and so we are definitely thinking that this will help increase that so that we can meet that goal. And so, my presence to you today is that I could have that permit to park in the Towne East/ Towne West parking areas. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. We have all kinds of questions. Commissioner Gwin's, I believe, light came on first."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Terry, these aren't tough ones. Now, I don't understand. These are new sites? You've never been at these places before?"

Ms. Harrison said, "We've never been at Towne East/ Towne West. We have focused, like I say, in outlying communities, Haysville, Derby, Cheney, different communities in the county area. We're wanting to make ourselves more visible here also because there's a lot of people that don't come out to the Health Departments, either too busy or just would prefer not to. We want to make it more available to them. We want to be more out in the community. We plan to be in different parades. We hope to be in the River Festival. We will be at the Zoo coming up here for the thing that Boeing is supporting. We will be with the blood lead people from KDHE and so we're really wanting to get out in the community, that we're on the move and we're ready to provide services to them."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, that's wonderful and it looks like the Simon people are glad to have you participating too. So, good for you all and keep up the good work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I think as I continue to look, it may have my question already taken care of. The insurance that Simon is asking for is covered under our general liability."

Ms. Harrison said, "Yes, it is. And the certificates, Mr. Phil Rippee has already been alerted to that and has already sent those off to them."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Terry, is this your first presentation to the Board of County Commissioners?"

Ms. Harrison said, "It is, sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, good. Welcome. We're glad you're here."

Ms. Harrison said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Winters said, "I think my question has been answered because I was just curious, I had read in part of the backup that the Manager's at both Towne East and Towne West had been contacted but I wasn't sure what their response was."

Ms. Harrison said, "They are elated, basically. They keep calling me asking me 'When, when' and I said 'Government moves a little slower than what we would like it to'. They are very excited. They are going to do all our advertisement on their billboards and different places where they will be advertising. We plan to be there once a week, rotating sites, on Wednesdays and they are very excited. They know that the services that we will provide will just make it so much better for the patrons that come here. Still that one-stop shop kind of thing and so they're really excited."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, very good. That's the only question I had."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I think it's a great program. My question was, is Harry Street Mall a Simon property? I thought it was."

Ms. Harrison said, "I could not tell you that."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm just wondering if we could parlay that into a third location if that's a Simon property because that would serve the south side, socio-economically that's an area that would probably utilize the service. I can't remember. It used to be, didn't it Betsy?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, a long time ago but I don't know that it is now."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just something to think about that that would serve the south side. I know you've been in Haysville and done a wonderful job down there. That's the far south side. Maybe this would bring a little more inner-city south side location. Something to think about, if it is a Simon property and they're offering their parking lots, that would be a great location too."

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Ms. Harrison said, "Well, another part to this is we're going to be in Walmarts and Dillons. They just don't require a permit to be signed. And so there's other areas that we're going to be in to make sure we get north, east, west and south. Pretty excited about the project."

Commissioner Norton said, "Great except they're both right across from the mall, serving the same population. That's all I had. Thanks."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, Terry, let me just, first of all also welcome you and we're just throwing you softballs. The next time we'll throw hardballs at you. But let me ask you a question, something that might be interesting to the public. Does the Health Department have an annual schedule that you could put out and say 'Okay, April so-and-so we'll be here, May so-and-so we'll be here, June we'll be here'. Do you have a schedule of where this van will be throughout the spring or the summer that we could maybe get out to the public so they could plan ahead? Do we have anything like that?"

Ms. Harrison said, "There is a schedule that we're working on and it will be a week to week schedule, basically. Some things, like Towne East, that will be a monthly thing. They will know that we are going to be there on that Wednesday every month. But some other areas we might change because we get someone that calls us and say that they would prefer that we come over and do something or park it there, school or daycare center or whatever, so that we can provide those services for them. And so, it wouldn't be a set schedule all the time. Certain things will of course be set, like our outlying areas. We're always there at the same time, all of the time. And so there will be a schedule."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I think it might be interesting if you do have, like you said, every Wednesday now you're going to be at Towne East and Towne West simultaneously?"

Ms. Harrison said, "Either/ or, we're going to rotate sites. Like every first and third Wednesday we'll be at Towne West and every second and fourth we'll be at Towne East."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so that is a set portion of your schedule. For how many months did you commit to do that?"

Ms. Harrison said, "We committed to the end of the year. That's what I had been given approval to do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, I would encourage you, if you have any additional types of things of this that become set that you know to give maybe our Communications Department

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advanced notice and there could be possibly something we could get out on the press or some way of promoting where we are being because again, and I sound like a broken record every time I'm up here, but this is another prime example of Sedgwick County providing a service that has no boundaries. We'll go wherever the need is and I think the public might like to know where you're at so they can get into the routine and maybe be able to plan their schedule to attend one of these.

Okay, I think Commissioner Winters has another comment."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just have one quick follow-up because I think at the end of the year or some time we would appreciate knowing how it all went. I mean, did it work. I mean, how's the mobile van doing."

Ms. Harrison said, "I would be glad to give you guys a report. That would be no problem and probably attached to that report would be approval for us to do it another year."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, we hope so. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think what would be very interesting, if you could collaborate with Dr. Magruder and get a display of a collection of all of his exotic ties and what have you and people could come and take a look at that. I think that would be interesting.

Well, I don't think we have any further comments. So, what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign leaving off the display of ties.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin Aye

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Terry, thank you again for coming. Next item please."

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2002.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today for consideration are a result of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts held on March 28, 2002.

**1) SITE ADDRESS/ DATA MGMT & MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION & COLLECTION SYSTEM SOFTWARE- GIS/ TREASURER
FUNDING: EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

Item one, site address/ data management and motor vehicle registration and collection system software for GIS and the Treasurer. Recommend the proposal received from InfiniTec Incorporated and ATCi valued at \$90,000.

**2) CHANGE ORDER; RE-ROOF/ HVAC REPLACEMENT FOR JDF- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item two, a change order for the re-roof and HVAC replacement for JDF for Facility Projects. Recommend the acknowledgement of the change order for Bauer and Son Construction for \$3,003.80.

**3) EMS ADMINISTRATION IMPROVEMENTS- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item three, EMS Administration improvements for Facility Projects. Recommend the low bid from Bauer and Son Construction for \$635,000 plus alternates numbers one, four, five and six for a grand

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total of \$838,900.

**4) CHANGE ORDER; JRBR GYMNASIUM REPAIR- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item four, change order for Judge Riddel's Boy Ranch gymnasium repair for Facility Projects. Recommend the acknowledgement of the change order with Bauer and Son Construction for \$6,500.

**5) 2002 BITUMINOUS OVERLAYS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item five, 2002 bituminous overlays for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Ritchie Paving of \$832,029.66.

**6) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item six, bridge improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Klaver Construction for \$494,382.90.

**7) AUTOMOTIVE PARTS/ FORD- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Item seven, Ford automotive parts for Fleet Management. Recommend the bid received to contract with Rusty Eck Ford for an estimated annual value of \$82,000.

**8) FOUR-DOOR SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

And item eight, four-door sedans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trade-ins, from Don Hattan Chevrolet for \$64,400.

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Iris. We do have some questions or comments. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Chairman Sciortino. I think my question is for Marvin, if he wouldn't mind coming forward. Because of 9/ 11 and unknown of what's going to happen in Topeka, we started looking at cost reductions here in the County. And so, I guess my question is on item number eight, I see we have a lot of trade-ins on the Dodge Intrepids. One of the things we decided to do was change how often we trade in, according to the mileage and have we started that policy?"

Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, ma'am. We extended the mileage on those type of vehicles to 70,000 and these vehicles will have 70 or more by the time the new ones come in."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And the reason, I guess, I ask I see a 1999 Dodge Intrepid in there that we're trading in already."

Mr. Duncan said, "It's just a high mileage. That individual that drives that car probably put a lot of miles on it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I thought it was actually 80,000 miles that we were changing that policy to."

Mr. Duncan said, "No. It went from 60 to 70 and we can evaluate that again in the future."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all you had, Commissioner? Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "On number eight, we only got three bids from companies?"

Ms. Baker said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "And none of them in the city limits of Wichita?"

Ms. Baker said, "Parks is over in the Augusta area. Is that what you're referring to?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "He's saying there were no bids inside the city limits of Wichita."

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Commissioner Norton said, "All of these are outside the metro area."

Ms. Baker said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I had. It will come up later."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I just had a couple. On number one, I just find it incredible that we're wanting to buy close to \$100,000 worth of software and we actually sent this to 20 vendors that would have the capacity or the capability of delivering this and nobody bid?"

Ms. Baker said, "We sent this to vendors who do software development and the vendor who responded . . . actually, ATCi has developed this kind of software in Wyandotte County. The vendor who actually responded, InfiniTec is a local software developer and he has partnered with ATCi to provide the same format."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so is this one of those that what we were requesting, there was really only one vendor that could deliver it and that's ATCi, because I would assume that proprietary to them?"

Ms. Baker said, "There was one vendor that had done this type of work, based on the request. There are other vendors out there that do this type of work but they chose not to, not to respond to our request."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, I just always . . . I guess they know what they're doing but, Okay. And then the only question I have is on the automobiles, given all the controversy, I just need to ask, the County doesn't pay sales tax. Is that correct? If we purchase a car?"

Ms. Baker said, "That's correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So it's immaterial to us as to where we buy it, if indeed anything goes on with a rebate of sales tax, there's no way that this would effect our purchases."

Ms. Baker said, "I believe that's correct, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. That's all I have and I don't see that we have any further comments or questions so Clerk, call the roll please. I have to make a Motion? Okay, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Assignment of Contract Rights and Responsibilities for the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grant Resident Service Delivery Model from Silver Sparkle to All Saints Home Care, Inc.**
- 2. Settlement Agreement and Joint Dismissal in Board of Tax Appeals tax grievance; Docket No. 2000-10590-TG.**
- 3. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.**

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V020015	\$395.00	Natalie Donges

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V01042	\$290.00	\$325.00
V99010	\$607.00	\$635.00
V01063	\$284.00	\$369.00
V01065	\$331.00	\$450.00
V99022	\$183.00	\$132.00
V99024	\$186.00	\$220.00
V99021	\$223.00	\$151.00
V01044	\$228.00	\$333.00
V010164	\$216.00	\$216.00
V2058	\$296.00	\$386.00
V010191	\$320.00	\$351.00
V2020	\$625.00	\$625.00

- 5. Order dated March 27, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of March 27 – April 2, 2002.**
- 7. Agreements (18) with Community Developmental Disability Organization Affiliated Service Providers to provide payment to Providers of supplemental state funding.**
- Envision
 - Epimelos Associates
 - Starkey, Inc.
 - Heavenly Helpers
 - Payroll Plus of Kansas, Inc.
 - Dependable Assisted Living, Inc.
 - The Arc of Sedgwick County
 - Independent Living Resource Center, Inc.
 - House of Hope, Inc.
 - TSS, Inc.

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- Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas, Inc.
- Catholic Charities, Inc. Adult Day Services
- Proactive Home HealthCare Services
- KETCH
- Agape Services
- Arrowhead West, Inc.
- Advantage Home Care, Inc.
- Zachary House, Inc.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Is there anything else to come before the Board?”

K. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, “I have some things. I’d like to comment that I did stop by the Character Education workshop and was there most of the day yesterday and Chairman Sciortino was kind enough to offer a greeting to the 400 people that attended from around the State of Kansas and I think some other states too. It was a wonderful chance for Wichita to promote itself and talk about many of those issues that we’re very concerned with, as far as juvenile justice because character education, that whole stream kind of ties in. I mean, Expect Respect was there very prominent. Jump Start was there. Communities in Schools, many of the organizations we support

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are part of that whole system. So, it was a wonderful conference. Had great turn-out. Dr. Barrett, with the school system, really put together a nice conference that showcased many of the values that we believe in.

This Saturday, at 11:00, they'll select the admiral for the Wichita River Festival. If people would like to attend at the kind of kick-off event for the River Festival and it's a wonderful event that promotes tourism and economic development and quality of life in Wichita and of course, we're always supportive of that.

I'd like to commend Kristi Zukovich and her organization for the Communication update. We challenged her to do that and we continue to get pretty good updates now, talking about where we're at and what we're doing and how we're communicating to our constituents and I think that was a great report.

Coming up soon, and I think it's in Carolyn's district, but it's the Park City Bluegrass Festival. It's going to be the 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Kansas Coliseum at the indoor pavilion and if you want to see the Continental Divide, Mountain Heart, the Rarely Herd, the Chapmans, Louisiana Grass, Shadow Creek, the Schankmans, the Hillbilly Boogiemens and many others stop by, because I think it's a great event and hopefully we may even have a booth there for Sedgwick County because they're going to have some vendor booths and we'll have a presence.

On April 27th, which is a Saturday, Haysville will have their trade show and hopefully Sedgwick County will have a booth there, so stop by and learn all the great things that Sedgwick County does in the south side of the County at the Haysville Trade Show. And that's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner, you indicated about the Bluegrass was going to be on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th but you failed to tell me which month."

Commissioner Norton said, "May. I'm sorry. May, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That sounds exciting. Anything else that you all would like to visit . . . Oh, my goodness. I guess I'd better look at this thing. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. A couple of things, yesterday, for lunch Commissioner McGinn and myself, Manager Buchanan and several of our staffs had lunch with Via Christi out at

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their Good Shepard campus, which is the old Charter hospital behind Joe Self Chevrolet. And we had a very good lunch. Via Christi, I think, is working well with our COMCARE in offering services to this community for both in-patient and out-patient folks who need mental health care.

Would remind the Commissioners that this evening we're going to participate with the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute here in this room. A group of Hispanic community leaders and those who want to know more about what's going on in Sedgwick County, under the leadership of Stephanie Payton, who does just an excellent job, are going to spend a series of about four Wednesdays in April sharing with these folks about Sedgwick County government.

Tomorrow, David Spears and I are going to attend the Commissioners and Engineers meeting of South Central Kansas over in Hutchinson so we'll be on that route and then, next Monday evening out at Viola. Viola is going to have a community meeting to talk about a number of issues going on there. Sheriff Steed is going to be there with some of his folks and I plan on being out there next Monday evening too. That's it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. A couple of things that I want to remind folks, this is an example of how time flies. We are celebrating the second anniversary of the opening of Exploration Place. It seemed like not that long ago we were turning dirt, but happy second anniversary or second birthday to Exploration Place and remind you that if your passports have expired, like mine did the first of this month, go renew those and go back and visit Exploration Place.

On Thursday evening, I think as Kristi has mentioned, is the opening game of the Wichita Stealth indoor football team. I attended several of those games last year and if you have not gone, do so. If you did go, go back and enjoy it. It's a great deal of fun. That team, for a first year out, got real involved in community. Made a lot of public appearances, did me a favor and attended the Cancer Society's Relay for Life event and spent some time with the kids who were out there. So, go out and support those folks.

Friday morning, I'll be speaking or addressing our newest detention graduates, on behalf of the Commission. It is a privilege to thank those folks who take on the challenge of that kind of job to help and protect our community. So, look forward to spending some time with them.

Obviously, Saturday evening is the Pavarotti concert and I understand, from the radio, that there still are some of the top-end tickets left if folks have been putting off trying to decide whether or not to go, I would certainly encourage them to do so. I think it will be an extraordinary evening and certainly one that's rare in this part of the country.

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Also, looking at next week, I noticed when the Bigs were here, that Tuesday evening, the 9th, is the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters gala, one of their fundraisers and look forward to attending that and hope that a number of us will be there. Isn't that the 9th?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I think that's Boys and Girls Club is Tuesday night."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Oh, is it the Boys and Girls, not the Bigs? Sorry. Boys and Girls Club Tuesday night. Sorry about that Bill. I think those are the things I have at this time. I think that's it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I was hoping that maybe we could get an update, Commissioner, on how the Easter thing went over at Cowtown. Have you heard?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I did not make it out there."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I didn't either. I just didn't know how they did."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I haven't heard an update on that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Because I was trying to figure out to go out there because I think it's kind of neat to be able to take a step back in time and just kind of, not quite vicariously, but just kind of imagine, 'I wonder what it would be like', here I'm walking on this boardwalk and maybe somebody 150 years ago walked on it and just kind of get a sense of how life was and I like going to the school, you know, and just sit there and think, 'Gosh, they taught all the grades just in one room and somebody had to go get the wood for the stove'."

Commissioner Norton said, "They still have a corner set aside for guys like you, too, don't they."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes, they do."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I did want to share that the eggs were new, they weren't 150 years old. And, if I might add, that we are going to be sprucing up the town April 18th. We're still working to get everybody out there that might have a skill or a talent to add."

Commissioner Norton said, "Wait a minute. You didn't tell me about skill or talent."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Betsy, we think you can paint. But anyway, if folks have been out to Cowtown, once in a while you do notice that we're not able to get all the buildings painted in one year, just because of funding. And so, this year, we're going to try to take six to eight buildings and get them all spruced up in one year. And we certainly appreciate the people who have stepped

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forward to say that they want to help out. And so, that's going to be April 18th, if anybody's out there that's interested in wanting to paint and scrap. Don't forget that part, that's the hard part, scrapping, please give us a call at our Commission Office, 660-9300, and we'll find a paint brush or something for you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so this is open to the general public."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, we're trying to organize. We'll see what kind of calls come in here but I think we have enough projects that we can keep people busy."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'll be there, talent or not."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioners, is there anything else to come before the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 60 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, legal advice and personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:42 a.m.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "We're recessed into Executive Session."

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The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. and returned at 11:49 a.m.

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "We're back from Executive Session. Chairman Sciortino had to attend another event. Let the record show that no binding action was taken while we were in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before this Board?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "If not, we're adjourned."

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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