

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 22, 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 22, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Services (EMS); Sergeant Brenda Dietzman, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds Department; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Kent Koehler, Tech Support Coordinator, Emergency Communications; Mr. Robert Lamkey, Emergency Management Director; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

Dr. Paul Harrison, Representative, Medical Society of Sedgwick County.  
Mr. Frank Seitz, Superintendent of Recreation, Derby Recreation Commission.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was led by Reverend Lois Harder of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, May 1, 2002  
Special Meeting, April 30, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2002 and the Special Meeting of April 30, 2002.

**Commissioner Winters arrived at 9:09 a.m.**

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioners you’ve had a chance, I think, to review the Minutes of the Meeting of May 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. What is your will?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2002 and the Special Meeting of April 30, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And for the record, let it be known that Commissioner Winters is now on the Board. Okay, next item please.”

**PROCLAMATION**

**A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 19-25, 2002 AS “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK.”**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. I would now like to read into the record this proclamation. It states:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical service is a vital public service for any community; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

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**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County EMS has served the citizens in our community for more than 27 years, responding to calls for help for vehicle crashes, heart attacks and other emergencies, providing excellent care and quick response; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County EMS employs full-time paramedics, the highest level of pre-hospital care providers, dedicated to the sole mission of providing medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick County community benefits from a comprehensive '24/7 Sedgwick County Response Team' which includes Sedgwick County EMS, with the primary focus on the health and safety of ALL Sedgwick County citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2002 as

**“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”**

and encourage the community to recognize the excellent emergency medical care provided by Sedgwick County EMS to ALL citizens of Sedgwick County.

And I believe we have Dr. Paul Harrison to receive the award, but first of all I would like to ask the Board what is their will?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation 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

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Yes, Doctor.”

**Dr. Paul Harrison**, Representative, Medical Society of Sedgwick County, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am Dr. Paul Harrison. I’m here as a representative of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County and its EMS Physicians’ Advisory Board. The EMS Physicians’ Advisory Board is charged with developing and overseeing the implementation of the protocols that EMS operates under. I would like to lend our support to this proclamation and thank you for its printing.

Having served on this board for over 20 years, I would like to point out that it has been a very good working relationship. The Medical Society is very pleased with the response of Sedgwick County EMS in helping in continually upgrading the protocols and the service to the citizens of Sedgwick County. And again I would like to personally thank them for their efforts in serving my friends and fellow citizens. Thank you.”

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

**Mr. Tom Pollan**, Director, EMS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I too want to thank the Commission for recognizing EMS Week but specifically those people who provide the care each and every day, 24 hours, 7 days a week. They do it because they care and because they have a passion. What we have to do and as you have done for 27 years, is given them the resources they need to do that and continue to provide excellence in healthcare outside of medical facilities. Thank you.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Tom. You know Tom, before you leave, having been just a short time involved in government, three and a half years or so, it seems to me that citizens are real quick to complain but very slow to compliment government with the notable exception of EMS. I’m continually receiving letters from people that have taken advantage of our service and how well

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. . . they just thank us very much because maybe the way we took care of a mother or a father or themselves and it's the one department that I do see as kind of the reverse of a trend, where people are quick to really thank us because we have, in time of emergency, done something that they perceive saved their life or made a loved one more comfortable. So, I compliment you. Did I sense that maybe he's going to ask us for more money because he was talking about resources?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "It's budget time."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think he just did."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well we'll look at that with an open mind."

**Mr. Pollan** said, "Later tomorrow."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much. Any other comments?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I'll make one quick comment I guess. And I would make this again. I don't think this really could have perhaps come at a better time because we all know now that there are folks that want to take an in-depth, close look, look under the hood, kick the tires of the EMS system. And I think, as a group of Commissioners, I think that we've been extremely proud of the service delivery that the EMS group has given this community. We, right now, don't think the system is broken. If there's something that we can do to make the system better, we're going to talk to our colleagues across the street and review all of the thoughts that have been given but the employees of EMS need to know that the Commissioners believe that each and every one of them is doing a terrific job and they're delivering service in a timely manner and there is nothing to indicate that citizens of this entire County are not receiving just excellent service. So, Tom I hope you can share that with your folks over the coming weeks and the proclamation today was just one part of it and I think sometimes we do proclamations without really thinking about them too much. Well, we're all thinking about this one and this was a timely one. So, thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thanks again, Tom. I don't see any other comments, so thank you Tom. Clerk, call the next item please."

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- B. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY AND KANSAS ADVISORY GROUP ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION FOR FUNDING OF SHERIFF'S CONNECT OAKLAWN RESOURCE/RECREATION EFFORT.**

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**Sergeant Brenda Dietzman**, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is a grant application through the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority. This grant will help fund the S.C.O.R.R.E. program, which is the Sheriff's Connect Oaklawn Resource/ Recreation Effort.

S.C.O.R.R.E. is an outgrowth of a long-term neighborhood planning effort in the Oaklawn area. This effort includes several partners, including community leaders, service providers, the Sheriff's Department, Derby School District, Sedgwick County and the Derby Recreation Commission.

S.C.O.R.R.E. expands the existing Oaklawn program and will enhance the Sheriff's Department's relationship with youth in the Oaklawn area by means of recreational activities, field trips and mentoring opportunities with us. This grant is for \$30,000 and will be matched by the Derby Recreation Commission. Superintendent of the Derby Recreation Commission is here and would like to say a few words in support of this program. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Certainly. Good morning, Frank."

**Mr. Frank Seitz**, Superintendent, Derby Recreation Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We would like to pledge our support from the Derby Recreation Commission for this grant application that's being made. As you know, with your assistance over the past few years, we've started some inroads with recreation programming in the Oaklawn area. We feel we are still at the tip of the iceberg but we want to thank you for your support and especially Sheriff Steed, Brenda and her unit out in Oaklawn. They've been wonderful to work with. We've got a great relationship with them and some of the other efforts that are going out in the community and we'd like to ask for your support in this grant application and I'd be happy to answer any questions if you have any."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "We seem to have at least one. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thanks. I'm not sure for whom this is. What do you suppose the outcome of this grant, how will this grant be used and what positive outcome will be realized?"

**Mr. Seitz** said, "We're trying to tie in the Sheriff's Department with some mentoring programs and we're trying to tie in the Sheriff's Department with some field trips, other activities for the youth in the area. We're trying to build the relationships that are already going on further with the children and especially the teens in the area. As I said, I think we've only hit the tip of the iceberg with our services out there. We're serving over 800 children right now but with limited resources and this will help us expand those."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Is it possible to track the behaviors of these juveniles that may be

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connected with the Sheriff's, i.e. will there be their expulsion rate or their truancy rates or any things like that? Is there some way to track their 'so what's' as I call them? If they get to spend time with Sheriff's officers and Sheriff's deputies, then maybe would their grades rise or would their incidences of truancy lessen? It would be nice to be able to track those kids and see what the results of their interactions with the Sheriff's Department might be."

**Mr. Seitz** said, "We're doing some of that right now with the cooperation of the school district and we'll continue to do that with these programs."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, great. Be glad to see the results of that."

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

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well Frank, while you're there I just want to thank you or thank the Derby Recreation Commission and you're the head of it. But I think it's really nice because a lot of times people will come to us and they want to get a federal grant and then it's just assumed that the County would pick up what ever matching it is. But this is something where another entity has come up, the Derby Rec Commission, has come up and if I'm reading it right you're matching our grant more than two to one and that shows commitment and I wish you every success on this project."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, any other comments? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

### **MOTION**

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

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, "Thank you. Next item."

**C. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH UNITED METHODIST YOUTHVILLE TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUTH WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES WHO ARE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On November 1<sup>st</sup> of last year, the medical card for children in this state who were in the foster care system was opened up for the children who had a serious emotional disturbance and who have need of community-based services and that was opened up throughout the state. Prior to that time, the privatized contractors were responsible for all of the needs and the care for those children. We were pretty excited about that because it allowed a lot more opportunity for those same children to get some services.

COMCARE's staff, our children's staff, has been meeting with SRS and in our area the privatized contractor is Youthville. We've been meeting with them for almost a year and we put a partnership together, along with SRS and some of our other business partners and came up with a plan on how we were going to make this happen. We identified, at that point, about 300 children in our area that fit that description, having an SED diagnosis and needing community-based services. And of those children about 120, 126 of them actually, at that time were actually living in Sedgwick County in foster care homes. Some of them, eventually, will be coming back from homes that they're living in foster care in other parts of the state.

At that time, we also identified the need for additional attendant care, which is another word for

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individual community support services that is being talked about here, and realized that we didn't have enough capacity in our system of current providers to provide that for these additional children. So Youthville had such providers, were already providing that service to them and so we worked together to make arrangements to develop this contract so that they could continue to provide some of those services.

Those activities include things like helping the kids at useful, directed behaviors, helping them function more independently in the community and helping them meet the goals that they've established. The total amount of the grant is \$154,400 and the money will be coming from state funding. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you would have about this. We're requesting that you approve the grant."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Yes, we do have some questions Marilyn. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Give me an update real quick on Youthville. I mean, there's been some problems there with providing services. Kind of give me a quick update on just in general about Youthville and how we tie into that."

**Ms. Cook** said, "Actually, Youthville has a new executive director. We've been working with John Francis and his staff. We have a wonderful relationship with them, which is very, very fortunate. Currently, we have 85 to 90 open cases of children who are in foster care of those 120-some. And what we've been doing is we obligated, under our partnership plan that we submitted to the state, we obligated to ourselves to do an intake or open up about 15 cases a week. We originally had a little trouble getting the children to show up. It's very difficult when you have biological parents and foster care parents and school issues and so forth but that has also improved. So we have 90 open at this point. We do have a number of children and a lot of those children are getting case-management services with us.

We had a period of time about two weeks ago where an influx of children came in and we assigned them to other case managers in our system and have a plan this week to look at our vacant positions and hire a couple of more case managers that will be able to meet that need without having a waiting list. So, at this point, we're doing pretty well with it and it's been busy and it's been a very long road to work out logistics in both of those systems but it's going pretty smoothly here. And I have to say, compared to other parts of the state, there's some centers that got two to twenty children to deal with. Our area, of course, had a large population in foster care."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I think that's one of the problems that happened to Youthville, that once they bid it, it became a much bigger, global kind of thing than they thought originally and it tapped their resources much more, originally. Are they back to being whole or on the road to

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recovery, as far as you're concerned?"

**Ms. Cook** said, "I know that they are undergoing a bankruptcy situation and I know they make appearances to the judge involved with that. I don't know a lot more about their financial solvency but I know they are continuing to meet with the judge."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "But they're functioning okay, as far as you're concerned."

**Ms. Cook** said, "Oh, absolutely. They're functioning, in our opinion, better than they have in a very long time."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. That's really kind of what I was wanting to get at. Thanks."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I don't see any further questions, so what is the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**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. Thanks, Marilyn."

**2. AMENDMENT #1 WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR**

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**THE PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS GRANT.**

**Ms. Cook** said, “This item involves some additional money that doesn’t happen very often coming from us from the state. SRS identified some one-time money that was dedicated to providing services to homeless individuals and had some additional money and split that additional money between us and Wyandotte’s Community Mental Health Center. So, the state has made the decision to award this to us and to increase . . . We have a grant, a PATH grant, which stands for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness. We’ve had a PATH grant for a long time. Our original grant was \$95, 306 and this adds \$5,085 to that. So, we’re very fortunate to have the additional money. We are requesting that you approve this amendment.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Marilyn. Any questions of Marilyn on this item?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**3. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE A PSYCHIATRIC NURSE AT RANGE 21, STEP 13.**

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**Ms. Cook** said, "COMCARE has identified a very uniquely qualified individual who is a nurse for the position of psychiatric nurse for the Sedgwick County Detention Facility. The position has been vacant for a number of months, almost six months at this point. The candidate we've found has considerable experience in the field. She's been a nurse for 12 years. She worked in the ER for 5 years, in psychiatric unit for 4 years and she's currently working in a cardiac unit. So she has some wonderful psychiatric and medical skills under her belt.

Because the mental health services at the detention facility often do operate in a crisis mode, the other staff that interviewed her as well that are providing services in the detention facility were very pleased with her ability to triage situations and help them out with the medical component, as well as the psychiatric one. She also, an added benefit, did a clinical experience at the detention facility last fall, loved working with the population and felt very comfortable there.

Currently, there are about 1,200 plus inmates at the detention facility and of those about 300, at any given time, are on mood-altering medications. And so there are times when there is a back up of requests for those services. And in addition to that, about 80% of those seen by the medical staff also have a drug or alcohol abuse problem. So the need for quality psychiatric services is very important and we feel this young lady is very qualified to provide those services. So, we are asking that you approve the waiver of the policy, in terms of starting pay, and authorize us to hire her at this range and step."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Any questions on this item? Hearing none, seeing none, Clerk call the roll please."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "We need a Motion."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Make a Motion please."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the policy waiver.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thanks, Marilyn. Next item."

**D. NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's the North American International Trade Corridor Partners. Chairman Sciortino and I attended this conference and on the agenda item today is for us to become a member of this association. Why I think it is important is for a couple of reasons. One is clearly a connection for economic development issues up and down the I-35 corridor, which has benefited this community in two instances that we know of immediately. And one is with Case, now New Holland, out west in the manufacturing of the skid-loaders. Component parts are being made elsewhere, in Mexico in this community and sent here that continues to keep people employed here. As a matter of fact, has allowed a plant to be closed down in Pennsylvania for a whole bunch of reasons and workers will come from there, additional workers from there to this community, about 150, not a lot but certainly better than a 100 or so. And that is a direct result of some international trade that has occurred in a manufacturing plant in Queretero, Mexico.

The second is DeBruce Grain Elevator and DeBruce has gone through some difficult times in this community several years ago, but what we discovered was that business is occurring there in Mexico that is assisting Kansas farmers and certainly some farmers who sell their grain to DeBruce from Sedgwick County. In excess of 1,200 railroad cars of grain have gone from the Wichita to Mexico, to this community in Mexico, just from DeBruce in the last 12 months. That's a little more than \$14,000,000 worth of business has gone from the elevators at DeBruce, grain elevators in Wichita, Kansas to Mexico, that's only one elevator company, that's only one operation, that's a lot of grain, that's a lot of business. Would that have happened without this association? Don't know, but what we do know is that you can't be in the game unless you're in the game. You can't score runs unless you're at bat. You can't, and so those relationships are helpful and importance.

We don't have pictures of those tours, because I think they were impressive. They were taken by the City of Wichita and they have not sent those over yet. They said they will. We do have some other pictures that showed some of the activities and I'll get to those in a minute. The reason I think it's important for us to belong to this association is that the meeting will occur, this conference that we went to will occur in Wichita next year. 320 people showed up in this community that we're

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trying to get to in Mexico. In excess of 500 people went to the one in Fort Worth the year before.

We think, as a member of this association, we can help be at the table, help with whatever needs to be done to make sure people are welcome in this community. And we got to know some friends there. Chris Cherches was with us. As a matter of fact, he encouraged us to attend. He had to leave early to attend his daughter's graduation and so what occurred was Chairman Sciortino was pressed into service to represent this community and certainly the Mayor of Wichita.

And now, this is Chairman Sciortino with the Mayor of Queretaro, Dr. Roland Garcia Ortiz. The mayor is smiling there because Ben, in Spanish, said to him he was certainly a man he could look up to and Ben stared right into his navel when he said that. Dr. Ortiz is a gracious individual and made us feel welcome and spoke in English as well as Spanish, as did Ben. And he too is considering running for governor, similar to what our mayor is doing currently.

The Chairman received a gift from the mayor and I think he is sharing that with you now, for his presentation at the meeting. Chairman Sciortino was asked to speak on behalf of the city, the mayor, and there he is doing that. You need to know that part of the speech was in English and Ben acknowledged that politicians often have helped in giving speeches and have ideas presented to them but then suggested that he wanted to speak from his heart and spoke in Spanish for three or four or five minutes.

We all wore headphones and it was instantly translated. At this luncheon, the translations, the headphones weren't working. There was a breakdown in the system. The previous speaker spoke in English and the longer he spoke, there was no translations, some of the people, the conferees that didn't speak English started chatting among themselves. And so there was kind of a noise level. When Ben spoke in English, that noise level remained pretty high, people having conversations. Once he began in Spanish however, it stopped and there was silence in the room. And Ben can talk to his speech about what he said but it was about relationships and friendships and being all from the human race and that this is how business was based, on relationships. At the end of the speech, there was a hardy round of applause, I thought better than anybody else, including the U.S. Ambassador, including the mayor."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me interrupt. What I had told them, when they come here . . ."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "No, you'll get your turn later. The next slide. At the press conference afterwards, there were questions asked and here, the fellow on the left is the Mayor of Holland, Michigan, a sister-city of this community in Mexico. The woman is the representative of the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri and Ben, who was asked . . . who responded to a question and then was asked a couple of follow-up questions. I speak . . . I understand Spanish a little bit. This is the part

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that I had no comprehension of what occurred but I think Ben promised each attendee next year a Cessna plane.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “That’s what I want to clear up. I did not . . . I said if they could, their name would be in a basket for the drawing of one Cessna plane.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “This is the part where Pam Doonan and I got very nervous because we didn’t know what the hell . . . what he was saying. Next one. This is on the way back through town. This was an aqueduct, which we both found fascinating. It was built in 1726. The purpose of the aqueduct was to bring water from the mountain to an individual’s house, one house, in an effort to woo a woman. And the two stories . . . there’s two endings to the story. One is that he got the woman and the other ending is that he didn’t. No one knows for sure but they’ve built the community and the roads through and around that and still for a mile or so still exists. We’re sending David Spears there soon to understand how bridges for water stand up for several centuries.

Finally, there’s always a quiz. Here I am in one picture. Either you can choose: preparing the budget hearings, writing evaluations or letting the Chairman do all the work in Mexico.

Commissioners, obviously it was a trip that I thought was worthwhile. This is an organization that, until I had the experience first-hand, wasn’t very high on my radar screen. After this experience in seeing Kansas businesses in Mexico benefiting by these kinds of relationships and this community’s taxpayers benefiting, I think it would be in our best interest to be a member of this and I would recommend we join.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Bill. Any questions of Bill on this item? Let me just make a couple of comments on this and I’m glad we interject a little humor because I like to have fun when we’re doing it. But I didn’t know for sure also what to expect when we accepted the City’s invitation to join them down there. But when I saw that there were people from . . . a large delegation naturally from the host country, Mexico, but also Canada and the United States, that the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico thought it was important enough to go, that there was some . . . I’ve got their cards, but there were people from the U.S. State Department of Commerce there. That started to get my attention. I saw a group of Mexican businesses, highly intelligent, very desirous to work with us.

They’re using I-35 as the major umbilical cord or corridor for traffic going back and forth for NAFTA. When we visited, Pam Doonan set up these meetings, she’s from the World Trade Council, but she set up a meeting with New Holland, which is the company that bought out Case Tractors. And candidly, I thought we were going to go see a typical third-world sweatshop type of

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factory, where just a lot of workers are there and it's dirty. And we saw a modern, spanking-clean facility using robotics, computer assisted whatever computers do to assist factories. They had a very smooth assembly line.

There are two elements there. One, they build farm tractors there and the other is the components for the skid-loaders and what have you that they assemble here. And then they showed us their delivery dock and there are six tractor-trailer loads of components being driven to Wichita daily, if I understood it correctly. And they informed us that because of the economy that they were able to attain, by having those components built there, that there is going to be increased business in Wichita because now they can consolidate their assembly plants, close the one in Pennsylvania, I think that's it. But the net result is we're going to get more employment here.

They had another element that I really thought was interesting and that was how they did their tractors. If you know, like our way of assembly plants where the fellow all he does is put this slot 'a' into tab 'b' for eight hours a day and there's a lot of no-shows, a lot of tardy-ism, a lot of sick people because people get bored doing that. Their way was different. They assemble their components and then they come down the line and then there's a bay and two men in each bay are responsible for literally building the tractor from the ground up and when that tractor leaves that's Joe and Bill's tractor. And then there's competition and each assembly line is going to one bay so all of those people on that assembly line feel part of that one tractor that's going out whenever it gets ready to go out. And that was kind of neat.

They say there's virtually no absenteeism, no sick leave. They pay those people \$6.00 to \$8.00 an hour but they have to be graduates from a technical college. Now we may say, 'Wow, that's terrible' but if you realize the average pay in Mexico is \$4.50 a day, this is really a substantial raise in their economy and if we can start to raise their standard of living, those employees are going to have more disposable income and my hopes are they'll buy more American products. So, I think it can be a win/ win.

At DeBruce Grain, he said I shouldn't say this but I think he meant I shouldn't say this in Mexico, so I think I'm okay in saying it here, that because of them opening up a brokerage firm for Wichita wheat and sorghum and corn, they're better able to compete with the domestic corn/ wheat producers in Mexico and have been increasing their market share. In other words, competing on a level playing ground field with Mexican growers and they're increasing their market share and

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they're indicating to us that they're going to be in a position to substantially now bid for more of our wheat and grain, which hopefully will raise the cost, if there's more bidders for it, raise the cost of what we can sell our grain for.

So, I was very impressed and I definitely will be supporting this. We enjoyed it. Unfortunately, I brought something back that I wish I would have left there. In Spanish it's called *venganza de Montezuma*. We call it Montezuma's Revenge and I have it and I hope to be able to send it back very quickly. I don't think you can catch it. I already got it. I didn't drink the water but there was some kind of spicy stuff I ate that I shouldn't have. Anyway, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the membership.

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 very much, Bill. Next item please."

**E. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Report for April, 2002, quite a month. We had 22 shows, 40 individual performances. Net revenues for the

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month were almost a half a million dollars. We had over 110,000 people attend those events.

Highlights, the Nelly concert, 4,171 people in attendance. Of course we had the annually reoccurring Sunflower Cluster Dog Show, which is always a very popular event, 23,000 people came through the doors to see the show this year.

The Gaither . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “How long was that show, just one day?”

**Mr. Nath** said, “Actually four days, different classes. The main dog show itself is held over three days.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “So we had people coming and spending time in hotels, motels, buying food?”

**Mr. Nath** said, “Yes, we had people from all over the state, actually all over the country. The Gaither’s, it’s just another event . . . this is the fourth year that they’ve performed. We get a lot of bus groups from Missouri and northern Oklahoma that come. This is a gospel concert, very, very popular but even gospel music is very high tech as you can tell from the sound and lights, excellent show.

Of course, Luciano Pavarotti, one of the highlights of our season.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I like it when we can see an Italian boy make good.”

**Mr. Nath** said, “It’s always nice. It was a great show. We had a wonderful time.

Ja Rul was featured in the Freaknic-Jam. We’ve actually become a hip-hop mecca.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Is that a guy or a girl?”

**Mr. Nath** said, “That’s a guy. He’s a cutie too isn’t he.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “You can tell by the mustache I think. No, no. There’s times you can’t tell that either.”

**Mr. Nath** said, “Don’t go there. Kenny Chesney, with Sarah Evans and Phil Vassar, we’ve got a

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little shot there at the bottom right-hand of the screen about we utilized the VIP room, very popular addition to that concert experience.

The Shrine Circus returned after several years of absence. They're back with us now. Great event, the Shriners had a great time. They had over 22,000 people attend the circus this year. Incubus, very popular rock and roll group. Rodney Carrington, adult-oriented comedian, very good show, nearly 23,000 people.

And we also had the Heartland National Barrel Racing Championship, 2,100 folks were entries in that and they were from all over the Midwest. Now that's 2,100 people that came and spent three days in our community.

Let's go to the Stealth. The Stealth opened their second season with AFII. Two games, over 8,000 people in attendance over the two games. Unfortunately, right now the Shealth are looking for their second win of the season. We hope they get it this coming Saturday.

Real important to note that we had seven concerts in April. Some years we don't do seven concerts all year. And it's really unusually to have seven concerts in a month. Four of those concerts were ours. We were co-promoter with a national promoter on that. We are also the sole promoter of the Extreme Weather Fair. Now, if we had not been able to assume that role as co-promoter with Clear Channel, with House of Blues and with Steve Litman Presents and Outback Concerts from Tennessee those events would not have played Sedgwick County. And I'm real pleased to report we were very successful in each and every one of them. We had a very good month.

Coming up in June, U.S. Weapons Gun and Knife Show, June 1 and 2. We have Stealth playing football June 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. Wheat State Morgan Horse Show, Kansas Junior Quarter Horse, the Olympic Champions on Ice returns June 21<sup>st</sup> and the Mid-America Flea Market on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. I'd be happy to answer any questions if the Board has any. That's the conclusion of my report for April of 2002."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "And tonight is the Styx and Kansas concert."

**Mr. Nath** said, "And tonight is Styx and Kansas, that's correct."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "And there's still tickets left?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "There's still plenty of tickets available. Actually, we still have about 300 seats available for the Eagles too, if somebody is interested."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Are those out in the parking lot?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Right next to it."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "That's what I thought."

**Mr. Nath** said, "Actually, they're right behind the stage. If you remember, if anybody went to Elton John, those were the best seats in the house."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "The Gaither concert, I never find out about it until after it's here and gone. Is that one of the ones we promote or is it up to the promoters?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "We're just real estate for Gaither. It had been promoted by a fellow by the name of Gary Gentry. He was doing a lot of mail, a lot of direct mail to the churches and to the seniors groups, which this show is very popular with. However, Clear Channel has now got the promotions on it and we might even be doing the marketing for it when they play again next year."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "John, I just have one comment and not for tonight but maybe the next time you come before us or what have you, would really like to see maybe an update on the economic impact of what we're doing there at the Coliseum and how we're doing on budget and the monies that we're getting in the community. I don't know how we can explain to the public, like what you were showing this one dog show where they were staying here four or five days or three or four days but that many people coming into our area, spending money at hotels and restaurants, that has to have a pretty viable economic impact."

**Mr. Nath** said, "Very dramatic effect."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "If there's a way that you could show us what that is, that would be neat. I don't know if you can or not."

**Mr. Nath** said, "The Convention and Visitor's Bureau sends out a list of the top conventions or events. We have many of the top ten that play our facility. The dog show, of course, is one of them."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Well, you're doing good work and keep it up. Thank you."

### **MOTION**

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Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**F. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD) MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd recommend you defer this item."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

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

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Chairman Ben Sciortino

Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Just a point, Rich. When we just say 'defer' does that mean defer indefinitely or should we say defer with a timeline?"

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, said, "I assumed you meant defer indefinitely."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Defer indefinitely. Okay, thank you. Next item please."

**G. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO TREAT NOXIOUS WEED INFESTED AREAS ON STATE HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Mr. Joe Brunk**, Director, Noxious Weeds Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our annual agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation that allows us to spot-treat the noxious weeds that grow on their right-of-way areas here in Sedgwick County. We've done this for more than 16 years. We have a good working relationship with K.D.O.T. and would like to continue that."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Any questions of Joe on this item please? Yes, I have one. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Joe, you did say spot-treat and I think that's important because there's a lot of people out there, proponents of wildflowers along the highways and I hate getting calls where they're sharing that we've killed everything. But you guys do specifically spot-treat for certain noxious weeds then."

**Mr. Brunk** said, "Right. Mostly bindweed and Johnson Grass on the right-of-ways and they're easy to identify and relatively easy to do a spot-treatment on."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Any further questions on this item? I don't see any, so what is the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 16, 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 May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**1) STEEL LOCKERS- WORK RELEASE  
FUNDING: WORK RELEASE/ ADULT DETENTION FACILITY**

First item, steel lockers for Work Release. Recommend the low bid from Material Handling of \$27,891.88.

**2) FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES- DIVISION OF FINANCE  
FUNDING: DIVISION OF FINANCE**

Item two, financial advisory services for the Division of Finance. Recommend the proposal and authorize to execute a contract with Springsted Incorporated.

**3) ALTARIS VIEW MAPPING SYSTEM- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

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And item three, Altaris VIEW mapping system for Emergency Communications. And recommending the quote from PRC Public Sector Incorporated of \$167,293.

Do have staff available to answer any questions and would recommend approval of these items today.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Any questions of Iris on this item?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Only one for me and that’s on number three. That says sole source. Is that the only place that does that particular kind of protocols that we need?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “We have a contract with the software that’s in place so it’s proprietary software.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “On a follow up of that then too, it indicates that this is the mapping system that allows dispatchers to see where wireless callers are located, track AVL equipped emergency vehicles and view active incidents on a map. I’m assuming this is a first step, or one of the steps of that process?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Ken Koehler with Emergency Communications is here and he can answer that.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Thanks. I just thought the folks out there ought to know kind of where Emergency Communications is in this process.”

**Mr. Kent Koehler**, Tech Support Coordinator, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes. And this is the first step. It really lays the groundwork for tracking AVL, Automatic Vehicle Location equipped vehicles being able to use the data that the wireless providers will give us in the future for the wireless callers. And already, just to see where active incidents are at a quick glance and we’ll better determine who to send and what exactly is going on.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Well, in the process of this system, in the creation of this system then, is this one of the bedrock foundation pieces?”

**Mr. Koehler** said, “This is really the second step. The first step was when we bought the ability or bought the process to take data from the GIS department, the mapping group to develop the maps. Then this is the next step that will let us integrate it in with our computer-aided dispatch system. This is the biggest step and the biggest chunk of this project. It just lets us grow up and we’re doing it in a step-by-step process.”

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Right. And then over time, what's the time frame then for completion, for this to be really active and available to the Emergency Communications?"

**Mr. Koehler** said, "For this one, it's five to six months from date of purchase order to where this will be live, everybody will be trained and it's available for use at all the workstations and in the Emergency Management area, in our Emergency Operations Center."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay. Well, I'm glad you were here. Thanks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I had a quick question now. Is this . . . I'm going to be very supportive. I mean I think we need to do this. I just would like some more information. Is this strictly for wireless communication, tracking them or is this a broader aspect than that?"

**Mr. Koehler** said, "No. For the mapping, it will show every incident, every phone caller. For example, when you call from your home, that will be displayed on the map also. We'll take the information that the phone company gives us and it will put it straight onto the map so the dispatcher or call taker can see it. It will also let us see every fire, every police call, every ambulance call on the map."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I wonder in light of yesterday's comments, I wonder if we ought to make some kind of formal communication to the mayor and the city council, because those consultants yesterday talking about EMS seemed to indicate that we were out of date. And if we're in a regular, routine process here of upgrading our system, I think they need to know that."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Mr. Chairman, if it would be acceptable, you know sometimes when you hire consultants sometimes you're hiring a consultant to come in from out of town that borrows your watch to tell you what time it is. This is what we thought occurred in some of the concerns about EMS and 911 and dispatch. This program, we have been laying the foundation for AVL. We've been laying the foundation for the ability to tell where vehicles are so that we can put them at the appropriate locations, based on call volumes, not necessarily because the station house is there. We've been developing a system so that emergency equipment, when we need them, we are ready to respond instantaneously with a system that's integrated and makes sense."

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And so, Commissioner Winters, you are right. This is some of the low hanging fruit they were talking about. Well, we'd already started months ago on this and so it was pretty easy for them to say 'Well, you need this kind of technology'. If you noticed in the report, one of the other things they said is that you need different space. Well, that's in the CIP and has been for a year and a half and you know you have proposals in front of you and we will continue to work on those issues. So, in many cases there are issues that are in that report that we heard about yesterday that processes are already in the works to solve it."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I would hope that maybe somebody could explore in a very concise document that we could share with the mayor and the city council what process we're in currently with 911 dispatch center, a new 911 dispatch center and the technology that we're . . . I mean, it's not a knee-jerk reaction to anything that was in the consultant's report but is routine upgrade and routine processes that we're going through with Communications Department."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Right. And I think a timeline, Bill, showing them too that we've started these discussions long before yesterday and kind of show them where we are."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "My question is why didn't the consultant pick up on that we're already doing this?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "He knew it and I haven't looked at every word in the report, whether he acknowledges it or not. I don't believe he does."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I think this is important and it should have been part of that and I agree, we just got the plan or the report yesterday."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I can't answer or defend why the consultant would not say it."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Yes, David."

**Mr. David Spears**, County Engineer/ Director, Public Works Department, said, "I usually don't comment about things that aren't in Public Works, but this ties in a little bit too and I know Bill knows this and Kathy Sexton, the Intelligent Transportation System. And we've been working on that to try to get federal funds to help with 911 and a new building and computerized system for ITS, which is Intelligent Transportation System. So I know all this will also tie into what Bill's

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saying too.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, and I think part of that, as I understand it, we’re looking at actually putting GPS type equipment in the ambulances, where a dispatcher will know exactly where . . . maybe it’s already made a deliver to a hospital and it’s on its way, another call comes in, they know that even though this station is closer, that ambulance is only a block away and they’ll be able to more intelligently . . . I think our system is working well and I think we’re always looking at ways to improve it, so anyway. Okay, any other questions? Oh, Tim, I’m sorry. And now the other side of the story.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I was just interested and it says ‘track AVL equipped emergency vehicles’ that’s kind of got a broad connotation as that being alluded to ambulances but is that other vehicles? I assume you can just attach that tracking system to Chairman Sciortino’s car so we know where he is at all times and be able to use this protocol. Is that kind of what . . .?”

**Mr. Koehler** said, “The system is when our mobile data system was purchased and put into place four years ago, it was built with the idea to add AVL later. And again, it would be able to track any vehicle. With the Intelligent Transportation, we’re looking at not just tracking emergency services, but also the ability to track, for people who want to watch Public Works as whoever wants involved, this system can assist.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Great. Is there an off switch on this piece of equipment?”

**Mr. Koehler** said, “Yes, there is. Talking with my peers, who are running systems like this, yes there are people who have become very innovative in disabling that but then it sends a signal that they’ve disabled their GVS trans-ceiver.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I would think Animal Control, Code Enforcement where you want to know they’re out in the field and where they’re at, it’s going to be important. I mean, if you’ve got Code Enforcement trying to dispatch someone, you can say ‘Look, they’re only a mile from the next place, why don’t we send them, instead of having someone travel across the county’.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, or if something happens to the equipment and maybe his radio is broken, we’ll know how to go get him. So, yes, I think it works.”

**Mr. Koehler** said, “This is building the infrastructure and the possibilities are almost endless what we can do, once we get it built.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "Will this actually, this is the system that gets us ready to do it, but will we actually be able to put that system on emergency vehicles now? I guess that's my next question."

**Mr. Koehler** said, "The second step is, and I know it was brought up in this report, was the Automatic Vehicle Location infrastructure and that's the next step also. That's tied in with the Intelligent Transportation System. That was the other big project for us this year that was funded and was supported. This is, get the mapping, then we'll do the AVL infrastructure."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What's the timeline on that? How soon? I think, if I hear what the Commission is saying is that we're pretty dedicated to this and maybe we would be more interested in a shorter timeline now than a longer, drawn out one. With budgets coming up, this is a good time to talk about this. So, what is the timeline? Give us an update."

**Mr. Koehler** said, "On the AVL, right now a company has been . . . a consultant has been hired to look at our current mobile data system. We're in the last process. It's a joint project between the State of Kansas, City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. In the last process of getting that signed. They will come in and look at our current mobile data system for one, look at our possibilities for AVL. If they say the best thing would be is use our current system, we could maybe even be doing some things, maybe have some units alive by late this year, early next year. We could get the infrastructure in place."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Have we already seen the price-tag on putting this stuff in the different, individual units?"

**Mr. Koehler** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "That's already come before us?"

**Mr. Koehler** said, "I'm sorry. You have not. We've seen the . . . I'm sorry, I apologize. We have seen the quotes and what it's going to cost, departments have requested going through their technology process of what it's going to cost for different types of vehicles."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I would like to see that information sooner than later. I mean, I’m not afraid of starting to talk about this. I think this is pretty important stuff, as we look at that consultant’s . . . You know, the low hanging fruit as he called it. I don’t know how he described it as that. I think he looked at what we were already doing and it’s easy to describe that as low hanging fruit, because it makes him look like he’s determined something that we were already doing. But I’d like to see that information come to us quicker, so that we can start making some decisions and right now, in the middle of the budget process, is probably the best time to do that.”

**Mr. Koehler** said, “We’ll make sure we get those numbers.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “That would be my charge.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you. Any other questions or comments? Did you have . . . Bob, are you standing there wanting to say something to us?”

**Mr. Bob Lamkey**, Public Safety Director, said, “No.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, fine. I have just a question of Iris. I wouldn’t be who I am if I let you go without anything. Let’s go just real quickly to number two. The way the bids are here to us, I’m confused. Like the fee and then it’s one dollar for millions, and then they talk about base plus fifty cents and back and forth, for me to determine was the one that we accepted the lowest bid. You don’t say here either it’s the lowest . . .”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Lowest and best proposal, yes. There’s an internal worksheet. I’ll make sure you get a copy of it.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. That’s all because usually you say the lowest bid meeting specifications or whatever, but this is the lowest and best.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “For the majority of our work, this is the lowest and best.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you. Yes, Mr. Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Mr. Chairman, I did have a briefing by Chris Chronis. I’m not sure if you were able to have that. Chris is here. He went through a very detailed running proposal on what business we plan on doing and this turned out to be, I think, the low bid for that. So, I mean, he can speak for himself.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I'm very comfortable with it."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And a very well respected company that does this exact . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "There's an old adage in business, don't talk past the close. I'm very comfortable with it but feel free to say something if you would."

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, said, "No, thanks."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "No, seriously, did you want to say something about the project? Okay, all right. What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

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

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. Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Two Easements for Right-of-Way and two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 789-G-3960; 247<sup>th</sup> Street West between 69<sup>th</sup> and 77<sup>th</sup> Streets North. CIP# B-423. District #3.**
- 2. Tenant Release for Damage on Sedgwick County Project 833-I, J, N ½ K;**

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**Webb Road between the north city limits of Wichita and K-254. CIP# R-238. District #1.**

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V01051	\$177.00	\$183.00
V01088	\$263.00	\$224.00
V99036	\$268.00	\$210.00
V01096	\$440.00	\$478.00
V01094	\$314.00	\$170.00
V01072	\$263.00	\$258.00
V01098	\$272.00	\$354.00
V010111	\$485.00	\$675.00

- 4. Set date and time of June 12, 2002 at 9:00 AM for public hearing regarding Petition of Beech Lake Development LLC for Withdrawal from the Beech-Wichita Industrial District of Sedgwick County, Kansas.**
- 5. Agreements (five) providing payment of supplemental funding to Community Developmental Disability Organization Affiliated Service Providers.**
- Faith Village**
  - Consumer Directed Services**
  - March, Inc.**
  - Special Care Services**
  - Hortencia Granado**
- 6. Order dated May 15, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. Payroll Check Registers (two) of May 10 and May 15, 2002.**
- 8. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 15 – 21, 2002.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioners, I’d recommend you approve the Consent Agenda.”

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Is there anything else to come before this Board? There always is, under Other. Oh, look at this. Commissioner Norton.”

**J. OTHER**

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Actually just a couple of things. I’ve had the chance to hit a couple of graduations and convocations and it’s that time of year and I just congratulate all the young people in the County who are graduating from high school and moving on with their lives and their careers. I happened to be at Campus High School at 4:00 this morning, Project Graduation. They had asked me to be . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Four o’clock this morning?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Four o’clock this morning I was there. They wanted me to come by and kind of finish off their evening with a little inspiration of what they can do with their lives and I tried to inspire about 300 high school students after they’ve been up all night. I don’t know that I . . . They stayed awake and they didn’t fall asleep while I was speaking, so I felt like maybe I had done my job.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And you went there at 4:00 this morning.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Yes I did.”

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "That is above and beyond."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I got up at three and got donuts and coffee at the local donut shop and read the paper and then went over and tried to inspire some kids."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "You're a heck of a guy."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think you're nuts."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "You could say that and you just did. I hope the paper picked up on that."

The other thing I had was last Saturday evening Sedgwick County, I was very proud that we had helped to sponsor the Fireworks Along the River for the River Festival finale. It was a beautiful evening. It was awesome fireworks. I was proud that many citizens of our community, border to border, County folks and probably people from other communities were there to enjoy. It was a wonderful evening and I would pass on that the River Festival folks were just excited that the County was part of that and we also hosted a great evening, I think, for some legislators that were back in town and some small town mayors and some other folks. So, a great evening."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, I just wanted to share, for those who aren't going to the lake this weekend, Cowtown is having the Wild Side of Wichita and the Frontier this weekend for all three days. And they've got a lot of events going on out there, 1870's gambling, going to have a gambling tournament. Of course, you win prizes because we can't gamble in the State of Kansas. But they're also going to have, along with spontaneous gun fights the whole three days, the famous African American Frontier Military Unit, the 10<sup>th</sup> Calvary, more commonly known as the Nicodemus Buffalo Soldiers will be out there along with the First Kansas Reenactment Group that portray the late 1860s Camp Beecher. So, I think there's going to be a great weekend at Cowtown this weekend, so if you're not going out of town, you might want to go out there."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What is a spontaneous gunfight? That scares me."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "The streets will occasionally erupt with gunfights, keeping the marshal busy and visitors entertained."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I suspect we might want to consider this for next year, but I think as a fund-raiser, I would think the citizens would love to shoot a politician and have a shoot-out with Commissioner McGinn. Here's your chance to blow her away or blow the Chairman away."

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, "That doesn't sound good. Yes, we are using blank guns out there."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think I'm going to go. I think that will be fun. Now will there be, like they did over here at this reenactment by the Soldiers and Sailors Museum, will they be like cooking food and you can sample."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "The re-enactors, many of them will be cooking and many of them spend the night there as well."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Oh, that's neat. Well, that will be a fun time at a very reasonable price. If anybody wants to know anything more about it, do you happen to have a phone number at the tip of your tongue that they could call?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "264-0671 is the Cowtown number."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Anything else?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "The only other thing I have is that as we go about looking at the holiday weekend and the beginning of summer, we certainly want folks to be careful out there, particularly boating and doing those kinds of things, be careful with what they celebrate and to what levels and certainly be cautious of your activities on the streets and in your boating."

The other issue is that, talking about those fun things, this the kind of year that Buchanan always says is the time of year he loves. We need to get him tested but we started the budget review process yesterday and followed, as soon as we finish that, then we'll go right into our hearing process. And these are particularly important times for us, as we go about the business of deciding how we use our neighbor's monies to provide services back to them. It's stressful. I don't know about you guys. I went home after the first afternoon yesterday kind of with my head pounding and thinking of the challenges that are ahead. But it's an important process. We'll reconvene this afternoon and through the end of this week and then next week again too. So, want folks to know that we're about the business of trying to build a budget that we'll adopt in August and listening to the requests and trying to determine what needs we can meet. So, that's an ongoing process and I welcome, I guess, the opportunity to go through that again with you all, the challenges and the requests. Yes, sir."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Excuse me one moment but what you just said, Commissioner Gwin, is we should also invite the public. This is government, it's open meetings, if they want to see how resources are allocated, we're going to be meeting here at 1:30 today and start tomorrow at 8:30 and

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work all day tomorrow and then next week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. So, it's open to the public."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Right, and your point's well taken. These are public meetings that we do advertise. We don't take any action at them. We hear presentations from our department heads and division chiefs on their requests for next year's budget. So, part of that's a very interesting process. You're right, public is certainly invited."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And we actually set aside time towards the end of each session, if there is anybody from the public that would like to comment, we set aside some time and let them speak their peace too. Thanks. That's a good point, Bill."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I have one more thing. Well, we talked about some of the fun activities and on some of the serious activities, but also this is Memorial Day weekend and it's a weekend that we remember our family members who have passed, but also the men and women who have served our country. And so, I'm sure and you all know that there are some small communities that have some Memorial Day services that people can take in that certainly honor those individuals."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "The first Memorial Day since September 11<sup>th</sup> too. I think it will have a more poignant ring to most folks in the United States than ever before."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I think that's probably right."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Tom, anything going on in your district?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Nope."

**Chairman Sciortino** is there anything else to come before the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to potential litigation and legal advice and that the

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Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:47 a.m.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “We’re recessed into Executive Session.”

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. and returned at 10:58 a.m.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “For the record, let it show that no binding action was taken in Executive Session. Is there anything else to come before this Board? Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned.”

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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**CAROLYN MC GINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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