

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 20, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE) Clinical Operations; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. James Roseboro, 4518 Greenbriar, Wichita, KS

Ms. Lynn Wassinger, 324 N. Chautauqua, Wichita, Ks

Dr. Evies O. Cranford, PhD, Executive Director, Chief Professional Officer, Boys and Girls Club of South Central Kansas.

Ms. Lisa O'Dell-Davis, Director, Shelters and Emergency Services, Catholic Charities.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Reverend John Krueger, Conference Minister, Kansas/ Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, February 27, 2002

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Gwin was absent at the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2002.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to look at the Minutes of the

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Regular Meeting of February 27th. What's the will of the Board please?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CITIZEN INQUIRY

A. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE SUMMER 2002 JOB AND OPPORTUNITY FAIR.

Mr. James Roseboro, 4518 Greenbriar, Wichita, KS greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to talk to you briefly about the Youth Opportunities and Summer Job Fair that's coming up here starting next month.

As you well know, the 14-year-olds today will be tomorrow's engineers, health care professionals, teachers and our coworkers. And so what we've done, the Coalition of Youth Opportunity and Job Fair Coalition has put together three job fairs that will convene on Saturday, the 6th of April at the old Hobby Lobby building at 501 East Pawnee from 12 to 3 p.m. A second job fair will be April the 26th at the North High School from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. And the third and final one will be at the Northeast Magnet at 1847 North Chautauqua on May the 4th from 12 to noon [sic].

And at this time, we would like, on behalf of the coalition, I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our job fair and be a part of it. This is . . . we're doing three this year. Last year, we did four and we had over 1,000 attendance at the four meeting and over 100 children or teenagers

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were hired. Now, if you look at the handout that we gave you this morning, you'll see that our age goes from 14, we start at 14 and we range all the way through adult. So, we would love to have you attend. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. Do we have any questions or comments of the presenter?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just real quick. James, you said . . . how many years have you done this now?"

Mr. Roseboro said, "This will be the seventh year. We started in 1995."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And you've put on two or three each year?"

Mr. Roseboro said, "Each year. We started out with one and then it went to two, three, four and this year we dropped off to three."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, it sounds like it's been pretty successful."

Mr. Roseboro said, "This has been pretty successful."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Mr. Roseboro, if any business is, for some reason, watching us this morning and would like to inquire as to how they could participate, do you have a phone number that you might want to share?"

Mr. Roseboro said, "Yes, we do. You can call me at my number. I'm at 759-5509 and I'd be glad to answer any questions anyone may have. We sent our 5,000 packets to different businesses but if anyone wants to attend that did not get one, please do not hesitate to call us."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now, if a youth is interested, they just have to show up at one of these. There's nothing they have to come and sign up ahead of time or anything? They can just show up."

Mr. Roseboro said, "Just show up at the job fairs and, in the packet, you'll see that we will have job cultures and job training on how to fill out applications and all that. And that will be available at the job fair."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, great.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “My suggestion would be then, as those dates come a little closer, as we start our meeting Allison usually talks about events or Kristi usually does about events that are coming up. Let’s remind them to maybe announce these the Wednesday before or the week of these job fairs just to remind folks of it. Will that help you?”

Mr. Roseboro said, “Oh, yes it certainly will. All help will be deeply appreciated.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Well, let’s keep trying to help you. Mr. Manager, would this be something that would be appropriate to put up on the County web page? Is that something we do? Okay, let’s take a look and see if we can do that too. Okay, thank you very much.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

B. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).

1. CASE NUMBER ZON2001-00056 – RESOLUTION CHANGING ZONING

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FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “NO” NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE WITH A “PO” PROTECTIVE OVERLAY, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE 29TH STREET NORTH AND TYLER INTERSECTION, APPROXIMATELY 900 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION. DISTRICT #4.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “And there’s just one zoning item on the agenda.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Excuse me just a minute, Marvin. The backup says that this is Commission District number four. I think this is Commission District number three. 29th Street is the northern boundary.”

Mr. Krout said, “That’s right.”

Commissioner Winters said, “This is a few 100 feet away from District four.”

Mr. Krout said, “That’s right. I’m sure you both share an interest in the case, as do I and the applicant’s agent, who is here this morning. This is a rapidly growing edge of Wichita and generally, single-family development. And this two-acre tract that is on the east side of . . . it’s right here on the east side of Tyler Road and just north of the half-mile line between 21st and 29th Street. It’s actually a part of a larger subdivision plat that has come in, been approved by the Planning Commission for all single-family lots, with the exception of this particular lot. This lot has a gas pipeline that runs through it and encumbers it.

You can see how some of the other duplex lots and single-family with reserves have tried to respond to it, but because of its location and because of the frontage on Tyler Road and because it’s across from a tract that was granted zoning for office, a conversion of an existing residence on a large lot and we think that, in this half mile that we can see a little cluster of that occurring and that’s not uncommon and that’s not really much of a problem, in terms of traffic handling and so we’ve been generally in favor of those, as long as they are compatible with the surrounding residential area.

In this case, the original request was for General Office zoning, which is a broader classification, allows more uses and potentially more height and residential density. And so we had recommended to the applicant that he amend to the Neighborhood Office zoning category. He was acceptable to that suggestion and, by the time of the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission considered it as an amended application to Neighborhood Office. We also recommended two provisions in a

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Protective Overlay, dealing with signs and with the architectural character of the building to make sure that it would fit in and be residential in style, because it really is totally surrounded.

There was no one at the Planning Commission who appeared and objected to this request. No one spoke, other than the applicant's agent and there were no written protests that were filed on this request. So, I'll run through the slides quickly, without commenting on them. But the Planning Commission and the staff recommend approval, subject to the completion of the plat, which is underway currently. And I'll try to answer any questions that you have."

Commissioner Winters said, "Marvin, could you go back one?"

Mr. Krout said, "Sure."

Commissioner Winters said, "Can you point to where that pipeline is."

Mr. Krout said, "It runs right through the site and then right through there."

Commissioner Winters said, "And that still will . . . There will be some restrictions about what can happen over that pipeline on this particular property."

Mr. Krout said, "There will be. It's a private easement. Pipelines are different. They all have building setback requirements but usually you can pave on them and use them for parking area."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that the pipeline?"

Mr. Krout said, "Yes, the diagonal. Any questions?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's the shortest slide show you've ever done."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Before we maybe take it to the Bench, it's always been our policy on these types of items to see if there's anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against this item? Okay. I see none, so the remainder of the comments will be limited to the Bench. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to be supportive of this. I see

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the agent of the applicant is here and I'm certain, if he had any comments or disagreement with MAPC and staff's recommendation he would have come and made those known to us. So, if there are questions, we could take those."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the zone change with PO, subject to platting within one year, and adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 2. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOUTH WICHITA HAYSVILLE AREA PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Krout said, "There are two plans on the agenda with a request for you to adopt them as

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elements of the Comprehensive Plan and I'll make some brief comments on the first one. Brad Snapp, from County Community Development, is going to make the presentation on the Oaklawn plan because County Community Development has been involved in Oaklawn for quite a while and took the lead role in that particular plan.

Both of these plans were assisted by funding from a state grant that we have used in the past, from Kansas Department of Housing and Commerce to look at planning, particularly in terms of neighborhood revitalization in areas that are in need of attention and both of these were areas that are in need of attention. They're not the areas that are within a mile or two of downtown, like some of the areas that we have looked at previously. They're outside and this particular one is a very large area with about a dozen square miles in it and various jurisdictions. So, this was a very complicated study to try to prepared in a unified way but there were overlapping and very interested groups in this particular area in south Wichita, Haysville.

This south Wichita area has felt, for a long time, somewhat neglected by the attention and the pace of development and the development response that is occurring in other parts of the community. There was an active business association, an active neighborhood association in this area. And really what happened was a very unique kind of partnership between representatives of the City of Haysville, of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the business and neighborhood association to come together, spurred on I think by the tornado, which cut a swath through the middle of this area and created some questions about redevelopment and appropriate kinds of redevelopment. So, I think that, in a way, that helped bring this community together and it was a good opportunity to look at an area that we haven't looked at real carefully in the past. And this area plan is intended to be a guide, like the Comprehensive Plan, like the other neighborhood plans are, in terms of looking at land use decisions, in terms of looking at possible changes to the development codes and standards that we have and also in terms of helping to . . . with the overall process of understanding the needs and prioritizing the needs for community facilities for both the city and the county out here.

The streets and roads, circulation was one of the concerns of the area and the recommendations for this plan include particular focus on trying to deal with a very complicated interchange area and K.D.O.T. will be studying this later this year, the 47th Street corridor between the turnpike and 135 and Broadway and how that interchange is and how you can make business work in that area right in here. It will probably take some major improvements to the ramp system. But the community sees that, along with downtown Haysville, as really the commercial focus and center for this area. And as part of that, recommends further improvements to 47th Street. There are also suggestions for improvements to the corridor between Haysville and Derby, across the river. Not trying to extend 71st Street, which would costs tens of millions of dollars, but looking at improving the existing

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streets or connecting some of the existing streets with a system that would more smoothly connect those two communities and promote economic development and looking at the interchange of area at the same time with the turnpike.

Meridian also was considered to be one of the major roads and Meridian continuing the program of gradually expanding that to four lanes is a recommendation of the plan. This is an area that has drainage problems, like much of south Sedgwick County and there were some specific hot-spots that were identified within the city limits in particular and these are areas that the plan recommends that more attention to identifying improvements to relieve the drainage problems in these areas we developed.

This is an area, also, with the highest concentration of manufactured homes in Sedgwick County. And there are some logical reasons, some economic reasons why that happens and one of the issues that was a source of discussion at several meetings was what should the future of manufactured homes in this area be. And there were a couple of recommendations that have come out of the study that will need some further implementation but the suggestions are, first of all, that if there's going to be any more manufactured home parks that are approved in this area, and there was not a lot of land that was identified, in fact I don't know of any particular large tracts of lands that were identified for future mobile home parks in this area. But they generally look at improved standards for manufactured home parks, including stronger buffers around the edges of those manufactured home parks, closer spacing of storm shelters and some other rules to try to make them as compatible as possible where they are permitted.

Another recommendation was to take the zoning code today, which says we have one category called manufactured housing and then as you proceed with your zoning case, you submit a site plan, either for a subdivision or for a manufactured home park. And I think what the intent was that the plan says . . . they're really two different things. A manufactured home subdivision means that you are laying out public streets and lots for sale and you're putting manufactured homes on permanent foundations and those could be treated, if at the same density as a traditional single-family subdivision, those could be treated differently than a manufactured home park and so we ought to treat them differently in the zoning code by giving them a different designation and not stigmatizing them by giving them the same classification as a manufactured home park. So, that's the recommendation and the next time that we open up the zoning code for amendments, and I'm sure it won't be long because there's always a need for some amendments, that we'll look at that issue

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with the Planning Commission.

The development concept map though is basically that whether it might be manufactured home subdivisions or traditional single-family, that most of the undeveloped area that remains in this study area should be developed with low-density residential, that the Haysville downtown and the 47th/turnpike area, Broadway area be the focus for commercial development, that some of the uses, commercial uses on Broadway look at converting and consolidating and redeveloping to other uses and trying to concentrate commercial development more at the intersections and not string them out along the arterial roads. There's also some recommendations and plans for major parkland acquisition, large tracts of land that have sandpit lakes which are potential recreation resources for this area which does have a deficit of parkland and so that's something that I'm sure the community will be looking at as they start looking at future CIP programs.

I'll stop there, see if you have any questions and see if there's anyone in the audience that wants to speak about the plan effort. But we . . . I think it was a good effort. We had a lot of participation from elected and appointed officials, as well as the community. I think they made the consultant turn around on some issues and respond to their needs and concerns and I think the plan does a good job of trying to reflect their vision of that future."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And actually, Marvin, according to our agenda here, we'll have to take both of these individually is what it looks like here."

Mr. Krout said, "Right. I'll back up then."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I know we have a couple of people. I just want to ask a question, just for my own knowledge. Go back to a couple of slides where it showed the whole area that was being considered. Why was Haysville cut in half and why are we only looking at half of Haysville to possibly stimulate economic growth? How did that decision get made?"

Mr. Krout said, "I think that Haysville has their own comprehensive plan and their own planning process. The effort was to make sure that we didn't cut the line short of Haysville. So, the idea is including Haysville. The fact that we drew a line down the middle of it is sort of arbitrary. I think the point was, let's understand how Haysville interacts with the area to the north and visa versa and make sure that we don't exclude Haysville from this process. But you could look at that as being sort of a hazy line. I mean, Haysville has done a good job of planning its own community including its expansion so I think 71st Street wasn't a hard and fixed line and we didn't look that carefully

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north of 71st Street because we knew Haysville did and we didn't look, not at all, below 71st Street. The concept was, let's understand how this is really one community, despite the fact that there are boundaries."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, that response was clear as mud. I think Commissioner Norton has a question."

Mr. Krout said, "Yeah, if you look at the land use plan, we don't identify . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We don't have to get into it. It just seemed to me it would be . . . I was just questioning . . . we could have just . . . That's okay. Don't worry about it. Tim."

Commissioner Norton said, "We are going to allow public comment if there are people here that would like to comment on this? Did I hear that's appropriate?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I would be more than willing to do that."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just know that there may be a couple of people here that worked pretty diligently on that. They may have five minutes of reflection. I've got some things."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Would you like to wait until the public comment or do you want to discuss now? It's up to you."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, why don't we see if there's anybody that would like to add to it, publicly and then I'll be glad to."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is there anyone here in the audience that would like to speak on this item here, the Haysville plan? Yes, ma'am. If you would just give your name and address please."

Ms. Lynn Wassinger, 324 N. Chautauqua, Wichita, KS greeted the Commissioners and said, "For about 18, 20 years I lived down in this south area. I now work . . . I'm back home. I work down there now."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let me understand this. You moved there when you were eight then. Is that correct?"

Ms. Wassinger said, "Oh, thank you. I owe you a dozen chocolate chip cookies. Yes, the history of this area is, in trying to work together, we've worked with Commissioner Norton for a long time. In fact, we were even working on a plan before the tornado came in but that just kind of

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crystallized more of the groups. This area is so unique in the fact that there's so many different entities that need to come to the table to work together. And my hat's off to all of you for spurring this on and developing this and getting consultants in to work with us and kind of bring us all together and consolidate all this.

And it's a wonderful plan. The only thing that I didn't see Marvin mention was that Hydraulic is still needing to be widened but that's a city project and they're supposedly on the docket to get it done. But, yes, it's one of those programs that's going to involve a lot of people and a lot of time to get this improved but it's definitely been needed. Residents down on the south side of town thank you very, very much for being the leader in getting this kind of put together. Thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks, Lynn."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Do I take it that you're comfortable with the plan, then?"

Ms. Wassinger said, "Yes. And I think some of the things that need to still be addressed are going to be more of a bringing more groups together and finding ways to get it to happen but the actual plan itself I think is a good one. It gives us somewhere to at least aim at and some place to start at."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Anyone else in the audience that would like to speak on this item? Okay. The remainder of the comments will be limited to the Bench. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Chairman. Well, I'd like to compliment Lynn and many other people that started long before the money was available to do the study. I think, almost two years prior, I had worked with the South Central Business Group or the South Wichita Business Group, some neighborhood associations and, as Mayor of Haysville, was connected to what we were going to do on the south side to try to get some focus. So, we were pretty happy that this all came about, once we already plowed some ground.

I'm very excited about this because I think, for the first time in many years, we've got a focus on the south side. Development has been rather of helter skelter, it's been pretty fragmented. Business has kind of just occurred by serendipity. There's been a lot of what I consider poor development because of scattered manufactured home parks and those kind of things and now I think we've crystallized and galvanized at least some kind of a plan that we can look at that's forward thinking that will take us 30, 40 years into the future, work on infrastructure and a really solid comprehensive plan. So, I'm very supportive of what's been done here.

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I think it's important for the Commission to note that there are several components of this that we'll really have to wrestle with and deal with in the next probably five to ten years and we need to be prepared to make those kind of decisions now. One of them is what's going to happen on the 47th Street corridor and the turnpike and I-35. That's is, if you live in that area and know how it's developing down there, that's becoming a real mix-master of bad traffic. Now you know, if you know anything about Dallas and they talk about the mix-master and the Stemmons Freeway and the L.B.J. Freeway and how it all runs together and the traffic slows down to nothing, you should check this out. This is Wichita's mini version of that because in the afternoon, when Boeing and Cessna and Raytheon and Lear Jet get out of work, the traffic is tremendous trying to get off at 47th Street and it really backs up at the turnpike. It's dangerous. We're lucky we don't have a lot of wrecks down there but I see that happening. So, that whole area I think we're going to have to deal with. I know part of it's obviously a City of Wichita planning issue but I think we'll have to do some lobbying with K.D.O.T., with the turnpike, with the City, County. I think it's going to be a huge issue to deal with.

We have had several meetings already starting to talk about that, as to how it fits in with a southeast corridor transportation plan. I know Ben has worked on that because it cuts through his district. But I think that whole area there will have to be dealt with. Meridian is another up and coming arterial that needs to be worked on. I know we had the money in the budget this year for the CIP to do the planning on that, do the engineering work, do the design work and it's been pushed back because of economic realities. I would hope that, if the realities aren't as bad as what we thought, that we would put that back on the table to get that designed. If you know anything about that corridor there, single-family homes are popping up like wildflowers and that west side of Haysville is growing dramatically, 850 homes platted along Meridian and if that all comes to fruition in the next five years, that's going to be a traffic nightmare along Meridian, to get over the Big Ditch and to get in and out of Haysville and on the far west side of the plan.

The final thing is that, as Marvin said, we're looking at doing some things outside of Haysville, on 71st Street. I would urge us to look at 71st Street as it exits the industrial park in Haysville and moves towards Derby because I think that's a real important part of this part of the plan.

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The final thing is just we need to continue to consider that we need a real stringent plan on the proliferation of manufactured housing all over the County but particularly as it relates to this part of the County, because as you saw on the map, there are quite a few manufactured home parks there and I think it will only diminish what we're trying to do to upgrade this south Wichita area if we continue to let them proliferate, particularly without new regulations and new ways to make sure that they fit into the community.

The final thing is that I will continue to work on drainage, as it relates to this area, as it does further south because it is fraught with problems, much like the northwest corridor of the County and we have got to be sure that our storm-water management people are at least involved and connected and dialoguing with the City, where these are in the City of Wichita or the City of Haysville to make sure that this plan is continuing to be used.

That's really all I have. I am very supportive of this. People worked painstakingly to make sure this was a good plan and I'm excited that we finally got something that gives us focus on the south side, instead of just dealing with it in a fragmented manner. Thanks, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think the word is hodge podge."

Commissioner Norton said, "Hodge podge would fit."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my only question, Marvin, is in this plan there are several goals and objectives and some of those objectives show responsible parties as Sedgwick County or maybe you can answer me. Does that mean that if we approve this plan, are we committed or do we have it on our CIP, for instance, to reconstruct Meridian from McArthur to 71st Street. Are we committing that we'll do that by adopting this?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Marvin?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "What I'm saying, I'm just picking that one out specifically, there are areas, there are some of these objectives that say Sedgwick County is one of the responsible parties and I'm not sure whether these projects are in our current CIP or whether we're making a commitment that they will be in the future?"

Mr. Krout said, "I don't think that there's . . . I think that any plan is a guideline. You have to take that plan and you have to weigh it with other plans and other policies that you have. This is not a

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commitment that that project or any particular project in the plan has to come before anything else. This just means it's a goal, just like it was a goal in the previous plan to build a northwest bypass. Just like it is a goal, in the long-range transportation plan already, to eventually widen Meridian and so, this just reinforces that but it doesn't commit any funds and doesn't commit you to any kind of time frame."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, I was just curious about that and wanted to get that straight. Also on the issue of the drainage projects, I certainly concur. An objective that encourages us to coordinate those with other drainage improvements makes a great deal of sense and to have it in black and white before us is important. Also, on the community relationships, the 2a-2 says, to improve the dissemination of information on scheduled infrastructure improvements with the planning area. If we're not doing that, shame on us because we ought to be able to coordinate those projects and share with the other entities so that we do them in a logical manner to cause the least disruption. So, I'm certainly supportive of that.

The plan, in general, I think makes a great deal of sense. I am heartened to see that so many of the responsible parties are identified as the area stakeholders. That says a lot to me that the individuals in the community supports these projects and supports the plan and understand that they too have a responsibility to make good things happen and don't always just turn to government with an expectation that government will do it all for them. I'm encouraged to see that the stakeholders here understand the importance of bringing this part of our community up and making improvements.

So, I'm going to be supportive. I did highlight some concerns that they had mentioned and will be continuing to visit with Commissioner Norton to see how or if Sedgwick County has a role in addressing some of those but thank you. Thank you for your time."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Marvin, you mentioned maybe an adjustment in the code concerning manufactured housing. Were you talking about just for this planning area or were you talking a more comprehensive look?"

Mr. Krout said, "I think, if we do it, we'll probably look at amending the whole code, not just for

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this area. It's a particular problem for this area. It's an area that gets targeted with most of the requests to expand but I think that the suggestions, if they're good ones, are ones that we probably ought to look at for the rest of the County too."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you. That's the only question I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And Commissioner Norton, if you'll allow me, I just have a follow-up on Tom's question here. Does a city have authority to adjust their codes or their plans on what they would allow, as far as a manufactured park or community within the city limits or do they have to rely on us to make those changes?"

Mr. Krout said, "No. Haysville can make their decisions. Wichita could have different standards in its zoning code, in the Unified Zoning Code. You could have some standards for Wichita and some standards for the unincorporated area."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So what we would be looking at would be changing or modifying standards in the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County. We wouldn't be controlling or forcing our thoughts on the individual city. Is that correct?"

Mr. Krout said, "That's right. You wouldn't be. We would expect that, for the most part, the manufactured home parks and subdivisions are going to have public water and public sewer and so they're going to be in or adjacent and probably, if not in, then be annexed eventually by one of those communities but sometimes you have gotten requests, as County cases, and then if they were approved they would have been provided services and annexed later. And as much as possible, we want to try to keep the City of Wichita and the Sedgwick County codes the same, in terms of standards."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What do we do if it conflicts with the City of Haysville's code?"

Mr. Krout said, "With Haysville?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, say for example if we're trying to standardize the City of Wichita's code with the unincorporated code but that would conflict dramatically with the Haysville code. How do we resolve that?"

Mr. Krout said, "Well, there's going to be differences. Every community, you know, reflects some differences in its zoning code based on its vision and its values and that's okay. I think we all, you know, we share the City/ County code with the other communities and some of the other

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communities tend to take parts of it as a model like when a cell tower's issue comes up or other issues like that, so I think that that's part of the County's role is try to create sort of a model code that the other cities can use or borrow from."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Truthfully, to answer that, is when I was Mayor of Haysville, many times when we were ready to change a code or whatever we looked to the Planning Commission, the City of Wichita, other governing bodies for what they had set as a precedent on a code and then we modeled ours after that. Many times, they were almost word for word. Other times we wordsmithed them to be different. I would just urge us to make sure, and I think we've already done that, we've brought the principals to the table. We've talked about it. I think it will be easy to get everybody to the table again and go, 'You know, we're trying to design a new code, county-wide, what do you think?' So, I don't know that that's going to be a sticking point for too many communities out there. I think everybody will be lock-step."

One thing I want to comment on as we move forward and we have the Oaklawn plan coming up too is we don't want to forget that, as passionate as I am about the Haysville/ South Wichita plan, is that we've still got McAdams and Delano that we're trying to move forward on. We've got a lot of plans that we're going to have to participate in. And as much as I love this plan and we've got to advocate for it, we also have to be sure that we're moving forward on all the different plans and understand our role in all of them. It's real easy to take the new and shiny plan and advocate for it and forget that we've got a McAdams and a Delano that have got the same kind of problems. So, I want to be sure that we're in lock-step thought process that we've got a lot of areas that need help and it's going to be tough for us to decide exactly which ones need the money and need our help."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And just real quickly, that's why I asked the question about the CIP projects, because obviously there will be several of them coming from several different neighborhoods and I wanted to make sure that we'd be able to consider those one against the other, unfortunately."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, I appreciate that comment. So, Commissioner McGinn, as I understand it now, you and I, we can go forward with McAdams plan, we can go forward with Oaklawn and then we can deal with . . . that's what he said."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I don't think he said that."

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Tim.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, I thought I heard him say that.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Good government is good government, however we get to it.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Any further comments at the Bench on this particular item? All right, what’s the will of the Board on Item B-2 please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now we get to the real important one. Next item please.”

3. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Director, Housing Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Oaklawn/ Sunview Revitalization Plan is completed and is ready to be adopted. It’s been a long journey but one filled with community interaction and dreaming of the best for Oaklawn.

The plan covers the area on the map shown, McArthur on the north, slightly south of 63rd Street on

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the south, the Arkansas River on the west and Oliver up to 47th and up to K-15 and back to McArthur on the east.

Residents, business and community leaders, including Community Housing Services, community police, Derby schools, Derby recreation staff, rental property owners, members of the faith community, Sedgwick County Housing and Economic Development staff and the MAPD worked together for months to put this together. Consultants Dave Yearout with Austin Miller and Beth King with King MERJ Public Relations guided the process.

Stakeholders mentioned above have the following goals in ranking order: improve housing and property conditions, improve community image and pride, maintain public safety and crime prevention, improve educational programs, enhance communication, improve recreational facilities, upgrade infrastructure, create opportunities for commercial and industrial development as well as retail, obtain on-site health services and look at their form of government.

As far as infrastructure goes, we've already got drainage projects on Idlewild and at 47th and Clifton approved. This tool, the plan, is not going to live on a shelf but it's going to be a guide that will help stakeholders, or the partnership as we call the stakeholders, work together and build on the existing strengths. There are so many positive things going on in Oaklawn, housing programs, youth programs, Sedgwick County Community Police, a new Derby Recreation Center on the way, a business association but most important are the people who live there. And I tell you, there's a real strong core group in Oaklawn that are very active.

We had several calls of people who intended to be here today but obviously couldn't but if you have any questions, I'll try to answer them. I know there might be some folks that want to talk to it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Thank you very much. Is there any one here in the audience that would like to speak on Item B-3, the Oaklawn/ Sunview Neighborhood Revitalization Plan? This is the first time I've seen Barbara silent, but I guess that's okay. Okay, so I don't see anybody in the audience that wants to speak on the plan, so we'll reserve the comments to the Bench. And Commissioner Gwin, you have a comment."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, I do. Brad, in reading the plan, it looks like one of the . . . I guess one of the things I don't understand and maybe you or Rich will help me understand the intent and whether or not we have the legal authority, is on page 27 in our program, items 3 and 4 about designating the area for redevelopment and rehabilitation and designating the study area as a special district. Then the paragraph goes on to say that it's recognized that some believe Sedgwick County

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may not have the ability to adopt such codes and regulations applicable only to a designated area in the County. But then the consultants say, 'Oh well, we think your home rule authority provides you the opportunity'. I don't understand the . . . I guess I need to know, do we have the legal authority? How do we treat one neighborhood different in the unincorporated area opposed to others and those kinds of things? This one looks like it might be a little difficult."

Mr. Snapp said, "I think I'd like Rich to take the first stab at that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Are you familiar with this request or this objective in here, Rich?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I did have an opportunity to look at that and I think that we can . . . I've always thought that we can craft regulations, based upon population and land use intensities and so, if we craft regulations designating areas that have a certain population, I think we probably in general have authority to do that. I say in general because we would have to look at this specifically, but really the Oaklawn area has some characteristics that are not common to the other unincorporated areas and I think there are some things we can do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Right. Well, and I'm not saying I'm not supportive. It just looked like this would be one that would have to take some extraordinary effort on our part. And then, Brad, it also talks about 'to develop and enforce minimum standards and health and safety standards'. Are those codes currently adopted by the County or would those be new things this group wants us to consider?"

Mr. Snapp said, "There might be some new codes coming. We're working on a rental housing code right now and there's the abandoned structures code."

Commissioner Gwin said, "What about a home owner code?"

Mr. Snapp said, "A minimum property standards? We don't have one of those. That would require something new. But, Commissioner, one of the things that Oaklawn Improvement District is working on is the rule that currently state law doesn't allow improvement districts within five miles of a city limits, like Wichita. They're not allowed to make their own rules, as far as nuisance

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things. But the improvement district has gone to the state several times and addressed . . . I think they addressed the senate just recently and I believe that law is going to be changed. There's a high likelihood of it. So that would take care of some of it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. The other . . . on page 28 then, on item 5, it says it recommends that Sedgwick County form a coordinated staff approach to support the administration of codes and standards and that the team should be led by an inspector with sole dedication to Oaklawn/Sunview. Can the County afford to have an individual solely dedicated to this neighborhood?"

Mr. Snapp said, "I don't know."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. You'll get back to us on that one?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And then the areas, when it comes to condemnation and removing properties declared unsafe, that would be a part of this new code structure you're talking about?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Right."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And financial incentives for rehabilitation geared to minimum standards. Do we not have some programs that assist folks in rehab or is this over and above that?"

Mr. Snapp said, "It would be over and above. We're looking at kind of a global picture down here. We do currently have low-income housing and rehabilitation programs from the state that we can serve just a limited number of people and, once this is put in place, we'll be looking for all sorts of resources, anything that we can find to put this together and address situations."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Is this . . . also, on the next page then it talks about the study area being designated as a target area for single-family mortgage revenue bond programs."

Mr. Snapp said, "That's something we'd like to put in place too. We're working on that and we probably won't know until June of this year when census income figures come out. But we're working on that problem."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, I'll tell you, and I'm not saying that I'm not supportive of the others, but this sure makes a lot of sense to me, I would think, if we could get that designation there, if the goal is home ownership and being able to convert a rental home to a personally owned and occupied, I think that would be a real plus. So, let us know what we can do to help there.

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Anyway, there are . . . Like I said, there are several things in here . . . Oh, I know. One of them had to do with initiate and obtain a 501-C3 status for the Oakview Neighborhood Association. Does that . . . would the creation of that have any . . . I made a note, does this change the way Sedgwick County treats or funds this area?"

Mr. Snapp said, "No. That was a consultant's recommendation. I'm not sure that the Oakview Neighborhood Association is interested in that. Community Housing Services, who we fund, Sedgwick County funds in operating budget has been working in Oaklawn for years and they are a community development corporation and can run funds through their organization. We can apply for grants through them."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, because I hadn't heard that. I thought we already had some extraordinary ways to do that. I think . . . again, I think I like this plan. These were some of the questions I had about the first steps or the steps that we need to take. I think Commissioner Sciortino is aware, as have been his predecessors, of the challenges of Oaklawn, so I'm looking forward to trying to see what goals and objectives we can meet here and certainly appreciate you and other staff members working on this plan with the neighborhood. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see any other comments but I have just a couple that I'd like to talk to you about, Brad. Let's go back to that targeted area thing. If I understand it, on the single-family mortgage revenue thing, we just passed one state-wide, people that are first time home owners that qualify under those income guidelines can purchase a home in Oaklawn but the advantage of being designated a target area, if I understand it right, you don't have to be a first time owner. Do you still have to have the income guidelines?"

Mr. Snapp said, "It actually allows a higher income guideline. Higher income limit, higher purchase price and it holds the money. A target area holds the money for a year. So, normally a bond program goes so quickly. People have a chance to . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And the main thing that I saw that would be advantageous and maybe get even more people interested in home ownership in Oaklawn would be the fact that maybe they bought a home ten years ago. Well, they wouldn't qualify but now it would free up more people to consider purchasing a home in there. Because I am convinced . . . and I'm not putting down a renter. There are a lot of people, for various reasons, that need to rent. Often times they need to rent long enough to be able to save up for the down payment and this assists them in that area. But I have always felt that if a person actually owns the home they're living in, there's just a natural inclination maybe to take better care if it, take better care of the lawn and spruce up the whole

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neighborhood which then has a snowball effect that when a person is looking to buy a home, they go on a block, all the homes are nice, they're going to be more inclined to purchase the one that's for sale up there.

So, I think . . . So, I'm going to be very supportive of it but I'm a little nervous, because I've been compromised by the people on Oaklawn. I can't be bought, but they have been borrowing me for the last three and a half years on some of the best homemade cookies in the world. But I'll give Haysville a chance to compete. But these ladies know how to get to me and every time I go down . . . Last time, they gave me one this big that said 'Ben's cookie' and I don't know what they're going to ask me for on that one but I'm sure I'll wind up paying for it.

I think these plans are a fantastic first step. I do think it's important to let all the residents know that by implementing this and putting this into our Comprehensive Plan, this isn't a for sure, done deal and now, Commissioner, when do we start implementing all this. But this does mean that it is the end of the beginning and we now have a plan that we can look at, incorporating all of the other plans that we have, as part of 'when do we start funding this', as opposed to, 'let's see if we can do something in Oaklawn, and we don't even have a plan' and 'let's fix this bridge'. Now we have a plan to start coordinating. And I applaud all of the volunteer citizens, both in Haysville and in the Oaklawn/ Sunview area for all of their work. I applaud you and I will even applaud my colleague Commissioner Norton on the work that you did. Because this is great, this is the first plan, this is a first step, it's the end of the beginning and now we can get started maybe taking care of some of these problems that have been there forever.

Okay, with that said, there's no further comment. What is the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item. Thanks Brad. Thank all of you for coming."

4. **MAPD MONTHLY REPORT.**

Mr. Krout said, "Let me touch on some highlights, Commissioners. We had 55 cases filed in February. This is on pace with last year, which was a record year for number of cases filed. Those included a request you'll hear in a couple of weeks at 151st and Central for commercial development and I think most of the issues have been resolved at the Planning Commission level on that. Also, involves a case that some of you may have remembered from a couple of years ago. We had a controversy with airplane hangars at Lake Waltanna. People who didn't have their direct frontage on the strip but lived in the neighborhood and wanted to be able to have a plane and be able to use the homeowners' airport out there. And this time the conditional use did go through the Planning Commission, was approved and was not protested. So, we've got a couple of more opportunities for private planes out there at Lake Waltanna.

Also, you may have noticed the Old Town . . . the zoning code has gone through an amendment process to expand the Old Town area, basically. And as part of that, we will be looking in the future but we didn't include an interesting suggestion about looking at valet parking. You can park three or four cars in the space of one car in a regular parking lot with valet parking and that may be an interesting tool that we can use, to some extent, in Old Town, in order to make more use of the park surfaces. It's an enforcement issue but I think that some larger communities are using it already, so we're planning to take a look at that in the future.

The Planning Commission held their hearings last month on the two neighborhood plans that you approved today. We have begun working . . . well, we've almost finished now, working on the annual development trends report. We're preparing another census report, based on additional information that's been released by the Census Bureau on demographics. And we've been asked to begin preparing some information and have done that already on the City Counsel's redistricting effort.

We also were contacted by a developer, Billy Gray on the 47th and Hoover area, who requested that

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the City of Wichita annex his property. It is not touching the city limits though, and so it will require the County's approval as an island and that's a case that I think is scheduled on your agenda for consideration next week. I won't be here but I think some City representative will probably be here to bring that request to you.

In transportation, in Intelligent Transportation Systems, we have been working with various parties to try to close a deal on the first contract for an automated vehicle locator system study and we still have a couple of discussions going on about the review of K.D.O.T.'s radio system but I think we're close to having a contract that is ready to go on that. Transportation also responded to an information request from the City of Garden Plain and Jumshed went out last month to the Garden Plain planning commission meeting and then, a couple of weeks later to their city council meeting to talk to them about the C.K.R. rail line that is out west of Goddard, runs parallel to U.S. 54 and about the possibilities of rail-banking a portion of that line that is to be abandoned that is east of their community. And I imagine it has an interest in that and requested, like Goddard and the City of Wichita did, additional time to be able to study that and make a decision on whether or not to take the rail-banking option or not.

Our staff did a traffic analysis for the North Webb area, in advance of an application for a large office park that has been filed and also with knowledge of other developments that are going on in that area to try to make sure that if Rock Road isn't always working smoothly, we want to make sure that Webb Road does run smoothly as a relief valve. So, that case has been filed. I think that we feel like we can accommodate the traffic with this proposed additional development.

We prepared annual reports for our boards, including the Planning Commission, and you received the Planning Commission's annual report in advance of the Planning Commission retreat, which most of you were able to attend and we appreciate your attendance and I think we all got a lot out of that discussion. I know I did.

And we sponsored an audio conference on sign regulations that was attended by interested parties and I was asked to make presentations to the Hispanic Leadership Council, to the Neighborhood Association's Presidents Council and to Dr. Pisciotte's economic development class at Wichita State. So, I had a few busy evenings myself this last month and I'll stand for any questions you have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Marvin. We do have some questions. I think Commissioner Norton's light went on first. Commissioner Norton."

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Commissioner Norton said, "First of all, I really like the combined MAPC/ City Council/ County Commission meeting that we had. I think some great dialogue came out of that, some understandings and I think that's important. We get very fragmented and are in our little worlds and sometimes it's nice just to get out and share and get the cobwebs out and come to some good understandings and I think we did that.

One thing you didn't comment at all on here and it's kind of a new hot-button is the alternative sewer dialogue that we've had. Any new conversations at the MAPC on that? I know you were going to look at it and dialogue more as a group. Has that moved forward at all?"

Mr. Krout said, "The MAPC did have a discussion the Thursday after the retreat, where we had the initial discussion and I think that you're aware, the Planning Commission asked for additional information and, basically, to defer it to get additional comments back from County staff and I guess we're waiting for, I think Irene was planning to come to you and to talk to you about it and then I expect Planning Commission will schedule another meeting when we hear that everyone's ready to talk again."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay."

Mr. Krout said, "In the meantime, we have had a couple of plats in the equus beds area and, for one reason or another, they have deferred or postponed and so we haven't had any immediate cases that have come, you know, right to the table for a decision."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just think that's an issue that we need to continue to dialogue about and talk about and understand, because we'll continue to have more and more cases of people filing to use those new systems and, as we move forward, I think we all need to be in lock-step on how we're going to handle it, what the regulations are going to look like, how MAPC and the planning staff deals with it and how the electeds deal with the issue too. So, I just want to be sure we keep talking about it, that we keep it on a front burner, because it's not going to go away. Thanks. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Chairman Sciortino. Just a quick question here, Marvin, on your day-to-day activities, staff met with County staff to consider redevelopment possibilities for the Ark Valley Masonic Lodge. Can you tell me what that's about?"

Mr. Krout said, "Actually, I think your County Manager probably is more up to date than I am.

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Kathy Morgan, our preservation planner is sort of a liaison to the State Preservation Society to make sure that, as the County moves forward . . .”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I know what it’s about then. I just didn’t know if there was something else going on. Okay. Our plan is in motion then. The other thing . . . I was trying to find it now. In reading your backup on your percent year-to-date totals, like McAdams, you know I asked this question last time. Kind of what are we doing and where are we going and if I read this right, you have a target of 600 hours that you’re working on that plan and you’re 91% complete. Is that how that reads or is that 91 hours?”

Mr. Krout said, “It should be 91 hours. We’re not 91% completed on that plan, I can tell you that for sure.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. So you’ve spent 91 hours of the 600 you plan to spend this year.”

Mr. Krout said, “Right.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And what will we have at the end of the year?”

Mr. Krout said, “A plan and hopefully a plan like the plans that you’ve seen for these other neighborhoods that can be specific about priorities and objectives.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, correct me if I’m wrong. It seems like this is one that we’ve been studying for some years and I don’t know when the others started but I guess I would like to see that. We study and we study and we study and I guess I’m impatient and I’d like to just go do stuff.”

Mr. Krout said, “Yes, you know, up until now, in McAdams the planning staff hasn’t committed to prepare a plan and we were hoping, last year, that we were going to be able to do what we did with other plans in previous years is get someone from the outside, assisted with State funding, to do it. Last year that didn’t happened because not enough funding came through and we didn’t have this kind of time to be able to concentrate on it like we’re going to. So, we’re planning to do in-house and this is the first time we’ve said we’re going to do it, we’re going to do a plan that we would have hired someone to do last year.”

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. I'd like to go back, Marvin. I don't know for sure if I should direct this to you or to the Manager, but going back to that Ark Valley plan, which I compliment Commissioner McGinn because she has really been the driving force, using charm and then sometimes a baseball bat to get us to agree to her point of view on some of these items. I wonder, since this venue is actually inside the city limits of Wichita. Is that right? Is that what I'm talking about?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "The Ark Valley Lodge? Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And many times Wichita always comes to us for projects to see if we would help them in a project. Have we inquired to Wichita to see if they would maybe like to have the opportunity to help us in this project at all? Have we . . .?"

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "It never crossed my mind, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, you might consider having it . . . I mean, I would think that maybe that would be something, since the majority of the people that might be beneficial to this would be residents of Wichita and I know we're taking it on and maybe this would be one opportunity they could join with us and help us. I don't know if that's appropriate or not. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I think the Manager can certainly think about it. I guess the only thing I'm thinking is the fact that we're going to be using the building. I mean, if we were going pull it out . . . it's our building."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's right. That's right. You're right, that's correct but for the right amount of money I'd give them an office or something. I understand that part. Okay, that was a good idea but the wrong project. We'll think up another project. Any other questions of Marvin on this item? Okay, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

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Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Marvin."

Mr. Krout said, "Thanks and thanks for reading our report so carefully. I do appreciate it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We'll see you next month. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

Commissioner McGinn left at 10:15 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

C. LAKE AFTON AND SEDGWICK COUNTY PARKS.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS ORGANIZATION FOR SPACE MODELING FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK JUNE 15-16, 2002 TO HOLD A MODEL ROCKETRY COMPETITION, AND APRIL 7, MAY 11, JULY 14, AUGUST 17, OCTOBER 6 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2002 TO HOLD "FUN FLY" LAUNCHES.**

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As was discussed by the Clerk, this is the use agreement by Kansas Organization for Space Modeling. They have their annual competition at Lake Afton Park and they have also requested six dates, ranging from April through November to conduct 'fun flies' at the park. These dates have been coordinated with the Park Superintendent. This will be subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance and we would recommend your approval."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST KARTING ASSOCIATION II FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK MAY 4-5 AND SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2002 TO HOLD RACES.

Mr. Harrison said, "This is the agreement for the Lake Afton Enduro Kart Races to be held twice during the year at Lake Afton Park. Again, these dates have been coordinated with the Park Superintendent and we would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION, KANSAS/WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER – WICHITA DIVISION FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK APRIL 27, 2002 TO HOLD A FUNDRAISING WALK.

Mr. Harrison said, "This is a continuation agreement with the March of Dimes. They've had this walk at the park for several years now. They are anticipating approximately 1,500 participants. The dates have again been coordinated with the park superintendent 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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

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Commissioner McGinn returned at 10:17 a.m.

4. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK SUPERINTENDENT AS CONTRACTING AGENT FOR LAKE AFTON PARK AND SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK AND ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES RELATING TO SUCH AGREEMENTS.

Mr. Harrison said, "This resolution would establish the park superintendent as a contracting agent for both Lake Afton Park and Sedgwick County Park. He would be allowed to approve, subject to guidelines and standard form agreements, the agreements that you just approved this morning, in the future.

We used as a model the contracting authority given to the Director of the Kansas Coliseum. If we have a standard form agreement, the Coliseum Director is allowed to approve that, subject to review by the Legal Department and the County Manager's Office. We used that same process for the Park Superintendent. If it's a standard form agreement, he would be allowed to approve that agreement, he or she would be allowed to approve that agreement subject to review by the Legal Department and the County Manager's Office and sign off on those agreements.

The package that is in your backup includes the standard form agreement and each agreement has three attachments. One attachment is a map of the park area, one for Lake Afton, one for Sedgwick County, on which they would indicate the area of use that was allowed with the particular agreement that it was attached to. The second feature is the fees that are involved and those are the use fees that are established in the County code and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, will be reviewed annually. And the third item is a shelter use agreement because with all of these types of events we require the use also of a shelter and that's included in this standard form agreement. Be glad to answer any questions. I also have Mark Sroufe, our current Park Superintendent, if you have any questions of him."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And he's a he, not a she."

Mr. Harrison said, "He's a he."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any questions? Yes, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Jerry, I'm going to be supportive of this. I apologize

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for not having asked this question earlier. You know, I think the system we have in place with the Coliseum works very well and I think we're satisfied with the manner in which that works. How would we determine, though, if there was an issue that came up at Lake Afton that needed at least Commissioner consideration and I think about the World Series Drag Boat Races, which I think was a very successful event. I'm sorry that that's kind of fallen by the wayside but there was, in that event, we were making a decision about closing off a huge part of the park, we were talking about devoting it for a weekend or three or four days for the drag boat races. Is that a decision that the park superintendent will make without consultation of the Commission? Or how do you determine, when you get into those policy kinds of issues?"

Mr. Harrison said, "When you get into that particular case, that is a non-standard agreement. That would have to come to the Board of County Commissioners. The issue of how do we determine what needs to go to the Commission, what needs to be brought to your attention and what is a standard use, the reason we put the review process in there with somebody in charge of this department that reports directly to the County Manager as a reviewing process is that we feel that that will be the safeguard that we don't do things that might cause embarrassment or confusion or concern for the Board of County Commissioners."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, as it passes through the County Manager's Office, if there's anything that appears to be a non-standard type of arrangement, then that will be somehow flagged and reviewed with the Commissioners."

Mr. Harrison said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. I guess that's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Are you ready to pledge your undying trust to the County Manager that he can make those decisions for us?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, it's one of those things, you know, that it works so well at the Coliseum, the way we do it there, that I've got confidence in them and I certainly have confidence in the Park superintendent that we have in place now. I think Mark is doing an excellent job at running our parks. But just like a commissioner that always wants to keep his thumb on something, you know, I just think about as we give this one thing away again to a staff member, I want to hopefully make sure that staff knows that if there is something that is more than a non-standard type of event that they confer with Commissioners about those activities. And I'm confident staff will do that but I felt as if I needed to make that statement.

And since John Nath is in the audience, we're getting ready for a report from him, I mean, I've got confidence that the selections he makes are for the benefit of the County. But then, I can remember

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when we had the Renaissance fair kind of activity. That was something that John did bring to the Commission. We did talk about it. It was kind of out of the norm of regular events and so, I hope that kind of information to the Commissioners continues.”

Mr. Harrison said, “I will say that gatekeeper function on both the Coliseum and the park are the same gatekeeper function through the same individual. So, I think you have that assurance.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right. Thank you, Jerry.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you. I’m going to be in total agreement with this. I happen to believe that, where we can, we need to eliminate ourselves from micro-managing everything in the County. This is empowerment at its best but with empowerment comes risk and you have to have trust of the person you’re giving it to and I think we’re showing that we have that.

One thing that I challenged staff, through the process, was that we need to still be connected to what those events are. There needs to be a mechanism through consent agenda or reports to let us know what those events are and give us a heads-up, so that if it’s an organization that we need to maybe attend or have a representation as a Board of County Commissioners, that we know that ahead of time. A lot of times, this is the mechanism that tells us that and if this goes away, which it probably should as far as us taking control of it, we still need to have a heads-up and know when those events happen so that if it’s something that we have a core value of or needs a County Commissioner to be there that we know it can be put on our calendar pretty easily and know what those are. That’s one of the challenges we have if we take this off the agenda is that we may be out of the loop on at least knowing what’s happening on some of these events. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

Mr. Harrison said, “Mr. Norton, procedurally, John’s report is after the fact and we talked about this in your office the other day about needing to know before the fact and procedurally, as these agreements are approved in the process, we will notify both the Communications Department, the County Manager and yourselves of the upcoming events before the fact, rather than on an after the fact report.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I think that works for me. Thanks.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. I guess my comment is I shared some of the concerns that I had with you and they kind of dovetail into what Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Norton said. I think I would like to, and I think this could probably be done easily just by a status report or

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something, as to what contracts are being approved, as they're approved, just to let us know, because there may be something that we want to attend and just rely on the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager to kind of intuitively know if this is something that one of you should maybe come to the Commissioners. I can't think of anything that would happen, but is this something I better go check with the Commissioners to see how they think on it.

But I'm going to be supportive of it because it will take some of these items up and as everybody noticed, the approval was sort of perfunctory and it was just five-zip, five-zip, five-zip. So, I'm going to be supportive of it. When we designate something, we don't have to abdicate our authority. We can always take it back if it isn't working properly.

All right, I don't see any further comments. So, what's the will of the Board on Item C-4 please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

D. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. CONTRACT WITH WICHITA PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL-BASED PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES TO PATIENTS

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SERVED BY COMCARE.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE) Clinical Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a contract with Dr. Paul Murphy’s group, Wichita Psychiatric Consultants, to provide in-patient care for COMCARE patients who are hospitalized at the Good Shepard campus of Via Christi. Dr. Murphy and his group serve these patients seven days a week and they assume all of the customary duties that an admitting physician would do, such as assessing them after admission, diagnosing them and treating them during their hospital stay. The number of COMCARE patients that are in the hospital at any given day range from 15 to 30, average around 24 or 25. So, they stay fairly busy in that service.

Dr. Murphy and his group also provide consultation services at Wesley Medical Center and St. Francis campus of Via Christi for those patients that end up at a medical unit initially and then may need to be considered for transfer to the psychiatric campus. We pay Wichita Psychiatric Consultants \$75,000 a year for this service and the contract is a renewal from last year. We’re very pleased with the work that they have done. We meet with Dr. Murphy about once a month and the rate is unchanged from the 2001 contract, which was also nice for us. We are recommending that you approve the contract and I’m happy to answer any questions you might have on that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Doctor [sic]. Commissioners, any questions of Dr. Cook? You’re a PhD, are you not?”

Ms. Cook said, “No, I’m not.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’m sorry. Any questions of Ms. Cook?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Good promotion.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I just thought I gave you . . . I’m sorry. I apologize. Any questions of Marilyn?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton 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. CONTRACT WITH SUMNER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO TRI-CITY DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Ms. Cook said, "The Tri-City project is a collaboration among COMCARE and Sumner County Mental Health Center, along with three school districts, the districts of Derby, Mulvane and Haysville. This program is a therapeutic day school or a special day school and children from elementary through high school grades are able to participate in the program. These are children whose behavior is too disruptive to remain in a regular education classroom. The agreement would allow Sumner County Mental Health Center to provide psycho-social groups and attendant care to COMCARE clients in that setting in Haysville, after obtaining authorization from us to do so. So, we are recommending that you approve the agreement."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I'll make the Motion to approve the Contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Just one quick comment. We were briefed on this the other day in a staff meeting that talked about the Tri-City Day School, so that's probably one reason we're not asking too many questions because we really already kind of know who the principals are, what we try to provide there, how many students are served. So, if we don't have a lot of dialogue, that's part of it."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Ms. Cook.”

Ms. Cook said, “Thank you and being called a doctor is one of the nicest names I’ve been called in a long time.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Bring him cookies.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Clerk, call the next item.”

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

- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.**
- **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS, INC.**

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Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The contracts provide the 2002 Community Crime Prevention grant funding to the Targeted Outreach program at Boys and Girls Club and the Family Advocate program at Catholic Charities. Targeted Outreach is an academic program that serves youth that have been suspended or expelled from school. The program works not just to reintegrate students into school, keep them at their grade level, but also to reduce further behavior problems that might result in future suspensions or expulsions. The Boys and Girls Club has been a contractor with the Prevention grants since 1998 for this program.

The Catholic Charities grant funds a Family Advocate program. The family advocate will work with families as they leave a shelter after having experienced homelessness or domestic violence. The goal of the program is to strengthen the family unit and prevent continuing instability in their family life. The program is new for 2002 for the Community Crime Prevention fund.

I do have representatives from both programs here today that would like to just say a word or two about the program. First, I have Dr. Evies Cranford.”

Dr. Evies Cranford PhD, Executive Director, Chief Professional Officer, Boys and Girls Club of South Central Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I suppose I can say I reside at two addresses. By day, at 2408 East 21st Street North, Boys and Girls Club unit at 21st and Grove and by night at 2420 North Dellrose in our city. I’m very, very pleased to address you this morning for the first time as the executive director, hopefully not the last time and always on these kind of friendly terms. I passed out brochures to you about the comprehensive programs and services provided by the Boys and Girls Clubs, this one in particular, operating at our 21st Street unit at 21st and Grove.

I’m viewing it from a mere six months of activity with the Boys and Girls Club as one of the premier programs that we have developed now in conjunction with you and, Ms. Livingston, thank you for your support, to serve youngsters who really need services such as we provide. If you look at the mission statement there on the front page, one of the first things that captured me and my attention and causes me to do what I do is the fact that our mission statement says to ‘inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens’. I think that is very particular language that speaks to what we do.

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These kids that we serve, middle school and high school, have somehow been separated from their mainstream educational program somewhere in Sedgwick County. Somehow, they find out about us and they call and they and their parents want to enroll in our targeted outreach program. They've either been suspended for one day, long-term suspended for more than 28 days up to a semester or expelled from school for a total of 186 days, which in some instances, depending on bad timing, could result in absence from their school program for three semesters and do real damage to their educational progress.

I believe the report to you from the last quarter suggested what we do and how our measurement outcomes have been realized, so much so that you raised the bar on us and that's okay. We accept that kind of challenge and we'll hope to meet that kind of challenge and, should we not, it will be a good indicator of what we did and what we didn't do and we can come back to you for greater support. I do appreciate the opportunity to let me speak to it and I would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have of me and certainly recommend your approval."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Doctor. We do have some questions. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "How many young people went through the program last year? How many did that serve?"

Dr. Cranford said, "I believe our program stats said upward of 90 youngsters when through the program last year. Anywhere floating in for one day or up to 186 days. We work very, very hard to keep them through the completion of their program, return them back to their mainstream school situation, monitor their progress once they return, so that they, one, don't return to us, so that they do remain in school, so that their grades improve, their attendance improves, their behavior improves and all of us are successful. Thank you for the question."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any other questions?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No, that's it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Chairman. When I think about this program, I think about a year ago the discussion at U.S.D. 259 about zero tolerance and one of the things that came up was, under their rules at the time, zero tolerance, if a child strikes a teacher and a few other things, that they can be expelled for the total 186 days, there wasn't any place for that child to go. There's the school Gateway but I think that even with those violations they couldn't even attend those schools and Boys and Girls Club came up as a solution to that problem. I've never

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understood . . . well, I have difficult understanding some of those situations for throwing kids out but you throw a child out that perhaps has some problems at home or took the wrong path and then we let them just run around for 186 days instead of having some supervision. The Boys and Girls Club was an alternative to that student and what I'm hearing is that you take them whether they're thrown out for three days, three weeks or 186 days. Is that correct?"

Dr. Cranford said, "Yes, ma'am. I think what you'd want me to speak to and elaborate on is the partnership program we also have with U.S.D. 259. The students that we serve in the Targeted Outreach program, we have the capacity for 30. We are now at maximum capacity or very near to that. We have to monitor very carefully to make sure that we don't overload one side against the other, you know high school versus middle school. In addition to that, we have a leasing agreement with U.S.D. 259 to serve a number of students who have been put out of school for an unintentional assault on a staff member, zero tolerance policy 1462. An area of our building is leased to the school district where they house up to 17 students in a computer based instructional program with two certificated teachers. The program is operated much like the Urban League Learning Center or the Towne East Learning Centers. And those student's come and receive their instruction upon recommendation from the hearing officer when they have actually violated, to the point of getting expelled, but because it was unintentional they may then be allowed to enroll in our U.S.D. 259 Learning Center. We have 17 stations and are very quickly moving towards filling all of those stations too with working through the school district."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So, this program works together with that program?"

Dr. Cranford said, "It does work with our program. The arrangement was written such that students in our Targeted Outreach program who may be out of school for any number of reasons, including assault, albeit intentional, may then utilize the learning center when their students are not using it, so long as our Targeted Outreach staff is there to work with them. That reaps some difficulties. It's just hard to pull our two teachers out and our one para-educator and two case managers away from our load of 30 to send them back to that area. So we're still working through those glitches but we have had some collaboration in there until they found out, 'Oops'. If the child is expelled then they can't go into the learning center because it's a U.S.D. 259 component. Expulsion means expulsion, so we kind of work through that. My point this time is for Targeted Outreach."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And this is to work to integrate children back into the school

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system and that's what I think we need to work towards and I think you're one of the few or only organization. I know there are different components and different goals of other organizations, but this one specifically works on that and so, we're glad you're there. Thank you."

Dr. Cranford said, "Absolutely. We get a lot of attention from persons around our state and also from around the country, when they learn about Targeted Outreach, because that's what we do emphasize, trying to get them back into the mainstream and keep them there with some changed behavior, some changed attitudes and the whole bit and we really feel good about it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Thank you for being here."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You're not done yet, Doctor. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I just have a quick comment and again, everybody has heard this story before but for those who are listening that may not have heard it, again our community plan on Juvenile Justice Reform calls for us to be working towards commitment to education and commitment to school and we know that if a young person falls out of his or her track and you get one or two years behind, then education just becomes very difficult to achieve and we know that if a person has their high school degree, they've got opportunities that they don't have otherwise. So, I think you've got a good program. We'll be interested to see how you do with the goals and the higher bar this year. But you're doing excellent work."

Dr. Cranford said, "Thank you, sir. Your comment sparks this note. Students may earn credits through our program, both of them and upon completion of that particular item that bears a credit we can recommend it back to the school and, in most instances, the schools accept those credits, particularly for the high school youngsters. It's not nearly as critical for the middle school, who have not yet earned any credits towards graduation but the others do certainly earn credits."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Doctor, I have a couple of questions. The one thing that I was a little confused about, you were talking about they could get expelled for something that . . . like you said, an unintentional assault. Can you give me an example of an assault that's unintentional?"

Dr. Cranford said, "I can, sir. I'm a veteran educator, okay, and I'm aware of what happened with

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the zero tolerance policies in this district. But for some reason, two youngsters get involved in a difficulty, in a conflict that becomes physical. Well, if I'm fighting, sir, my intent is to fight and to be the best at that business. And some one comes in and I'm not listening to them. They call for me to stop. I continue to fight. They maybe step in the midst of the fray and I'm swinging at you, you are my adversary."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And the other guy's nose got in the way."

Dr. Cranford said, "And a staff member got punched in the process."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Got it and that's called unintentional because you meant to assault the guy you were assaulting but not the teacher. Got it."

Dr. Cranford said, "That's right or it could be merely that I feel a need to restrain you, if I'm a staff member. I may catch your arm or grab you by the shoulder or something and if you aggressively remove my arm from your person, that can be considered assault. But if it's deemed unintentional, then the hearing officer has some discretion on how to treat you, although you are expelled."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, that clarifies that. Now, the thing that . . . you said you had an agreement. If they get expelled and then are put into your program, which is monies that you're going to have to . . . is that fund that they get per student per year go with the student, where you could get the money?"

Dr. Cranford said, "You know why you chuckle, sir. It does not, at this point. Actually, I was not a part of the agreement when it was first engaged and we're going to go back to the table and renegotiate that. They lease a portion of our building and we have little to do with it, except to provide the space, keep up the maintenance and that bit, and be supportive to their teachers. But that's the extent of it. No we do not receive the per pupil expenditure that the state provides. That discussion has come to our board table but, frankly, I have a strong position on it and because we do serve the 17, sir, I don't wish us to become a detention center. So, that money is less important than the other mission of our organization that are provided to youth through that handout."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I was just curious as to whether . . . since they were no longer in school and you were providing the service, that perhaps you could get some U.S.D. 259 money to continue to provide the service. Okay. I don't see that we have any other . . ."

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Mr. Buchanan said, “My chortling at that last question has more to do with. . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Wait a minute.”

Commissioner Norton said, “c-h-o-r-t-l-e-s.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I gotta figure out how to use that one again. That’s as good as empirical data.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “It had more to do with the debate that Winston Brooks and I have had about that issue at the Boys Club and Girls Club board meetings. And so, it’s an issue that a number of us feels very strongly about, on all sides.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, it’s over-simplistic, but to me if . . . say for example they get expelled, I don’t know, one month into the school, you’ve got 11 more months that they’re getting paid for this student and somebody else is providing service for. Okay. I sort of think it has some merit. What is the will of the Board? I’m sorry.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “On this specific program, not the one you’re doing with 259 though, children from other school districts are able to come.”

Dr. Cranford said, “Within Sedgwick County, yes ma’am.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, Doctor. I think you’re off the hot seat. Thank you very much and we applaud you and encourage you to continue. Am I right that there’s someone here also from Catholic Charities?”

Ms. Livingston said, “Lisa O’Dell-Davis.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great. Welcome to the Board of County Commissioners.”

Ms. Lisa O’Dell-Davis, Director, Shelters and Emergency Services, Catholic Charities, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you. Thanks for letting me be here today and I just want to give you a really quick overview of our new program and I’ll be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Catholic Charities has managed Anthony Family Shelter, which is a homeless shelter for families,

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for 14 years and we've managed Harbor House, which is a domestic violence shelter for women and children, for 10 years. Increasingly, as children and families come into our shelters, we've seen huge needs in our community. The average age of a homeless person is 8-years-old. If that doesn't make you think about who really the homeless people in our community are. And that's who we see in our shelters every day. We're seeing children who have had the impact of domestic violence and repeated homelessness that's having a devastating affect on their lives and their educational progress that they're making.

Oftentimes, we have parents who, because of their own circumstances are really unable to adequately intervene and parent these children. So both the parents and the children really need intensive resources and help. We've tried to develop in our shelters we have what we call child advocacy and those people are, while people are at the shelter and they provide services, groups, anger management, some counseling. We do a summer camp for the children while they're there in the summertime, a lot of things while the kids are at the shelter. But what we saw was really missing was that, after they leave the shelter, and that advocacy piece that could continue and that's what you funded for us and we're very grateful for that.

The family advocate works as a liaison with the family and other community resources, and specifically the school, to really make sure that these families, once they're reentered and they're back into the community, that they stay a part of the community and that we don't lose these families again and they don't fall through the cracks. We've tried to identify the highest risks types of families at both of our shelters and those are who we have targeted for this project. Those are school-aged children who have a history of truancy, expulsion or poor school performance, parents who have drug or alcohol addictions, past or present, and then children who have developmental, behavioral or emotional problems because we know those children and their families are at the highest risk in our community.

We've defined success for this project if the following is accomplished: parent increase their knowledge and are able to apply non-violent forms of discipline with their children, they are able to learn new communication techniques and actually apply those, age-appropriate, for their children, that kids improve in their school behavior and that not only . . . the parents are able to move back into the community but to maintain that stable income and a stable place to live, because we know how critical that is when families are moving around and children are changing schools and then

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they miss a week here and they miss a week there, we know what impact that has on children.

I just want to give you just a little tiny piece of what we've noticed so far. We began this project in January. Family Advocate is currently working with 16 families. What we have found so far is that it is critical that we develop those relationships while they are in the shelter and people are very receptive and willing to have someone maintain that contact with them up to a year after they leave the shelter. They're very willing to sign any kind of releases that we need so that the family advocate can contact the school and find out how things are going. And I think what's interesting is that most people are really thankful because the majority of people who come into shelters are fairly isolated in our community, so they're very intimidated by a variety of systems, whether it's the school system or the welfare system, a variety of systems and so to have someone help navigate those systems, they're very thankful for that.

And the other thing, I think, that's really interesting that we've noticed so far is that they are really grateful that someone else cares if their child is successful in school and in life. I mean, they've been very . . . really moved that someone cares after they leave the shelter and that there's someone else that can kind of walk along side with them and help them manage all these things that are going on.

So, I look forward to being able to share with you the effectiveness of having this Family Advocacy position in the future and the data that we're going to be able to collect. And I appreciate your funding of this position and I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I see that we do have a question. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Chair. I'm going to be very supportive of this. I've had a chance to do some cooking at the Harbor House over the years, do some grilling out and do some things for the families there and it always struck me that the people, the families that were there came under the worst circumstances, either domestic violence or something had happened for them to lose their home and they had no place else to go. And as I had a chance to talk with the people that were there, it struck me that the next step for them was integrating back out into society, maybe couldn't go back into their original home where the domestic violence was and didn't know how to kick-start their lives. So, I think this is going to be a wonderful program for people that have come through your safe haven, as it would be, and integrate back into society and understand that they still have baggage that they take out there and need somebody to help them. So, I think you do great work with the shelters that you have and, hopefully, we can help integrate some people that are hurting pretty bad and have some terrible situations back into the community and make it easier for them. So, that's all I had. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see any other questions. My only comment is, if there's a family out there right now watching us or needing help is there a number they can call and

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you could determine whether or not you could provide that assistance?”

Ms. O’Dell-Davis said, “I sure can. For Harbor House, which is the domestic violence shelter, the number is 263-6000 and we have a 24-hour crisis line that’s available and also, the shelter at Anthony Family Shelter is operated 24 hours a day also, so that’s for homeless families and that number is 264-7233.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great. Thank you very much and continued good success. What’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

Commissioner Gwin left at 10:50.

4. AGREEMENTS (16) TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OLDER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT RISK FOR NURSING HOME PLACEMENT AND NEED IN-HOME ASSISTANCE TO REMAIN LIVING INDEPENDENTLY IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

- **LASHEILA BERRY**

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- **PARIS M. BLAKE**
- **PRISCILLA D. BOYD**
- **JANICE E. ELMORE**
- **LINDA K. HICKS**
- **MARLENE J. HOGLUND**
- **ANGELA MOORE**
- **MELISSA MOSS**
- **PAMELA S. PETRIK**
- **HOLLY ROOT**
- **ANTHONY RUBIN**
- **KATY L. SCHRAG**
- **POLLY A. SEXTON**
- **MAZETTA G. SULLIVAN**
- **JOANNE THOMAS**
- **MARJEANNE VAUGHN**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “These are 16 contracts that provide for the targeted case management services for the year beginning January 1st, 2002 through January 31st, 2002 [sic] in accordance with Kansas Department on Aging, SRS and the Medicaid application to Blue Cross Blue Shield.

This begins our sixth year as a home and community based services, frail, elderly waiver Medicaid program provider. This is a program serving clients aged 65 and over who are at risk for nursing home placement who have been determined eligible, based on their score, for a nursing home but choose to receive in-home services and who are eligible for Medicaid services.

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These services are available, like I said, under the Medicaid program and they are available throughout Sedgwick, Butler and Harvey Counties. This service is for a contracted case management services. We currently have 11 staff positions for case management but this is a contract for 16 additional case managers that are contracted, rather than employees of the county.

They are paid a fee for service, a unit per service and bill us on a biweekly basis. This amount has already been approved in the County mill levy budget for the fiscal year of this year. These contracts are with a variety of individuals who we have received applications for, done interviews with, checked references, done background checks on. These individuals also have already completed the training for the Universal Assessment Instrument and for Targeted Case Management. So, we would recommend approval of these contracts and I would stand for any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “We do have a question. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you. Last year, how many people did we serve with this program? You’ve got 11 staff and 16 contracted people. About how many people did we serve through this program?”

Ms. Graham said, “It was probably about 900. We currently have about 970 individuals receiving the service right now. As far as a year, for an unduplicated count, I don’t have that information but it’s about 970, currently.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That’s a large population of seniors that are getting taken care of in their homes. Am I correct to say that this is one of the things that has been bandied back and forth that the legislators, the funding streams for some of this will go away for in-home care for seniors or is that incorrect?”

Ms. Graham said, “At the state level, what they have done for next year’s budget is they’re talking about level funding, which would be at this year’s and last year’s rate of growth, which has been about five percent, so this would allow for no new growth in the program, even in the face of rising numbers of individuals who are reaching the age and the frailty level to be eligible for this service. So, they are talking about that, which would implement a waiting list, which in fact we just recently found out will be implemented, effective May 1st, statewide because the growth of the program has been more than they had budgeted for for this year. They are also talking about raising the level of care score, which currently a Level Of Care score of 26 or higher makes one eligible for nursing home placement and therefore eligible to choose this in-home service. They are talking about raising that to an LOC score of 50.”

Commissioner Norton said, “So that could eliminate and reduce the numbers of people that are

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presently in our program.”

Ms. Graham said, “What we’ve heard so far is that they would grandfather current clients in, so anybody who is currently receiving the service with a score less than that 50, if that were to be passed, would remain eligible for the program. But any new clients coming into the system would have to meet that 50 Level Of Care score.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Am I wrong to say that our population is not getting younger, it’s getting older by demographic though and that each year it’s going to proliferate?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes. Definitely it is and especially that age group of 85 and above which is growing at the fastest rate, which are those individuals that are the frailest and most at-risk for nursing home placement. And latest figures show that 22% of that population do reside in a nursing home. So, that certainly is of concern for our community and a state as a whole.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I guess my concern is that as we see things like the brokerage for transportation, we have to take additional funds to keep 350 people going to their medical appointments, that it scares me with the budget deficit that even though we’re hearing that it’s going to stay the same, I read in the paper today they’re going to lop off what \$500,000,000 in budget cuts. I can’t believe Aging is not going suffer from that, just like many other entities.

And I would urge people, if they have frail seniors, if they have family members and if they want to see these kinds of programs continue, that they lobby with their legislators, that they give you a call, they give commissioners a call so that we understand the need of the community and how important it is to people. Because we know that there’s a state problem and that they’re going to have to deal with it and what happens if they really do cut the kinds of cuts that we think they’re going to. It’s going to affect these programs that are very important to 970 frail senior citizens that want to stay in their homes and be independent and that may be taken away from them. And if moving the standards to 50 is the way to get people out of the system to pay less money, I don’t know that that’s proper thinking. I hope that’s not why they’re doing it but it doesn’t sound right to me and we need to be prepared, knowing that we may have to make some more tough decisions locally if that funding goes away because here’s 970 people that we’re serving and serving pretty well in just this one program. Thanks. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. Annette, just for my edification and maybe for the public, I know Medicaid is paying for that but citizens pay for Medicaid so it still comes from the citizens. Does Medicaid cover the cost of training these individuals too? I saw in here that we pay

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them \$250 for a training program that they go in. Does Medicaid pay for that training or does the County pay for that training?"

Ms. Graham said, "Medicaid reimburses us at a unit rate."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I understand that."

Ms. Graham said, "So everything that we do has to be covered under that unit rate."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So they are paid for the training that we give them?"

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, that comes out of Medicaid funding and we will pay up to that amount, once a year."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I understand that part. Now, the billing rate is \$26.50 an hour."

Ms. Graham said, "That's how much they are reimbursed by Sedgwick County."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And then it said something about a billing unit being 15 minutes. So is that one-quarter of an hour, so if they stay 15 minutes with a patient, they can bill us for one-quarter of an hour."

Ms. Graham said, "Right. That's correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So, any time . . . what do we do if it's 17 minutes? Do they go up to the next billable unit?"

Ms. Graham said, "No."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Okay, I think that's all I had. Any other questions or comments? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

E. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Report for February of 2002. The Coliseum had total attendance in excess of 54,000, 14 events, 32 individual performances. Net revenues were in excess of \$241,000, pretty good month.

As you know, February is the month when we have a lot of recurring events, we're on long-term agreements with these. So, these events always pop up the same time of every year. First event to talk about is the Model A Swap Meet with 18,000 people plus in attendance. We got nailed with some pretty crappy weather. It's the Wichita A's that put it on but anything from custom cars, like that very fine Chevelle up there, to hub caps, to engines, to license plates. In fact, that's where I get a lot of my repair manuals from the various dealers that come in. It's a really good event and a lot of folks really enjoy that.

Wrangler Pro Rodeo, we've actually grown the rodeo into a series of events besides the performances in the Britt Brown Arena. For the fifth year in a row, we had our client and sponsor appreciation barbeque over in our meeting room. We brought the Delano Dollies in and had some other entertainment and really just had a really good time. It's a way for us to thank the folks that have worked with us all year long.

Of course we had bull riding, which is the most popular event of the rodeo. On Saturday night, for the fourth year in a row, we had the Coors Official Cowboy Dance and one of the little added extra

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attractions we had a mechanical bull at the dance and if you noticed, as the night went on, the rides became shorter. I don't know how that worked out but we put a lot of people through that. But the dance was a lot of fun. We had almost 1,000 people there this year. That has grown every year and it's just a great little addition on a Saturday night, which we theme as Cowboy Party Night and it works out real well for us.

We also had the annual Boat, Sport and Travel Show. They take over the Britt Brown Arena as well as Pavilion I. We had almost 15,000 people in attendance for that this year. Of course the State High School Wrestling Tournament, with over 12,000 people and another very well attended event, which is the Equifest, in association with the Kansas Horse Council, over in Pavilion I, Pavilion II and the Arena building.

In the sports zone, we had five games with the Thunder, over 15,000 people in attendance over those five games. Very happy to see . . . unfortunately, the Thunder did not qualify for the playoffs again this year, or we would still be playing hockey.

In the month of February, we successfully promoted our second event out of our building. We rented Century II and presented the Bear in the Big Blue House, in association with our partners, VeeCorp. VeeCorp is our partner in Sesame Street, Bear in the Big Blue House and then, this fall, we'll be bringing in Dragon Tales. These are all very, very popular in children's programming. We did Century II because we had the Sports, Boat and Travel Show in our building at that time. This is a way for us to expand our event calendar to continue to present events and we actually made a little money on the deal, which is not bad. The Bear's a fun event and to commemorate we actually have a little bear for each one of the Commissioners to kind of . . . a little souvenir from the Bear in the Big Blue House.

Coming up, this Saturday we go on sale with the popular band Creed, which is arguably the number one band in the country right now. Now, if you recall, in January we also had the band Linkin Park, which at that time had the number one album in the country. In April, we have seven concerts, which is kind of really unusual for us. There are some years we don't do seven concerts in a year, but just in the month of April we have seven concerts scheduled and they go from urban and hip-hop to opera, from rock to country, from comedy to classical. We even put a little gospel in there. So, we're trying to cover all the demos. It's just the way the routing has worked out. All the shows that are on sale are doing very well. So, if anybody says that we don't attract the top entertainment to our area, or we don't provide entertainment for the marketplace, is either misinformed or flat-out wrong. Commissioners, it's never said enough, especially in this forum, but I'd just like to pass on, on behalf of all the employees at the Coliseum, we appreciate your support. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “We do have some questions, John. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just a thought. In conversation sparked earlier about the . . . when we were talking about Sedgwick County Parks and I believe Commissioner Norton talked about seeing some things in advance instead of behind. You know, there’s probably not a huge audience that watches this show but I think there are a number of folks and as you look back over those events in February, you know I was sitting here thinking ‘You know, I always think about going out the the Boat, Sport and Travel Show but I didn’t get there the last couple of year’. Well, if I had maybe seen your presentation in advance of saying, ‘Here’s what’s going to be here next month’ maybe that would spark us and some viewers, out there in television-land just that you’re having a great horse show or you’re having a great car meet or whatever.”

Mr. Nath said, “We’d very much be happy to present next month’s calendar when I give the previous month’s report and things that are coming up.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I think that’s a great idea.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And show us the pictures from last year, but the visuals you put together a good report with the visual effects, which makes it much more interesting.”

Mr. Nath said, “We probably would have had more visuals from the Model A Swap Meet, except the weather was so bad we were busy plowing snow and ice to get it out of the way to take pictures. We try to do that for every show.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, thank you.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "John, you know, last two or three weeks we were talking about Pavarotti. Could you give us an update on that show? Is it still on?"

Mr. Nath said, "The show is on. The tickets are still on sale. We still have several very good seats available. We're looking forward to the event. The whole staff is going to be in tuxedos. We can't wait to get real pretty that night and give us a real chance to show off the building."

Chairman Sciortino said, "When is the event?"

Mr. Nath said, "The event is the 6th of April. It is at 6:00 and we moved it up for 6:00 so people would have time to go to the Opera Ball that evening at 9, which I understand now is going to be at the Broadview."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And if people are still interested in tickets?"

Mr. Nath said, "Tickets are available at all the Dillon's stores. They can call Select-A-Seat at 755-SEAT or on the web at Select-a-Seat.com or they can come out to the box office."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Any other comments or questions?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Putting on a tuxedo makes you pretty. Is that what I heard?"

Mr. Nath said, "That's what I've been told."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Well, I've got to see this."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Are you going to be pretty that night?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I would rather be handsome, but if a tuxedo makes you pretty then I guess I may be pretty."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that we have any other comments. So, what's the will of the Board on Mr. Nath's report?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2002.

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Minutes of the March 14th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. And we have three items for your consideration.

**1) CHANGE ORDER- 1ST FLOOR PAY STATION- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item one is a change order for the 1st floor pay station. It was moved to acknowledge this change order with Van Asdale Construction for \$8,086.

**2) CHANGE ORDER- EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC COURTHOUSE-
FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item two is a change order for exterior maintenance of the Historic Courthouse with Facility Projects. It was moved to acknowledge the change order of Bauer and Sons Construction for \$14,157.74.

3) UNIFORMS- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS

Item three are uniforms for the Emergency Medical Department. It was moved to accept the low bid to contract with Law Enforcement Equipment Company for an estimated annual cost of \$40,000.

I'd be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just have one question just to educate me. A change order, what does that mean? Does it mean that it increased by that amount? Is that what that means?"

Mr. Phipps said, "Like item one, the original contract was for \$311,900. That expenditure was taken and this is an addition above that for work that was unforeseen."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So a change order could go up or down."

Mr. Phipps said, "Yes, that's right."

Chairman Sciortino said, "In this particular case, these two items are change orders going up?"

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Thank you. Any other questions or comments on this? Okay, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

G. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 831-AA, BB, CC on Rock Road from Derby to Mulvane. CIP# R-243. Districts #2 and #5.**
- 2. Order dated March 13, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 3. Amendments to the 2002 Capital Improvement Program.**
 - Main Courthouse - install automatic power correction factor capacitor bank
 - Ark Valley Lodge Project – increase scope and funding
 - District Attorney – remodel traffic area
- 4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of March 13–19, 2002.**
- 5. Budget Adjustment Request.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin Absent

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Is there any other business to come before the Board?"

H. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have a couple of things. I had the chance to go to the Haysville Chamber of Commerce annual dinner this last Saturday. It was well attended and the County was represented there. And then I think it would be appropriate, Mr. Chair, if you would comment on the function that we're providing tonight for the mayors and the County's dinner for tonight. But I'll defer to you to comment on that. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Anything else that any other Commissioners would like to talk about. I'm sorry. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I would just share that I did attend the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Appreciation for Farmers and Ranchers luncheon and meeting out at Cheney on Saturday. There were a number of speakers. It turned out to be a real good event. I think those folks that were there enjoyed it a great deal and appreciated being there. So, it was a good meeting."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. Commissioner McGinn, any exciting skiing items on your little vacation that you had? I see you walked in, so no legs were broken or anything."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I didn't ski, I just relaxed and watched the boys."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, okay, great. Well, I just would comment that I attended in Derby, last Saturday, a Ready to Respond program. It was very well received. It's another example of the types of services and programs that Sedgwick County offers that really have no boundaries. It's all the citizens in Sedgwick County can take advantage of it, regardless if you live within a community or without and we presented it at the city hall. There was about 35 people there. The mayor was there, some of the city council and it was a tremendous example of just empowering the citizens as to if something happens in an emergency or a crisis, what can you do to take care of yourself, because the individual is always going to be the first responder to a problem and my sense was they really . . . one example that was given that people flunked when it was asked the questions, you know do you immediately call your school or try to go get your child and everybody said yes. Well, the answer is really no, because schools have a plan in place, they practice it and that's the place that you can be assured your child can be safe and if by driving over there multiplied by two

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or three hundred or making the phone calls, it could actually impede the school's ability to carry out the plan smoothly. So, it was a really well received . . . and I'm really glad Commissioner McGinn . . . Actually, she was the one that instituted us doing this. The plan wasn't new but getting the information out to the public in the manner that we're doing was new. So, I'm very happy that we're doing that.

Yes, tonight there will be our first meeting that we're going to be having. It's a dinner. We've invited all of the mayors of all 20 communities. As I understand it, just about everybody has responded that they will be coming and it's going to be a way that Sedgwick County can just show to all of the communities what resources, what assets we have that maybe they can draw upon in time of need, because we're all in this boat called Sedgwick County together. And it doesn't behoove any of us to laugh because your corner of the boat has a hole in it, because we're all in it and we want to show all of the communities that we're willing to help them, in good times and in bad. So, I'm looking forward to it and, as I understand it, all the Commissioners will be there and we're just going to have a nice time of fellowship and perhaps maybe can convey some information that might be useful to those other communities. Thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "I have one last thing. It's really kind of a personal thing. I did see that we had a McGinn make honorable mention All-State that was in the paper so I think we need to recognize Caleb for that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "When we got back in town that was very nice."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We can devote 15 minutes to that. Tell us about it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "No. You don't want to let a mom get started on her son's basketball."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Will there be film at 11? Well, that's great. I didn't read it but that's fantastic and you're to be proud of your son and he's somebody I got to tell you I always looked up to. The first time I got on the Bench I looked up to him and I'm always looking up to him. He's a very tall, strapping young man. He was only ten then also."

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Before we have other business, as far as Executive Session, can I ask you Rich, do we need 60 minutes?”

Mr. Euson said, “As usual, that’s up to Commissioners. I have an item for about 15 minutes and then I think there’s some personnel discussion and I’m not sure how long you need for that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, why don’t we cut it down to 30 minutes, because we do say ‘no sooner than’ and if we’re done . . . we can always stay longer if we had to. Cut it to 30 and we could always come back later, but we can’t come any sooner. That’s a good idea.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, legal advice, 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	Absent
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.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.

Commissioner Gwin returned during Executive Session.

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Let the record show that no binding action was taken while we were

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in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before this Board?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Euson? Mr. Buchanan?"

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Fifth District

BETSY GWIN, Chair Pro Tem
First District

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ATTEST:

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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