

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### REGULAR MEETING

April 24, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, April 24, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Mental Health Center Director, COMCARE; Mr. Mark Reed, Director, Sedgwick County Zoo; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Captain Mitchell Paige, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Linda Baughman, Systems Analyst, Sheriff Liason, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Lisa Clancy, Assistant District Attorney; Ms. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Dave Rush, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Project Manager, Facility Projects; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### GUESTS

Ms. Brenda Koehn, Teacher, Valley Center High School.  
Ms. Tatyana Pasternak, Teacher, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Ms. Shynar Anafina, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Ms. Tanya Udarceva, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Ms. Irena Starovoitova, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Mr. Adil Nuralin, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Ms. Aihzan Dastan, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Mr. Rustem Salkanov, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Ms. Katya Serebrianaia, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Mr. Sayat Batpenov, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.  
Mr. Barry Schwan, President, Sedgwick County Zoological Society.  
Mr. Tracy Winter, Vulcan Chemical Company.  
Mr. Mark Foy, Owner, Foy Construction.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was led by Master Kien Nguyet from the Buddhist Temple, Wichita.

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**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, April 3, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2002.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, you've had time to review the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup>. What's the will of the Board please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**INTRODUCTIONS**

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### A. INTRODUCTION OF TEACHER AND STUDENTS FROM LYCEUM #9 IN ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN.

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Commissioners, good morning. Today we have the students from Kazakhstan and this is the third time we've had them come before the Board of County Commissioners and share a little bit about their country. As you know, they come and travel here to America, to Valley Center Kansas in fact, and live for a period of time and our students from Valley Center go there as well. In the past, we've had Pat Thomas who has been the teacher in charge and today we have Brenda Koehn here to share just a little about some of the students that are here today and I think we also have a little bit of entertainment too."

**Mrs. Brenda Koehn**, teacher, Valley Center High School, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I come here . . . it seems like kind of inadequate. Pat has been such an instrumental factor in this particular program and last year, I had the opportunity to come with Pat on my first adventure outside of the country of the United States. And I went half way around the world to discover that Kazakhstan is very much like Kansas in many ways. And I do want to express my thanks to all of you for your support. We have been participating in this program for three years. We are one of 28 schools in the entire nation that participate with the American Council for International Education. So we feel quite honored at Valley Center High School that we have been selected and have continued to be given this opportunity.

I do intend to return to Kazakhstan in September. We have tried to plan our visits so that not only the students from Kazakhstan, but our students, experience a variety of seasons of the year because both of our countries are quite different throughout that time period. I do have, on my return visit, several requests for the students and in fact, I am hosting another teacher this year, Tatyana, which we familiarly call Tatyana 3. Tatyana is a name very similar like Mary or Susan in our country and in Lyceum #9, there are four teachers of English whose first name is Tatyana. And since their last names are very difficult to pronounce, I'm going to have them introduce themselves, but we, from the very first visit, called them T-1, T-2, T-3 and T-4. Last year, we had T-2. This year we have T-3, so that is something that is rather interesting.

One of the very many wonderful experiences that we had when we were in Kazakhstan last May and June was that we were able to meet Senator Brownback and it was so startling. I have never met Senator Brownback before. We have communicated, obviously, with e-mails and letters but as we were waiting on the street corner to be picked up to go to dinner, in fact we were at Sayat's

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house, one of the students that's with us today. I lived on a main street and the police would close down the street whenever any government official came whizzing by in their black cars. And so, as I was waiting to be picked up for dinner that evening, the police were out with their whistles and shut off all the traffic and we saw this large car with the American flag go down the street and I thought, 'Well, the American Ambassador must be in town, visiting Nazer Byev. And that was about all the passing that I gave it.

Well, after dinner we were sitting around drinking tea and relaxing and on the television the news report indicated the senator from Kansas was in Astana and we thought, 'The senator from Kansas, what in the world'. And so we quickly gathered our wits about us and thought there was one hotel, the Intercontinental Hotel, where government officials would stay. We went down about 10:30, 11 at night and made contact with his aide and he met with all of the students who had come to the United States and our students for about 30 minutes, which is I'm sure more time than we would have been granted if we were in the United States or Washington D.C. But he was there on a mission with agriculture and oil and one of the things that was very interesting, we were able to see them planting their great fields of wheat when we were there before and that's one of the things I want to return and find out more about their agricultural equipment and they plant spring wheat there, unlike our winter wheat. But it would seem to me something very fascinating, that I would find out as far as a similarity.

I would like for the students and teachers to introduce themselves now. They do have some gifts for you and, like Carolyn said, a little bit of musical entertainment. We do want to remind you that this is a self-supporting mission. We rely on donations from businesses and communities to help us participate in this program. The school district provides meals for our students and obviously the host families the housing. But any businesses that might like to contribute funds, they can contact Pat or myself at the high school for that. So, without any further introductions, I will have the students and teachers."

**Ms. Tatyana Pasternak**, teacher, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm the teacher of English and we are very happy to visit your country. And I hope it gives us a lot of because we see many, many similar things in your country as in our country and we'll see many opposite things. And it will be our experiences and I hope that our children, when they will grow up, they made everything that our both countries live in peace I hope because they have good experience in your country. And we're so happy and I want to say you very much thank you

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that you give us opportunity to visit your country and I hope that our children . . . this is our second teacher. In our lyceum, we have two languages, Russian language and Kazakh language. And I'm the teacher of English in Russian groups and Bayan, and she will tell, she's a teacher in Kazakh groups. And I hope she will tell us some of that."

**Ms. Bayan Ahmetzhanova**, teacher, Lyceum #9, Astana Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am also an English teacher in Kazakh classes. I am very happy to visit your country and I want to say thank you very much that you give us a chance to visit your Commission. Thank you."

**Ms. Pasternak** said, "And I hope we will show . . . we have six presentations and we will show our country, our dances, our songs and later, one of our students will play special dombra."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Could I ask, did you bring any cookies?"

**Ms. Koehn** said, "They would not have made it here. They are typical teenagers."

**Ms. Aihzan Dastan**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a member of this program and I'm very happy to taking part in it. I would like to thank you for giving me a chance to visit your country. I'm very glad that all the teenagers that are here, all the students have a great chance, a great opportunity to tell more about your country, about your culture and I hope our countries will live in peace and we will do our best to keep it and the planet Earth. Thank you."

And we would like to present a gift to the members of the Commission. It's for you. It's our national house where Kazakhs lived but we don't live in such houses now, but it is ancient. Thank you very much."

**Ms. Tanya Udarceva**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For me it's a great chance to get to know American culture and to share my own culture with Americans. I'm very glad to be here and I will do everything for the future of my country and for our future relationships between countries. Thank you."

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

**Mr. Adil Nuralin**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Nice to meet you all. Thank you for all."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "He must have come from southern Kazakhstan. I like that when he said 'Ya all'. I think that's great."

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**Ms. Pasternak** said, "Can I add, he's a very good boy. He took the first place in Olympiad."

**Ms. Irena Starovoitova**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm so happy to be here and nice to meet you."

**Ms. Katya Serebrianaia**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very happy to be in America and it's a great chance for me to introduce my country with its best side and I would like to share the culture of Russia and Kazakh because in my country we have both culture, Kazakh and Russian and I would like to give you a gift. It's Kazakh national dress and it's a doll made of wood and it's all hand made."

**Ms. Shynar Anafina**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very happy to be here too. And I think the exchange program is such a wonderful thing and I'm very glad I'm a part of this. I have a little gift for you too."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Can I ask a question of the teacher? Is this the native dress of the country?"

**Ms. Koehn** said, "Yes, it is. And the fur hats, I'm interested in the weather, when we go back in September and October. I think having one of those mink fur hats will be a very nice addition to my wardrobe."

**Mr. Sayat Batpenov**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I think I am a happy student of our country because I am in America and I want to give you a gift. It's man who plays our national Kazakh instrument, dombra."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "It's like Christmastime came early for us."

**Mr. Rustem Salkanov**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am student of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. I'm glad to visit your country. It's a great chance to improve my English and I am also interested with your culture and I'm also interested with the conversation with my people of my age. That's all. Thank you."

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

**Ms. Saltanat Kayzbayva**, student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners

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and said, "I am student of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. I was very excited for this trip and now I'm here in the U.S.A. It is a great chance to visit your country, to know your culture and it will be very important for me for my future career. I want to present you a small gift, a musical gift. I will play national instrument, dombra."

#### **Ms. Kayzbayva plays dombra for Commissioners.**

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, I play this thing called the guitar here in the United States and it has six strings, not two. So, that's why I had to take a look at that. That was wonderful. You did an excellent job and that's a beautiful instrument and this is the symbol of Kazakhstan.

Well, we want to thank you for coming to see us every year. We do have some gifts for you. Ours are kind of Americanized. You know, we do the tee-shirt thing because we figure kids like that and the mouse pad because I'm sure you all like to play on the computer and we've got a few other little gifts in there too. So, we certainly thank you for being here. I do also want to share that the commission lobby has a display case now and that was built because of you all coming to see us. We were given gifts a year or two ago and we didn't know where to put them and so we have a place in there. So, you might want to look, on your way out, at some of the gifts that were brought in the past and we'll be putting yours in there as well. So, again, thank you very much and we wish you the best while you're here in the United States and small town Valley Center. And I'm sure you'll enjoy your experience and I'm sure it will be a great experience for our students to go over there as well. So, thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "While you're handing out the gifts, I'll just ask a question. How long will the students be with us?"

**Ms. Koehn** said, "The exchange is for about three and a half weeks, on both sides. And so they will be leaving the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. We wanted them to experience part of our River Festival and the graduation at the high school. And so those are a couple of cultural events that occur no where in there. And Astana is built along a river as well, and so I hope the students will take some information back about our river festival, because it would work out real well with their facilities as well. Thank you very much."

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

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**B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARILYN COOK AS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm really pleased to announce today that Marilyn Cook has accepted the position of COMCARE's Community Mental Health Center Director. I don't even have music. But trust me, you don't want me to sing.

Anyway, this occurred after a national search. We also did screening of numerous applicants and then we had an extensive interview process that included both local and national candidates. And we're very gratified because I think it says a lot to our local talent that when we go through that extensive a process and we find that our most qualified applicant and candidate is here within our own organization. So, I'm really pleased to bring Marilyn to you today and I'm going to ask her to come up and say a few words."

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Community Mental Health Center, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm really excited about the opportunity to be the director of the Community Mental Health Center here at COMCARE. I feel very privileged to continue to provide leadership here. I've enjoyed it to this point. COMCARE is such a progressive community mental health center and has such a rich history of providing services to individuals in this community we should all be proud of it. We have seven programs at seven locations and serve over 6,000 individuals and will serve that many this year. We're very unique, compared to the other 28 community mental health centers because of our size. Many of those centers are small and one building but we are spread all over town and have community partners as a result of that, which also makes us unique.

Tremendous credit and gratitude does need to go to Debbie Donaldson for building the system and COMCARE to the point where it is today and for providing the strong leadership to get us to this point and making it very easy for me to go forward from here. There's been a lot of confusion in the community, in the mental health community about what happened to Debbie and where's she going and I would assure people that she is staying in the division as the director of the division of Human Services, which includes COMCARE, the Community Developmental Disability Organization, COMCARE the Community Mental Health Center, Department of Corrections and Department on Aging. So, people in the community do need to know she's still going to be around and available.

And I'd also like to personally thank her for the very smooth transition. That's not an easy thing to

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do. She's been the director since 1993 and worked for COMCARE much, much longer than that. And then, lastly, I'd like to assure you and want to assure you that I have a very strong commitment to continuing in that nice tradition that COMCARE has in this community and looking forward to maintaining the state of the art, quality care that we have had to this point. Thank you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thanks, Marilyn. Congratulations."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thanks, Marilyn. I don't know if it's congratulations or condolences, but thanks Marilyn."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Does this mean that Marilyn will feel more compelled to be on our trivia team next year?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That was a requirement. That was a given, wasn't it Marilyn? It wasn't a given? Well, it's too late now, we hired her. We should have made that a requirement. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **C. PRESENTATION REGARDING STATUS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

##### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Barry Schwan**, President, Board of Trustees, Sedgwick County Zoological Society, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for having us this morning. With me this morning is Mark Reed, our Director of the Sedgwick County Zoo and we also have Heather Petty, our Chief Financial Officer here in case you have some questions later on that Mark and I are unable to

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answer.

I also apologize. If I'd have know we were having music this morning, I'd have brought the beer. Moving right along, this morning we'd like to essentially update you. It's been a little while since we've been in to update on some of the really exciting things that have been happening at the Zoo. This morning, we're going to talk a little bit about the budgetary dollars that Sedgwick County contributes to the Zoo every year, as well as a quick review of all the projects and where those monies have been spent over the past five years and then a look at some of the pending issues that might come before you for needs at the zoo and then we'll wrap it up but we'll be very quick this morning.

First of all, as we all know, the Sedgwick County Zoo is one of the more successful public/ private partnerships in the country. The slide here shows that we have a 2002 budget of 7.5 million and it shows the pretty even split between the County and the Zoological Society in our budget.

This is the contribution from Sedgwick County to the Zoo in 2002, 3.7 million, and where the money is spent, primarily in personnel and facility improvement. A tremendous amount, as you all know, if you've traveled in zoos around the country, infrastructure issues at zoos are of prime importance, rusting cages, facilities that are exposed to a lot of water and a lot of human and animal use wear down very quickly and much of the money of the 17% there goes to that infrastructure."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Barry, before you go on, the 83% personnel, the County funds what kinds of employees at the Zoo? What do they do, Mark?"

**Mr. Mark Reed**, Director, Sedgwick County Zoo, greeted the Commissioners and said, "They fund the operational people, the maintenance department, the horticultural department, the animal keepers, the professional staff, the veterinarians. The Zoological Society funds those people that deal with visitor's services, marketing development, fund raising and our finance department."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I knew that. I just thought the public should know that. Thank you."

**Mr. Schwan** said, "Mark is going to talk a little bit about some of the projects where that money has gone in the past five years."

**Mr. Reed** said, "In the last five years, the money has been spent on new exhibits. Obviously, the public sees that. What they don't see sometimes is behind the scenes, what it takes to have a quality zoo. In our South American Pampas/ Australia Outback we have one of the world's largest

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collections of parrots in particular and an incredible bird collection. And two thirds of these have to be taken inside in the wintertime and we have a special barn, we have extended daylight, a lot of the breeding takes place because they're from down under and that's during their breeding season. So, \$113,000 on some renovation work, mister systems and lights. In the year 2000, we opened the Moore/ Oliver Zoo Animal Hospital, state of the art, 10,500 square feet. And the Junior League of Wichita gave us, as a gift, one and a half million dollars for their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary present to the children of our community, and we added a little bit more and we probably have what has been called by my colleagues, until somebody builds a better one, the best lion exhibit in the world and we're very proud of that. We've just gotten the word to breed Classy again, so hopefully late this summer we'll have baby lion cubs out there again.

Just like the birds, we have a tremendous number of primates and mammals in the South American Pampas and the Australian Outback as well as the island monkeys. During the winter they have to have heated facilities but we also get nice weather in the wintertime, so that on a nice, warm December day they can still have indoor/ outdoor facilities. This is all behind the scenes, and is needed for the support of the actual exhibitry.

We are . . . A tremendous amount of our exhibitry involves water. We have the equivalent of a small city water system in the Zoo to supply water to all the animals for drinking and for the cleaning. And we've done some major upgrades to even out the pressure throughout the Zoo. We have actually three wells on the Zoo and we're using close to a million gallons of water a day throughout the Zoo in various functions.

Last year, at the entrance to the exhibits, we brought back flamingos. Because of all our predators that we have in Kansas, coyotes, possums and minks and so forth, we had to have a year-around facility that they could have a place at nighttime that they could go and we were able to do that. And so, people when they first enter the Zoo now see a group of about 40 Caribbean Flamingoes and we're real excited about that. And hopefully, in the next couple of years, we'll start having them breed.

Along with a growing zoo, was a need for additional warehousing space for the gifts, the society makes a tremendous amount of money off of hot dogs and rubber snakes and we buy these in bulk and they're stored here. The other half of this building is our graphics complex. We have a full-time graphics and exhibits department composed of three people. These are County employees, illustrators and they put together our newsletter and so forth, so they have decent facilities now.

On this Friday, we will be dedicating the Galey Coleman Memorial Plaza. It's the new entryway that, when people come into the parking lot, this is the first thing they see. We now think we have a

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very positive first impression. And along with this entryway we developed a parking lot plan with the County and the Public Works Department which we'll be talking about in a few minutes here.

We, as you all know, are in the process of litigation with Fireman's Fund over the damage caused by a snow storm on December 5<sup>th</sup> of 1999. We have gone back in the improvement and repair of this facility to tent this exhibit and doing a major upgrade in water systems and theming the exhibit to have more of a pleasant feel when you're walking through this exhibit. This is underway right now.

And we just doubled the space for our cougars, down in our North American Prairie. We've moved the elk to make room for the Downing Gorilla Forest exhibit and this has been a major improvement on their display.

And we've been in the midst of a five-year program of networking the entire zoo. We're on track to have this completely done so that all reports can be done paperless and the communications system done with computers throughout the zoo, work orders systems and so forth. We're very excited almost to have the entire zoo networked. It just makes for smoother and more efficient operation.

We were originally approached, about a year and a half ago, by some potential donors, this was Paula and Barry Downing. They had experienced sitting down next to Mountain Gorillas and had what I would call sort of a mystical experience that they wanted to share with the children and the parents and people of Sedgwick County and came to us and asked if we could duplicate this and we said, 'Well, we'll give it the best shot'. We can't build a huge mountain, but we'll make what we think will be one of the best gorilla exhibits in the country. It was their desire to display more of the ecosystem of the gorillas so okapi, colobus monkeys, birds and assorted mammals have been added. Construction started this last February and we're in the process of a campaign to also build the endowment to help support this. Their gift of \$4,000,000 was the single largest gift in the history of the Zoo and one of the greater and more generous gifts in this community. And we're very grateful and they've been great to work with on this. They've made us think big, in long term. This will be a quality, world-class gorilla exhibit because of them.

We will be unleashing shortly more information on this, but we are planning on adding about an 8,500 square foot addition to the Blakely Education Center. It fits in in between the entrance and the existing education building. We need more classrooms. We are running over 50,000 students a year through this. Basically, it ran out of space, to be realistic, 10 years ago and we hope to have

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some exciting announcements about this very shortly.

When we started building the parking lot plans and expansion, and at the same time we were doing the entry, one of our biggest concerns has been our bus unloading and parking here and people normally have driven in, drive up here and then park. We want to create more of a thing where people drive in and park here, instead of drive in the front. So, long-term plans call for shutting this front driveway down and putting in a green strip here and bus parking here. We did this expansion and the islands are bigger and this was a combined project with Public Works and the planters and sidewalks and irrigation through the society. And that added about 350 parking spaces. We added this this last year and we're still adding the plants and the night-lights right now. I can tell you, twice this year we have overfilled this existing . . . even with these additions, we have overfilled the parking lot and had people parking on the grass.

Those too were done in 2000/ 2001. Original plans called for doing this area this year and this one the next. Because of the buses and the parking issue, it made more sense to combine this as one project. It has been moved out to the year 2004. And we're going to do it as one large project at that time. To give you some idea, we have days where we'll get over 80 buses coming into the Zoo. They come as far away as Colby. They come up from Enid, Oklahoma. We draw quite a few, actually, from some of the northern school districts in Oklahoma.

And just to give you an idea, in the springtime our parking lot needs are critical and, until we build the rest of this and we can move the bus parking in back, we're stationing extra people for unloading and routing the buses though. Just to give you some idea here. And primarily, it's a safety issue that we want to have the bus unloading and loading in the back, so . . . We've never had an accident in our parking lot and it's something we're very concerned about and want to keep this parking lot project on track. Thank you."

**Mr. Schwan** said, "With that, that's our presentation but I would like to add real quickly, we did have a regional conference that Sedgwick County Zoo hosted. Betsy, I think you were there. Mark is also on the national board of AZA, the National Organization of Zoos and so we have a tremendous number of people in from all over the country, not just from the region. And they were totally wowed. I had a chance to talk to quite a few of them and from California to Oregon to New York, they did not have . . . the expectation of what they . . . was far below what they witnessed at the Sedgwick County Zoo. They were all very much in awe and very appreciative and gave Mark kudos for what we've done here in Wichita. So, it does play well. It is considered one of the best zoos in the country at this point. So, we'd like to thank you for your help in helping that become a reality."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thanks, Barry. Well, it's nice to see you and we have some questions

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or comments. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, I just, very quickly just wanted to say thank you to both of you. Barry, I think you’re right. We’ve got a working relationship with a group of citizens here that make up the Zoological Society that’s unique. I mean, you all do a tremendous amount in cooperation and this is a case where I don’t think this facility would be like it is if it was just one side or the other involved. So, we’re very fortunate to have folks like you in there and thanks for making this presentation. And I also want to say thanks to Mark again. This is a world-class zoo and you’re the leader that’s put it in that kind of position and we look at the problems and read in the paper about other communities that have serious problems with their zoos and we’re just very fortunate. So, I just want to briefly say thanks to both of you guys, great job.”

**Mr. Reed** said, “I think it’s a true reflection of our community. I look at zoos as a reflection of that community and this community, from our volunteers to county government, to board, to the staff and the patrons that come, it speaks well for the community. It wouldn’t be this great of a zoo if it weren’t for this community.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Did he just say the commissioners are a bunch of baboons?”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “No.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Just one.”

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to represent the Board, serving as a member of the board of trustees and can tell you that, given what you’ve seen before you, there’s still wonderful things occurring at the Zoo. It continues to be a family attraction topped by none in this state and Tom’s right, I don’t think it would be what it is if it weren’t for the public/private partnership, the way we work together, the relationship that we’ve struck over the years and certainly, as Tom mentioned, to Mark and the staff who, on a daily basis, continue to make it an extraordinary experience.

So, I’m looking forward to Friday, the dedication of that plaza will be wonderful. Gayley was an incredible woman but it’s Gayley’s family and the Downings and the Kochs and other private individuals who have stepped up, time after time, to make this zoo grow and make it even better. So, just one great thing after another. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you all.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Tim.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just one comment. Thursday night, the Chamber is having their honors night and Sedgwick County Zoo is an, over the years, recipient of award for their excellence and I’d just like to give pre-kudos for that, because you certainly deserve that recognition from the Chamber because of your contributions to our community. That’s all I have. Thanks.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, let me just say one thing. Oftentimes, I get the disturbed thinking that the citizens of Sedgwick County oftentimes don’t realize what it is that Sedgwick County government does for them, what kind of services do we provide, what type of entertainment or cultural activities and I’m very happy to say that our Sedgwick County Zoo and our involvement in that is one of those exceptions. Everybody realizes that this is something that they get benefit, direct benefit from because of Sedgwick County government and that’s where part of their tax dollars go and there’s no question that anybody wonders how this came about. Mark, again, I don’t know if it’s time for your review or not, but you’re doing a heck of a job and . . .”

**Mr. Schwan** said, “I have it on my desk as we speak.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “There you go. We’ve always felt compliments are better than compensation. Barry, it’s nice to see you again. Any other comments or questions?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Receive and file, and approve an amendment to the 2002 Capital Improvement Program for the Downing Gorilla Forest exhibit.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

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

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- D. CASE NUMBER VAC2002-00005 – SEDGWICK COUNTY REQUEST TO VACATE 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH BETWEEN HOOVER ROAD AND RIDGE ROAD, GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH – HOOVER ROAD INTERSECTION AND EAST OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH – RIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION. DISTRICT #2.**

### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Marvin Krout**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD), greeted the Commissioners and said, "With one item on the agenda this morning and that concerns a vacation of a section-line road, something that is very rare. This is a one-mile section of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South, between Hoover and Ridge Road, in the southwest quadrant of the County.

This is a corridor that has seen considerable industrial development over the past several decades. You have Air Products, Vulcan, Garvey Industries and, most likely, a transfer station that will be located at the northeast corner of 55<sup>th</sup> Street and Hoover Road.

So, there's extensive industrial development and a lot of activity, a lot of truck traffic and other activity in this general area. 55<sup>th</sup>, Hoover, Ridge Road and 71<sup>st</sup> Street to the south of this screen are all County roads, County paved roads and they do get a lot of activity.

The whole mile long segment of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in this area is owned on both sides by Vulcan Industries. Vulcan has their plant in this quarter-section but they also own land on the north side of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to the east and also all of the frontage along the south side of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. And they've requested that the street be vacated because they have designated, previously, this land and all of the land on the other side of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street as a nature preserve and have worked actively to maintain that area as a nature area and so, the elimination of traffic will encourage the continuation of wildlife migration and make this a better location, a better site for that kind of use.

It is not common to vacate mile-line streets. This shows the Vulcan site, their plant, the nature center area, Air Products and the railroad corridor. We have a very good circulation system in the County made up of the mile-line grid on the section lines and, generally speaking, there are not interruptions. There are some interruptions in certain locations by major nature features, such as the couple of rivers that run through the County and also the freeway and the Big Ditch in certain locations. Generally though, there's not a lot of interruption and this would become one of those

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interruptions.

However, when Planning staff looked at it, we also looked at the transportation plan and looked at traffic in this area and we think that traffic can be handled in the future without the need for 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to be continuous, to the east and the west, because the parallel streets to the south, 71<sup>st</sup> Street, is the main street that comes out of Haysville, the major direction, and 55<sup>th</sup> Street is also the direct crossing across the Big Ditch to the Campus High School complex and the south Wichita area. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, you can get across the Big Ditch but it's indirect. You have to take 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to Meridian and then over like that. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street is a township road throughout the County and I don't think it continues all the way to the County line, where as 71<sup>st</sup> Street is paved and a County road all the way to the County line and the major road, even into Kingman County.

So, that has been the transportation plan for some time before we were aware of this requested vacation. We looked at it, along with the County Public Works Department, also the County Fire Department is on the utility advisory committee and reviewed this, along with the subdivision committee of the Planning Commission and had no objects to this requested vacation.

63<sup>rd</sup> Street is actually a boundary line between two different areas of subdivision jurisdiction. One is the City of Haysville and the other is the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Haysville's extra territorial subdivision jurisdiction includes this area and so, both Haysville and the Planning Commission had public hearings on this proposed vacation. They have both recommended that you approve the vacation and both of those votes were unanimous. There was no opposition at any of the hearings. We did, as part of our process, provided courtesy notice to property owners to the east and west and there was a sign that was posted on either side. We did get a couple of calls from farmers in the area who thought that it might make it less convenient for them to do their farming operations, but they agreed that they had other options and this was not going to close any operations. We didn't get any other kind of opposition as we went through the public hearing process.

You have a vacation order that has been prepared. The vacation order needs to be revised before you sign it so that it will clearly indicate, as the Motion states, that the vacation would be subject to retaining this 60-foot right-of-way through this mile as a utility easement, so that we can extend utilities through this area as the need arises. In fact, I think that if there's a Motion to approve, it probably ought to be simplified to just 'adopt the findings of the Planning Commission, and approve the vacation order with the retention of the utility easement'.

I think that probably finishes my slides. I'll come back to this slide and I will say, the Planning

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Commission had a little bit of discussion. You have Minutes from their meeting. The Planning Commission approved this and then they did go back to it, after the meeting again. Commissioner Warren asked to reopen the discussion and they talked about the fact that they have not had requests like this to vacate a mile-line street and whether or not this was foreclosing development options in the future. There was not a Motion to reconsider the vote and so the Motion did stand, as a unanimous approval of the request. And I'll stand for any questions that you have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Marvin. I think we have some questions. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "First of all, I'm going to be very supportive of this, because I think this makes really good sense to what they're trying to accomplish down in that area. Is 63<sup>rd</sup> paved at that . . ."

**Mr. Krout** said, "No, I didn't mention that. 63<sup>rd</sup> is an unpaved, gravel road."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "There's a railroad crossing that goes through there that is un-signalized and it has potential, at some point, of being very dangerous. In fact, we've been very lucky in that area not to have that. You might want to comment on just the railroads that go through there."

**Mr. Krout** said, "This is an active line. The rail is used by the industries in this area. To the extent that we can reduce the number of at-grade crossings, that's an advantage too. And also, on this case, it's close to Ridge Road and we try to have those crossings away from street intersections wherever possible. So, that would be another advantage, yes."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Are the chances of this becoming a throughway any time soon would be minimal because of the expense of putting a bridge across the Big Ditch there. So, it's never going to be, I don't think, completed as a through street. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Krout** said, "We don't have plans to do another bridge at this location, over the Big Ditch. I think that the feeling is that the current system will handle the traffic of the future. So, no. As I showed you, there is an indirect way to get across the bridge but that's not conducive to the higher volumes of traffic that would be using this as a major east/ west corridor."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. 71<sup>st</sup> Street and 55<sup>th</sup> Street are the main east/ west corridors and they're adequate for the traffic patterns that we anticipate there."

**Mr. Krout** said, "They are. We continue to monitor them but they are adequate, yes."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. And then finally, the farmers' concerns, I understand that the area through there will be gated. It will be grass but it will be gated if they need to move some equipment through there. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Krout** said, "I think that probably they and Vulcan will work through those kinds of detailed issues on a private basis."

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

**Mr. Krout** said, "And we do have representatives of Vulcan, if you have questions."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Is that all Tim?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Yes, that's all. Thanks."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. Marvin, I think you did say the Fire Department did review this and approve."

**Mr. Krout** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "And then, the road, in the backup material it says that it will be maintained as a private drive."

**Mr. Krout** said, "I believe that they're planning to take it up and to re-grade it, so that it won't be used as a private drive."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "It says that the . . . okay. That it will be maintained as a private drive."

**Mr. Krout** said, "You might ask the Vulcan . . . you might ask them that question."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay. Because when you said 'grassed' I didn't know if you meant the field or the road was going to go back."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Steve Nichol is here and Tracy Winter from Vulcan. They may be able to answer that. I have limited information but I thought it was going to be available to farmers, but yet it was going to be grassed. But maybe I'm wrong."

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Could they come forward and answer that question?"

**Mr. Tracy Winter**, Operations Manager, Vulcan Chemicals, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That area is going to be maintained as an open area. It's going to be high. It's going to be planted with natural grasses and the farmers will have access through there. It's going to be gated on both ends and the gates will be locked and we've talked with some of the farmers in the area and told them, 'Look, if you need to get your equipment through there, just give us a call, we'll unlock the gates, you can move your equipment through there'. That will be the only traffic that ever goes through there, that would be for the farmers to move stuff back and forth. It is going to be raised up, actually, a little bit from where the elevation is now and the water flow through the wetlands that we're going to create will be underneath that."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So if there also was an emergency where emergency equipment had to get in there, they could."

**Mr. Winter** said, "Yes. We've talked with the Fire Department about the width of the gates they want on there and what we're going to do with the keys, who is going to have them, how are they going to get them, do they want a copy of it. So we're all set with the Fire Department on that score."

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

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Tracy, I've got just a quick question. Maybe . . . and I'm going to be supportive of this. I'm going to follow Tim's lead. It's certainly in his district. But I would be supportive, I think, no matter what your nature project is. But can you describe, do you have plans with what you plan to do with this area that's not happening there now?"

**Mr. Winter** said, "Yes. It's about 400 acres of a wildlife habitat we're going to create. Our parent company, Vulcan Materials, is very active with the National Wildlife Habitat Council. We plan on this becoming a certified wildlife habitat within the next few years. We are going to create about a 100- acre wetland with several different ponds in the area, and then the rest will be planted with natural grasses and some natural Kansas wildflowers. At some time in the future, beyond that, we would like to have this also certified as a Corporate Lands for Learning where some of our employees and educators and community volunteers will get together and develop programs, educational programs based on the nature center there."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Will it be something that is open for public consumption, or will it be fenced and be just there for your purposes?"

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**Mr. Winter** said, "In the short term, it's going to be fenced and just be there as a wildlife habitat. Once it becomes a corporate lands for learning on a limited basis it will be open to students and things like that for their educational programs that are developed."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, well thank you. I'm going to be supportive and Marvin described this area, a case we were talking about a few months ago, as one of the most highly industrialized areas in the County and I think if we can do something that will help you protect your boundaries and let people realize what's really going on in this area, I think it's going to be a plus. So, good luck with your project."

**Mr. Winter** said, "Thank you."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the findings of the MAPC, and approve the easement Vacation and with respect to the infrastructure that would need to be provided, retain the right-of-way for utilities.

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, "Mr. Euson, you had kind of a quizzical look on your face. Are you comfortable with that Motion?"

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's fine."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Thank you. You just had a look on your face. I didn't know if

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that was astonishment or what. Next item please.”

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **E. GRANT APPLICATIONS (THREE) TO KANSAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

- **TRAINING EQUIPMENT**
- **CRIME ANALYSIS MAPPING SOFTWARE**
- **COMPUTERIZED MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM**

**Captain Mitchell Paige**, Sheriff’s Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sheriff asked me to come and represent the Sheriff’s Department on behalf of three Byrne grants that are before the Commission, Item E regarding training equipment, crime analysis mapping software and computerized medical records systems. Commissioners, this is the first time I’ve done this, so I’m not really familiar with the procedure and I would welcome any direction that you can give me.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, could you just maybe briefly give us a little idea on these three grants, what you hope to accomplish with them or what they’ll do for the benefit of the citizens?”

**Captain Paige** said, “Certainly. The first grant that we have applied for and do have matching funds for is the training equipment grant. This grant would acquire projection equipment, computer equipment, software and would provide building materials for the detention facility to construct a training cell, a replication of a training cell. And all this equipment would be used to further the specific training necessary to the detention facility. That would include training on dealing with inmates and dealing with issues in and around the particular cells that officers have to go into, occasionally.

The second item on the agenda is the crime analysis mapping software. This would be a grant designed to acquire computer software that could work in conjunction with the County’s existing GIS system. This would be applied much the same, in an updated version, of the old pin-maps that you’ve probably seen in some movies where law enforcement agencies try to track patterns of

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crimes by pin-map. This would be done in a very contemporary technological method that would enable us to identify patterns, crime areas and therefore concentrate our efforts.

The third item is computerized medical records systems. This applies directly to the clinic in the detention facility. I have just a few figures here. There are over 1,150 inmates in the facility or that the clinic is responsible for in the Sedgwick County Detention Facility. The clinic sees . . . they see over 45 inmates a month. Right now, they make all their records changes and notes by hand. This would provide them with a records keeping system so that they could keep track of the medical needs of the inmates in the facility.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioners, is there any questions?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I have one question. Would the computerized medical records system integrate with the ERP system that we have presently? Will that be compatible?”

**Captain Paige** said, “I’m nodding because I understand your question, Commissioner, but that’s why I brought Linda Baughman, from Information Services with me.”

**Ms. Linda Baughman**, Systems Analyst, Sheriff’s Liaison, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “No, this would not integrate with the ERP system. This would be completely separate from that. We are in the beginning phases of designing or doing research on a replacement for our mainframe applications for the law enforcement system and whatever is purchased with these funds, if we receive this grant, would integrate with our system when we start working on it.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. Am I wrong to say though that ERP is being utilized through Detention and Sheriff’s Department and everything?”

**Ms. Baughman** said, “Yes, it is for all of their purchasing needs.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “And what about financial and budgeting?”

**Ms. Baughman** said, “Yes, definitely.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Is there not information, medical records and that, that needs to be

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integrated or is it really going to be a stand-alone system?”

**Ms. Baughman** said, “No, that would be stand-alone.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. That’s all I have.”

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, it might be helpful also to remember that the federal government, in the execution of the rules about HIPA, the Health Insurance Portability Act, which protects individuals privacy now requires us to look at, not only the technology of how we keep medical records, but how we build walls, impenetrable walls so that medical records privacy for ambulance, for COMCARE, for the jail, are kept separate from the systems, from other systems. And so, that’s one thing. ERP is an internal financial system and this is a personal medical record system and it’s not about finances. It’s about how many drugs you’ve received, when and how and where, similar to what your doctor would have in his office.”

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. If I could just . . . As I understand it, especially this idea about being able to analyze crime patterns throughout the County, that’s going to allow the Sheriff to more efficiently use the manpower that they have, if there’s a particular crime pattern over here that may need drug-sniffing dogs or some other type. Instead of being just a shotgun approach, you can focus and rifle-shoot your resources into the area, depending on the patterns that come out of this. Is that basically correct?”

**Captain Paige** said, “Yes, sir. That’s exactly right. We’ve, in the past year, we’ve had three special operations where we draw from the existing people we have to concentrate on different areas and different situations. This will better enable us to analyze the information that we get from reports of crimes.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Great. Commissioners, any other comments? If there aren’t any, what’s the will of the Board on these grant applications?”

### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreements containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Applications.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much. You did well. Next item please.”

**F. GRANT APPLICATIONS (TWO) FOR FEDERAL BYRNE GRANT FUNDS.**

- **CONTINUE TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE ADULT DRUG DIVERSION DIVISION**
- **ONE FULL-TIME PROSECUTOR AND ONE PART-TIME OFFICE SPECIALIST TO ENHANCE PROSECUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE CASES**

**Ms. Lisa Clancy**, Assistant District Attorney, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have two grant applications to discuss today. The first one is a continuation of our federal Byrne grant for our adult drug diversion program and the other one is continuation of our HIDTA, which is the High Intensity Drug Trafficking that we currently are being funded through the KBI. However, that funding was only for one year, so we are now reapplying through the Byrne grant for federal monies to continue that program that we already are doing for this year.

I’ll tell you a little about the drug diversion, even though we’re going into continuation. We are . . . In the application, it tells a little bit about how we are running that program and we actually are officing our two employees down at COMCARE off of Waco, off of 9<sup>th</sup> and Waco. And we are utilizing, they have a specific counselor that is specifically for just the adult drug diversion that is coming through the DA’s office. They also are . . . we’ve experienced a lot of . . . where we’ve needed some Spanish speaking for the drug treatment. They have also another person who runs a group for just that population. So, that is working very well.

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Again, for the meth-amphetamine cases that we have for prosecution, again like I said, it was only granted one year through the KBI and we are looking at . . . It's working very well. Up until February, we had filed over 64 just meth lab amphetamine cases. That's not any other drugs. That's just the actually lab cases that we've fined so far, through the end of February. So we are just asking that both of these programs be approved by you for submission for these grant funds."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I have just one. I'm going to be very supportive. Lisa, we keep hearing about these meth labs. Are we making any headway yet?"

**Ms. Clancy** said, "Yes. Again, this is kind of our first year. Last year, there were 48, and this is through the KBI, 48 meth lab . . . clandestine labs in Sedgwick County. We are the . . . I believe we are the fifth highest in the 105 counties that we have here, Sedgwick County is. Yes, I believe that . . . I don't have any stats so far for the end of this year, as far as what we've been able to do but I'll tell you what's really happened that's been very beneficial and what's really helped so far is the communication that we now have between just the State, the feds, working with them. Also, the communication that we have with our own police departments and the investigation. Whenever there's a lab that has been seized, our attorney that is specialized in the meth-amphetamine cases is always there. He's on call, seven days a week, 24 hours a day and so he is always there to help with any kind of the investigation, to make sure that our prosecutions are successful."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you. It just seems like we just see more and more about these meth labs and hopefully, some day, we'll get ahead of the curve on that."

**Ms. Clancy** said, "That's our intention."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. Thank you very much."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Any other comments or questions? What's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreements containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Applications.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

- 1. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF EXISTING JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Mark Masterson**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the annual grant application to the state Juvenile Justice Authority to continue our current programs. The purposes for these programs are of course to prevent and address juvenile delinquency in this judicial district.

The process has changed this year in two ways. The application, first, spans two years for 2003 state fiscal year and 2004. And there are two areas, instead of three, for funding. There's the prevention and intervention and graduated sanctions has been combined this year, so there's only two funds that we'll receive.

The first step in the process is to submit this application, describing the programs we plan to offer. Specific funding for each program is not addressed now. That will come in the next step, after the legislature approves the State budget and the State agency notifies us of our local allocations to each of those funds. At that time, I will come back and provide detailed presentations about each one of the programs.

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The current programs are summarized on this chart. All of the programs have specific performance measures and outcomes that are included in the grant application. The Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, along with W.S.U. did an extensive review of the performance of these programs, recommended refinements, those refinements are included in this application. I can go through and present a little bit about these programs if you'd like. I know you're familiar with them and they've been presented several times, or I could stop here."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think you could stop right there."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think, if we're going to get detail later, that's okay with me. I think we're familiar with most of them."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Any questions of Mark on this item? What's the will of the Board please?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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

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**2. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF EXISTING ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS.**

**Mr. Masterson** said, "This is the same plan for the Adult Community Corrections programs, which are the intensive supervision program and the adult residential program. Annually, we serve 1,700 offenders on intensive supervision and 325 at our residential program. This again is just presentation of the programs. We'll come back with the funding later. I ask that you approve the application."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "In the same process, we won't know what the funding is for this program until after the conclusion of this session of the State Legislature?"

**Mr. Masterson** said, "That's correct."

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

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Actually, Tom touched on what I was thinking about. I just want to be sure that people know that this is all up in the air until the legislature gets through doing their job and then we'll find out what money is going to funnel to us, what programs can be escalated or may have to be diminished. Thank you."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**3. GRANT APPLICATION TO HEALTH CONCEPTS FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF “HEALTHY CONCEPTS COOKING” PRESENTATIONS AT SENIOR EXPO.**

**Ms. Annette Graham**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Since 1986, the Sedgwick County Department on Aging has planned and held the Senior Expo in Wichita. The purpose of this event is to present information to older adults in Sedgwick County and the surrounding areas related to health, wellness, positive living, promote a positive lifestyle, disease prevention and health care. The Health Concepts Foundation approached the department after the last Senior Expo and expressed an interest in providing some funding for the Senior Expo to be involved in that and encouraged us to apply.

In response to this, we have put together a proposal project, which would provide three 20-minute presentations at our next Senior Expo event in September, which is designed to promote healthy cooking and eating habits. We would submit the grant application for the health concepts cooking demonstrations presentations to be provided September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Expo.

The objective is to train approximately 450 older adults attending these presentations at the Senior Expo. So, we would request that you approve the grant application.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Annette, before we get started here, could you just maybe share with the public a little bit more about the Expo, when it will be, where it will be? Because I think this is something that the public would really be interested in attending.”

**Ms. Graham** said, “Okay, that again is planned this year for September 26<sup>th</sup> and it’s held at three locations, Botanica, the Indian Center and Cowtown. We changed last year and we’ve now added

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Cowtown on. There is bus transportation through the shuttle that is provided around the three locations and at each location there are exhibits set up by a variety of health professionals, entertainment, all types, the full range of activities for older adults in our area. There's information, there's a fashion show, there's lunch served at the three different locations for a fee. There are some give away items. There are drawings and it is a very well attended event and a lot of good information is shared."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Am I right in assuming that the senior centers are well tuned into this and are going to try to work out some kind of maybe transportation for their people that may be attending to come to this?"

**Ms. Graham** said, "Yes. In fact, we get senior centers coming from Butler and Harvey County also for the event."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That's great. Any questions or comments? Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. Annette, I noticed that on the program, the topics they're going to cover are cooking for one, cooking with commodities, those include rice and canned meat and dry milk and meatless cooking. And then it also says that the presentation will not only show how to do that but offer tasting too. There's probably a fee for that, Ben. But I'm encouraged by this because those of us who watch our parents get older, one of the concerns we have about a parent living at home or a senior living at home is that they really don't eat as well as they ought to in a lot of cases. And ways to rethink a pattern for cooking for one person instead of a large family and eating healthy, regular well-balanced meals, that's an important part of longevity. So, I think this is wonderful and I wish you well with this grant application. I certainly hope they're responsive. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any other questions or comments? I don't see any. So what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize submission.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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

### **H. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

#### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**Mr. Dave Rush**, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This past month we had nearly 35,000 people through the facility on ten events. And for the revenues, they were \$130,000 for the month.

The Park City Wrestling Tournament, the little kids, it's always an interesting event, very interesting. We had 2,695 in attendance for that. Another big event for us each year is the Midwest Quarter Horse. A lot of beautiful animals there, well attended. We had nearly . . . a little over 6,600 in attendance for that. Another event was the Arena Cross where we bring the dirt into the main building. We had 7,621 in attendance. The next one would have been the Thunder Hockey. The last two games had a total attendance of 8,166.

Let's see, upcoming events, we've got Creed coming up, Weezer. I won't go through them all there. You can see it. And then we turn into graduation central, as we do every year. I think we graduate about 70% of the students that graduate each year in Sedgwick County at the Coliseum. And a little caveat at the bottom, seeing as how we don't ever draw any big bands here in Wichita, we've got a little known band that's coming to Wichita in July, the Eagles. Be happy to answer any

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questions.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. I don’t see any lights on, so I don’t guess there is any questions. So, what’s the will of the Board on this presentation?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn 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, “Thank you very much, good presentation. Next item please.

Wait. Mr. Buchanan, when should we take these? Should we take these before Iris? Why don’t we do this, Iris, we have a couple of Off Agenda Items.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to consider two Off Agenda items.

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, “Why don’t we take Dr. Magruder’s first.”

### OFF AGENDA ITEMS

#### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**Dr. Magruder** said, “I’d like to present to you a grant proposal today that would enhance primary care, through a collaborative partnership. Some important background for this, we have established clear community needs for these additional resources. The funding source is Health Resources and Services Administration, or HRSA, through the Bureau of Primary Health Care.

It’s important to point out that this establishes a new start. That is, we are not competing with any existing local organizations for these funds. The competition is with other areas in the entire nation and it does allow for some remodeling expenses.

Our key desires are to establish an accessible clinic for homeless services, to increase our capacity for dental care and to expand the scope of overall medical services at the Health Department. The location of the homeless/ downtown clinic would be . . . it’s proposed to be at the COMCARE site that currently exists at 154 North Topeka, which is in close proximity to the other homeless shelters. As you can see very quickly on this map here, note the location of the COMCARE Homeless program with the exception of Haven of Hope the other homeless shelters are within walking distance of this particular site, so that people can easily go to obtain clinical services. We will remodel at the current COMCARE site, to allow for provision of medical care and the grant, as I mentioned earlier, does provide funds for that. Personnel that we would get from the grant to house at that site would be one nurse practitioner, one case manager who would also function as a qualified mental health professional and, in addition, a fiscal associate who would also function as a medical assistant to the nurse practitioner. This would, in essence then, create a one-stop shop for both primary care and mental health services in our downtown area.

Dental care would be provided at another site within this grant and this would be one of our other

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key partners in the process, Good Samaritan Clinic. This is a recently remodeled facility for provision of dental care. The new personnel we would provide there would be one dentist and one dental hygienist.

The expanded medical services that would occur at the main Health Department, current capabilities, we have pediatric primary care in the evening, we have TB assessment and treatment, STD treatment, family planning services, OB care and we do provide children's dental services for those who have no insurance.

In essence, the proposed capabilities with this new grant would allow full-time pediatric primary care and a complete provision of services for adult primary care. We would hire a medical director, which would be a physician, an administrative officer that would help deal with all of the administrative requirements of the grant. So, in essence, in summary, our key enhancements, we would have easier access for care for people in our community by establishing the downtown clinic, that's within walking distance, plus the many, many people who come to our main Health Department clinic would now be able to access the full scope of adult and pediatric primary care at the main Health Department facility.

In addition, we are in desperate need in our community for increased dental capabilities and services. This grant proposal would allow for that and we would have a new foundation for comprehensive primary care, as alluded to earlier, both the main Health Department and the new downtown clinic. So our recommendation would be that you approve our ability to send forth this grant proposal. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have about this process."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Doctor, I just have one. I don't read in our backup, how much is the grant being applied for? How many dollars?"

**Dr. Magruder** said, "\$650,000, sir."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, because I didn't see that in our backup, \$650,000, okay. Thank you very much. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I had just two questions. One was again what was the amount, \$650,000. And then why are we taking this up Off Agenda today? Is there a rush on this deal or what's the story here?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, if I may answer this. This came to us several weeks ago and I, frankly, forgot that the deadline was May 1<sup>st</sup> that we need to submit it. We needed to get some

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partnership issues cleared up in the community and we've done that and we are now prepared to come to you with this request at this time."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, this looks like pretty significant change in the way we do some operations. Do we have any degree of confidence of whether we're going to fit the criteria of the grant that we would hopefully be successful? Is this a long-shot or is this a good chance?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "It appears to be a good deal and I have a great deal of confidence in Dr. Luella Sanders from COMCARE who help put this together and packages it and is a key component in the deliver of services. With her past history in working with the Health Department, I don't see that there's much risk in failure here. We can deliver these services to people who need it and many of these folks are the same kinds of people that we're running into who, eventually, end up in our jail. And if we can address those needs at the front end, I think in the long term we'll be better prepared.

This is an opportunity that came to us kind of disjointed. Some people were working on it from one end and some people were working on it from the other end and we finally figured out how to package it and put it together as one application from the County rather than a disjointed one and sorting that information out took some time."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Yes, how many years is the grant for?"

**Dr. Magruder** said, "It's for two years, with the initial application, with possibilities for renewal."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "So there are avenues for renewal if the money is still available at the federal level?"

**Dr. Magruder** said, "Yes, sir. And in many respects this is looked upon as a foundation that can be built upon with additional opportunities in the future. So, in essence, this represents getting a foot in the door and establishing a basic foundation."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "About what percent of that money will be used for remodeling? When you start putting it into infrastructure and then the grant goes away, then you've got a building or something that you don't have the capability of using without grant money."

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**Dr. Magruder** said, “The current information that we have received from, I believe, DIO and their staff, is that the proposed remodel would cost I think approximately \$77,000. So, in year one of the grant, \$77,000 of the \$650,000 would be used for the remodeling. In year two of the grant, that money would then, subsequently, be channeled into additional personnel or enhanced capabilities for provision of services.”

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you. I don’t see that there’s any other questions, so what’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement, containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this application.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Doctor, very much. The next Off Agenda Item, Mr. Buchanan.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioners, we have an opportunity, we’ve been invited by the City of

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Wichita, Sedgwick County officials, to go to a conference, a North American International Trade Corridor Association conference in Queretaro, Mexico. This conference . . . the request today is authorizing the Chairman and the Manager to go to that conference in May. Two reasons, one is that we have been involved in economic development and a leader in economic development and this is another function of economic development, encouraging trade with some of the businesses in our community and we think we can play a role in helping do that.

Number two is that next year's conference will be in Wichita, next year's international conference will be in Wichita and we've been asked, by the City Manager, to come and observe and witness this first hand so that we can be of assistance in helping host the conference next year here. I would recommend your approval."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What are the dates that we're supposed to go to that?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "It would be May 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "All right."

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the travel of the Chair and the Manager to this conference.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Any further comment? I have a comment from Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just a couple. How many entities attend this conference, countries, developmental entities?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "It is my understanding, Commissioner Norton, that there are three . . . It's built around Mexico, the United States and Canada. And there are, I think, in excess of 60 municipalities that have participated . . . besides the national members, there are 60 municipalities that have participated, mostly up and down I-35 corridor. And predominate membership clearly is in the United States and Canada. And the City of Wichita has been a member for the last three or four years."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Implications of business that can be transpired from this? Do we

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have companies that are engaged in this right now?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “There are some companies that have taken advantage of this. We continue to look at ways in which we can help the agri-business community, which has just started to emerge in Mexico. We think there are opportunities here for some of the businesses here and, through Pam Doonan at the International Trade Center, there has been an increase of inquiries about what can we do to assist, what can the World Trade Center and governments do to assist businesses to make it easier for them to do business in both . . . in Mexico, not so much in Canada.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “My last question is who else will be representing Wichita, other than City officials and County officials? Are there business leaders, Chamber?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “I do know Chamber folks are going and I do know the World Trade Center is going and I do know the Convention and Tourism are going. I do not know . . . I don’t know the businesses that might be going.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. That’s all I have.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, the one thing I will make a comment on is that I’m inclined to want to go on this thing is that I-35 has now been one of the major, if not the major corridor for NAFTA and trade. And keeping it just kind of simple, if we’re getting a lot of trade going through our area, I want to try to figure out how can we get them to stop a little bit and linger longer her and do some business here and stop them having to spend gas to go farther north. I’d like for them to just stop here in Sedgwick County and spend all their money and do all their business. But I don’t know that we’ll get that accomplished but I am looking forward to putting in my two cents.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, the only other comment I was going to have is with this conference being held in Wichita next year, it’s good that we have a good presence there this year, I think. I think it will be well worth it. That’s all I had.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I believe we already had a Motion made and seconded. So if there’s no other further comment, Clerk call the roll please on this item.”

### VOTE

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

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Now, next item."

**I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2002.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today for consideration are a result of the regular meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**1) CONSULTING SERVICES- ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING  
FUNDING: ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING**

The first item I'd like to note a small clarification on the recommendation. The first item is consulting services for Enterprise Resource Planning. Recommend a contract with SAP Public Sector, not to exceed \$1,560,000, subject to contract terms and conditions approval by the County Counselor's Office.

**2) FLAT SCREEN & LCD MONITORS- DISTRICT ATTORNEY/DISTRICT COURT  
FUNDING: COURT JUVENILE DIVERSION**

Item two, flat screen and LCD monitors for the District Attorney and the District Court. Recommend the quote from Dell for \$25,178.

**3) TENNIS COURT RECONSTRUCTION- SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK/ FACILITY  
PROJECTS  
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item three, tennis court reconstruction for Sedgwick County Park and Facility Projects. Recommend the low bid from Australian Courtworks for \$64,575.

**4) EAST YARD EQUIPMENT STORAGE SHED- FACILITY PROJECTS  
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item four, East Yard equipment storage shed for Facility Projects. Recommend the low bid meeting all requirements from Neely Construction for \$185,989.

**5) SA-3 CHAT- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

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Item five, SA-3 chat for Public Works. Recommend the bid from Frank Bills Sand and Gravel of \$46,320.

**6)     TIMBER PLANKS- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item six, timber planks for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from R.H. Whelan of \$74,275.

**7)     EMULSIFIED OIL- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item seven, emulsified oil for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from KOCH Pavement Solutions, including delivery, for a total cost of \$655,700.

**8)     CM-B ROAD GRAVEL- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item eight, CM-B road gravel for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Aggregate Sand and Gravel of \$41,800.

**9)     AB—3 ROCK- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

And Item nine, AB-3 rock for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Southwest Butler Quarry for the base cream rock only, value of \$68,000 and the low bid from H and K Hauling for hauling only, of \$48,500 for a total expenditure of \$116,500.

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. We have some questions. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “First, on item number three, are we overlaying over the present tennis courts or are we tearing them out?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “I believe it’s . . . Stephanie Knebel can answer that.”

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**Ms. Stephanie Knebel**, Project Manager, Facility Projects, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're going to be totally tearing out the existing and putting in new fencing. This is as identical as possible as can be done for the project that was completed at the park last year, with those double tennis courts out there."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Fine, thanks. I have questions on one and four. Everything else, I'm in pretty much agreement that we can move forward on that."

### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exception of Item one and four, so that we can have debate on that.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Now a comment."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. I see a gentleman in the audience that looks like he wants to address the Commission. And if there is, I'd like to have the opportunity to hear. I'm not sure he does."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Will you be speaking on Items one or four?"

**Mr. Mark Foy**, Owner, Foy Construction, said, "I'm not sure which items those are."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "What did you wish to address us about?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "The East Yard equipment storage shed."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That's number four. So, we have a Motion to approve everything except items one and four. Is that okay with you to do that, prior to letting him speak?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, we have a Motion and a Second to approve all items on the Board of Bids and Contracts, with the exception of items one and four. Clerk call the roll."

### VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin                      Aye

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Iris. Now, Commissioner Norton, you had something you wanted to say about items one and four.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I’m just concerned, on item number one, that we really don’t have a contract. You’ve set a high ceiling and it seems to me, if we’re in negotiations, if I was the only single provider and I was going to come at \$1,480,000 and now I look and see that we’ve already allotted \$1,560,000 that I might find something else to include in there. So, I think we almost get the cart before the horse when we tip our hand to how much money we’re willing to spend on an item. That’s just a comment.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Why don’t we deal with this issue first.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Yes, because I thought this was already a done . . . this was the contract.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “There is no contract. I think that’s the . . .”

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The final terms of the contract are being negotiated. The contract is to be a time and expenses contract and the not to exceed amount sets the ceiling on the maximum amount of time that the County will buy from this vendor for this service. The amount of time that’s necessary to do the project we estimate will be slightly less than this ceiling amount, but the hourly rates for the staff that the vendor will put on site have all been agreed to. That isn’t a matter of discussion at this point.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. But I think Commissioner Norton's question is still valid. There are some points that need to be negotiated. Why aren't they all negotiated and then, normally, it's when you sign a contract it's subject to the approval of the Commission. Why not bring the whole, completed contract to us and then we just vote that up or down."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "This is pretty normal procedure for items that have gone through the bid board. Typically, what you're doing is approving the vendor, with whom we are going to contract, but the contract hasn't been completed at the time of that action. What you're doing is authorizing us to do business with that one person. That keeps us from having to negotiate multiple contracts with multiple vendors, so that at the time we come before you, you can pick the one that you want to do business with and have all of those contracts available to you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Does that answer your question?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "The only other question I had is, originally when we looked at ERP, we put that out for bids. Is that correct? Proposals?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That's correct, yes."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Why did we not, as we looked at this now, why are we not doing that?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "I think Iris probably is the person who needs to answer that."

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**Ms. Baker** said, "Timing is a crucial element. The other crucial consideration is that SAP has a source of implementers and they determine who they want to partner with. Sometimes it's by region, sometimes it's by the type of work that's done. When we started discussing where we were at and what needed to happen next, SAP stepped up to the plate and said, 'We can finish this for you'. They didn't offer any of their other partners to come in and complete that project. If they had come in and said, 'Well, we've got companies a and b, or a, b, c that could do this work as well, that would have been a competitive process and we would have been required to bid, based on those companies. But SAP did not do that. They stepped up to the plate and they said, 'We will finish this project for you'."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. Do we have a present contract with another entity to provide this?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "We are in mediation with terminating the contract with Solbourne. Solbourne is who started the implementation."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "So at present, we still have a valid contract with another entity to provide this service."

**Ms. Baker** said, "The contract has not been terminated. Solbourne has been terminated. The legalities, after mediation, we take the next steps. But Solbourne is aware that they're no longer part of the team. They're not on site, they're not doing any work."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Let me just ask Rich Euson a question because when it starts getting into contracts and we're in mediation, or a suit or something. Is this in any way, could this be considered a breach of contract? I mean, could there be a possibility that we lose our mediation. We've contracted with SAP and now Solbourne says, 'Well, you also have a contract with us' and we wind up having to pay both people? I mean, is that a possibility?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "I don't think that's an issue for the mediation. We need . . . in fact, we have a duty to mitigate our damages and move forward and so it's proper for us to be moving forward, while we're dealing with the Solbourne contract, I think."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "So the idea of entering into an agreement with SAP doesn't cause you any concern, it does hurt our mediation trying to get resolved with this other company at all?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "No, it doesn't based upon what I know now, I don't think it does."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. I have one other one. If I heard you right, Iris, and we talked about this in my office too, because I had a concern about why it wasn't bid, it's actually a case of price fixing in a way, isn't it? SAP says, 'This is what I'm going to do'. These other people that could probably do it, rely on SAP for contracts. They're not very likely to bid against the company that they rely on for funding. Is that, basically what . . .?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "That could be a true statement."

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

**Ms. Baker** said, "I mean, SAP comes in with a price and we negotiate where we feel we need to be. We didn't really compare against what other implementation partners would have offered, because SAP didn't offer another partner."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I mean you had indicated to me they probably would have been reluctant to compete against SAP."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Yes, they would be."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, okay."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What is the difference between our existing contract, the one that we are looking to mediate and the present contract, the ceilings on the two? What is the difference?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "This is a not to exceed contract, so if we hit the max, the \$1,560,000, it will be about a \$300,000 difference. Some of that can be recouped through the mediation process, wherever we end up with Solbourne when that contract is terminated."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Does anybody else have anything they want to discuss on item one?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Would you like a Motion on this item now?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think we could go ahead and maybe resolve this one."

## MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts regarding Item one subject to the approval of the contract by the County Counselor.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, now we have Item four and we had some lights on."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Somebody is here to speak."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You want to address us, sir, on this Item four, which is the East Yard equipment building that we were building. Is that the item that you would like . . .? Please come forward. Iris has already gone."

**Mr. Mark Foy**, Owner, Foy Construction Company, Hutchinson, KS. greeted the Commissioners and said, "We were the apparent low bidder on the project on the East Equipment Yard, East Equipment Storage Yard."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "No, you were the low bidder, not the apparent. What I'm seeing here, you were the low bidder by about \$25,000."

**Mr. Foy** said, "Yes, sir. There was a required pre-bid meeting that I was late to, did not get to. I went to the site, I left about two hours early to find this site. I had called Ann at Stephanie Knebel's office several times, in route, to try to find this site and was all over Wichita and never did find it.

When I finally got to the site, the meeting had just broken up. There was a group of fellows there that I asked if they were at the meeting. They said yes. I said, 'I'm at the meeting, I'm seeing the

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site, can I still bid the project?' They said . . . I believe it was Mike Siewert, the principal architect with Wilson, Darnell, Mann who said, 'That's really not my call, I have to defer to Stephanie Knebel'. And he said, 'She just went back to her office, go ahead and see her'.

So, I go back in the car and start on the phone again, talk to Ann some more times to find out how to get to her office and went up and saw Stephanie, introduced myself, explained the situation to her, that I had been to the project site and that I had talked to who I thought was the architect. I don't know if it was the architect or not. I think that it was he told me . . . anyway, he gave me information on Stephanie. So I asked Stephanie, I said, 'Would it be possible for me to bid this project, even though I was at the site but not officially at the pre-bid meeting?' She said she would need to make a phone call to see if that would be possible. She said she didn't think that it would be a problem.

She made the phone call and the person that she needed to talk to wasn't available. So, she said she would go ahead and give me a call, either Friday afternoon, which is the day the pre-bid was, the pre-bid I believe was on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. And Stephanie didn't give me a call back Friday afternoon. She said, 'If I don't give you a call back Friday afternoon, call me on Monday'. I called back Stephanie on Monday morning and she said, 'You've been approved to bid the project, go ahead'. From that time, no one . . . from the day of that phone call until the day that project was bid, no one ever contacted me to say we weren't a qualified bidder.

Between the pre-bid of March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, the day actually job was bid, I called the architect approximately six to ten times, verifying prints, verifying specifications, verifying different questions I had on the project and not once was it mentioned by Mike Seiwert that I wasn't a qualified bidder, I shouldn't even be bidding this project. He went ahead and answered all my questions. In fact, he called me back a few times.

I understand that a pre-bid is a good thing to have. I understand that on a very sophisticated project this is a real handy tool for all parties involved, if it's a remodel, if it's a retrofit. This project is two steel sheds on a flat piece of gravel. The point is is that I went in to see Stephanie and, through the conversations it was brought back to me that yes, I could bid the project. If the answer would have been no, I couldn't bid the project, I simply wouldn't have bid the project. It cost our company about \$1,500 to \$2,000 to bid a project by the time we try and line up all the subcontractors, get the best material prices, phone calls between Mike Soward and myself, my time estimating the girls in the office getting, procuring bids and so on. And if I would have known that we didn't bid the job, couldn't bid the job I sure wouldn't have put the time and effort into this.

The project was postponed. I made these notes last night pretty late, so they're not in very good order, as I see as I stand up here right now. So, I apologize for that. The project was postponed for a week to ten days because the County realized that they did not want to do quite a bit of the dirt work on the project and they didn't want the responsibility for that, so we went ahead and during that

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time, the week to ten day, it still wasn't noticed anywhere that I wasn't a qualified bidder. Nobody got back to us in that delayed length of time. The addendums were sent to us from the architect. I had more questions on the addendums after I received them. I called the architect and it was brought back to me that we weren't a qualified bidder."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me ask you a question real quick. When did you first get notified that you weren't qualified because you didn't sign in at the pre-bid conference? When were you first notified that you weren't qualified?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "I believe it was last Thursday, whatever day the bid . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "When they actually opened up the bids?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "No, when it went into review, the Bid Board."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And that was the first time you were notified that you weren't qualified."

**Mr. Foy** said, "I was notified . . . I believe the actual meeting was at 10:00 and I was notified at 9:30. And they said . . . I talked to Iris. Iris was the one who said I wasn't qualified and she said . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me ask you one other question. From the time that you're alluding that you were given the okay to bid by Stephanie and etcetera until the time that you were notified that you weren't qualified, what period of time was that? What length of time was that? From the pre-bid to . . . what is that period, what was that period of time that you were working on this?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "The pre-bid was on the 15<sup>th</sup>, I believe I was notified on the 18<sup>th</sup> that a could bid the job, if that was a Monday, I think that was a Monday."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. And then when was the date when you were notified that you weren't qualified?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "Last Thursday, and I'm not sure what date that was."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "April 18<sup>th</sup>."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "April 18<sup>th</sup> and when you said 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, was that March?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "Yes."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, so about a month. Okay, thank you."

**Mr. Foy** said, "After the project had already been bid and let. Okay. When Dodge Bullet, and I'm not sure if you're familiar with Dodge Bullet but it's a publication that comes out across the United States that has all the projects bidding in the United States. It tells the bidders who they are. For the first two or three publications, we were the only bidder listed and, subsequently after that, additional bidders were added to this list. Our Attorney, Mr. Wyatt Hoke, and this isn't about any kind of a suit. I just called in to find out if he knew what was going on with something like this. Anyway, he represents Wilson Darnell Mann, he called up and he talked to Mike Soward and said that . . . after he talked to me and Mike said that he had had conversations with me several times on the project and that before he answered the first question that I'd asked of him, he called and asked Stephanie Knebel if it was okay to answer my questions because I wasn't on the bid list, I mean on the pre-bid list. According to Mike, she gave the okay, 'Yes, he's been okayed to bid the project, so go ahead and answer the questions'. And after that, we had like I said six to ten different conversations on different phases of the project."

As you stated, we were \$26,000 low on this project. Also, . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me ask you this. Normally we give five minutes. Is there any other real pertinent information? I think we've got a pretty good gist of why you're upset. Is there anything else?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "No, sir. There really isn't."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "We have all kinds of questions. In order, I think Commissioner Winters was first."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay. I've got a question for Rich Euson. Rich, I know that we have pieces of the bidding process that are substantial and if someone fails to answer something that's substantial, that certainly reason to terminate or eliminate them from the bidding process. I would assume that there are things that are not so substantial. And would you consider looking as you know our bidding policy, has this been such a substantial breach that you think that we should not consider Foy Construction? In my estimation, it appears not to be a substantial misstep but I

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guess I'd like to hear your thought."

**Mr. Euson** said, "The Board of County Commissioners has the ability to waive irregularities unless they're substantial. And as to whether or not this is a substantial irregularity, I was asked that question by the Purchasing Director, and I answered that I didn't think it was. So, I do think you could waive it, if you thought there was good reason to do that.

I might note that we do state in our bid specifications that pre-bid is mandatory and that your bid will not be considered if you don't attend the pre-bid and that we had no ability to know whether or not Mr. Foy was there. We have a sign-in sheet, which I think is pretty standard for contracts for construction. The sign-in sheet was at the location of the construction and it was signed by all persons who showed up. It was not signed by Mr. Foy. Mr. Seiwert, the architect, told us that he did not recall talking to Mr. Foy, so there's some discrepancy as to whether or not that's a fact. But, notwithstanding, what our specifications say, I think under these circumstances, this would probably be considered to be a non-substantial irregularity that you could waive."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, I'll be interested to hear what the rest of you have to say. I'm, right now, leaning towards the fact that I think that this is a non-substantial irregularity and would be inclined to move forward but I'll certainly listen to what the rest of you have to say."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Question for Mr. Foy. Have you ever bid for any projects for Sedgwick County government before?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "We bid a bid that's quite a few years and I'm not sure if we have or not."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Have you ever bid for other local governments, municipalities and counties?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And do they require pre-bid meetings as mandatory?"

**Mr. Foy** said, "Sometimes they do, sometimes they don't. We've been local, state, federal and it just depends."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "When those bids pre-bids are mandatory, do you attend those?"

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**Mr. Foy** said, “Yes, we do. In the past, if for some reason we couldn’t make it, we have tried to call ahead to find out . . . If there’s some reason we couldn’t get to the meeting, we’d notify them. Usually they’ve said that’s fine. We just want to know who is interested in the project.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Okay. That’s all I have for you. My comments on this matter are that when we say pre-bid is mandatory, I believe it. We had other vendors who made an effort to do what this County asked them to do. They attended. Mr. Foy stated he did not get to that pre-bid meeting. Whether or not it was bells and whistles and to remodel or redo to me is irrelevant. We had other vendors who made an effort to know where they were supposed to be, to be there in a timely manner to sign in and follow the rules as we had laid them out. I appreciate Mr. Foy’s concerns here, but I think to amend the rules when we had other vendors who were compliant, I wouldn’t be supportive of that. Thank you.”

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, first of all it seems like \$26,000 is a lot of money just to send a message to someone that he didn’t make it to a meeting. I mean, we are charged with finding a legitimate contractor to do the lowest bid that’s reasonable, so you know I’m kind of like with Tom. I don’t think that’s a real substantial thing. I would ask Stephanie if she had those conversations with this gentleman? Did you have that conversation at the times that he talked about, Stephanie, which was concurrent with pretty close to when the pre-bid meeting was happening or right afterwards?”

**Ms. Knebel** said, “Yes, the way he summarized the events, I would concur with all of those.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Could we document that Ann was in fact talking to him during that time when he was trying to find the meeting?”

**Ms. Knebel** said, “Yes, that’s accurate also.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. I guess I have a concern too. If we knew ahead of time that this was an invalid bid, why did we open it and understand how much it was? I would have thought you’d have a checklist that says, invalid from Foy Construction, don’t even open it, we don’t even want to consider it, it won’t even be listed because it’s not valid and we knew that.”

**Ms. Knebel** said, “I would like to defer to Iris to answer that.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “We did not know at the time that it was an invalid bid. I didn’t receive the call,

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after pre-bid. When the meeting broke up from the meeting room, many people hung around in the yard, talking about the policy and talking about the color of the building to the south. I left. I got a call from Stephanie that said this vendor is talking with the architect, can he bid? He's got the same information that the others have received. I said, 'Get his signature, he can bid'. When the bids came in and opened, we'd compare. We evaluate based on price. We evaluate based on time to complete. We evaluate based on the pre-bid meeting. I didn't have his signature. I called Stephanie and said, 'Where's this guy's signature?' She went to the architect. The architect responded, 'I don't remember the guy. I didn't get a signature'. So, based on that, I had no way to prove that he was there. I don't . . . I'm not going to stand here and say that I don't believe he was. I, from the bidding process, have no way to prove that he was there. So, my point of view, in fairness to the process, consistency with the process, fairness to other vendors who were there, since I didn't have a signature, I couldn't prove that he was there."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "If I understand what you just said there, you did instruct someone, I forgot who you said, 'get him to sign it and then he can go forward' and they failed to do what you instructed them to do. So you were already saying if he would sign it, it would be okay with you to go ahead and bid and for some reason that didn't get conveyed or the signature didn't get to Mr. Foy but I don't think that was his mistake. It was something that someone didn't do that you had asked them to do. Any other questions or comments on this? Carolyn. I'm sorry, I didn't see your light."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make a couple of comments. It does sound like he did make an attempt to get there. It does sound like someone was supposed to get his signature. Also the fact that he was not told that he wasn't part of the bid process in an adequate amount of time, too late. I'm going to go and reiterate Commissioner Winters' comments. This looks like a non-substantial irregularity and you know, the other thing is, this isn't like buying software where you're tied into certain vendors at times. This is a pole barn and some concrete. So, I think I'm going to end up supporting the low bid on this. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. The only comments I want to make is sure, I'm laboring over, because I've talked to Iris and I talked to the Manager on this, and I understand not violating the integrity of the bidding process, because if you go down that slippery slope, then you'll have everybody you know, 'Hey, because his 'i' was dotted' and it could be a mess. But the concern that I have on this one is that I believe the man when he said he was trying to make an honest attempt to get there and didn't know where it was and there was phone calls.

But the main thing that I have that's a problem, notwithstanding that he's a qualified bidder and it's substantially . . . potentially can save us some money is that he did ask, 'Well, will I still be able to

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bid' and he was told by somebody from the County that he took as a position of authority to go ahead and bid and he spent a month accumulating whatever labor and effort it takes to put together a bid and it wasn't right until the end that he was said, 'I sorry, we can't accept it' and if we did have a policy there, he should have been told right from the get-go that, 'I'm sorry, you didn't bid' and that was, I think a mistake on our part. So, anyway, I just said those things. What's the will of the Board? Any further comments on this item? I'm ready for a Motion."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the low bid of Foy Construction for \$160,000.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "For the integrity of the process."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much. You got the bid. Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Agreement with Sullivan Gang Care Center providing Developmental Disability Community Services Provider status.**
- 2. Notification of Grant Award to fund the Good Neighbor Nutrition Program.**

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**3. Plat.**

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

Mayfield Addition

**4. Order dated April 17, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

**5. Payroll Check Registers (three) of April 2, April 12 and April 1, 2002.**

**6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 17 – April 23, 2002.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. At this time I would like to recess the Regular Meeting of the County Commission.”

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**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Fire District meeting at 11:11 a.m. and returned at 11:15 a.m.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Are there any other items to come before the Commission at this time?"

**K. OTHER**

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I have several. Friday night is Gridiron, for people that might want to come and hear the roasting of politicians of all kinds. Honors night for the Chamber is Thursday night and the Zoo will be honored, as we talked about earlier and I think that's a good thing. Friday night is the Haysville Library Read-a-thon and I'll be reading at midnight at the library. My selection will be Edgar Allen Poe's *The Raven*. If you would like to stop by, this will be my tenth year in a row to read at midnight on Friday night that particular passage."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I can't think of anything I'd rather do than stay up till midnight to listen to you read. That's great."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "There will be refreshments provided and bales of straw to sit on and it should be a wonderful, wonderful . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I'm coming but if I'm a little bit late, don't stop."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And you know, fresh-baked cookies."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Oh, darn it. Why'd you say that. All right, I'm coming but if I am late, just start reading ahead of me. What else have you got for us."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And then, finally, on Saturday all day long, at the Haysville Activity Center, is the Haysville Trade Show. There'll be 40 entities there and the County will have a booth there to talk about our services and our boundariless service provisions, seamless services. So, stop by if you have nothing to do on Saturday and enjoy the Haysville Trade Show at the Haysville Activity Center."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What time is it?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "9 to 4."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "When will you be there?"

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “9 to whenever.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Nine o’clock Saturday morning. Okay, all right. Anything else on other? I’m sorry, we have Carolyn McGinn and Betsy Gwin.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d just like to share . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “You still have a little paint. No, that’s gray hair. I thought it was paint.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “At least I have hair. I’d just like to share that our first annual Spruce up the Town at Cowtown was a big success. I’m glad it went very well. I was a little nervous about pulling off some kind of event like that for the first time, but I would like to just take a moment to recognize some of the big donors out there for that event.

Wichita Area Builder’s Association adopted the ugliest building on the grounds that I was going to tear down once and found out it was a historic structure, so I’m glad we didn’t. If you’ve ever . . . If you’ve seen the yellow building when you first come up to the grounds, it’s got this 2 by 6, 16 foot long slapped on the side of it. It’s now gone. It has the original siding fixed and repaired on there and it’s been painted. But what’s so great about this is we have not had a place out at Cowtown for our volunteers and our interpreters to go in and take rest, to have a place to change their clothes and that kind of thing and also to store some of our costumes. And so later, they just worked on the outside this time, but later they’re going to come back with some of their members and redo the inside of that building. The shell of it is historic and we’re keeping it that way. So, I want to thank them. Wes Galyon was out there actually in blue jeans and swinging a hammer for a change. I haven’t seen him do that before.

And the other individual who was out there a great deal was Billy Gray and he spent three days out there and I was just real surprised that he pulled off his crew on his other projects to do this.

The other was Hentzen Contractors, they came in and helped us out by kind of organizing and making sure we knew what we were doing. When you get into historic structures, you just don’t turn amateurs loose. You’ve got to have somebody that understands them and makes sure you do them correctly. So, they helped us that way but they also helped us in another big way. The County Commissioners and City Council people adopted Turnverin Hall and what I failed to do when I said that would be the building that we would do was look at the detail and especially the detail way up high. Thank goodness on Spruce up the Day [sic] Hentzen brought out two real painters and they did the part way up high and so we certainly thank them.

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Cornejo and Sons also did contribute by coming out and bringing out these . . . I don't know what you call them, great big lifts that can get into some areas that we couldn't get into in the past because ladders didn't fit. If you've ever been out there on the Southern Hotel, the south side of it has always been deteriorated looking because we can't get to it. So, we thank them for bringing those lifts out and even a few folks to help us do some of the work. Home Depot, you can't paint, you can't scrap, you can't do those things unless somebody provides you the tools to do that with. So, Home Depot provided us with many materials and also brought out a few folks to help us. Fidelity Bank adopted the bank. It was this kind of bland brown. So when you get out there you'll be quite surprised, it's orange trimmed in green. It is a historic color. Some paint companies, I don't want to name all of them because I don't want to mess up and miss somebody. But also, another thing, Superior Floors, go in the bank and go in Southern Hotel and these folks are the ones that stepped forward and said they wanted to volunteer, so we've got two floors redone.

Trying to move quickly here, Wagon Masters has adopted the saloon. Every time I tell somebody that, everybody says it's very appropriate. And the only thing, they were not able to get out there early because of the River Festival activities they're involved in but after that, they are going to come out and adopt and spruce up the saloon.

I want to thank Councilman Martz and Fearey for being out there painting. Commissioner Norton was out there the day before, because he did have a conflict and he was helping prime. Commissioner Winters had an excused absence and Commissioner Gwin, I want to thank her for a full day out there painting as well. And I don't know where Commissioner Sciortino was, but . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I was home sick with a cold."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I'm not sure that's true but I want to thank everybody and I know I didn't get everybody thanked but these were a lot of the key people. And we had a lot of key staff people out there painting and showing their numerous talents. I found out Pepoon did not know what glazing was but he did learn.

Last I want to say it that it was a big success and I've had people hit me up that they want to adopt some buildings this fall, so we may try to pull it off then and we'll finally get our maintenance caught up. So, thank you to everybody that helped out and thank you to all of you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, thank you for being the one that really got this whole thing going. I know you don't like to have people compliment you publicly but without your creative thinking about how to get the private sector involved, this would never have happened."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, I think it's going to be a nice show piece. River Festival, we

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bring a lot of out of town people into our communities and it's going to look nice and I know the Kansas Association of Counties are going to be out there the first part of May for an event. So, looking good."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "As well as . . . Everybody recognizes that Sedgwick County Zoo is the largest attraction in the State. It's my hope that very quickly Cowtown is going to compete for that title. Is that all?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "That's it. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "This past Sunday, the Chairman and I attended a 54<sup>th</sup> birthday party for the State of Israel at the Hebrew Congregation and had the opportunity to meet the Council General for the Midwest part of the United States, Moshe Ram. Spend some time at the congregation, listening to their speeches and some very poignant comments from members of both the congregation and the temple. I particularly want to thank Adam Beren, who was the Master of Ceremonies of the event and all of the wonderful people at the Hebrew Congregation and the Jewish community, who made us feel welcome. It was a very inspirational event, I thought. I hoped you shared that.

We've mentioned, I mentioned earlier, we're rededicating the plaza at the Zoo, Friday afternoon at 2:00 in memory of Galey Coleman and I will be there. I hope any of you who are available will do so too. She was an extraordinary woman. The Coleman family has been an extraordinary part of our history. Her family and friends decided they wanted to do something very visual to remember her, because she was such a fan and a supporter of our Zoo, that by creating this kind of a bland concrete . . . converting the bland, concrete slab into a wonderful arrival area with water elements and plantings and wonderful bronze sculptures that it will, I think, say to most folks what you would say when you met Galey. You just . . . the thought in my head always was, prepare yourself for a terrific experience and now this plaza will prepare us for a terrific experience, as you come and visit the Zoo. So, if you have time, 2:00 on Friday afternoon have an opportunity to be there. That's all I have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Thank you very much. I just have one. Last night, I was at the Community of 100 annual banquet and, those of you that don't know what this is, this is a group of very dedicated citizens that rally around any of our public safety officers, police, fire, EMS that are

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either killed in the line of duty, disabled, injured and they rally around them big time to help them with unexpected costs, grievance counseling and what have you. And last night they had the roll call where they showed pictures and talked about individuals that work for us every day that lost their lives, lost limbs, were unable to work again. It was very touching. They had a firefighter from New York City Fire Department that came in and gave us a very touching and personal sense of what really happened in the eyes and the minds of those safety officers that rushed into that scene to help and then over 300 of them didn't come out. I was really happy to be part of that and it was very well attended. It's a tremendous organization. I will mention that Sheriff Steed was there. He was one of the speakers and he indicated that the Sheriff's Department is very willing and able, if they can, to now on a permanent basis adopt the Marshall Office for any ongoing upkeep or what have you that he would be willing to do that. So, while he's thinking that, let's get him committed officially on that. That's all I have except that that was a very touching banquet that I attended and I really enjoyed myself. So, if there's no other, is there any other items?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, we have an Executive Session."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Mr. Chairman, if it would please the Commission, we could defer this to another time and perhaps do this at a Tuesday Staff Meeting for half an hour. I know that there are some people that need to attend some events, including me."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That would be great. If that wouldn't cause any problems, that would be great. If there's no other items to come before the Board of County Commissioners, then this meeting is now adjourned."

### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
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Fifth District

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

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