

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### REGULAR MEETING

**July 3, 2002**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, July 3, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director of Diversity and Employment, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections; Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Ms. Gloria Vermie, MPH, MMRS, Coordinator, Health Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. Byron Chrisler, Division Chief Medical, Fire District #1; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was led by Mr. Kevin Clark of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, June 12, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2002.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, I believe you've had a chance to review the Minutes of June 12<sup>th</sup>. What's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS "EUROPEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH."**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, I would respectfully request that we pull this item."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to pull Item A from the agenda.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

**B. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS.**

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING M. S. MITCHELL (CITY OF WICHITA APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have prepared a resolution of appointment for M. S. Mitchell to the Solid Waste Management Committee. This is for a term to expire in December of 2003 and I would ask that you adopt the resolution."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any comments on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JO SANDERS (COMMISSION AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, on this committee we have staggered terms and so this is a term of appointment to expire at the end of this year. The resolution is proper and I would ask that you adopt it."

**MOTION**

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, "Commissioners, I think it would be appropriate at this time to take one of these Off Agenda items and that was concerning a new chairman of this board and I would entertain taking this item."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, we're not going to swear Jo in now?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I'm sorry. I didn't think anyone was here. Okay, I'm sorry. Let's

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swear Jo Sanders in. I didn't think the two people were here. I'm sorry."

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

*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 Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee so help me God.*

**Ms. Jo Sanders**, Member, Solid Waste Management Committee said, "I do."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Ms. Sanders, did you have anything that you'd like to say to us? I'm sorry I didn't recognize you there."

**Ms. Sanders** said, "Nothing other than it will be a pleasure to serve on the board."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, you can't go away because we have a comment. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. I'd like to just share for the public that on our Solid Waste team, we have a diversity of different backgrounds from our citizens group but also people in the business itself, whether it's trash haulers or what. But Jo is going to sit as kind of our recycling expert on that board. And one thing I'd like to share, I think she'll be an excellent member of that board because I've been out and have had the opportunity to see some of Jo's presentations and she does a very good job. She talks about . . . I don't know, you can quote . . . What do you call it? You're not a recycling fanatic, you're a recycling advocate."

**Ms. Sanders** said, "We all need to be recycling advocates, not recycling fanatics. There is a difference and if you have a moment, not today, but if you have a moment, I'll share that with you."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "But she talked about the economical side of recycling and how, as a community, some things there's not a market at one point in time but we as a community need to be flexible to change a little bit with the market. So, anyway, thank you for deciding to serve on that committee."

**Ms. Sanders** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Let me put it in Kansas kitchen English. In order for recycling to really take off, we have to start buying recycled products, even if it means paying more for that product than what you could pay for one made out of raw materials. That's the way recycling is really

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going to take off.”

**Ms. Sanders** said, “Absolutely. And we have to be careful. A lot of people assume that a recycled product is more expensive and that’s not the case anymore. You know, ten years ago it was the case but it’s not the case anymore. So, we need to strike that from our thoughts and be very open to buying a recycled product.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Amen to that. Thank you. I think now that it would be appropriate . . . We have a couple of other appointments that were Off Agenda. One is germane to the Solid Waste and I think it would be appropriate to take that up now. So, I would entertain a Motion.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to consider an Off Agenda item for two appointments.

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.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Which one would you like to start with?”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “A-1. Irene, would you like to . . . We were going to take both of these. So I don’t know, can you address the first one or can Rich address A-1? Okay, go ahead Rich.”

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**Mr. Euson** said, “Commissioners, Off Agenda item A-1 is an appointing resolution for Frances Ervin to appoint her as an at-large appointment to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and I would recommend that you adopt the resolution.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any questions of Rich on this item? If not, . . . Excuse me. I do have a comment from Commissioner Winters. I'm sorry."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, just very briefly, I'd certainly speak in support of Frances. She has been involved in Team Justice and the Juvenile Correction Advisory Board. She's been chair of one of the subcommittees, so we'll do well by keeping her involved with this group."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I agree. Okay, I don't see any other comments. So, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to appoint Frances Ervin as an at-large appointment.

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."

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, Item A-2 will be presented by Irene Hart, Director of Community Development."

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Community Development Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Late last week I spoke with Milt Pollit, who is the current Chair of the Solid Waste Management Committee. Milt has been the Chair for the past seven or eight years and he has gotten some new business. He's currently operating a business and has a new contract that's going to require him to be out of the city and attending to statewide building renovations for the next several months. He was concerned that he could no longer devote the time necessary to be chair of the Solid Waste Committee, although he'd like to remain as a member of the committee. He recommended that you all appoint Nicki Soice, who is a current member of the committee and has been for some time, appoint Nicki as Chair of the Solid Waste Committee. I spoke with Nicki. She

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has agreed to accept that position and spoke with several of you, who have agreed to that. So, we have prepared a resolution for you appointing Nicki as Chair of the Solid Waste Committee.

The reason we bring this to you as an Off Agenda item and it was such urgency is that the committee meets next Monday and Milt felt that he wouldn't be able to attend that meeting, due to this out of town business. So, that's why we're bringing it to you on short notice."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "All right, thank you. Any questions of Irene as to why this is coming to us? Don't see any, so what's the will of the Board on Item A-2 please?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to appoint Nicki Soice as the new Chair of the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I have a Motion and a Second to appoint and adopt the resolution. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Sometime, here in the near future, I hope we'd take an opportunity to specially recognize Milt for his work. I saw a couple of e-mails about that but we need to follow through with that and I would certainly encourage Milt to stay on the committee and connected with the committee. I think he has valuable knowledge and information. So I'd hope that we could recognize him in a special way before very long."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I just wanted to echo what Tom said. Milt really was there during a very challenging period and for someone to stay in a chair position for that long is really a stretch of their abilities and their time and their energy and he hung in there very, very well and I think we owe him the highest recommendation for doing that for us and I hope that he can rest for a little while and reenergize and continue to serve us well on the Solid Waste Committee."

**Ms. Hart** said, "We finally get to find out what his opinions are. As chair, he's been neutral and been a facilitator and now we get the benefit of his eight years of experience on this committee."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Oh, wait a minute. So the chairmans of committees aren't suppose to give their opinion. I better shut up. The meetings are going to be very quick from now on."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "Can you write that down. For the record, Ben said he's going to shut up."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, and my initials are B.S. so take that with a grain of salt. Irene, why don't you find out what one of our Wednesday meetings would be convenient with Milt and tell him we'd like to have him present. Maybe not tell him exactly and we'll figure out a real nice, classy way to embarrass him publicly while thanking him because I do agree with my colleagues here. He does deserve our thanks in the best possible way that we can give it. All right, thank you very much."

**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."

**RETIREMENT PRESENTATION**

**C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JERRY CLOTHIER, PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISER III.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Now, before you start, I have asked our Vice Chair to come down and join you with this presentation and Betsy is there now, so please go ahead."

**Mr. Lucretia Taylor**, Director of Diversity and Employment, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present a retirement certificate and presentation of the retirement clock to Jerry Clothier, who is the Personal Property Appraiser III in the Appraiser's Office. Jerry will retire August 1, 2002 after 24 years of service."

When we asked Jerry what he would do upon retirement, Jerry said he plans to spend time with his

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wife, two children and five grandchildren. Jerry will have more time to devote to traveling, fishing and projects around the house. And he also plans to become a licensed real estate appraiser.

Jerry serves as the deacon of the Northside Church of Christ. And all of his 24 years, Jerry said all of his 24 years have been with the Appraiser's Office and describes his employment as challenging and rewarding.

I'd like to present this retirement certificate to you."

**Mr. Jerry Clothier**, Personal Property Appraiser III, Appraiser's Office, said, "Thank you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Now, I asked the Chairman if I could make this presentation today because even before I was an elected official, this is the group that had to put up with me first when I was appointed a hearing officer and we were fighting the crowds across the street in Ecco Plaza early on. So, a lot of you I haven't seen on a regular basis. Some of you still have to put up with me in H.O.P.S. hearings but thank you all for being here to support Jerry.

One of the things I think that Jerry will probably look forward to is not having to go through that process with us or with you all anymore. It's valuable but it certainly is trying and tests all of our spirit and our resolve. I wish you well. If he's going to become a licensed real estate appraiser in the real world, he might as well take those 24 years of experience and turn them into continuing to serve our community and I think that's wonderful.

Jerry, on the understanding however that you won't be punching a time clock for Sedgwick County anymore, we want to present you with this clock to remind you of the time you spent with us and hopefully it has been worthwhile to you. We'll miss you. Good luck to you."

**Mr. Clothier** said, "Thank you. I'd like to thank you for this gift and I have enjoyed working with all of you. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Jerry, having retired once in my career, let me just give you a little piece of unsolicited advice. Don't, under any circumstances, go into your kitchen and decide to rearrange it to help your wife be more efficient. Don't do that."

**Mr. Clothier** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, next item please, Madam Clerk."

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

**1. FISCAL YEAR 2002 AGING MILL LEVY CONTRACTS (SIX) TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE SERVICES.**

- **AMERICAN CAB, INC.**
- **FRIENDLY SHEPHERD, INC.**
- **GOLD STAR MEDICAL TRANSPORTS, INC.**
- **TIMBER LINES TRANSPORTATION**
- **TRAVELIN' TAXI, INC.**
- **WISDOM TRAVELS**

**Ms. Annette Graham**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Transportation Brokerage contracts with vendors to provide specialized door-to-door transportation services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service we provide transportation for the dependent populations residing in Sedgwick County. The vendors that we contract with include Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation, Timber Lines Transportation, American Cab Company, Friendly Shepherd, Gold Star Medical Transports, Travelin' Taxi and Wisdom Travels.

Mill levy, state and federal dollars are combined to support this public service. The Transportation Brokerage allows access to medical and social services for the elderly and persons with disabilities that enables them to remain in their home. It is a critical service for persons with disabilities who require door-to-door transportation in order to get to work and be self-sufficient. The Brokerage provides 40,000 rides annually and serves over 3,000 Sedgwick County citizens. No additional funding is requested with this contract. As I said, it combines state, federal and mill levy dollars to provide this services. And this is the contract for the fiscal year 2002 and we would request that you authorize the Chairperson to sign."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Annette, we do have a question or a comment. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Annette, a few years ago we had some difficulties funding some of these transportation programs, reductions having to do with state money as I recall. And so, in your opinion, is this whole and complete again and can we go back . . . are we getting to the service that we once had for folks who use this service?"

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**Ms. Graham** said, "It does serve the population. There are definitely, with transportation, that's one of those services that we can never completely fill. There's always going to be needs out there that we can't meet. But I think we've done a pretty good job with the available resources to meet the primary needs and really to look primarily at medical and social service kind of appointments and getting people to that and some limited work, for those who absolutely have no other resources. So, I think we've done pretty well with that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, well I appreciate that because I remember the phone calls I got not that long ago from folks who had concerns about how they were going to be able to access their necessary transportation. So, I'm certainly going to be supportive of these today. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Annette, I just had a question here too and I'm trying to find it but I'm sure you'll know it. This is the contract for 2002. Is that how it runs? It runs like July through . . ."

**Ms. Graham** said, "No, this is a calendar year but we do have the ability to go month to month. So, there were some changes that needed to be made in the contract and we did bring in a new vendor."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, but are we just now approving the 2002 contract that started January 1<sup>st</sup>?"

**Ms. Graham** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. So, have you been looking at the state, kind of follow up on Betsy's question. Are they looking at maybe making further cuts so we're going to have to be looking at what we're going to be doing in 2003 as to can we continue with this, do we have to delete it, do we have to try to figure out what other services to cut to provide it? Is this something we need to look at during our budgeting cycle for 2003?"

**Ms. Graham** said, "We were just informed there was some additional cuts in some of the state dollars and that money did come out of some of the rides, some of the actual transportation services and we just found this out at a meeting two days ago, for the Kansas Public Transportation Association. So, we don't know what the resulting impact will be. I think there might also be some changes based on census with some of the federal dollars but we don't have exact information on that yet, but we are watching that very closely to see what the impact will be."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Because we're going to be having to either issue a new contract,

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coming January for this. Well, I don't know, Commissioners. This just really concerns me because I do believe that this is a very critical portion of our society and we're not giving them joyrides for fun and games. We're talking about getting to their doctor, getting to their pharmacy to get prescriptions. Some of them are trying to hold on and have to augment their income with some kind of work. And you know, we see the state painting the dome and doing things that, in my opinion, is non-essential spending and you know we're working hard to try to curb non-essential spending so that we can keep essential services going and it kind of bothers me that the state . . . I'm not minimizing that they have legitimate problems, but this is one that I really don't appreciate them cutting. They cut, if I remember what Betsy was talking . . . There was about \$100,000 or something a couple of years ago and we had to make some serious decisions then and if you're talking about some more cuts, it's just not right. But anyway, thank you. Any other comments? What is the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Contracts 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, "Thank you very much, Annette. Next item please."

**2. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR FUNDING OF PERMANENCY PLANNING AND COORDINATING COUNCIL PROJECT COORDINATOR.**

**Mr. Larry Ternes**, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This contract was originally established between S.R.S. and Sedgwick

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County in May of 2000. The intent of the program is designed to accelerate permanency for youth in foster care and to promote ongoing improvement in the child in need of care system as it functions here in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

The current contract funds one position that serves as the permanency council coordinator. In this contract, S.R.S. is responsible for the salary and benefits for the position, while the County is responsible for the provision of office supplies and any other business related expenses. I recommend that you approve the contract, authorize the Chair to sign and further would be happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding this contract.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay. I have just one question or comment. It kind of follows up on what I said with Annette. Are you getting any hint from the state, given that they’re getting ready to finalize their budget, that there may be some cuts in this area also for 2003?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioner, there are significant cuts in this program. We are in the process of scrambling with some answers and should have a formal report to you in a week or so about the extent of those cuts and what it will mean for the reduction of services to citizens.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And you’re talking about fiscal year 2003.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “The next two weeks.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “No, I mean the reports going to come to us but it’s going to effect . . .”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “I’m talking about effects in the next two weeks.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “So they’re making cuts for the 2002 budget that was already . . .”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Well, their fiscal year is . . .”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “That’s right, that’s right. Well, okay. That’s, I guess, an opportunity for us to go to work and figure out how to survive. All right, thank you very much. I don’t have any other comments. Any further comments on that? All right, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

### **MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**3. FISCAL YEAR 2003 KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY AGREEMENTS (10) AND NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD.**

**PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

- **WICHITA ACTS ON TRUANCY: \$518,868 – TRUANCY PREVENTION**
- **USD 259: \$75,544 – TRUANCY PREVENTION**
- **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$103,073 – TRUANCY PREVENTION**
- **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$146,007 – FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING**
- **KANSAS CHILDREN’S SERVICE LEAGUE: \$150,135 – JIAC CASE MANAGEMENT**

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- **KANSAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE: \$101,515 – PARENT TRAINING**
- **FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE: \$174,035 – FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY**

**INTERVENTION AND GRADUATED SANCTION PROGRAMS**

- **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$184,529 – DIVERSION/IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION**
- **18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT: \$149,966 – DETENTION ADVOCACY SERVICES**
- **FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE: \$187,500 – MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY**

**Ms. Chris Kautzer**, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Last week you approved our Juvenile Justice Community Funding plan budgets for state fiscal year 2003. This morning we are presenting the contracts that support these budgets. We have ten total contracts with six different agencies and this ranges in the areas of prevention and intervention and graduated sanctions. We are asking that you approve the contracts and authorize the Chair to sign. I'd be happy to go through any of the programs with you or answer questions about the contracts if you have them."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I'm almost hesitant to ask you the same question, but we're getting ready to approve contracts. Has the state signed off in blood that they're going to assist us and give us the money so that we can pay for these contracts, once we've approved them?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "We do have an award letter from the state. We were just notified yesterday that the state will be reserving a six and a half percent portion of just the intervention and graduated sanctions funds as a reserve in case funds are cut later on down the road. That does not effect the prevention at this time and we will be starting to devise a plan of how we would buffer those cuts."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That's the intervention and graduated sanctions, so that's like the Office of the District Attorney and Judicial Court and Family Consultation, that's these areas but not the truancy area? Is that right?"

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**Ms. Kautzer** said, "That is correct."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Legally, Rich, what happens if we approve the graduated sanctions for a finite . . . for a distinct amount and then I assume you meant they're going to hold it in reserve meaning they may not give it to us, are we obligated to honor these contracts, even though now the money may not be here and we're going to find that out whenever they decide to disclose to us what that research means that they're going to hold back?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "In our standard agreements, we have some Kansas cash basis law language, which states that in the event that funding does not become available that the contract shall end. So, we have that contingency covered in all of our contracts."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Would you just explain briefly to me, maybe my other colleagues already know this, what actually is the Family Consultation/ Multi-Systemic Therapy? What is that that may be cut if we have to? What is that program?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "Multi-Systemic Therapy with Family Consultation Service is a type of in-home therapy that takes a systemic approach in that there are different sectors or areas in a child's life that affect their behavior, such as their peers, their school environment, home environment and the therapists work extensively in in-home therapy with the entire family to ensure that all areas or sectors are addressed as they know that they do influence that child."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And if we were no longer able to fund that, what would happen to that child?"

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "This program is an alternative to detention program. So, they would probably have to find other slots or other types of therapy programs to fit them in. Perhaps some of the other programs could . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, but if we didn't have any other programs, they'd have to go to jail?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Juvenile Detention."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, that's jail as far as I'm concerned."

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "They're taken out of detention."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "So they'd have to go back into jail. I know you don't like the word 'jail'. I'm using it because it's just Kansas kitchen English. They'd have to go back into juvenile detention."

**Ms. Kautzer** said, "If there wasn't another alternative program for them or they would be on supervision."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I'm going to always look up at that beautiful dome that they're painting and what have you . . . Well, okay. All right, thanks, that's all I have. Any other questions, comments? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Agreements and Notification of Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Just a follow-up on your comments there. Even talking about this one program, this Multi-Systemic Program, it's like when you get a whole system out there and you start taking it apart. One part gone here is going to have a reaction over here just as sure as anything and these are all really kind of new, cutting-edge, integrated programs. So Mark and Chris have put together really a great program here and you start taking out of the bottom and man, it's going to ripple through. So, we'll keep our fingers crossed and keep up the good work and we'll hope good things happen instead of bad things. Thanks."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you for that. In some of these areas, I really . . . You know, we talk about essential services and usually that relates to police, fire, EMS, roads as being essential services but some of these, as you say, have unintended consequences if you starting doing it and I consider some of this essential services too. Well, it will give us an opportunity to prove how great a managers we are and if the state sort of bails on us. All right, thank you very much and appreciate your comments on that too, Commissioner Winters. We have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the roll please on this."

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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 please.”

**E. AGREEMENTS (3) TO PROVIDE FOR PROCUREMENT AND USE OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS) RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.**

- **VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
- **VIA CHRISTI RIVERSIDE MEDICAL CENTER**
- **WESLEY MEDICAL CENTER**

**Ms. Gloria Vermie**, MPH, MMRS Coordinator, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, I want to thank you because saying the Pledge of Allegiance still puts a lump right here. So, thank you for that opportunity.

The Metropolitan Medical Response System is a grant that this County has with the Department of Health and Human Services. It’s been in our community for about two years now and we’ve been very busy with it. One of the deliverables, which is actually systems and processes put into a plan and then operationalized, deals specifically with our hospitals, our clinics and what we want to do is to best assure that the citizens and the residents of our County, at the time of a mass casualty incident, will have adequate services. It’s very costly. Equipment, supplies, those types of things go into the hundreds of thousands if not millions.

The steering committee of the MMRS did approve \$100,000 to go to the hospitals . . . not to the hospitals, to procure equipment that will be directed to our hospitals. I want to say that our hospitals have risen to the occasion. They’ve done training so that they will be able to all use the

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equipment in the same way and at the time of a mass casualty incident they would even be able to enter and exchange staff to help with that equipment. Our recommendation to you today is to approve the agreement and to authorize the Chair to sign that. Can I entertain any questions please?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Gloria. Any questions of the presenter on this item? I don't see the lights are on, so what's the will of the Board please?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just a comment before Gloria gets out of here. I know we had Prairie Plague 2002. Were we involved in that?"

**Ms. Vermie** said, "I was a presenter at Prairie Plague. I was called to present."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Describe that just a little bit, Gloria. Not everyone will know about that."

**Ms. Vermie** said, "It was our statewide bio-terrorism exercise. Each state is required to have one and the theme or the plague was Small Pox and they gave a scenario and Wichita was involved in the scenario, with the actual Small Pox dispersion. It gave us a real opportunity, everybody sitting in, all of the 90-some tables, there were three counties that weren't represented, to think about the processes that we would have to go through to stop Small Pox and it was really difficult. We walked away from the table knowing that we had work to do but feeling really secure at where we were in the process.

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I, yesterday, got a call and F.E.M.A. is coming to Kansas City and has requested that I go address them. They want to know how to better involve communities. Not the first responders, not the agencies and organizations, but the individuals to build community response and that's how our program has gone from the bottom up is community response. So, I'll be doing that later this month and it's a pleasure to do that too."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "That's great because as we all know, the very first responder to any crisis is the individual that's involved in the crisis and that's what we've been doing with our Ready to Respond program that Commissioner McGinn started and now our Ready to Respond II, the 24/7, we're trying to go out into the community and educate the people on what they can do before our public safety people are able to get to them to assist them in those crucial few minutes. That often times means the difference between life and death."

**Ms. Vermie** said, "Chairman, it's an arbitrary war we're involved in here and what's arbitrary about it is it can come anywhere. It can come to our community. So, you're right. The individual does need to know how best to take care of themselves and their families. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Great. I'm happy to see you so energized in this task. Thank you. Next item please."

### **F. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN, GIBBS & HOULIK, L.C. FOR AUDIT SERVICES.**

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item that's before you is an amendment to the contract that we have with Allen, Gibbs and Houlik to perform the County's annual audit and other special projects, as required during the course of the year. This is a three-year contract that was executed originally last year. We're in the second year of it. The contract provides a not-to-exceed amount to perform the annual contract each year, based on an estimated number of hours required to do that and it provides a rate structure for the additional work that we might ask the firm to do during the course of the year for special projects.

This year, in conducting the audit, more time was required to complete it than had been expected, primarily for two reasons. One, because of additional or new audit regulations that have been imposed that we're going to be required to comply with for the audit that will conclude this year. Last year, some testing had to be done to prepare for those changes. And the second reason for the change was additional testing that had to be done by Allen, Gibbs and Houlik because of our new financial system. They needed to make sure that the data that was in the old system was being transferred into the new system accurately. And so the change order, or the amendment that's

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before you, provides for additional spending authority to pay Allen, Gibbs and Houlik for those additional hours that are required for this year's audit. If there are no questions, I recommend your approval."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just a comment. In these days and times when we find out that auditing procedures and accounting procedures are very important to our society, I'm comforted that we have a great company here that we can deal with and that we are moving forward to add further protocols and make sure that we're really auditing our numbers well because I'll tell you, there's a lot of corporations and entities out there that are not doing so well with that. So, I wanted to make sure that citizens know that we're trying to be very judicious with the money in making sure that our auditors check everything and make sure we're following good accounting and protocol procedures. That's all. Thanks."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “You know, I find it a little bit ironic that our federal government is really taking a strong stand on trying to make sure that all accounting principles are accurately done, etcetera and I’ve always wondered, once in a while, they sometimes can get real creative with their fuzzy math on how they do accounting things about this thing about Social Security. It’s in a lock box. And they get creative but maybe they can take a little notice on how locally we do it and maybe they can improve their accounting too. So, that’s all I had. We already had a Motion, we already voted. We already had Mr. Norton’s comments, so next item.”

**G. PUBLIC WORKS.**

- 1. CERTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCEDURES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON 53<sup>RD</sup> STREET NORTH OVER THE BIG ARKANSAS RIVER. CIP# B-269. DISTRICT 4.**

**Mr. David Spears**, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item G-1 is approval of the certification of real property acquisition procedures for the replacement of the bridge on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North over the Big Arkansas River, designated as B-269 in the Capital Improvement Program. This certifies that Sedgwick County did follow federal guidelines when rights-of-way were procured for this project. I recommend that you approve the certification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Certification 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

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn     Aye  
Chairman Ben Sciortino            Aye

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

2.     **KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FORM 1303, "RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARANCE; UTILITY ARRANGEMENTS," FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON 53<sup>RD</sup> STREET NORTH OVER THE BIG ARKANSAS RIVER. CIP# B-269. DISTRICT 4.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item G-2 is approval of K.D.O.T. Form 1303, for the same project mentioned in the previous item. This form states that all rights-of-way have been acquired and all utility arrangements have been made. I recommend that you approve the K.D.O.T. Form 1303 and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the KDOT Form 1303 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, "Commissioner McGinn, you had a statement?"

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I just . . . Question, I guess, for David. I know we had a little glitch in the system and is that getting worked out? I guess, for the public's awareness of what we're doing here, we're replacing the bridge at 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between Ridge and Meridian and it's being funded 80% by the state. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "That's correct. It will be a two and a half million dollar project and 80% of it will be paid by the state."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Unless they change their mind."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, for those that know, this bridge is in bad need of repair, as are all my bridges."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "You didn't have to add that editorial comment, 'As are all my bridges'."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "They're starting to look pretty good."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "That's better."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "She's been trying to bridge the gap between rural Sedgwick County and urban Sedgwick County. We're trying to assist her in getting that gap filled."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Anyway, I know we had a little bit of a glitch in the process. Are we still going to be on time and that kind of thing?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "The little glitch that we had was you know you have to go through a lot of paperwork with the environmental type people and they had thought that they saw some wetlands there and we had to hire someone to go out and investigate that, an expert, and it was determined that it was so insignificant that it . . . There was wetlands but it was so insignificant, small, not even an acre, not even half an acre, that it's irrelevant so we are moving on now."

Also of note, we're coordinating with the City of Wichita, because they are replacing the bridge on 53<sup>rd</sup> over the Little Arkansas River. This one is over the Big. Theirs is in process now. When theirs is finished, our will start, so that we don't have them both closed down at the same time."

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

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "We're finished with that one, right Madam Clerk? Okay, next item please."

### **H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2002.**

**Mr. Jerry Phipps**, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Minutes of the June 27 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and there are two items for your consideration.

#### **1) CREW CAB TRUCK- FIRE DISTRICT FUNDING: FIRE DISTRICT**

Item one, a crew cab truck for the Fire District. It was moved to accept the bid meeting specifications from Lubbers Chevrolet for \$35,845.

#### **2) WEED CHEMICALS- NOXIOUS WEEDS FUNDING: NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Item two, weed chemicals for the Noxious Weeds Department. It was moved to accept the bid on items one and three from Van Diest Supply for \$12,129.50 on item one and item three is \$3,855 for \$15,984.86. Item two from UAP Timberland for \$14,370 for a grand total of \$30,354.86.

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I have a question. Was this piece of equipment just real crucial that we had to have it immediately and waiting 30 or 60 days to save \$2,000 would have put citizens in danger or something?"

**Mr. Phipps** said, "This is the understanding from the Fire Department. They needed this equipment now. This equipment is in stock. They are replacing a unit that is . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What is the unit? I mean, can someone . . ."

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**Mr. Phipps** said, "Byron Chrisler from the Fire Department is here to address any . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Please, I want to know because it does look like if we wait 60 days we can save a little over \$2,000 and get a year newer vehicle."

**Mr. Bryon Chrisler**, Division Chief Medical, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just a little bit of brief historical data on this. Last year, we projected a need to replace this particular vehicle. This is driven by the operations division chief who works a 24-48, so three different people operate this vehicle. We placed the money in our budget to replace this particular vehicle this year, started the process in January. Due to circumstances beyond the Fire District's control, we were unable to obtain the funds from our budget to replace this until I believe about the end of April, before the money was released. At the current time, this particular vehicle has right at 200,000 miles on it. It's operated all over the whole County, all 640 square miles on a daily basis. If we go ahead and look at the 2003, based on historical data we've had with some of these vendors, this vehicle will probably, in 2003 our project is we'll receive it in about October at the earliest and this particular vehicle is hard to keep on the road. It's constantly in the shop. If the transmission goes out we're looking at probably \$3,000 to replace that. It's just in the shop on a continual basis, because of the high mileage."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Any other questions or comments? Thank you very much, Chief. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

**MOTION**

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

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

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Chairman Ben Sciortino                      Aye

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

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, if you would take an Off Agenda item please."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Certainly."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to consider an Off Agenda item regarding personnel and staffing.

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

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, I would ask that you approve the position of Director of Community Relations at a range 26 for the Manager's staffing table and waive the policy to fill the position at step 9 and at the same time waive the policy to fill the position of Director of Special Projects, Division of Human Services at a step 5."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Just one comment on this. We had approved last time this position but we didn't approve the money to go with it and it probably isn't too inappropriate, if we're going to ask somebody to work for us, that we figure out a way to pay that person. So, I don't have any problem with these items. So, what's the will of the Board on this please?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the addition to the County Manager's staffing table and approve the policy waivers.

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. Next item."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project – Hoobler Jetties: Big Arkansas River. District 2.**

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2. **Resolutions (9) authorizing destruction of certain non-current Sedgwick County Government records.**
  - Finance and Accounting Purchasing Records: 1998 and earlier
  - Finance and Accounting Financial Records: 1960 – 1998
  - Finance and Accounting Payroll Records: 1960 – 1999
  - County Treasurer Routine Tax Records: 1960 – 1998
  - County Treasurer Routine Financial Records: 1960 – 1998
  - County Treasurer Routine Administrative Records: 1980 – 1999
  - County Clerk Routine Tax Records: 1960 – 1998
  - County Clerk Routine Financial Records: 1960 – 2000
  - County Clerk Routine Administrative Records: 1960 – 1999
3. **Second Amendment to Title XIX Certified Match System Agreement with Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Division of Health Care Policy.**
4. **Termination of Agreement with Sharpless, Inc.**
5. **Contract with Craig J. Faroh and Janet S. Faroh for Sedgwick County to purchase property under the flood buyback program.**
6. **Order dated June 26, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
7. **Payroll Check Registers of June 21 and June 28, 2002.**
8. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 26 - July 2, 2002.**
9. **Plats.**

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

Dove Haven

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Heartland Church Addition  
North Valley Farms 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I have a Motion and a Second to approve the Consent Agenda. Any comments? I have a comment from Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just a couple. Once again, I always like to call people's attention to we are destroying quite a few records that are very, very old and I'm sure we're going through the protocols and policies that we have but any time we're removing that many records I think it's noteworthy to let citizens know that we're cleaning up very, very old records and making sure that we're keeping organized with that.

The other thing I'd like Dave to comment just really quick on the number one, which is a construction easement on the Hoover jetties. That has been a problem that has existed in District 2 for what five, six, seven, ten years Dave and it's continued to get worse."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Yes, that's a pretty long story and I don't really know where to start but I'll try to be really brief. It's a situation where the river, the Big Arkansas River, there's a bend in it right at Mr. Hoobler's property and it continues to erode on this property and there's also the possibility that at a time of a serious flood, this could come completely out of the banks there and come down into overland flow into other housing areas and it's very important that we get this corrected.

Our problem has been with the Corp of Engineers and all the regulations that we have to go through to get approval to make the improvements. We're willing, ready and able to make the improvements. We have met with all of the officials, Wildlife and Corp and Division of Water Resources down at the site and we still do not have the approvals yet, but Mr. Hoobler has granted us the easements to get on the property and that's what this item is, should we be able to get on there.

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We still do not have the approvals yet but we're working on that with our Storm Water Management Department, Paul Taylor and Jim Weber has also been involved with it and many of our other staff. We've been down there with our stream maintenance people to see what we could actually do and we think we can solve the problem but they just have to cut us loose and that's what we're waiting for."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "It's just another good example of water problems that we have in Sedgwick County and I don't know how much . . . it's starting to move into acreage that's been worn away now, is it not Dave? I mean, it's not just a little wearing. I mean, it's cutting in deep and starting to remove acreage out of the bend, so we need to get it fixed in the next few years or months or whatever."

**Mr. Spears** said, "That's correct. It's not a small problem. It's a major problem."

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

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. I just wanted to call attention to a plat that's on the Consent Agenda and I'm going to be supportive of this entire Consent Agenda, including this plat. But this plat on for a church on West Maple has caused some concern for neighbors. I have worked with Jim Weber, the staff and Marvin Krout with Planning in trying to make sure that this plat will take care of any potential drainage problems in the future. But this is a unique piece of property. I'm going to watch what happens here, after construction gets done, very closely because we certainly don't want to have an adverse effect to any neighbors. So, as we continue to work through these drainage issues, kind of with a new vision practically in our mind, I think all of us are going to be paying attention. I believe staff has done a very good job in making sure that this drainage plan is going to work for this property, but I did want to call that to your attention. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any other comments? What's the will of the Board?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "We already have a Motion?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Have we voted on it yet? Well, let's vote on it now."

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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. Anything else to come before this Board? Of course, Commissioner Norton."

### **J. OTHER**

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I just wanted to remind everyone that there are many Fourth of July parades going on. I will be participating in the Haysville parade but I know other communities have them and I think if there's ever been a year that we want to get out and show our patriotism and our ability to come together as neighbors and as a country this is the year."

We talked a little bit about fireworks and I've got to tell you, because I think this is going to be the biggest Fourth celebration ever, that I would caution parents to be very cautious with your kids and make sure there's good supervision. You know, they've already determined that the Salvation Army Thrift Store they think on Broadway burned down because of a bottle-rocket and you know, that just leaves us to believe . . . that's been part of the idea, that maybe fireworks caused it and that was a \$200,000 loss of a business that supplied a community and we don't want that to happen in residential areas to people's homes or out in fields to a wheat field that has just been cut and burns off. So, let's be cautious with fireworks. Let's celebrate our great country, but let's be safe as we do that.

I wanted to let everybody know that the Wagon Masters did go out to Cowtown this last Saturday. We had 30 Wagon Masters show up. We painted for about eight hours and we totally completed the outside of the saloon, all the trim work. The only thing we didn't do was the front façade and that's because none of us had the guts to stand on that little shake roof and paint up there, because it looked like guys my size would fall through. But we did get finished and I'm now challenging other businesses and civic organizations and churches and Cub Scout and Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups to maybe adopt a building and come out and paint. Cowtown and Jan McKay will work with everyone to put that together.

Carolyn really started that off when she was Chair of Cowtown and I think we need to continue it.

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There's still much work to be done. Many buildings that haven't gotten there but as of last Saturday at least the saloon looks much better from the outside and hopefully there will be others that will follow.

My last thing is Monday I visited with the South Area Neighborhood Association. Met with a group there. They are very active and are working on some issues along Hydraulic that are very important to them and I hope to go back again and help them with some of their issues. That's all I have. Thanks."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. Well, I was glad to hear that the Wagon Masters spent a lot of their time outside and not in the saloon. So, you did get some things done."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "We did spend some time in there but it was for coffee and donuts."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay. Well, I want to thank Tim for putting that together. That was kind of something we tried to coordinate with the Spruce up the Town this spring, but because of River Festival that didn't work. So, we certainly thank you for that. And yes, this fall we're going to try to put together another one. So, there's lots of work to be done but we're getting there and it's starting to look bright and colorful. So, thank you.

I guess I just wanted to add that on the Fourth of July, if you want pancakes in the morning, Riverside always has their pancake feed. It starts at 7, goes till 11. They have a little parade too, around 9 or 10, for kids on bicycles and that kind of thing. So it's not a car parade and politicians, it's little kids and bicycles and tricycles but they decorate them and so it's really fun to see. But anyway, that's open to everyone and then also Park City is having a parade at 10:00 on the Fourth of July as well and I plan to be there as well.

And last night I had an opportunity to go to a new neighborhood group for me and that was the Benjamin Hills neighborhood group and had an opportunity to share what we do in County government and they were very receptive and glad to have them as part of my district. That's all I have. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I have some comments. Number one, if you want better pancakes, comes down to the Derby Rec Commission at 7:00 tomorrow morning and you'll get the

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better pancakes. I'm sure one of you are going someplace where the best are, so good, better, best.

Last Sunday, Mary and I had occasion to take part in a little fundraiser for a young man that has a brain tumor down in Mulvane. And his graduating class from the high school put this on and it was really heartwarming for me to see how many friends, neighbors got to the park to support him. The park was packed and they coupled it with antique car shows, they had antique motorcycles. There were bands, a lot of good food and just to show this young man, he's only 30 years old, and to show this young man that they love him and they support him. And again, this is open mouth, insert foot, I had told them that I would be willing to offer my body for fundraising, so they immediately put me in the dunk tank. I don't know what the deal is, but it seems like every man, woman and child are an expert pitcher. And this one little kid cheated. He missed it and then he just ran up and I'm looking the other way and he hit it with his hand and I'm falling out."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So it was just pure determination."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "It was pure determination. I think they were out to prove that politicians are really all wet. But we had a nice time and it was neat to be just having a small part in trying to help this young man out. So, I'm still a little waterlogged in the right ear but that's a little dangerous, if you've ever been on one of those. You've got to learn how to fall, or you can hurt yourself. But overall, I thought it was a very worthwhile cause.

And then, Fourth of July, there will be a parade down in Derby and we'll be there and we're going to all celebrate it. And I agree with you, Commissioner Norton. This year it's going to be extra important and I think it has just revitalized the patriotism theme in America and now it's politically correct to treat the flag with respect and to just remember where we've come and why we are who we are. So, that's all I had and Commissioner Gwin, you're probably going to tell us where the best pancakes are."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "No, I've made notes where to go. Last Friday evening and into Saturday was the Wichita Relay for Life. I thank Commissioner Norton and his wife Susan for coming out and spending a little time with us in the late hours. I don't yet have the numbers, but it was a wonderful event. Sedgwick County teams were present and active as they always are. It was good to see old friends. It was wonderful to be with survivors, a couple of them that were newly diagnosed and folks I hadn't realized they had been struck with that disease. But it's a terrific event.

I also want to thank the other communities in this County who host relays. Clearwater has theirs back again. I went down and said hello to them early on. Mulvane also had one. So, it is the signature event for the American Cancer Society and I want to thank all those folks who were involved. That's it until I have my official business."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, all right. I don't see any other comments, so what else is 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 legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:35 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 are now recessed."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:06 a.m. and returned at 11:01 a.m.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "We're back from Executive Session. Let the record read that we had took no binding action in the session. Is there anything else to come before this Board? I don't see that there is any so this Meeting is adjourned. Thank you."

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Chairman  
Fifth District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Chair Pro Tem  
First District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**CAROLYN MC GINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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