

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 1, 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, May 1, 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. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Brent Shelton, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director of Diversity, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson, Director of Preventive Health, County Health Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Ron Holt, Director of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation, County Manager's Office.  
Judge Paul Buchanan, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

Mr. Mark Biberstein, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sedgwick County Division of the American Heart Association.

Ms. Nancy Bacon, member, Sedgwick County Animal Control Advisory Board.

Mr. James Halsig, member, Sedgwick County Animal Control Advisory Board.

Mr. Charles Shaefer, President, United Warehouse Company.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was led by Reverend David Anders of Westside Baptist Church, Wichita.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, April 10, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2002.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to look at the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10<sup>th</sup>. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 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. Let me hold off on this item first and I think the Manager wants to do something Off Agenda."

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Commissioners. This is one of those great things that I get to do, from time to time and introduce a new County employee. We're glad and pleased that Jerry Harrison has given such a long career to the County and we'll celebrate that in the coming weeks, and we're already planning on how to get even with him. But to find his replacement was going to take some doing and I, frankly, think that we've found almost the best person possible to do that in Ron Holt. Ron is a member of this community that we have known, who worked on many projects. He and I have worked on things together. He brings experience, intelligence, relationships, style that just fits this organization perfectly. And before he gets working with Harrison and finds out all the skeletons in the closet, I wanted to announce it publicly and get him committed and he is here this morning, Mr. Ron Holt."

**Mr. Ron Holt**, Director of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you Bill, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I am very

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excited about this opportunity to join the management team here at the County and to also be involved with these wonderful and excellent quality of life assets that we have in our community and to work towards the continuous improvement process with those.

It is my distinct pleasure to be able to have this opportunity to stay here in the Community and to be even more a part of the community. Thank you very much and the only thing I would question, Bill talked about my experience and so forth and so on and then he mentioned something about intelligence. I'm not sure whether I buy into all of that, but it's great to have this opportunity to be onboard. Thank you very much. I look forward to it."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Ron, you're not leaving yet. I think the fact that you accepted the job lets us know what your Intelligence Quotient is. We do have a couple of comments. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, first is, when is the starting date did you say?"

**Mr. Holt** said, "July 26<sup>th</sup>, although I'll be around and about ahead of that time."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, Ron I first came to know you after I became a Commissioner and since that time, I continue to go to different organizations and boards and continue to run into you. And that tells me that you're very active in the community and I know you're very proud of our community and that's why you're out there working to make it a better place. And I'm very excited to have you on board. I'm looking forward to it and I think you're going to do a great job. So, welcome to Sedgwick County."

**Mr. Holt** said, "Thank you very much. Appreciate it."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, congratulations. We're glad to have you. Your retirement didn't last very long. You kept telling me you were going to take some time to relax and retire and what happened?"

**Mr. Holt** said, "Well, my wife told me I couldn't do that."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I knew who the boss was, so I figured that out."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "If you want to know the truth, he made the mistake of trying to figure out how to rearrange her kitchen to make it more useful and she suggested he get a day job."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, certainly your intelligence level is good if you take this kind of job instead of running for elective office, so congratulations, Ron.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much for not running for an elective office. We appreciate that very much and good luck, Ron.”

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS.**

**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY AS “MENTAL HEALTH MONTH.”**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I think we’ve already indicated that the next item is a proclamation declaring the month of May as Mental Health Month and I’ll read into the record this proclamation. It states:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five American adults and children are affected by a mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health problems do not discriminate. They know no race, creed, age or limit or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, people with mental illness can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people with mental health problems are not getting the help they need; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated or under treated mental illness costs public and private employers billions of dollars annually through absenteeism, turnover, low productivity and increased medical costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care in which all residents can receive high-quality and consumer-responsive services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of

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Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2002 as

**“MENTAL HEALTH MONTH”**

in Sedgwick County and call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.

Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board on this proclamation?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And I believe we have someone receiving the proclamation.”

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for the proclamation that recognizes May as Mental Health Month. Mental Health costs are a very small fraction of the Gross National Product and of total health care but good mental health is a very significant factor in all of our daily functioning. Sound thinking, the ability to regulate our emotions and to engage in healthy relationships are a gift that I think many of us take for granted every day but one that we do need to function. Yet, over 19,000,000 individuals suffer from

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anxiety disorders and many more than that from depression. The good news is that treatment works when mental health conditions are identified.

We have scheduled a number of activities for this month, the first of which is happening today and today is National Anxiety Screening Day and several of our out-patient therapists are at Towne West. They'll be there from 10 this morning until 7 tonight, in the northwest Dillard court, next to the Master Cut. They'll show a video on anxiety. Individuals will have a chance to take a look at that video, to fill out a very brief one-page screen and then the clinicians will sit down and go over the screen with them to see if they need any further help and make referrals if they do.

In addition to that, May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> is National Suicide Awareness Week and we'll be receiving a proclamation next week on that and then May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> is National Children's Mental Health Month [sic] and we're doing a couple of things for that. This is the fourth year that COMCARE is going to be hosting and coordinating the annual art show. This year's theme is called Youthful Images and kids who have been in treatment at COMCARE have been busy working on all kinds of projects and matting them this week and getting them ready for the art show. And that's going to be held this Sunday at Brendon Hall at W.S.U. between 1 and 5 and the kids will be there to receive some awards. It's open to the public to take a look at it and then the display will stay on display for about a week there.

And then finally, on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting the fourth annual Kids Fest at Joyland. This is the fourth year we've done that as well. And we celebrate the kids who ten years ago would have been spending their time in state hospitals and we provide a meal out there and some fun activities all day for kids who are in treatment and their families to kind of celebrate the fact that they are still living in this community. So, we appreciate the recognition of this and the support that the Board of County Commissioners gives us every day in delivering our services. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Clerk, call the next item please. Excuse me, I didn't see your note. Did you want Marilyn back up?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "No, not really, I just had a comment, really two comments. You know, I think as we move forward with our mental health initiatives we need to keep in mind that that's one of those areas where we'll need to push the legislature not to cut out services, because it's so vitally important to our community that we maintain the funding, not only for that program but many other kinds of social kinds of programs.

And just a comment, I had reconnected with a friend of mine for many, many years and she had not been feeling well. She has a great family, a great life, all the trappings of hard work and she had

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been depressed later with some clinical depression. So, it just washes over me that anyone can have a problem. It doesn't matter what social/ economic structure you come from, how great your life is, that some of it can just be hidden deep inside you. So, I'm a real supporter of us moving forward with initiatives that help people that need the help to stay strong mentally in our society. Just a comment, thanks."

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

### **2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 1, 2002 AS "LAW DAY."**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. I have a proclamation and I would like to read this into the record.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, "Law Day" began 44 years ago, with a proclamation from President Dwight D. Eisenhower which set forth the reasons why we, as a free people, celebrate our heritage of liberty under law; and

**WHEREAS**, let us dedicate ourselves, in celebrating "Law Day" this year, to the great values protected and preserved in our Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, at the same time, let us recognize that democracy is not static, that we must always work to improve and perfect it. Let us seek to draw ever closer to the ideal cut in stone over the entrance to the United States Supreme Court: "Equal Justice Under Law"; and

**WHEREAS**, let us resolve that "Law Day" be an opportunity for all of us, in government and the private sector, to examine our efforts to make equal justice a reality, and to work together to reach that goal; and

**WHEREAS**, we salute the efforts, but let us offer greater support to those who work daily within the judicial system to provide legal services to those who most need them. And let us dedicate ourselves to improving our justice system, and express our appreciation for the efforts and hard work of employees and judges in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District who work to assure "Equal Justice for All.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2002 as

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**“LAW DAY”**

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of those who work for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court to help keep our community safe.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you and we have Judge Buchanan to accept the award.”

**Judge Paul Buchanan**, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you Commission Chair Sciortino, Commissioner Gwin, Commissioner Winters, Commissioner McGinn, Commissioner Norton for this resolution in support of the court of this County and the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. It is appropriate the resolution be adopted and presented on this, the first of May, a day which was sacred to those people who were opposed to free and independent courts. We have had forces in this world opposed to free and independent courts urging a society of subservient courts which were in all ways subject to the will of a dictator for the purpose of suppressing dissent and minorities.

Many years ago, your predecessors as Commissioners put on the front of this courthouse words which we sometimes forget, ‘Free and Independent Courts for a Free and Independent People’.

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Thank you for this resolution. We have present here a dozen other members of the court and I'd ask for them to stand at this time."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Please. Thank you very much, Judge. Commissioner Norton, you have a comment."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Yes I do. I just want to say that we hold the judges in the utmost respect for the duties they do every day. I know we've had some times where we've agreed to disagree, as Reverend Anders said today but that shouldn't move us past what's really important. And I think we owe it to you today to vote for the proclamation, which we did, and to respect you for the job that you do every day. Thank you very much."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. I just wanted to also acknowledge that our attorney, County Counselor Rich Euson, has invited the Commissioners today to attend the Wichita Bar Association Law Day Luncheon. So, for those of you who are attending that, we'll see you at the luncheon today. We look forward to being with them, as again they acknowledge this as Law Day. So, we look forward to that and thank you, Mr. Euson for the invitation."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, not wanting to have someone else have the last word, I have something that I wish to say also. You have to forgive me, my name is Ben Sciortino, so you figure out what my initials are. But Judge, I wanted to thank you also. We just had a ribbon cutting yesterday afternoon downstairs to the pay station, which will allow citizens that are coming into the courthouse, instead of having them bouncing around from floor to floor, from room to room, to pay their taxes or check on their property appraisals or to pay a traffic ticket or a court fine, we can do it downstairs just at one stop on the main floor.

But it does take the cooperation of the different departments to allow us to do that. And I know Judge Buchanan embraced the concept, along with the Appraisal Office and the Treasurer's Office and it's going to make it, I think, a lot more convenient for the citizens and I wanted to thank you for joining with us on that, Judge.

Okay, that's all I have on that. What's the next item, please Madam Clerk?"

### 3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 4, 2002 AS "HEART TRAINS HEROES FREE CPR EVENT."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, I have one more proclamation that I would like to read into the record this morning. It says:

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of Americans and 1,285 of Sedgwick County residents died in 2000 from heart disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual number of adult deaths in the United States resulting from sudden cardiac arrest outside of a hospital is 220,000; and

**WHEREAS**, 700 Americans each day suffer from cardiac arrest but only 5 percent survive; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 75 percent to 80 percent of all sudden cardiac arrests occur at home, learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation can literally mean the difference between life and death of a loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association recently launched a major initiative, called Operation Heartbeat- a community coalition designed to reduce significantly the number of deaths due to cardiac arrest; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Heartbeat emphasizes the importance of a four-link chain of survival including recognizing the warning signs of a cardiovascular emergency and immediately dialing 911, administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, providing early defibrillation with an automated external defibrillator (AED), and getting early advanced emergency care; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of Operation Heartbeat, the American Heart Association will train area residents in cardiopulmonary resuscitation during “Heart Trains Heroes” FREE CPR event on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2002 as

**“HEART TRAINS HEROES FREE CPR EVENT”**

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to participate in this important event.

What’s the will of the Board on this proclamation please?”

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### MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. I think we have Mark . . ."

**Mr. Mark Biberstein**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sedgwick County Division of the American Heart Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the entire board and the staff of the Heart Association, thank you for this very kind proclamation.

To give you a little bit of background about this event, it will be held Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Friends University. It is the CPR training day and it provides CPR training to the public at no cost. We expect, this year, to train probably over 300 people in adult and child CPR to be able to help people recognize an emergency and instruct them on what to do until help arrives, with the ultimate goal being to save lives.

This event is sponsored by the American Heart Association but it would not be possible without the help of Sedgwick County. Specifically, representatives from the Sedgwick County Fire Department, the Sedgwick County Department of Emergency Communications and the Sedgwick County EMS donate their time to help organize the event and as trainers at the event. In fact, Bill Auchterlonie, of the Sedgwick County EMS, is the Chairperson of the event.

To show a small token of our appreciate, Teresa Hays, with the Heart Association, does have a gift for each of you to commemorate the event. It's a tee shirt that the trainers and the staff at the CPR training day will have. Again, it's Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and we encourage the public to participate."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Tell us again where it is?"

**Mr. Biberstein** said, "It's at Friends University."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. What times?"

**Mr. Biberstein** said, "There are two sessions. The first is from 8 to 10 in the morning and the second session is from 10:30 to 12:30, again in the morning."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Is there a contact number where people can call? Do they need to sign up ahead of time?"

**Mr. Biberstein** said, "There is. To register, they should call (316) 265-4238. Again, it's 265-4238."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Any other questions or comments?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I see some other folks with these tee shirts on in the audience. Do you have a group of folks with you today?"

**Mr. Biberstein** said, "Dawn Berrick is our executive director with the Heart Association and Dawn, if you could introduce people I'd appreciate it."

*Introduction of Heart Association members in audience (speaker not at microphone).*

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. Good luck with that."

Next item please."

### **AWARDS**

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD TO COLONEL RON LADNIER, MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Commissioners. As you know, occasionally Sedgwick County will put on a . . . will give out a Community Enrichment award to individuals that have really shown a total commitment to Sedgwick County, that have taken time outside of their busy lives to actually do something that improves the lives of other that are living within Sedgwick County. And this is one of the examples that would allow me to feel that a Community Enrichment award needs to be given out. Colonel Ron Ladnier is the Base Commander of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Air

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Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base. As one of the Air Force's three core tanker wings, his personnel provide worldwide support for all U.S. and allied military.

Colonel Ladnier has been an aircraft pilot, as well as a staff member in many locations throughout the country. They sent me a list but it would take more time than we have here, so I'm not going to read it all. From his first assignment in Charleston, South Carolina to his stint as group commander at McCord Air Force Base in Washington State, he has been all over the country, serving us as part of the Air Force. He is a decorated service member, having been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Colonel Ladnier will be leaving McConnell in June of this year. He will be promoted to Brigadier General and assume the command of Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

I need to talk to you just a little bit and segued out of, if I can, the prepared comments I had. As base commander, he's got a multiplicity of responsibilities but Ron has taken it upon himself to really feel part of the community. And I'll just cite you a couple of examples. We had what could have been a very serious derailment down by the Mulvane/ Derby area and we were concerned that there may be chemical spills there and what have you. One call from our Fire Department and the base fire personnel, with pumpers, were on the spot to help us. That wasn't required. That was just something they just did.

As you notice that last . . . we had to close Rock Road twice, which was an inconvenience to people trying to access going back and forth, to and from Wichita, for that arterial and I got involved in conversations with the base and found Ron to be very, very approachable in trying to figure out ways to minimize the amount of time that citizens would be inconvenienced. We've been working, on an ongoing basis, with his staff, to figure a long-term solution which will one, assure the base that their security won't be breached, while still allowing the traffic to flow on Rock Road. And that is being done, I think, principally because those kinds of decisions as to how to interface with civilians does come from the top down. And I've always found Ron to be very amiable and agreeable to anything that we might want to suggest.

And Ron, I want to read you a letter that I received from Washington, D.C. It's addressed to you.

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It says, 'Colonel Ladnier, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all you have done for the Wichita/ Derby community during your tenure as Commander at McConnell Air Force Base. McConnell has always enjoyed a very close connection with the surrounding community, as well as the Boeing Company and the National Guard. You recognized this and worked to maintain these important relationships and improve them at every opportunity. Clearly, your years of service and dedication to the Air Force have demonstrated to you the importance of such partnerships. Your tour of duty in Wichita has been much too short, so I'm canceling your promotion as Brigadier General'. Okay, I'm adlibbing a little bit. 'And I can assure you that you will be missed. I wish you continued success and professional achievement. Thank you again for all you have done at McConnell. Best regards, Todd Tiaht, member of Congress'. And if you'd like to say a few words, please feel free.'

**Colonel Ron Ladnier**, Commander, McConnell Air Force Base, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well, I would almost say that I am speechless, but not quite since Mr. Chairman has tutored me throughout this last year. I do have a few words to share with you.

I am humbled by this, I really am but I have to smile to myself just a little, because well, occasionally my wife will say, 'You are a great husband' and I smile inside because I know I'm only a good husband because she is a great wife. And so you're telling me I'm a great neighbor and I smile to myself and I'll just tell you it is because you are such great hosts and you're great neighbors. I mean, you've accepted our families into your communities as if they were part of your family. You've accepted our children in your schools as if they were your children and I will tell, from all the men and women out at McConnell, that makes a world of difference to what we're doing around the world. And I'll tell you a great deal of things have changed over just the last ten years. I don't know if a lot of people realize this, but in Desert Storm, for every three people we had back then, we now have just two. For every dollar that we received in federal budget at the end of Desert Storm, we now receive just 77 cents in constant-year dollars.

We used to get, in our budget, over 5% of the Gross Domestic Product and now we get less than 3% and as a result, my folks are gone away from their homes over 300% more than what they were at the end of Desert Storm. Right now, my air crews are gone an average of about 200 days a year and they do that because they love their country and because they know their families are safe and welcome in Sedgwick County and they are willing to step up to that. So, I'll say thank you very much and if anyone ever asks me, any brat committee ever talks to me, I will say we have a home here in Sedgwick County. We never need to move from here and so, it's great for all those at McConnell Air Force Base, thank you for being such good neighbors."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Next item please."

### C. PRESENTATION OF UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN RECOGNITION AWARDS.

**Ms. Kristi Zukovich**, Communications Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Each year I get the privilege to come before you and talk about our employees' United Way campaign. Today I have with me Dana Prock, she's our account manager with United Way and she is going to help me to present some awards to some of our departments. And I'd just like to give a little background, before we ask those folks to come forward.

For many years now, Sedgwick County has participated in the annual United Way campaign. We provide one person each fall to go and serve as a loaned executive to help out in the community. Serves as a benefit, not only to United Way, but it also serves as a benefit to our organization, because this employee gains a whole different set of skills that they may not have had or may not always get to use within their work place. But it helps them with public speaking, it gets them out to learn more about our community and they serve as an ambassador for Sedgwick County to help people in the community learn more about us as well.

We also hold employee meetings in departments throughout the fall and ask folks not only to consider contributing to United Way, but also we use this as an opportunity to share with our employees about the services that are available to them. And a number of our employees are users of United Way services and a lot of times you don't have to wear a badge that says, 'I get to use the services'. A lot of times we use them and maybe we're not as familiar with knowing that we are.

This year, for the 2001 campaign, Sedgwick County employees contributed \$97,491. And I guess what's really pretty impressive about that to me is, this campaign was in the fall and this was a time that we not only had a national crisis, but even the beginning of local crisis here with a lot of people understanding that they may not have jobs to last much longer. And once again, Sedgwick County employees came forward.

Included in this amount are fourteen leadership givers within our organization. These are folks that give at least \$1,000 per year and that number has increased significantly over the last several years.

We had three departments with 100% participation, including Risk Management, Code Enforcement and the County Manager's Office.

And now I'd like to have some of our recipients here today to come forward. The first is in our silver award category and this is based on a potential of what these folks could raise within their offices and then based on how much they actually did contribute. And the first one we have is Sedgwick County Human Resources and they contributed \$3,065. The next is Environmental Resources and Susan Erlenwein I believe is here, and they contributed \$480. Mark Sroufe as you know is pretty busy out at the parks right now. It's kind of his busy season but he has been, also,

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very supportive of United Way and we've kind of designated him to handle the parks the last several years and they also will receive the silver award.

The last silver award is really kind of one of our shining silver awards and this is the Appraiser's Office. And I tell you, these folks have embraced the United Way and have held year-round activities and they just have all kinds of spunk and excitement and they get Jerry Franz and Rita to do things that I can't imagine why they do them. But Bess Dreams has been very supportive and very helpful in the Appraiser's Office, so Bess and Rita, if you would accept the silver award. And the Appraiser's Office contributed \$11,739.

The gold award, fortunately or unfortunately, the person who got me started in the United Way campaign is Phil Rippee and he has been a very strong supporter of United Way as well in his office. And so, Risk Management receives the gold award, which is 75 to 89% of potential, with \$648.

And the last award is for the platinum level and this is for 90 to 99% of potential and this is for the County Manager's Office at \$3,881.

Some folks who aren't quite at that award level yet but I wanted to pass along some recognition to them, because they do contribute significantly and do make great efforts to get this information out to their employees. The Division of Information and Operations, their employees contributed \$11,585. Our Emergency Medical Service employees contributed \$8,441. The Fire District, \$7,763, COMCARE, \$7,696 and Public Works, \$5,894. So, folks who understand that it doesn't always take a lot. You can make a difference. One or two dollars a pay period but it makes a significant difference to other folks lives in our community.

And so, I appreciate your continued support. I appreciate the continued support of our employee campaign coordinators and all of the employees who think that this is important enough to give back to our community as well. Thank you."

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

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **D. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS (FIVE).**

- 1. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING NANCY BACON (COMMISSIONER WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.**

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**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a reappointment to this ten member board and we’ve prepared a resolution for this term, which is a four year term, and we would recommend you adopt it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Is Ms. Bacon here in the audience with us this morning? Do we have someone from the County Clerk? Okay, if you’d come up here, we’ll get you sworn in, if you would please.”

**Mr. Brent Shelton**, Chief Deputy Clerk, said, “Raise your right hand and after I read the oath say I do swear.

*I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Animal Control Advisory Board, so help me God.”*

**Ms. Nancy Bacon**, member, Animal Control Advisory Board, said, “I do.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Ms. Bacon for agreeing to volunteer on that board. We really appreciate it. Next item please.”

- 2. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES HALSIG (COMMISSIONER NORTON’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.**

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**Mr. Euson** said, “Commissioners, we’ve also prepared a resolution for this reappointment, as a four-year term, to this board and I recommend you adopt it.”

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Mr. Shelton** said, “Raise your right hand and after I read the oath say I do swear.

*I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of Animal Control Advisory Board so help me God.”*

**Mr. James Halsig**, member, Animal Control Advisory Board, said, “I do swear.”

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

**3. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING HAROLD PRESTER, JR.  
(COMMISSIONER NORTON’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK  
COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.**

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**Mr. Euson** said, “Commissioners, we’ve prepared a resolution for this reappointment and it’s in proper form and I recommend you adopt it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Is Mr. Prester in the audience? Okay, fine. We’ll make arrangements to get him sworn in at a later date. Clerk, call the next item please.”

**4. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TROY ALLAN PHILLIPS (COMMISSION AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.**

**Mr. Euson** said, “Commissioners, this is a five-member board and the members of it serve three-year terms and the resolution we’ve prepared reflects that and I recommend you adopt it.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. What’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Is Mr. Phillips in the audience? I don't see that he is so we'll get him signed up later on. Next item please."

**5. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. DELORIS CRAIG-MORELAND (COMMISSION AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "And Commissioners, this is a twelve-member board and the appointees serve two-year terms and we've prepared a resolution that's in proper form and I recommend that you adopt it."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn     Aye  
Chairman Ben Sciortino            Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Is Dr. Craig-Moreland here? I don't think so. Okay, we'll get her sworn in later. All right, moving right along, next item please."

### RETIREMENT

#### **E.     PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO ROBERTA GAIL MARLOW, FISCAL ASSISTANT, AUTO LICENSE.**

**Mr. Lucretia Taylor**, Director of Diversity, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Gail Marlow will retire after 11 years of service with Sedgwick County's Department of Auto License. When we asked a questionnaire for all retirees and one of the things that Gail did was submit this information back to tell us what she's going to do upon her retirement. And what she said is that she's going to spend some time with her husband, children and grandchildren and also her parents, after she retires.

She will have now time to watch her grandchildren, go camping more often and also spend time working with the Shriners. When we asked, 'What is the best . . . what is your period of . . . or how would you describe your period of employment with Sedgwick County?' one of the things that she said was, 'it is the most learning and rewarding experience'. So, if Gail is here, please come up and what we'd like to do is present her a retirement certificate and Chairman Sciortino presentation of the retirement clock.

Gail, the certificate reads, 'Certificate of recognition, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County Kansas in appreciate of 11 years of valuable service. This certificate is awarded to Roberta Gail Marlow upon the occasion of retirement, given this first day of May, 2002.'

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And also, Ms. Marlow, come on up here, I don't bite. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, your fellow employees and all the citizens of Sedgwick County, we'd like to give you this small token of our appreciation for your 11 years of dedicated service."

**Ms. Roberta Gail Marlow**, Fiscal Assistant, Auto License Office, said, "Thank you very much. As I said in my statement earlier, working with the County has been very rewarding and a very much learning experience. Thank you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you all from the Treasurer's Office to be here for support for

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Ms. Marlow too. Next item please.”

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### F. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

##### 1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE UP TO \$3,500,000 OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNITED WAREHOUSE COMPANY.

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The United Warehouse Company has requested that Sedgwick County indicate its intent to issue an additional 3.5 million dollars in taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the benefit of United Warehouse Company. United Warehouse will pay the cost of acquiring land and constructing a 100,000 square foot distribution center addition to their existing facility in the unincorporated part of Sedgwick County Kansas. The expansion will add 16 new jobs to the company. They indicate that the expansion that they just went through in 2001 is already full. Cost/ benefit analysis has been prepared in connection with the project and it indicates the benefit ratio of 1.83% for the County and 6.06 for the State of Kansas. So, it is to the benefit . . . the cost/ benefit analysis does indicate a positive benefit to both Sedgwick County and the State of Kansas.

Charles Shaefer, President of United Warehouse, is here, J.T. Klaus, Bond Counsel and Laurie Usher from the Chamber of Commerce. Any of these people would be happy to answer any questions you might have. The Shaefer’s may have some comments.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “I’d like to ask Charles if he wants to come up and make any comments?”

**Mr. Charles Shaefer**, President, United Warehouse Company, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Seems like this is becoming a regular thing and that’s fine with me. We have . . . I think, Tim, you weren’t on the last one, but we are going through an exciting time I think for the manufacturers and the people involved in distribution in this county. We have went into the last project and before we even got started we had an opportunity and then it left just before we got the building done and so we figured, originally, we’d be back to you within a couple of months after we occupied the building the first time but it took a whole seven months now and we’re needing to expand, we’re needing to put in some rail service into that distribution center and we need to redo a lot of different things to enhance our community.

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We've had a lot of interest from local manufacturers, which now have become our new accounts, some out of town interests and just as early as yesterday, a major electronics firm from Japan has called us to see if we might be able to help them out.

So, we thank the County Commission for everything they've done. I've been meaning to invite you all but we had one little product, we had a big table made for us and everything and it just went to pot, so we had to have it rebuilt. So, I think this time around hopefully we'll be able to get together and celebrate this and we can show you what we do first-hand, because most people don't know what we do. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think we do have some comments. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. Well, thanks for being here today Charles and we certainly appreciate what you do here in our community, because you don't have to be here but you are. And I'd just like to read a little bit of the background material because you're right, I don't think people really understand what you do in the huge building that you have. And it's a great facility, if you guys ever have a chance to get up there. There's a nationwide industry trend toward manufacturers using third party storage facilities and services for the distribution of their finished products. United Warehouse currently provides storage and distribution facilities for a number of local and nationwide manufacturers, including the Coleman Company, Rubbermaid, Whirlpool, Metal Container, Inc. (Anheuser-Busch) and Ball Container, Inc. and almost all of these products, distributed through your warehouse, are exported outside the County and the State. But what I was most impressed was that you said, when I was out there, we're getting ready for someone else to occupy that entire building and it could have sat empty but, evidently, somebody went to work because you are full and it looks like you have a lot of Coke and Pepsi products in there right now.

But I just think it's great, when they found out they weren't going to get somebody in there that they thought and somebody went out there and found individuals to use your warehouse and now you're back needing to expand. So we're glad you're here. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I really didn't have a question but too did just want to compliment Charles on his business. And one of the things I think people need to remember is you don't need to be just one of the large aircraft companies to be able to take advantage of some economic development opportunities here in Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. So, we're certainly glad that we have the opportunity to work with smaller sized companies than just the

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really giants of the area.

And I also would like to acknowledge too the work that Charles does for other small business. He has been active in the Wichita Independent Business Association and been the president of their association, been on the board for a long time, and so Charles, we certainly appreciate all the work that you do in the community assisting other businesses, as they go about trying to be productive and profitable. So, I'm certainly going to be supportive of this. It does seem like it wasn't long ago we were doing the first one and we're certainly pleased with your success."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. I'd just like to make a general comment. I like it, Commissioners, that Irene and her staff try to look for how can we help existing businesses grow. It seems like the trend is always how do we go out and encourage a new company to come to Wichita, etcetera but I'm glad to see that we are trying to focus, whenever possible, on how do we assist companies that are already here and let them know how much we appreciate them and encourage them and help them if we can so that they can expand their businesses and still feel happy and content and never leave us. I think that's great that we're trying to fill that little niche too. So, that's all I think we have for comments. Excuse me, Commissioner Norton wants to say something."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just kind of a general comment. I just read the clusters report that came back from the clusters study that was done. And it seems to me, I've always had a value that you know Wichita, because of its location, should be a distribution and warehousing hub of the United States. And one way we'll be able to move forward and sell that is to have you to continue to grow and to show that Wichita is a great place to do business in the warehousing and storage kinds of distribution protocol. So, keep expanding, keep growing, because it helps us draw other companies into this area and become a hub and I think our location really speaks well for us but it's going to be hard to sell that unless we have great success stories and you're one of them. Thanks."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And in the future, have all those openings or things in warmer . . . I remember, we were up there last winter, if I remember right, looking at the facility and it was a little chilly. Okay, this is also a public hearing on this project so is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against this item? Okay, I see none, so I'll close the public hearing and ask the Board what is your will on this item please?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to open the public hearing, accept public comment, close the public hearing and adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED RENTAL HOUSING CODE.**

**Mr. Brad Snapp**, Housing Director, Housing Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning you have an opportunity to hear from citizens concerning the proposed rental housing code for the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County. The code addresses health and safety issues only. The code is drafted in response to calls from tenants living in substandard conditions. The draft has been reviewed by three groups prior to this meeting, a group of landlords in Oaklawn, Partners for Responsible Neighborhoods in Wichita and the Apartment Association of Greater Wichita.

We considered their input and altered the document. It was on our website for over three weeks. We have received one comment, a person actually wanted . . . the code states smoke detectors will be in the units. They wanted a smoke detector on all floors and I think that’s a reasonable request. If you have any questions, I can address those. If not, . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “We do have some questions and then, before we open it up to public hearing. Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you, unless we want to open it up for public hearing first? I’m okay.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Shall we do the public hearing first? Okay, I’d like to open it up, the public hearing portion. Is there anyone here in this audience that would like to speak for or against this proposed rental housing code? Okay, I’ll close the public hearing and Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you. Brad, why don’t you share with us. I guess common sense would tell us why this is necessary, but what kind of brought this to a head that we’re doing this?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “We’ve had calls from tenants in the past complaining that their furnaces weren’t adequate, that there were holes in the doors and in the structural parts of the house that allowed large rodents to come in. They couldn’t keep them out. They had . . . Sometimes they’ve had calls with sewage backed up in the yard and there’s no place for them to turn, if their landlord chooses not to address these. There is the Landlord Tenant Act but really, truthfully there’s not a lot of teeth in that and it requires legal fees to be paid by somebody and it’s often not going to be the landlord.

Landlords who choose not to keep their properties up need some encouragement to do that. Most of the time, we do have responsible landlords in our county. But it’s the people who have no means, the tenants who have no means to fix up . . . to deal with . . . to move, have to live in these conditions. It takes a lot of money, some times, to move.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay. And you kind of lead into my next question. Why don’t they just move? And then, the market comes into play and if you don’t have a good facility, I’m not going to rent there and then that kind of forces somebody to fix it up. Is there a lot of people that just can’t move?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “I mean, anybody can move but it’s just the matter of having the resources to do it in a timely way and sometimes people just don’t have those resources.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay. Let’s see, back on section 6- 432, insects and rodents, I noticed . . . of course you want doors and windows to shut properly, so that those kinds of critters don’t get in the home. But it also says ‘weather-tight, lockable’ anyway the doors and . . . ‘every window and door of every dwelling shall be reasonably weather-tight, lockable, rodent-proof, and shall be in good working condition and repair’. And I think about in the country you have a lot of just old farm homes and a lot of times it’s hard to get parts for windows and that kind of thing. And so what people tend to do is just nail the windows shut and paint it. So, is that going to be a problem?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “It’s not necessarily a problem for the code but you can get into a safety issue if

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you have all your windows painted shut. There should be at least one in every room that's openable."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, and I agree with you. It's just that this says 'good working condition and good repair' and so, I'm just . . . I'm really going clear to the extreme here. Does that mean if one window is painted shut, we're going to start getting calls?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "No, I don't believe that's the case. The problems we get are when the window is drafty, when there's no seal or it doesn't shut properly and the furnace can't maintain a temperature of 68 degrees in the home. That's the issue."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, and I think the 68 degree Fahrenheit is a very good guide. Is that what the City uses, too I believe?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Yes. That's actually code."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay. Well, and then you get into defective or deteriorated flooring or floor supports. Does that mean if carpet is worn somewhere, somebody can call in, or the linoleum is worn somewhere?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Actually, that gets into . . . I don't think those issues are actually addressed. Flooring, if it becomes a tripping hazard or if it's really ripped up. If it's worn carpet, we're not going to address that."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Could you explain to me a little bit about the electrical wiring, because that's another situation where a lot of times updated wiring doesn't occur unless somebody goes in and tears out a wall and that kind of thing."

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Well, we're not really concerned with updated wiring, it's hazardous conditions that we would look at. If you have a receptacle that's hanging out of the wall or something that's hanging out of the ceiling, that kind of thing."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay. So you're talking about those kinds of things that area visible, that we actually plug in and we have contact with."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, Commissioner, that could be if they found some of the electrical wire that the insulation was off of it, stuff like that."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Sure. And I just want to make sure all this is clarified. And on the right of entry, when a code enforcement individual comes out, could you explain that just a little bit

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about how that would work?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “If the tenant call in and there’s a complaint, then the code enforcement would go out and just notify the tenant that they’re on their way out. That would be my idea.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay, so they notify the tenant, not the owner. Is that correct?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “They could try to make contact with the owner, but it’s not necessary or not mandatory before they go out and make the visit to the home.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay. So the tenant is allowing them in the home.”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “Right.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. Now Commissioner McGinn, you do need to know though, on that right of entry, they do say if it’s unoccupied, ‘will make reasonable efforts to locate the owner and request entry’ but if entry is refused, it is saying that the building official shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry. So, it’s sort of saying that if the owner refused entry, they could use the law to force entry to check it.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “But the tenant is allow . . . they’re the ones calling. I guess it would be like if I called and said I’m not going to be home today, go on in?”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “No, it says unoccupied.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Because if it’s unoccupied . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Unoccupied means there’s no tenant.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay, so then why would we be going out there if it’s unoccupied?”

**Mr. Snapp** said, “Well, that’s kind of the case but maybe Glen Wiltse with Code Enforcement could answer that better.”

**Mr. Glen Wiltse**, Director, Code Enforcement Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Typically, we would not go into an unoccupied home, especially on a complaint type basis. That’s just something we do not like to do, unless it just an absolute 100% life safety issue. But if it’s

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unoccupied, we would normally not go in for any reason.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Well, I’m trying to make sense of this. If it’s unoccupied, why do you need to go in? Are you saying unoccupied and not rented or are you saying . . .?”

**Mr. Wiltse** said, “Even if somebody is not at home. If it’s unoccupied, normally you’re not going to get the complaint, because these would be based on a complaint basis. So, unless somebody. . . The only thing I can see was if somebody was moving out one day and they said, ‘Hey, there’s all kinds of problems with the house’ that’s usually kind of subject to taking a hard look to see whether there really is or there isn’t, but at that point we would try to get with the landowner instead of going in because normally these houses are not open, even when the tenant leaves. They’re going to normally keep the house closed up and we don’t enter homes like that.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “So, most of your situations, when it’s unoccupied, the tenant has called in and probably given you permission to go in.”

**Mr. Wiltse** said, “That’s correct.”

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Winters, I believe.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. I think my question is for Glen, I think. Glen, will your department be doing the inspections and enforcement?”

**Mr. Wiltse** said, “That would be correct.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Will you be able to do that with your current staff of people or are you expecting some kind of monetary impact here?”

**Mr. Wiltse** said, “We’d love to have monetary . . . No, in all honesty, we think that the level of the complaints will be small enough that we can handle them with the existing staff.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right, thank you. Mr. Chairman, one of the reasons that I was supportive of having this public hearing was to give folks, particularly who are in the rental ownership business, an opportunity to address us if they had concerns and I was very pleased that in Monday’s paper, state and local section, on the front page of the state and local section, there is an

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article saying that we're going to talk about this today. And so, it was my hope that if anybody in the public had input, they'd take the opportunity to give it to us today and we could digest that for a couple of weeks, which I think we still plan on doing is thinking about this for another couple of weeks.

But I know there's been times in the past, and it seems like we were working on maybe the comprehensive plan and put words in there about potential for housing code issues and we just had dozens of people show up all at once, thinking that something drastic was going to happen. But I don't think these are drastic steps and so I think we've tried to get the word out to owners of rental property, particularly if they've got comments in the next couple of weeks or the next few days probably is the time they need to making contact with us. So, thank you. That's all I have."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I have to agree with Tom that I don't think these are going to be drastic kinds of measures we're going to be taking but I see this as really a starting point. It's an ordinance that will give us some teeth to get started. That it will be an evolving, living document that eventually we'll have to benchmark some of the protocols that we've done. I guess I would ask, when will we revisit this? We'll roll it out. Are we planning on a year from now looking at it again, see how many cases we've had, how many people we've upset, how many people we've had to move out of a bad situation or whatever. I would urge us to set some kind of timeline to come back and revisit how it's working and everything.

I think it's very important that we have an appeal process and I don't know what that looks like, but at some point, if we've cited someone, that there should be some avenue that they could appeal in some manner. And I don't know if we do that for our nuisance abatement board or whatever, but we would need to have something where a landlord could appeal whatever comes down to them.

It is critically important that we continue to look for affordable housing and making sure landlords help provide that is very, very important. But I would also like to charge tenants to be responsible. You know, landlord's buildings don't always get bad because they don't take care of them. Many times, it's because the tenants that live there don't take care of them and they create their own worse nightmares. So, I think there's a challenge for both the landlords and the tenants that tenants have to be held culpable. Just because they move in and out of a particular location, doesn't mean

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they can abuse it and leave it in disrepair for a landlord to have to take care of. So, there is a kind of duality of the responsibility here.

I do see that not only tenants would complain, but maybe neighbors that see safety and problems, infestation problems, may enter some kind of complaint. That it wouldn't have to be just the tenant, particularly when you're looking at duplexes or triplexes or whatever, that a neighbor may turn them in. Maybe the tenant is a little tentative in doing that, or scared to but a neighbor would do that. I guess that's all I've got. Thanks."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioner McGinn, did you have your light on again?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Yes. I've been listening to Tim, so I forgot. I think you made some very good comments about tenants have responsibilities as well. And the fact that this is publicized on Channel 8, I hope that individuals that are watching today, if they do have some concern or some information that they want to bring to us, to either call us or I'll go ahead and repeat, it is on the website, [www.sedgwickcounty.org/housing](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/housing) so that they can go there and read this and provide us with information and we go on down the road. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Brad, you mentioned that we really don't have very many, or prior to this, very many opportunities to help tenants when they call. I remember it was not that . . . seems a while back when I had gotten a call from a frustrated tenant. Again, as you mentioned, probably living in the least expensive or one of the least expensive places around and this tenant had been having trouble with the landlord. There was a big hole in the floor, as I recall. I mean, big enough that you could step into. And I felt so helpless, because the only thing I could do was say, 'Well, there's a landlord tenant act but you have to go find an attorney and courts and that was not the answer they needed or wanted, quite frankly. And so I did feel frustrated, because there really wasn't anything that we could do to push this. I think we tried to contact, just personally contact the landlord and asked if that person wouldn't be more responsive to certainly a health and safety issue. Whether or not we were ever successful, I don't know.

But without being too heavy-handed, but with the interest of safety and health in mind, I think this makes good sense and it certainly gives us an opportunity to be responsive to those folks who are living in the unincorporated area of the County who have no place else to go. So, like the rest of my colleagues, before we adopt this, certainly if there are other folks out there who want to visit with any of us, our number here is 660-9300 and be happy to hear from folks with any comments or concerns that they may have. Thank you, Brad. Thank you, Glen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Brad, just . . . now wait a minute, I always get the last word. Am I right, I think in your opening comments, did the rental associations and the landlords work with us on this and have they seen this document and are they comfortable that this is not just an onerous piece of legislation? That they can work with this and live within this?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Yes. We gave everybody copies. We had good discussions. We incorporated some of their comments into the document and we notified them, it was on our website, so that they could review the changes that we made. We didn't hear anything further. I would assume that . . . They were in agreement at the close of our meeting, so we assume they're still in agreement."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you very much. Commissioners, I don't see any other comments. Now, I actually would entertain a Motion, if we do want to kind of digest this for a week or two or something, maybe there could be a Motion to that effect that we bring it back in two weeks or . . ."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Does staff have a plan for that already?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I don't see that you had any recommended action, other than just closing the public hearing."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman . . . Go ahead, Rich."

**Mr. Euson** said, "You've already taken the recommended action, so maybe you just want to seek some clarification as to when the final resolution might come before you."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd be prepared to make a Motion that in two weeks we bring this back on the agenda with a final resolution. If there's any tinkering you have to do with that and that we act on it in two weeks."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved that in two weeks we have the rental housing code resolution on our agenda.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I also have some further comment by Commissioner Norton."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "I just have one quick comment. I did talk to one person, a Chris Carlberg, who does not belong to any of the associations and the one thing that he wanted to convey was that many times it is the tenant that causes the problem. That was kind of his core value. That he wants to be a good landlord, but that he does have problems with tenants and I wanted to be sure his voice was heard today, if we're going to move forward."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Brad, there was one thing. I was trying to read through this. Is there a period of time that, once a landlord gets notified of a defect, that he has to correct the defect? Or is just by he's notified that he's in defect and he's fined? But, I mean, is there a period of time, like what Commissioner Norton said, the landlord may not be aware that there's a defect, because it was caused by the tenant and the tenant is gone and now there's a defect?"

**Mr. Wiltse** said, "One of the issues with the time frame is it would depend on the severity of the complaint. If you've got . . . of course, if you've got an electrical sparks you have to deal with something right away. You may have to, in order to . . . you just have to remove the electrical system or whatever to it. But the majority of the things, they're going to get ten days in most cases, unless it's just a severe life safety issue."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And to the best of your knowledge, the landlords and everything are comfortable that's a reasonable period of time, to the best of your knowledge?"

**Mr. Wiltse** said, "To the best of my knowledge, yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Fine, thank you. Okay, any other comments? I have a Motion and a Second, so Clerk call the roll please."

### VOTE

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

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

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### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- G. CASE NUMBER ZON2002-00013 – ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND “RR” RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO “LI” LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH AND WEST OF MERIDIAN. DISTRICT #2.**

### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**Mr. Marvin Krout**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have one zoning item on your agenda this morning, and it is on the screen in front of you. It’s this triangular area in the center of the screen that’s bordered by the Big Ditch and by Meridian Street. If you remember, we talked about 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and 55<sup>th</sup> Street just a week ago and this is how 63<sup>rd</sup> Street does connect to Meridian and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street connects to Meridian that way, so that there’s an indirect way to get from one part of the Big Ditch to the other, across 63<sup>rd</sup> Street there’s Meridian bridge.

This tract is zoned, it’s vacant, it’s unplatted. It is mostly zoned Single-Family 20, this darker shaded area is the old ring of zoning that was created about three decades ago by the County Commission within three miles of what was then the Wichita boundaries and then the remaining area was later zoned Rural Residential. It’s a combination of those two. The request is for Limited Industrial zoning on the 9.4 acres. The applicant said, at the Planning Commission, that he would intend to build a warehouse building, a small warehouse building on this site and plan to lease it out and felt that it was not suitable for residential use.

I think I’ll show you the aerial photograph, as we’re talking about that, which gives you a good idea of the context of this area. It is currently not served by water and sewer service and it’s between the communities of Haysville and Wichita. For reference, this is the Campus High School complex, with the new elementary school and the Southlakes Park area over there. This is the Big Ditch and the Meridian bridge. It is in an area that we identified for future growth. I think the boundary line came down Meridian. I’m not sure exactly why this area was left out, but it would be reasonable to expect that, in the future, that water and sewer are going to be provided to both sides of Meridian and up to the Big Ditch and that it will urbanize in the future. But the proposed land use plan for this area suggests that the most appropriate use would be generally low-density residential use for this area, as Haysville and Wichita sort of grow together towards the Big Ditch, and that industrial areas would be mostly outside of the map that’s on this picture now. Would be in areas like Mid-

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Continent Industrial, the Haysville Industrial Park to the east and the West Street corridor, north of the Big Ditch, where there are services existing and there's opportunities for considerable more development.

So, that was the land use concept and this is contrary to that concept, introduce the spot of industrial zoning into this area. So the staff did not recommend approval, because it was not in character with the existing zoning and uses, not consistent with the plan for the future use of this property. I guess we would agree that, you know, as part of an overall residential development in this area, that we could see that at least a portion of this area, because of its odd shape, probably would make sense at that location on Meridian, for . . . and where 63<sup>rd</sup> crosses, for some kind of neighborhood convenience retail or office type uses as part of a larger development. But industrial development without public services, with public water and public sewer and other services in this area appeared to us to be premature and so we did recommend denial.

The Haysville Planning Commission, this is within Haysville's area of zoning influence, and the Haysville Planning Commission had a public hearing prior to MAPC. They recommended denial and their vote was 9 to 1. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and they have recommended denial. Their vote was 12 to 0. There was no opposition at either of those public hearings but then, after the case was heard, we received an e-mail, which is in our packet, from the owner of . . . I believe he owns this 80 and then an 80 above that half mile, so a quarter section right across the street from Meridian, indicating that he was adamantly opposed to industrial zoning for this property.

So, between all of that, substantial opposition. The Haysville's recommendation for denial means that it would require a unanimous vote of the County Commission in order to override that recommendation and approve this request. And if there's a Motion to approve, we have supplied a resolution for you, if there's a Motion to approve and finds that would support an approval Motion, so we would probably want the staff to work on that, if you choose to be looking at that option.

This is looking, essentially on the right-hand side of your screen is Meridian and this is the site in question, the 9.4 acres. This is looking, beginning to look and this is the site and we're looking east, which is currently undeveloped. Now we're looking south. That would be the bridge over the Big Ditch in the background and west, this is the Big Ditch site, so this is the corner of that 9.4 acres that's coming down. Happy spring. We don't have the slide at the end, but I'll try to answer any questions that you have at this time."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Marvin. I don’t see that we have any questions of you at this time. This is not an item that requires public hearing, but it has been our policy in the past on these items to solicit public comment. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against this proposed zone change? Okay, I don’t see that there are any, so I’ll limit the discussion back to the Bench. Is there any comments? I have Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just that I’ve talked to the Chairman of the Planning Commission in Haysville and they were very adamant that this didn’t really fit in to what they’d like to see happen along Meridian. I agree with Marvin that it’s a little premature and, as we put together our long-range plan in Haysville years ago, we really looked at the Vulcan area as an industrial area for small businesses and industrial would come along Broadway and the industrial parks that I helped develop there and that this would just not be prudent. I really believe the corridor along Meridian, as we look to improve it, will need some light commercial, but it’s not going to need heavy industrial. It just doesn’t fit in with the long-range plan of making that single-family homes, really neat neighborhoods along there and if you look along . . . what’s happening along Meridian, it is all single-family homes, nice subdivisions. It will require a little light commercial but industrial is just out of place.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you. Any other comments? What’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to deny the rezoning request.

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

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **H. DIVISION OF FINANCE.**

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE 2001 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT; AND APPLICATION TO GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING.**

#### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have previously presented to you and today are formally presenting to you the County's comprehensive annual financial report for the year that ended December 31, 2001 and we are asking for your approval of an application that we will send to our professional association, the Government Finance Officers Association for certification of this report.

That certification is the device that assures you and our citizens that the financial report is an accurate representation of the County's financial condition and an accurate representation of our finances. It, in effect, is what assures you that we're not doing an Enron. With that certification, this comprehensive annual financial report you can be assured meets all of the standards that exist for public financial reporting and we have received that certification now for 20 consecutive years in Sedgwick County and we expect to receive it for the 21 years for this report.

We also have an unqualified audit opinion on this financial report that's been issued by the firm of Allen Gibbs and Houlik, our external auditors and Mark Dick, who you all know, is in the room here and will be happy to answer any questions that you have as well. The report has been audited by their firm.

What I'd like to do is just spend just a few minutes, maybe more than a few, these are numbers and I like numbers, but spend a relatively few minutes going over the highlights of this report and of the County's financial condition and I need to preface all of this by saying, as I do every year, that this report is not largely something of my making. As you know, I don't do any real work around here.

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All of the real work is done by lots of people who work in the Finance Division and are very good at their jobs. And it's a credit to them that we have received that certification that I mentioned for 20 consecutive years.

In this report, I'm going to spend a few minutes first talking about the revenues and expenditures of the County's governmental funds. Those are, essentially, all of the funds that we use to account for the activities of this government, except for our enterprises and internal services. Then I'm going to spend a minute talking about the fund balances of the County's general fund, which is the largest but not the only governmental fund. Then I'm going to spend a few minutes talking about staffing issues, because those are the largest costs that we have in our system. And I'm going to spend some time talking about the County's debt levels and various ratios that show how that debt compares to standards in the industry. And finally, I'll show you a few key revenue indicators.

For the year 2001, the County's total general governmental revenue ended at just under \$228,000,000. That's approximately a 6.1% increase over the prior year. Much of that increase is attributable to a change in the way we account for various Medicaid reimbursements that our affiliates receive. In years past, those Medicaid reimbursements that were received by the County and passed on to the affiliates who had earned them, did not appear on the County's books. We have changed the accounting to provide a more accurate representation of all of the financial activity of the County and so that increase in revenue and, as you'll see in a minute, that increase in expenditures, drives the increase that you see here, of 6.1%."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me ask you, with that taken out, to compare apples to apples, what would have been our increase? If you don't have it present, that's fine."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "The increase would have been approximately \$6,000,000, if memory serves, and that's a rough approximation. As opposed to . . . the increase that you're seeing here, the 6.1%, is a \$14,000,000 increase. That would have reduced to about \$8,000,000 or \$9,000,000 had we isolated that Medicaid and not changed our accounting procedure."

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

**Mr. Chronis** said, "One of the ways to standardize revenues for the population that we're serving is to show them on a per capita basis and what we're doing on this slide is showing on the purple bars the total governmental revenue per capita and on the red bars we're adjusting those values for the impact of inflation. The total revenue per capita, at just under \$498 in 2001, was up a little bit less than 6% over the prior year. Again, that is largely attributable to that change in Medicaid and when you adjust for inflation, even counting that change in Medicaid, our revenues per capita have essentially been flat for the past four years."

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Turning now to expenditures, the governmental . . . again, we're looking at governmental funds, our total governmental expenditures for 2001 were 238 and a half million dollars, approximately an 11% increase over the prior year, which was \$214,000,000. Again, a chunk of that increase was attributable to this change in the way we account for Medicaid that we pass onto our affiliates but also we had increases in public safety expenditures, primarily for the jail and corrections facilities and we had increases in mental health programs that were supported by grant dollars that we received from the State.

When we combine revenues and expenditures, the result is what you see on this slide. Essentially, we broke even in the year 2001, approximately a \$500,000 loss on total revenues, as I said previously, an excess of \$200,000,000. And you see, over the past several years, we have had surpluses for the past three years and then a fairly substantial deficiency in 1997. Our objective is to run at approximately break even over the long term and we do have surpluses, as you know, that we have built up during these past several years and our plan is to draw those surpluses down in an orderly fashion over a period of several years.

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Looking just at the general fund now, and the general fund of course is the largest operating fund that we have. This accounts for most of the activity that people traditionally think of as a county service. The general fund balance, at the end of the year, was 28 and a half million dollars, but much of that balance, as you see here, is either reserved or designated. A reserved balance is balance that is legally restricted to some specific purpose. Can't be used for anything else. In this case, the blue bar shows that we have 1.4 million dollars of reserved fund balance. That will pay bills that had been incurred prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> but not yet invoiced by vendors. And we have designated fund balance, the green bar, that is money that while not legally restricted, has a planned future use. The green bar on this chart totals 7.4 million dollars and that designation is for roads and bridges and for future budget.

In the current year's budget, we have anticipated a substantial portion of that green section of this chart. That leaves the undesignated fund balance, the money that is in effect the County's rainy day reserve. That balance is 19.7 million dollars at December the 31<sup>st</sup> and it represents a little over 16% of the revenue of the general fund. Our target for undesignated fund balance, the minimum level that we want, is approximately 7% of revenues, so we are a little bit over that target, about \$11,000,000 over that target in fact and as I've said, over the next several years, our plan is to draw that balance down to the target.

Turning now to . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Let me just ask a question. By drawing that down, that will reduce some pressure on us having to consider raising the mill levy. Is that correct?”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “Yes. It will but we need to be very cautious in the way that we draw it down so that we don't use a non-recurring funding source, fund balance to pay for an ongoing expense.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I understand that.”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “Turning now to staffing, that is the largest expenditure that we incur, the most substantial expenditure and so it's one that we pay a lot of attention to. During the year 2001, total staffing of the County increased about 150 positions, primarily in human services for grant funded activities. You see on the red bars at the bottom that we have converted the total position count to the population that is served by those positions, so we have 5.73 positions for every 1,000 residents of Sedgwick County. And that level has been increasing at a very moderate rate, as you see, over the past four or five years.

Of course, every position that we add costs money and, on average in 2001, our positions cost us a little over \$44,000 in salary and benefits. Over the past five years, our salary and benefits costs

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have increased at an average rate of 2.7% a year.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Does that include the increased salaries and benefits of existing employees too?”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “That’s existing employees plus new employees, yes.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay.”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “Turning now to the County’s debt. What you see here is a chart that shows the total debt, municipal debt that is borne by Sedgwick County taxpayers. And the bars on the chart show the different kinds of governments that have issued that municipal debt. The County’s debt is the green bar at the bottom and that is 96 and a half million dollars in 2001. The blue bar shows all of the debt that has been issued by cities in Sedgwick County and that total is just under \$373,000,000. The white bar shows debt that has been issued by public building commissions and there are several of them in Sedgwick County. The County has one, the City of Wichita has one. Combined, those public building commissions have issued 61 and a half million dollars. The red bar shows the debt that has been issued by all of the different school districts located in Sedgwick County and they have issued a total of \$286,000,000 worth of debt. And at the very top, a very thin line that is black represents debt that has been issued by other special purpose districts throughout Sedgwick County and that, in 2001, totals 1.7 million dollars.

So the total debt, when you add all of those together, the total municipal debt that is supported by Sedgwick County taxpayers is \$818,000,000. Of that total, \$116,000,000 has been issued either by Sedgwick County or by Sedgwick County Public Building Commission on our behalf. When we look at the County’s debt issuances, we need to be cognizant not just of the County’s outstanding debt, but of this total debt burden that will be borne by our taxpayers. And so, I’m going to show you a couple of slides that look just at the County’s own debt, what we call the direct debt, and then I’m going to look at a couple of slides that show various indicators of this total debt, called overlapping debt.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Chris, before you move on, I guess in looking at this, since 1998 we have either . . . Sedgwick County has remained constant or even decreased.”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “That’s correct. In 1998, we had just under \$102,000,000 of debt outstanding. We now have 26 and a half million that’s issued by Sedgwick County. And in addition to that, as I said, we have a little bit of debt issued by the public building commission.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me just, again for public clarification, when the citizen gets their tax bill for the year, all of these entities show up on the tax bill and sometimes they get the misconception that these are all taxes or charges that the County is putting on them and I think this clarification . . . and I like what Commissioner McGinn said, that we've been constant, at least on the amount that we have direct control on or have actually reduced since 1998 and I think that's an important function."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "On this chart, Sedgwick County represents approximately 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the total debt. Turning now to the County's direct debt, this is debt that has been issued either by Sedgwick County or by Sedgwick County's Public Building Commission for Sedgwick County facilities. And we're looking here at that debt on a per capita basis. The red bars show the total amount of debt per capita. It has declined from 1998, level of \$284 per capita, to \$254 per capita in 2001. The blue bar adjusts for the impact of inflation.

One of the ratios that bond rating agencies look at when they're giving us a bond rating is this measure of the total debt as a percentage of the market value that will support that debt. And in Sedgwick County, our direct debt amounts to approximately 1/2 of 1% of the market value of property that will be levied taxes to repay that debt. Standard and Poors, one of the three primary rating agencies, uses a 6% level as what they consider a danger signal. They consider a 3% level on this ratio to be low. Sedgwick County, today is at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of that 3% level. So, by this measure, we are extremely low in the amount of debt that will be borne by Sedgwick County taxpayers.

Another ratio that the rating agencies look at and that we pay attention to measures the debt service, the principal and interest payments that we have to make each year on that outstanding debt, against the total expenditures of the County. In other words, what portion of the County's budget can't be used for ongoing operations because it has to be used to pay those debt obligations that were incurred in prior years. Well, at the end of 2001, just over 7% of our expenditures were for debt services and that's down from a little over 9% in the prior year.

The danger signal that's used, again by Standard and Poors, is 15%. So, we are at less than half of the level that Standard and Poors would consider acceptable for Sedgwick County's debt service payments. The little dotted line that you can just sort of barely see, off to the right there, shows what this ratio would have looked like had we not made that change in the way we account for the settling of affiliate Medicaid payments. That is, if our expenditures had been less, because we

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weren't now counting those expenditures for affiliates, the ratio would have been a little bit higher, but not much. It would have been 7.35% instead of 7.07%."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Is that 15% is County's and City's as well?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "No, this is just the County."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Oh. So cities would have a different percent?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Well, the same benchmark, the same danger signal is used for cities as well as for the county, but they have their own measure, yes."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "That's what I was asking."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "It's measured on their own budget, their own expenditures."

Now this chart isn't something that the rating agencies look at for most governments around the country, but it is something they look at for Sedgwick County and it's something that we pay a lot of attention to because this is a self-imposed limit on County debt. We have adopted a policy that says the county will not incur debt of any sort that is greater than 5% of the assessed value in our tax base.

And what we're looking at here is what share of that 5% ceiling we have used up and you see that the share that we've used up has declined over the past several years. We are now at a little over 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the debt capacity that we are allowed by our own internal policy. That downward trend looks good but, as you know from other briefings that I've given you, this is still something that is troublesome to us because in our plans right now we expect to incur debt over the next several years that will exceed our debt ceiling. The difference between 69% of capacity and capacity is \$53,000,000. That's how much additional debt we can incur and stay within our 5% ceiling.

In the existing adopted Capital Improvement Program, we expect to issue \$11,000,000 of debt for courthouse projects, \$24,000,000 worth of debt for the new juvenile detention facility, \$8,000,000 worth of debt for the 911 emergency communications center and emergency operations center, \$27,000,000 worth of debt for road projects and \$53,000,000 worth of debt for the Coliseum. That's what is in the adopted CIP.

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Now, because of the arena issue, that \$53,000,000 worth of debt may not be issued. We certainly won't issue it until after we know what the outcome is of the arena. But even if we don't do that project, we still exceed the capacity that we have under this 5% ceiling with those other projects that I cited."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me make, though, a clarification because the arena is a big hot topic and what have you. We need to clarify for the public, the fact that we have \$53,000,000 just sort of dovetailed in our future CIP in no way, shape or form indicates that that's the will of the Board at this time that if the arena doesn't go through we're going to spend \$53,000,000 on the Coliseum. That was just a figure that was I'll use the word plugged into the CIP to allow us the flexibility of discussing what, if anything, that we might want to do to the Coliseum above and beyond what we feel we have to do and that's to make it ADA requirement. But I do want to emphasize that to the public because you're going to be hearing a lot of pros and cons about voting and you need to have accurate information and that \$53,000,000 is not a set in cement given that that's what we're going to spend, so if the arena doesn't go through we would be incurring \$53,000,000 in debt. I just need to make that clear."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "And all of those issues that I cited are not immediate. That's over the next several years that those are all in the CIP."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Real quickly, we have . . . our predecessors adopted that policy. What does the State . . . the State has a limit that's slightly higher than that."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Are you talking about for state government or what is the state's limit?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Their self-imposed limit."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "I don't know that the State has a self-imposed limit. They may have. I'm just not aware of it."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And do they have one for counties?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Well, there is a statutory debt limit that is imposed on counties and that limit is 3% of assessed value for certain kinds of county debt. There are lots of exclusions from that limit and so we don't pay a lot of attention to it, because frankly we are a lot farther away from that 3% state limit, once you've taken out all of the exceptions, than we are to this 5% self-imposed ceiling. This ceiling, even though it's a higher number, this ceiling is far more restrictive than the state's ceiling on Sedgwick County."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, let me ask the question maybe another way. Do other counties impose a ceiling and nationwide, statewide, and are we below or above what maybe other counties our size do?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "There is not a norm, no. Many counties, counties that are considered to be well managed have adopted a debt policy and that debt policy will, in some fashion, establish the tolerance of that community to incur debt. That level will be different in every community, based on the conditions of that community. So, there is not a norm that you can apply. What the rating agencies do, that are looking at Sedgwick County and rating those other governments, what they do is look first to see if there is a limit, has the organization gone through the exercise of determining what a reasonable debt burden for its citizens will be, and secondly, they look to see if we are adhering to that self-imposed limit. And on both counts, we score points with them."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What does Johnson County do? That's the county that's closest to us in population."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "In terms of limit, I don't know what they do. I can find out and tell you."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "That would be a good benchmark right there."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That would be helpful to have that information."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Some of these smaller counties wouldn't be close to what we need. The other thing is, on the CIP monies, how much of that is really committed? I know it's in the CIP."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Just the current year is the only thing that's committed."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "But have we done resolutions and ordinances that have locked any of the money in?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "No."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Just the current year, when we adopt our capital improvement project, like when we go through the 2003 exercise and we adopt certain capital projects they want to do for 2003, then that money is locked in at that time. Is that correct?"

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**Mr. Chronis** said, "Well, in terms of debt issues, it's not even locked in at that point. Whenever there's a debt issue, you have to take a series of actions leading up to that issue, and you have that opportunity to opt out, if you will, to change your mind at any decision point along that spectrum. You have, so far this year, you have adopted resolutions of intent to incur debt to fund some road projects, some courthouse projects and one other project which escapes me, household hazardous waste earlier this year."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Some of the bigger ones, like JDF, we haven't done anything."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "You have not taken any action with regard to those projects."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "They're only in the CIP for planning purposes and they can be chopped at any point in time when we do budget."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And I think that's the point I was trying to make. I didn't say those words."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "The other thing that would be interesting is that if you accepted all those CIPs and accepted that we have to do, we're mandated to do the ADA on the Coliseum, that price tag will take us over the limit anyway, just the price tag for ADA improvements. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Well, the price tags for projects without anything for the Coliseum will take us over."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And that would be just that much more, not the \$53,000,000 but the \$10,000,000 or whatever that is."

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

I've gotten ahead of myself here. This slide is looking at another ratio that the rating agencies consider to be an important indicator of a community's level of debt and willingness to incur additional debt. This is looking at the per capita debt in relation to personal income. The blue line at the bottom of the page shows the County's direct debt. That's debt that has been issued by the County or by the Public Building Commission for the County as a percentage of personal income in Sedgwick County and we are less than 1% of personal income. For direct debt, Standard and Poors considers the danger signal to be 6% of personal income. So we are less than 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the level that we could be at and still be considered acceptable by the rating agencies."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Rich [sic], could you explain to me, if that's . . . Chris, I'm sorry, an industry red flag, why isn't that just a straight line, 6% is the red flag. Why does that fluctuate?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Well, the red line isn't that indicator. That is the ratio of the total debt in Sedgwick County, the overlapping debt to personal income. So the ratio that the rating agencies are looking at, primarily, is our direct debt as a percentage of personal income and for that, they think anything less than 6% is okay. We're at less than 1%. For the total debt in the community, the overlapping debt, they consider anything less than 15% to be acceptable. Our total debt is at 6%. In other words, another way of looking at that is to say that \$818,000,000 that has been issued by all governments in Sedgwick County, that could have been issued by Sedgwick County alone, and as a percentage of personal income, it would be right at the danger signal.

Now, finally a few slides to show some indicators of our major revenue streams. First property taxes, they are based as you know on the assessed value of property. That has been increasing moderately over the past several years. In 2001, our assessed value, including motor vehicles, was just under 3.4 million dollars. That was 5% more than in the prior year. Those moderate increases in assessed value have been a primary factor in our ability to hold the line on the property tax rate for the past several years. And we expect to continue to hold the line on the property tax rate but, frankly, it's going to be a little bit tougher to do going forward because all indications are that this growth rate that we've had in taxable value is not going to continue at the same pace. We are expecting growth of taxable value for 2002 at less than the growth that we experienced in 2001 and similarly we are expecting it to be at somewhat less than that rate for years into the future."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "But the values aren't going to go down."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "We don't expect them to go down. We do expect there to be growth in the tax base, but more slowly than we've experienced in the past.

Sales tax is another revenue that we rely on very heavily for many County operations, and for our road construction program. And the good news is that sales tax increased in 2001, after two consecutive years of decline. The total increase . . . and what you see here is the total sales tax, County sales tax received in Sedgwick County by the County government and the 20 cities in Sedgwick County. This is not just the County's revenue. It is split among all those governments. That total revenue increased about \$3,000,000, which is nearly 5% over the prior year. Sedgwick County's share of that, however, only increased 1% over the prior year."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What did we budget it would increase?"

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**Mr. Chronis** said, "We budgeted that it would increase between 3 and 4%. So we received less than we have expected and that's because our share of the pie, of the sales tax pie, has dropped due to annexations. As more population is annexed into cities, Sedgwick County receives less of the sales tax.

And finally, for a number of years we have shown you the impact of a policy adjustment that the Board of Commissioners made in the early 1990s, pertaining to our collection of special assessments. Prior to 1993, as you see here, our collection rate on special assessments was extremely low and if this chart went back farther, it would be lower even than the 70% levels that you see. But in 1993, we adopted a policy that required developers to put up a letter of credit to secure the assessments that were imposed on properties that they were developing. And once that policy was put in place, our collection rate increased up into the 90% range, which is good for special assessments. That's what we want to see. To the extent that we are unable to collect special assessments, we have to cover the costs of special assessment projects with general tax revenues, and so it's very important that we have as high a collection rate on special assessments as possible.

Now for the past two years, you see, the collection rate has started to dip a little bit and that's something that we're examining to try to figure out what's driving that drop in collection rate and if we find that a policy adjustment is necessary in order to restore the collection rate, we'll be bringing that to you in the coming months."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "So, at this point, we don't know why that downward trend?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "At this point, we don't have a clear answer."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Because I don't understand that one either. We've really been so successful in that new . . ."

**Commissioner Winters left at 11:03 a.m**

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Ninety percent . . . I would still consider that successful but we're on the borderline now, I think."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I would too. Now I'm starting to see some decline in that and I just don't understand why. I'd be interested, when you do some analysis of that, see what's happening and why. Ninety is still fine, compared to before we enacted the policy and changed to the letter of credit system and developers now develop their subdivisions in parcels or in phases so that it works better for them and it works better for County government. Obviously, this is a vast improvement over what we used to collect but I'm just curious as to why it's starting to go down just a touch.

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Ninety percent is still good, 95 is better.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “But it looks like there’s a trend and that’s scary.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “That’s right, so let us know when you get about that business.”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “Okay. That concludes my presentation. I’ll be glad to answer any questions that you have about this or about the financial statements. As I said early, Mark Dick, our external auditor also is here and prepared to answer any questions. And if you have none, then I would recommend your approval of the application that is a part of this agenda item.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments of Rich [sic] or anyone? I don’t see any, Rich [sic] so I will just ask what the will of the Board is on this item please?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file, and approve submission of the Application.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Commissioner Winters returned at 11:06 a.m.**

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- 2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2002 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE THE DESIGN PHASE OF A BRIDGE ON 327<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST BETWEEN KELLOGG AND PAWNEE. CIP# B-364.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Pete Giroux**, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Public Works is asking your permission to bring forward the design phase of a bridge replacement on 327<sup>th</sup> Street West in 2002. That move into 2002 will assure adequate time to both design the project as well as obtain the necessary permits.

The bridge is located to the west of Garden Plain and south of U.S. 54. Bridge sufficiency rating is well below standard. It is time to replace the bridge and it has got a low load limit. Again, the construction phase would stay where it currently is in 2004. This is just an adjustment to our timing.

The design phase will now include the requirement to obtain the necessary permits. That increases the cost from 48 to \$59,000 and the fund source remains the local sales tax road and bridge fund. There are adequate funds available. Both staff and the CIP committee recommend approval of this adjustment to the CIP. Do you have any questions?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Pete. I don't see that we have any questions on this item. What is the will of the Board please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn     Aye  
Chairman Ben Sciortino            Aye

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

**I.     AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO OAKLAWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Mr. Snapp** said, "This is a renewal of the agreement that we've had to provide bus service to Oaklawn, actually since 1990. Rider-ship does increase every year. Actually, in 2001 it increased 4% over last year. So, if you have any questions, I'll answer them for you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What did you say the increase in cost was over last year?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Well, I didn't say increase in cost, I said increase in rider-ship."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Oh, rider-ship, I'm sorry."

**Mr. Snapp** said, "The cost didn't increase very much. It increased about \$1,000. It's currently at \$28,700."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And you say the rider-ship has increased?"

**Mr. Snapp** said, "Yes it has. Actually, there's a lady out in the hall was here for an earlier item. She said that she rode the bus up here and she uses it as her primary form of transportation in Wichita and she appreciates the service."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Any questions or comments of Brad on this item? I don't see that we have any, so what's the will of the Board please?"

**MOTION**

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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**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. Thank you."

**J. AGREEMENTS (TWO) FOR RENTAL OF KANSAS COLISEUM BLEACHERS.**

- 1. WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC.**
- 2. CESSNA AIRCRAFT COMPANY**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're renting two sets of bleachers, one to the River Festival folks and the other one to Cessna. This is a recurring rental. They do this every year at this time. It's our standard rental agreement and we recommend approval."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Commissioner McGinn left at 11:10 a.m.**

**K. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION PROVIDING INDIVIDUAL THERAPY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING, AND TERMINATION OF AFFILIATION AGREEMENT.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an agreement that sets up a an independent contractor relationship between COMCARE and the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita to allow their psych interns or psychology interns to provide testing to COMCARE clients that are referred and short-term therapy for clients that are referred.

The agreement stipulates that the interns will use brief, solution-focused therapy approach with individuals that we refer and that the access requirement is that they would see our clients that we would refer within ten days and that they would score at least a 75% on the outcome measurement and survey that we currently send out to all our out-patients that measures the percent of our clients that report satisfaction with the services, in terms of it being helpful, report that they're making progress in therapy and report that they feel comfortable with their provider, which nationally is supposed to be one of the best indicators of success in treatment.

This agreement replaces the original affiliation agreement that we had with K.U. for these interns and we did that by mutual agreement. Be happy to answer any questions you would have."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Commissioner McGinn returned at 11:13 a.m.**

**2. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE  
AUTHORITY FOR A JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE  
BLOCK GRANT.**

**OVERHEAD PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Chris Kautzer**, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am here this morning to present to you a grant application to continue receiving Juvenile Accountability Incentive block grant funds. This block grant is a federally funded initiative that is administered by the State. The intent of the block grant continues to be promoting greater accountability in the juvenile justice system by providing funding for prosecution, juvenile courts, drug testing and accountability based sanctions in our community.

This is our fourth year of funding under this initiative and we are eligible to receive \$412,340 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1. A required 10% cash match has been planned for in the County budget. This brings the total grant award to \$458,156. The Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board has coordinated the process in developing this grant application and their recommendation is to continue funding the current programs, which were selected to address important needs in our

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local strategic plan.

The recommended programs are shown here on this screen. We have home-based services, and this funds a portion of one position to work in the detention alternative program to increase supervision contacts. We also have school-based probation funds, which funds four probation officers that are co-located in area high schools to better supervise juvenile offenders. A diversion manager position is funded in the D.A.'s office. This is to administer the diversion programs, which have really grown significantly in the last few years. We have an information-sharing system project. This is a technology development project to create a data-sharing network. This project pulls data from multiple sources and it does make it available to the decision makers and the juvenile justice system. And finally we have the detention mental health project. This is a joint project with COMCARE to pay for one senior level clinician to work at the Juvenile Detention Facility. The purpose is to improve mental health services in detention by screening the youth for symptoms and then getting them connected to community services. The cost of this project is split, 50/ 50, with COMCARE. We ask that you approve this grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign and I'll be happy to address any questions you may have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. We do have one at least. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "How many . . . what are the schools where the school-based probation officers are placed?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "Those are at East, North, South and Sowers."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "All those are within the confines of the city limits of Wichita?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And we have none that are in outlying schools?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "Not at this time."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What kind of case load does each probation officer have? Do you have that information?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "I wouldn't know that information. I'll be happy to get it for you though."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'd be interested in that to see if there's any trends. Are there other

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schools we're looking at putting those kinds of services in?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "Not at this time. When this project started, the Getting Responsible and Disciplined, it was in just the three schools, East, North and South and just in this last fiscal year we added Sowers. So, we're still kind of in the development phase and we'll look at the outcomes at the end of this fiscal year."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. Is there new data involved that would lead us to think that there are other high schools that would need that?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "They may have. I would want to consult with the administrator over juvenile field services and see what she has right now for current data."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. As we move forward in co-locating in mental health, I think it's going to be those kinds of programs in the schools that really help all of these kinds of things and I'd like to see more information about what other schools maybe have the trigger mechanism to have a probation office."

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "Be happy to get that for you."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. I don't see that there's any other comments or questions. So, I'll ask 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

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn     Aye  
Chairman Ben Sciortino            Aye

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

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Mr. Chairman, if it would please the Board, on Item L-1 and L-4, we would like to defer that."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Items L-1 and L-4?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Do we have to have a Motion on that?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Just a Motion to defer those."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to defer Items L-1 and L-4.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**L. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

- 1. ADDITION OF ONE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR POSITION, RANGE 22, FOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE II POSITIONS, RANGE 22, ONE INTERPRETER AIDE POSITION, RANGE**

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**16, AND ONE OFFICE SPECIALIST POSITION, RANGE 15, TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.**

**This item was deferred.**

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

**2. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDING FUNDING OF A PROGRAM TO INCREASE DENTAL CARE FOR MEDICAID CHILDREN.**

**Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson**, Director of Preventive Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And I'm here to present two agenda items that are related. The first one is we request approval from you of a contract with SRS for funding of the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program. This grant is set up as a pilot program to recruit dentist in the community to provide services to Medicaid children. Currently, only 13% of dentists in the community participate in the Medicaid program and only 29% of eligible children receive dental care. The goal of this grant is to increase Medicaid dental services and also to improve accessibility of children for dental services. The amount of this first grant is \$35,000 from SRS. We're requesting your approval of this contract with SRS for this ABCD grant program."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Is there any questions or comments to Phyllis on this item? I don't see that are any."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I would like to ask a question on this. You know, they have that dental program where dentists go in there and volunteer and they check teeth and I don't know that they clean. So, all they're doing is making recommendation and so this money is to go to actually either do cleaning or . . .?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "No, this money actually is going to recruit dentists to participate in a Medicaid program and it's actually to provide money for a position, a case coordinator, which will go out into the community to recruit dentists to participate in the Medicaid program."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, in their office. So, it's different from what we do at the Health Department. Thank you."

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Yes. At the Health Department we provide restorative and preventive health services for children 5 to 15 years old. And many of those dentists do not participate in the Medicaid program. However they volunteer their services to the Health Department dental program."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Wait a minute. We're hiring a salesperson, in essence, to go out and try to sell a dentist on the idea of joining the Medicaid program. Is that correct?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Well, this person's primary function is to recruit dentists to participate in the Medicaid program and also to increase accessibility of those children to go out and market the programs to educate the families on the importance of dental care and also to educate the dentists in the community on Medicaid and fluoride varnishing."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, what's the goal to see whether or not this position has been

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successful? Do we have a goal for the first year as to how many dentists we wish to recruit?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Well, we foresee at least five dentists per year and that is the goal that was set for us."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So the work is to just . . . they've not gone through the Medicare system, the dentists . . . or Medicaid system and so the person is going to go out there to the dentist and try to sell them on . . ."

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Encourage them to enroll in the Medicaid program."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Because they've just not done it in the past."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "So, roughly, we're willing to invest \$7,000 a year per dentist. That's . . . if I understand that right. If you take their salary and you're hoping to get five a year, so we're going to invest about \$7,000 per recruit."

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Well, SRS is providing \$35,000 in funding for this position."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I understand."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "But the more important part is do we have a goal for the number of . . . how many more children could be receiving dental care?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Well, as I said, only 29% of those children, eligible children, participate so we want to increase the amount of children that are participating. The goal for dentists is to recruit at least five dentists to provide services."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "So we'd hope that, if this grant is accepted, that you could come back and give us some sort of figure as to how many more children were seen who previously had not received dental care."

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Absolutely."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Do we have a number of like . . . for each dentist recruited, how many children they might be able to serve?"

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**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, “No, we don’t have a number. We do not want to request that they see a certain amount . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And you can maybe bring this to us. You don’t have to get it right now. We know how many dentists we presently have in the program and we know how many children we presently have in the program. Is that correct?”

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, “Yes.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “So we could divide the number of dentists into the number of children and get kind of an idea as to how many children one dentist could . . . Why don’t you get that information for us and that will give us an indication that if we get five dentists and they’re working a full year, approximately ‘x’ number of additional children might be served. That could be helpful for us.”

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, “I can get that.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. Is that all that you had.”

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, “That’s the first one and . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, well I think we have to take these . . . Don’t we have to take these . . .”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “We’ve already taken care of this. I just didn’t get my question in quick enough. We’ve already taken care of it.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “We have. Okay. Thank you. Then next item.”

### 3. **AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY OF THE PLAINS/SMART START WICHITA PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS FOR A PROGRAM TO INCREASE DENTAL CARE FOR MEDICAID CHILDREN.**

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, “This agreement is related . . . this proposal is related to the first one that I just described and this is providing an additional \$40,000 for salary and for incentives for this coordinator, which will go out to recruit dentists to enroll in the Medicaid program. And this is going to be provided by United Way of the Plains/ Smart Start and United Methodist Health Ministries combined for a total of \$75,000 for this program.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "On the backup, I'm seeing 25 and 15. I see \$40,000."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And then the 35 we just approved. It's just different funding sources."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Got it. Okay, fine. Thank you. Any questions or comments on this item?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Just that I'm real anxious to see the positive outcomes here. I'm going to be supportive. Carolyn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Yes, I see that it's a pilot project, so I'm very interested in seeing what the results are and it would . . . who knows whether it's going to be there next year, after the State gets done. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. If there's no further questions or comments, what's the will of the Board on Item L-3?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Thank you and I'll make sure that you're kept abreast on the numbers of dentists and children that become enrolled."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That would be great. Thank you. Next item please."

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- 4. ADDITION OF ONE DENTAL HYGIENIST PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION, RANGE 22, TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.**

**This item was deferred.**

- M. AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE AND DOUGLAS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 779-R-4729; BRIDGE ON 327<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST BETWEEN KELLOGG AND PAWNEE. CIP# B-364. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. David Spears**, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item M is an agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas to provide engineering services for the bridge project on 327<sup>th</sup> Street West, between old U.S. 54 and Pawnee, designated as B-364 in the Capital Improvement Program. The total cost is \$59,000, which includes surveying, hydrology, permits for the Division of Water Resources, geology, right-of-way documents, utility coordination and design. This agreement stipulates a deadline of January 30, 2004, for the completion of final plans on the project. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I do have just one quick question. You have applied for the permits with DRW? How long are they taking?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "They're all variable and there's no consistent time. We applied for a permit on a culvert last June and still have not received it. For the bridges that we're going to construct this year, we've received permits on all of them except one and it's the one on Andale Road. This

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bridge, the reason we're doing this is to try to speed up the . . . give us a little more lead time. This was one we were going to design next year. We had some excess money, after we've let our bridges this year, they came in under what we thought they would and so we're going to use that money to go ahead and pay for the design that was going to be done next year, we're going to do it this year. It will be built in 2004, so that will give us all of next year to get the permit."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. Thank you, Dave. That's all I have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Don't see that there's any further comment. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

**Ms. Lisa Davis**, Deputy Clerk, said, "We've got a Motion."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let's call the vote."

**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, David. Next item please."

**N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2002.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today are a result of the regular meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts April 25, 2002.

**1) CS-2 CRUSHED STONE- PUBLIC WORK  
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

First item today, CS-2 crushed stone for Public Works. Recommend the low bid meeting specifications from Central Paving for a value of \$143,000.

**2) CHANGE ORDER**

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**CONSERVATION OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENT- FACILITY PROJECTS  
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item two, change order for the conservation Civil War monument for Facility Projects. Recommend to accept the change order with Marshall Gold Leaf and Art Conservation Studios in the amount of \$32,325.

**3) HVAC MODIFICATIONS FOR JRBR- FACILITY PROJECTS  
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item three, HVAC modifications for the Judge Riddel's Boys Ranch for Facility Projects. Recommend the low bid without alternate from Bauer & Son Construction of \$118,900.

**4) ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES OFFICE ALTERATION- FACILITY PROJECTS  
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item four, addition treatment services office alteration for Facility Projects. Recommend the low bid from Commerce Construction of \$37,900.

**5) FOUR-DOOR SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item five, four-door sedans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trades, from Mel Hambelton Ford of \$24,800.

**6) ½ TON HEAVY DUTY TRUCK- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item six, half ton heavy duty truck for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trades, from Rusty Eck Ford, \$15,616.

**7) UTILITY VEHICLE- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item seven, utility vehicle for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid meeting specifications

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including trade-ins from Mel Hambelton Ford of \$19,500.

**8) MINI VANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item eight, mini-vans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trades, from Mel Hambelton Ford, \$48,600.

**9) LIGHT EXTENDED CAB TRUCKS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item nine, light extended cab trucks for Fleet Management. Recommend low bid, including trades, from Rusty Eck Ford for \$17,100.

**10) RIDING MOWERS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item ten, riding mowers for Fleet Management. Recommend the only bid received, including trade-ins, from Wichita Tractor for \$45,956.

**11) ½ TON TRUCKS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item eleven, half ton trucks for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trade-ins, from Rusty Eck Ford for \$75,963.

**12) FOUR-DOOR SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item twelve, four-door sedans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trades, from Rusty Eck Ford for \$87,488.

**13) OFFSET MOWERS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item thirteen, offset mowers for Fleet Management. Recommend the only bid received, including trades, from Wichita Tractor for \$23,193.

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**14) SAND SPREADERS- FLEET MANAGEMENT**  
**FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

And item fourteen, sand spreaders for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid from Kansas Truck for a value of \$54,993.

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thanks, Iris. We do have a question or two. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “First of all, on number two, our contribution is going to be \$2,190?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “And the bid was for \$32,350, change order. The rest of it will be picked up by the Historical Society?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. On number ten and thirteen, only one company wanted to bid on mowers?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “On ten and thirteen, Wichita Tractor is the territorial distributor for the mowers that were speced. Bids did go to some of the vendors in outlying areas and they chose not to bid.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Territorial contractor.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “They have a franchise?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Territorial distributors, exactly, for Rino, for . . .”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “But this was a proprietary bid, that we only wanted one particular brand, one particular brand, one particular size, 84 inch rear wheel, it just had to be this one or nothing else, right?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “It was speced that way, yes.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “So it has to be green or nothing else.”

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**Mr. Spears** said, "I remember something about this on Bid Board, Iris and you probably do too. On that item ten, I think this was for the park and they needed a rear discharge because of the problem of sometimes going by where kids are playing or stuff and they didn't want it discharging out the side."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I understand that but it had to be 84 inch. I mean, it looks like it was speced that only one contractor could deliver the spec. And my question is, if that's the case, could have been a little bit looser speced getting the basic components that they wanted, rear discharge, etcetera and so forth, so that we could get a feel for could we have saved substantial money with it not being so tightly speced that only one person can handle it and since he has this franchise area, they probably have an unwritten law that you can't bid on something outside of other people's franchise areas or there's going to be war. I don't know that the public is getting a fair shake in knowing whether or not we can save money. I'm not saying this is a bad product, but I'm just wondering . . . Okay, that's all I have. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, it's pretty much the same question I had. But item seven, I noticed we didn't take low bid."

**Ms. Baker** said, "On this bid, we'd asked for an intermediate vehicle and Ford has come out with a new compact SUV and some of them bid Explorer, some of them bid Expedition. The specs were written for an Expedition."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Oh, okay, I see. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "But Haven Ford bid exactly the same thing as Mel Hambelton bid and they were lower."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "No, different vehicles."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you said item seven. I was looking at item seven."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "It is. Expedition versus an Explorer."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Oh, I'm sorry I looked at XLT four by four. Okay. Okay. All right, I didn't have anything else."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "My only concern is that we only got one tractor bid and it seems to

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me there are a lot of tractor companies that might have something that's close to what we could use."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I'm going to be supportive of this and you know maybe we need to . . . It seems like this is getting to be the most exciting part of every meeting when we get to this point. But Iris, you, your staff, the Bid Board people that participate, if a department head comes in and says, 'Okay, I want to bid this and it's got to be like this' you just don't automatically say, 'Okay, you can bid whatever you want'. You have some kind of a process that says, why do you want this kind of specifications? Why do you want a rear discharger? Why do you want a front-end mount mower? Why do you want the offset side mowers? And the department has to justify to you why it is that they're doing this and if the members we have on the Bid Board don't buy into that, then they reject the bids or they tell the department head, 'No, you can't be that tight'.

And that's why it kind of then takes us out of this questioning what every single bid is, because we've got confidence in the Bid Board. Now, if we don't have confidence in the Bid Board, we need to change the members of the Bid Board or we need to change the way that we let exceptions come in."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, I agree with that. And, personally, I’m starting to have a little less confidence in the Bid Board. If staff members are on the Bid Board and staff members are pitching to staff members, which to me could be pitching to the choir and, you know, ‘You help me, I’ll help you’. But what I’m saying, I’m speaking as one commissioner, I would like for us to look at the present makeup of this Bid Board, understanding why this had to be a rear discharge 84 inch model, if their basic problem was a rear discharge, why did it have to be so tightly speced that nobody else could compete against it. Why did it have to be a New Holland MC35? We’re back to the yellow road grader as opposed to the red one or something.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “But my comment was, though that somebody has looked at that. I mean, it’s not coming to us without Iris’s department and the Bid Board having asked those questions to somebody.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And my lack of comfort zone is how hard were they asked the questions, how hard did they stand on, ‘No, we’re not going to accept that’ as to was it perfunctory asked and okay, fine, get it signed and we’ll go through with it. I’m just speaking as one commissioner but I’m having less and less comfort level that the Bid Board process is as efficient as I would like it to be.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “My comment is that I really believe, from my years as mayor and years with doing these kinds of things in private industry is that you inspect what you expect. And it’s our job, even though we have a filter there, we have some pretty smart people that work hard on this, that we’re still required to ask some tough questions occasionally of all staff and of the Bid Board, just to be sure that the mechanism is working. Because we can get lulled into rubber stamping this every week and never looking at it and saying, ‘You know we’ve got some very smart people that are good staff and we trust them’. But you know, empowerment comes with a risk and that’s the trust and occasionally you have to ask some provocative questions, make sure the systems working for us. And you know what, if they can hold up to the hard questions, it gives us more confidence. It’s exponential. So I think it’s our job to do that. I don’t know that we would need a wholesale change in anything but I would hope that Iris wants us to ask her questions so that she can shine by giving us the right answers.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Absolutely.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “If we never challenge you, never say anything to you then why do you even have a job.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Exactly.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "So I think we have to continue to be very challenging when it is prudent to do that."

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

**Ms. Baker** said, "I can, if I might add, these are heavy-duty tractors. They're not just lawn tractors and Wichita Tractor has distributor rights to several models and I'll be happy to provide you with those brand names. I'm not going to sit here and say it's a sole source but they do control a lot of the brand names that are in this market."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I understand but we did ask for one specific model and one specific brand, did we not, on this bid?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "No. In these specifications, we spelled out what we wanted and New Holland happens to fit that rear discharge. There are some others that have rear discharges as well, various sizes, various attachment capabilities."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "So we didn't specify a New Holland?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "We did not say New Holland only. We did not say Rhino only. Those happened to be products that we were trading, but we didn't say those particular brand names exclusively."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd be prepared to make a Motion to accept all of the items or if there are those that would like to delete ten and thirteen until you get more information, I'd be glad to do that too."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I would feel more comfortable if we could delete at least item ten and I think I would be comfortable with deleting both items ten and thirteen."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exceptions of items number ten and thirteen, which be deferred for one week.

Commissioner Gwin 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. Mr. Euson, I have . . . Thank you very much, Iris. I have a question of you. If we wanted to discuss the framework of Bids and Board contract and the makeup of the board and etcetera, can that be done in Executive Session? Would that have to be a workshop or how could we do that?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "That is legislation and I would recommend a workshop for that."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. All right. Well, we can discuss that but that's something that I think we need to discuss, but that's just my opinion. Okay, next item please."

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### **O. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Bridge Project No. 596-16-4637, bridge on 93<sup>rd</sup> Street North between 151<sup>st</sup> and 167<sup>th</sup> Streets West. CIP# B-319. District #3.**
- 2. Orders dated April 10 and April 24, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 24 – 30, 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.

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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. Any other business to come before this Board? Commissioner McGinn."

**P. OTHER**

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I have to be quick or Tim will share my stories. Last Saturday, the Kansas African American Museum had their annual ball and this year the theme was the Caribbean. And they did an outstanding job once again. And this is the first year they sold out completely. I heard the silent auction went very well. I want to thank Commissioner Gwin for joining us this year. I thought it was great and we also had Jan McKay from Cowtown out meeting folks from our community.

The other thing, there's an excellent article in the paper today about Park City preparing for their bluegrass festival. They expect over 2,000 people at the Kansas Coliseum. They'll be primarily using the Pavilion II. Starts Thursday and goes through Saturday. This is their ninth year and they continue to grow. Sounds like they've got other things going on besides music, some carnivals, fireworks and tractor pull. But there is a good article in today's paper and also gives information about the times of the performances and that kind of thing. So, I invite our community out. We'll have people from all over the state and region, I'm sure, at that to do a little picking and a grinning, I guess and I think Sedgwick County, I believe, is having a booth out there too so we can share a little bit about some of the services that we provide. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Services without boundaries, that's correct. Commissioner, . . . I don't know who went first."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'll defer to Betsy."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. Thank you, Tim. Yesterday, I have some thanks to offer. We entertained visitors from Singapore, those nice folks who hosted me when I traveled there earlier this year. We hosted them a luncheon at the Zoo. Commissioner Sciortino joined me there, because you all were at another luncheon. But I especially want to thank the Zoo staff. They didn't get to choose the date and they really didn't get to choose the time and they put together a really nice lunch. All of our . . . that strawberry shortcake was wonderful. And then to Mark Reed for a wonderful behind the scenes tour that these folks talked about all afternoon and then again last night when I had dinner with them and with friends at McConnell. My thanks too to the County employees at the Zoo and at this Courthouse Complex who came along to meet each other, in some cases for the first time, and our visitors from Singapore. So, thank you all.

I also look forward to a big event. Thursday evening is the opening of a Warren Theatre on my side of town. So, I look forward to that and continued success to Bill Warren and those folks. That will be a great addition to the First District. That's it for me."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I was with Betsy and also Mark went on kind of a behind the scenes tour of the Zoo, which was interesting. We got to feed elephants and man, I've got to tell you, when you put some food in your hand and that trunk comes out, it's like a vacuum sweeper. It just sucks it up and then puts it in his mouth and then he comes out and he's got the nostrils and he couldn't see but he could smell his way to your hand. And so did the rhinoceros."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And the giraffe. It was beautiful."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "It neat. Okay, Commissioner Norton wrap it up for us."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. Well, first I'd like to thank Commissioner Gwin and Chairman Sciortino for running into my granddaughters at the Zoo and offering the chance to feed the elephants. So, that's big talk out in Haysville with the Norton/ Nicholas clan, with the three granddaughters."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "It took your daughter a long time to admit in public she was your daughter, but she finally did."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, she’s learned well, over the years, to stay away from that. The Haysville Trade Show was last weekend. They had great turnout. Kristi Zukovich put together a great booth for us. We had good participation. The Chairman joined us. It was a great day for Haysville to show off some businesses and Sedgwick County was there with a booth to talk about our services and we did have some different agencies there to help out during the day. So, it was a wonderful event.

We’ve spent yesterday, at noon, at the River Festival and that was an awesome way to connect with the Board of the River Festival and Sedgwick County will be helping sponsor the fireworks this year. The premier event of the River Festival and the County is really seeing that as a countywide, region-wide entertainment spectacular and we’re involved in that. So, that was part of why we were there with the River Festival people.

Just a comment on Herb Day and composting. I was there last year, and the lines to get a compost bin was incredible, so get there early if you’re looking to get an composting bin because the lines were huge last year during Herb Day.

And finally I would like to wish well one of our alumni that’s moving down to Derby and that’s Alison Ohlman to take over the Executive Director of Economic Development. Started work today and we will miss her from the Communications Office but we see that as an alumni doing good and we hope her the best down in Derby. That’s all I have.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Anything else to come before this Board? Mr. Euson? Mr. Buchanan? This meeting is adjourned.”

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

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