

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 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 17, 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. Jack Kegley, Deputy Director, Emergency Management Department; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager and CIO, Division of Information and Operations; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Finance; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Dr. Mary Dudley, M.D., District Coroner/ Chief Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Dr. Lawrence Czarnecki, D.O., Deputy District Coroner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson, Director of Preventive Health, Health Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Chuck Magaha, President, Kansas Emergency Management Association.
King David Davis, Wichita, Ks.
Ms. Candice Jennis, Participant, Black Achievers Program, YMCA.
Mr. Patrick Pruit, President, YMCA Black Achievers Program.
Ms. Janet Greene, YMCA Urban Outreach Director.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Mr. David Cline of South City Baptist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much, Reverend. You're welcome back anytime. Anyone that can come up there and pronounce all five of our names correctly is a good guy in my book. Next item please."

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ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

AWARDS

A. PRESENTATION OF KANSAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION 2001 INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD TO JACK KEGLEY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "So, I wanted to be here with you today to share this special event that we're about to engage in. Annually, our members of the Kansas Emergency Management Association recognize those here in the State of Kansas who perform outstanding functions in a number of different areas.

And we're here to recognize a member of my staff for his contribution today. To do that, I'd like to introduce a couple of other folks to help us do that. First I'd like to introduce to you Chuck Magaha, who is my counterpart from Leavenworth County, currently serving as the President of our Kansas Emergency Management Association and Gene Krase who serves as the Administrator at the Kansas Division of Emergency Management with the Adjutant General's Office. Gentlemen."

Mr. Chuck Magaha, President, Kansas Emergency Management Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Randy. Commissioners, it is my pleasure to come here to Sedgwick County today, on behalf of KAMA. I started off this adventure in January and the ice storm held me back so we had to delay it and it's just now that we're getting around to doing this.

As I said, KAMA is made up of 87 counties throughout the State of Kansas. It's 183 members strong. It's my pleasure to be here, like I said, today to present the Instructor of the Year award to Mr. Jack Kegley. A little background, Jack was nominated this and elected or selected this position by his peers. It wasn't from Randy's group here, it was from his peers across the state.

Jack affectively and humorously communicates the message of Emergency Management, not only through training but through outstanding public outreach programs. He is responsible for reaching literally thousands of people each year through the vehicle of Kansas Division of Emergency Management sponsored and National Weather Service sponsored training programs. He has been recognized by the National Weather Service as directly contributing to saving lives by providing education, information on life-saving actions during severe weather.

Classes provided from June, 2000 to the present, and I'm sure that there's more that's not listed

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here, Jack, effect communications, basic public information officer, incident command and emergency operations interface, developing volunteer resources, multi-hazard safety programs for schools, training to trainer, storm debris management workshop, tornado spotter classes. He's taught 24 classes with over 2,000 students. Family preparedness classes and tornado safety and winter safety, family supply kit, 26 classes with over 1,700 students.

Jack, please step up here. Once again, Jack has reached literally more than 4,000 people with the emergency management message alone this year and more than any other instructor of the Kansas training cadre. I want to present this award 2001 Instructor of the Year Award to Jack Kegley from the Kansas Emergency Management Association."

Mr. Jack Kegley, Deputy Director, Emergency Management Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm probably pretty lucky. I hired into a job where I get to do what I do best and that's talk. For a person that likes nothing better than the sound of his own voice, I guess I'm in the perfect job. Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I can really identify with this guy. I like that guy."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Can I just make one comment? I guess I'd just like to share about all of our Emergency people. You know when I'm going home at night, 5:00 or so, I run into these guys and they're going off to a meeting for the evening to teach people about all these kinds of things. And so, Jack has certainly been very, very active but so have the rest of the folks in the Emergency Management and we thank you because some times you can have a lot of evening events and after you've hit about the fourth one for the week you get a little tired, but we certainly applaud you for what you're doing in our community. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I have the greatest respect for Jack and anyone in Emergency Management, based on some experiences I've had in my life and I think Jack well represents all the good that Emergency Management people do for us day in and day out and I have a special love for Jack because he's one person in the organization that I can spend a little time talking about our roots in Arkansas and not have him laugh. So, congratulations Jack."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Boy, that just made me speechless. To actually admit publicly you're from Arkansas. Clerk, would you please call the next item very quickly."

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B. PRESENTATION OF A CAMARADERIE PARTNER UNITY CUP AWARD IN APPRECIATION OF THE 2002 PREVENTION GRANT FOR THE YMCA BLACK ACHIEVERS PROGRAM.

Ms. Janet Greene, YMCA Urban Outreach Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “And we’re here today to present a Unity Cup, what we call a our Camaraderie Partner Award to the County Commissioners for the prevention grant that was given to the program this year but right before we have our president of the program actually present the award, I would like a young lady who has been touched and affected by the financial contribution that’s been given to the program, I would like for her to say something just first briefly.”

Ms. Candice Jennis, participant, YMCA Black Achievers Program, greeted the Commissioners and said, “And last year of April of 2001, I started with the Black Achievers and basically with my grade point average I had a 1.8. And Black Achievers really inspired me and this year of April I have received a 3.714 with my G.P.A. and the Black Achievers really inspired me and have gave me courage and made me look and turn around with myself and see that education is more important than anything in life.”

Ms. Greene said, “Once again, we would like to say thank you. We have not only the County Commissioners of the Sedgwick County area, but also different companies that actually help make this happen. The president of the program, who will actually present the award today, he works for the City and as a result, he’s been working with the program for five years, he’s the president and he spends a lot of hours in the program. They usually give about 45 to 50 hours a year of donated time to the program as a volunteer, Mr. Patrick Pruitt.”

Mr. Patrick Pruitt, President, YMCA Black Achievers Program, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As the president I want to thank the Commission for sponsoring our program, helping our program. As you can see from the young lady’s testimony, it’s a great program. It’s able to help kids because first of this year was able to have over 200 kids that we were able to mentor and help. And without the support of the County Commission, a lot of things we were able to do we wouldn’t have been able to do. And for the last three years, the County has been participating. Hopefully you will keep continuing to participate because we’re helping the kids that are our future, you know, and that’s our plan there to try to help kids and let them know they can be something, whatever they need to be. And so, we appreciate it then.

On behalf of the YMCA and the Black Achievers, want to present this Camaraderie Youth Partner Cup to the County Commission.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Timing was pretty right too, don’t you think, right before we look at

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our budget. I just want to say something because I think people know me, I'm a pretty conservative guy when it comes to spending money. And I'm not real anxious when it comes to handouts but when it's a hand-up, I get real compassionate. And to this young lady that we just talked about, if I could boil it down to just Kansas kitchen English, you provided her a way to get her to want to do better and as soon as she wants to do something, it happens. And I'm convinced that that's the key to everything. People wind up doing exactly what they want to do and if we can show them a reason why they should want to do something else that's more positive than what they're presently doing, miracles can happen. So I think you're a walking, talking miracle and congratulations and thank you very, very much for the award."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Clerk, call the next item."

C. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO 2001-2002 WASTE MINIMIZATION TEAM MEMBERS.

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager and CIO, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're going to trick the Chairman, because he's got to come right back down here. Mr. Chairman, could you come back down here and present the awards to the Waste Minimization team please?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Are they in the budget too? Betsy is coming. Betsy is going to do it."

Ms. Sexton said, "The first award, or the certificate for his participation in this year's Waste Minimization team goes to Richard Chebultz, our Operations Manager. Richard's first year on the team and he helped us quite a bit and as many of you know, the Waste Minimization team's role and purpose is to increase recycling and reduce our waste within County government and all our departments. So, I'm glad to do this today too. All the department heads are here, so you all can see the benefits of your contributions this year.

Next one goes to Clancy Holeman of the County Counselor's Office. Clancy has been a great improvement to the group this year in helping with our projects. This year, we had an event at Earth Day, in April, where we did the swap and shop among County departments where you could bring in stuff in your departments, maybe in the closet or the back door that you don't use anymore and it's a gold mine for other people. So, we did that the past year.

The next one goes to Caroline Hosford of Environmental Resources. Caroline is a standing member of this committee and she helps us quite a bit in figuring out the things we need to be doing in terms

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of green purchasing for example. Figuring out what things to buy that are better for the environment or maybe even cost less.

Another one here is Jo Sanders of Environmental Resources. She's our recycling coordinator for the whole county and she lends her expertise to our programs as well.

One of the other new projects we had this year in November that we'll do again here in a few months was little postcards. The departments will know what I'm talking about I think. We distribute the postcards and say if you get unsolicited mail, magazines, catalogs, things like that that you don't want, you don't need or you get multiple copies in your office, you send this postcards in and say 'please, take me off your mailing list'. We have reduced our waste, because as you know most of that gets thrown away after it's looked at, so we've reduced that a lot and we're going to keep doing that program.

Dennis Stuck is our next one and Dennis is with Facilities Maintenance. Dennis is the engine behind all the work that gets done around here sometimes I think but he certainly helps with our paper recycling, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Those are our big recycling programs.

Debbie Varner, with Division of Information and Operations, was also a key person on our committee this year. A few others who aren't here I would just mention their names and we'll get their certificates to them later. Carol Flower from the Department of Corrections, she always has a smile on her face and an enthusiastic idea for us. Mark Grindstaff from the Appraiser's Office and Kandace Johnson from Purchasing. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention our good County Commissioner, Betsy Gwin, who is handing out the awards here. She was our Commission member of the team this year. Every year we have a Commissioner member and she led us to new heights this year."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Kathy. And certainly we'd be remiss if we didn't thank Kathy for her hard work in this endeavor and all the other responsibilities we assign to her on a daily basis. Thanks, Kathy. Appreciate it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I want to talk to Kathy."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'm sorry. I didn't see your light. Kathy, just one second, Commissioner McGinn needs to visit with you."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I don't mean to put you on the spot, but I always ask this every time and you can come back with this but I know you started this over three years ago now and we have made a significant impact every year and it would be nice to see that trend some time at one of our meetings."

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Ms. Sexton said, "Okay, and I can tell you, I meant to mention this also, our biggest achievement this past year was with the Sheriff's Department. You know, the Sheriff's Department has over 500 employees total and they really made an effort this year to begin the recycling of the paper and the bottles and the various things in their various locations and they have really increased our numbers, in terms of paper recycling."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, and I think if we can show the volumes that we can save and reduce it will just show other businesses and governmental entities what they can do too."

Ms. Sexton said, "Absolutely. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, while we're waiting just for a second for the Vice Chairman to get back to the Bench. She left? Okay, Clerk call the next item please."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

D. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPECT.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, we had a request by a citizen to talk to us. Just as a reminder, sir, please give your name and address and you have five minutes to address us."

King David Davis, Wichita, Kansas greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is with great honor and humbleness of heart that I stand here today and address you concerning the responsibilities of respect. A responsibility we have as human beings to ourselves, each other and ultimately the God of our nation. A responsibility so important that without it I believe it would be like running your car without oil. That is of course the oil of respect.

And without this oil of respect, conversations turn into arguments, arguments into fights and fights into wars. You see, without this special oil a situation that could be easily resolved now gets blown totally out of proportion. I'm sure we all can relate many times over.

The responsibility of respect requires of us different things at different times. Sometimes it requires us to be soft-spoken, understanding, observing, tolerant, to stand down or just listen. Yet at other times it requires of us to speak out, stand up, get loud or get in your face so to bring things to a point of focus.

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It is from that point of focus that the social ills that would otherwise go unnoticed now has an opportunity to get some medical attention. You see, when we are not responsible to the responsibilities of respect, it actually becomes possible for the bad to be thought of as good and that which is actually good to be seen as bad. A political reality that I know for a fact exists in our community. Without the application of the responsibilities of respect, you compromise justice, the people's liberty, the general welfare and the social integrity of our citizens.

Something I think you should know about myself, I'm a man that prefers the way of peace, calm negotiations. I have a belief system anchored in truth, principle, the laws of nature and nature's God. I do not like to argue, confront or do battle. Yet there are times when the responsibility of respect requires and demands of oneself to take action so that others will take you more seriously and those who may be inclined to misbehave will tend to stay on their best behavior, lest they too come under fire. Yet I have found when the oil of respect is applied along the way, in the end any respect lost is restored, earned or commandeered back into existence.

My children are soon to be entering into adulthood, as are many others. I want for them, my family and friends and my fellow citizens to be able to live in communities where they can trust their local governments to serve justice with prudence honorably. And those who wear badges will adhere to the highest principles of honor, truth, justice and responsibilities of respect.

I believe we owe it to ourselves, each other, our children, those who look to us for leadership and ultimately the God of our nation who gave us this great land of liberty and justice for all citizens. I believe when all things are considered, the responsibilities of respect are very clear what we must do from here. I believe the citizens in our community who want the things we're talking about here outnumber those who don't 100 to 1. Therefore, let's go forth from here today operating in the confidence thereof, so when the time comes to stand together for the greater good of all citizens we will do so with great confidence, even though it may rock the boat just a little.

One last thought. The oil of respect was likened to an ointment with great healing powers to sooth the wounds of the heart, while at the same time providing cures to some of our most common social ills. In conclusion, when it comes to the responsibilities of respect, it is the least we can do. I have all the confidence that the good and honorable citizens of this community will not settle for less than the least and nor shall I. Blessed be the nation whose God is the Lord. All these things I ask in the name of Jesus our Lord and God of our nation. Thank you. By the way, the oil of respect, it's free."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Do I have a Motion on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Let’s see, I guess we should have maybe the next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

E. PRESENTATION OF THE 2003 RECOMMENDED BUDGETS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “My task this morning is to present to you the 2003 financial plan, fiscal plan for Sedgwick County commonly

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known as the budget. It's a pretty easily, although heavy, it's pretty easily understood and the tabs are I think self-explanatory for you and citizens to work your way through the process.

I would like to let you know that, after today, it will be on our website, www.sedgwickcounty.org and it will be in libraries around the County, it will be in your office and my office and the Finance Department's office and Communications for citizens' inspection and review.

Our mission is to assure quality public service that provides for the present and future well being of the citizens of Sedgwick County. With that in mind, we developed that budget. One of our goals continues to be to allocate and use resources for basic and essential services that are responsive to the changing needs of our community. The 2003 budget overview, I want to present this in three sections. One is the impact on state reductions, because for us that's significant, the challenges ahead and services that we'll provide and some enhancements that are provided in this budget, or recommended in this budget.

Reduced state funds, it's a reduction in some local programs. The State of Kansas provides approximately 14% of our budget. When we reduce funds from the state. That means that services will be reduced or services will be cut. The bottom line is that this budget is certainly cautious, very cautious but adequate. When I say cautious, I want to remind you and the public that in fact the state has passed the budget. It's adopted one and all the indicators are that that budget is not realistic. That those revenue projects will not come through. That further cuts will be necessary in this fiscal year. Our analysis indicates that and that certainly for the next fiscal year, for the state things will be more difficult than they are this year.

With that foundation, we developed the budget with continuing to try to deliver quality public services. The impacts on the local level is that Juvenile Justice will be cut \$850,000. The Day Reporting program is eliminated. The Day Reporting program is for children who are juveniles who have been in trouble. That program is for after school, 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. in the evening when most of the juvenile crime occurs. Urinalysis takes place, counseling takes place, transportation and clothing is provided. That money has been eliminated from the state to us. The program is eliminated.

Community Corrections, there's no increase in funding. We'll only be able to serve, as we discussed about two weeks ago, 60 residents rather than the current 75 who would be in jail. Now,

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in the last three days, Mark Masterson, Chris Chronis, Debbie Donaldson and I have worked through a plan that we believe we can fund that program at the 75 citizens. We're going to have to readjust how we think and do business. The Sedgwick County youth program that is in a separate location, the plan would be to move that in the facility with the adults. They'll be separated by structures but we think in that way we can make sure that both programs are viable and those citizens are served and those are out of the jail, at least those folks will not be in the jail but have alternative ways in which to serve their time.

Aging programs, the state is holding back 10% of the budget for the Aging program. That means that in fact . . . They indicated they would give us the money but they're not going to give us the last 10% till the last quarter, depending . . . They want to see how their programs flush out, as the state continues to adjust that program. That means that locally we get to decide which 10% of the meals seniors don't eat, which 10% of the houses they don't get to fix, which 10% of the pharmaceuticals that seniors will not be able to purchase.

Development disabled programs, there are no new dollars for the waiting list. There are 350. There are 350 individuals waiting for services that will continue to be in greater risk that we will not be able to meet.

Finally, the transportation . . . This is highway programs, this is not the transportation about buses, which is a federal program and we are working on that. This is straight dollars to highways and bridges, although only \$150,000 less than last year, we think this perhaps is a future trend that we need to watch very carefully. This program impacts our ability to maintain a strong infrastructure for Sedgwick County.

These programs are state programs. We act as an agent for the state. These are not local programs. These are programs that were legislated, that were developed in the budget by the state and they've asked counties, rather than to administer and implement themselves, they set the counties to implement these programs for them. And they have, in this budget process, needed to reduce the monies that they're sending to counties and they're attempting to reduce the responsibilities for taking that action.

The challenges ahead, besides that interesting news, we have the slowing economy in Sedgwick County, layoffs that have been announced in January, in the first of the year, are taking place or have taken place and we are seeing the effect of those layoffs. There are lower anticipated sales tax revenues. We're monitoring that, continue to monitor that. There's an increase in delinquency rate of real estate taxes and for policy wonks in local government, that's one of the indicators of the

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local economy. Are people paying their property tax on time?

And the other piece of news is that we have increasing health care costs that is well above double-digits and continues to be a difficult struggle for us. We, in Sedgwick County, have a very good health insurance plan. I am making some recommendations about some co-pay and about some deductibles and next year, the third quarter of next year, I want to bring to you a proposal to have one provider. We allow our employees to choose providers. We're not receiving the benefits of a larger group and we know we can save money by doing that.

Just to kind of put it in perspective, we're paying about \$3.39 an hour for benefits. We're paying about \$1.00 more than our competitors across the street in the City of Wichita, \$1.00 more an hour for benefits and this is the primary reason.

There are some service enhancements that are serving citizens in need with construction of the 911 facility for 10.4 million dollars in this Capital Improvement Plan. Emergency Medical reporting system for almost a half a million dollars. This will allow us to bill quicker, to gather data about patient care and to be able to monitor trends in a way that will be more rapidly and more easily be able to monitor them.

We're adding a million dollars for housing additional inmates. The Sheriff and I disagree about what that number should be. This is a number that we can afford and I'm sure we will be discussing that issue further.

The service enhancements, the Health Department programs, we have assumed that responsibility from the City of Wichita and our cost will increase in 2003 by \$400,000. Theirs will decrease by almost a like amount. Prevention funds, we will continue to fund . . . recommending to fund that program at 1.2 million dollars and that has been, we think, pretty successful and a way in which we can affect citizens lives, certainly youths lives to keep them on the right side of the law.

Roads and bridges, there are four projects or four major projects. There are a lot more than that but these are the major, significant ones: bridge at 53rd Street, the widening of 63rd Street South, Hydraulic and K-15, the railroad crossing in Haysville and the Kellogg interchange at \$10,000,000 that we will participate with the City of Wichita.

In recreation and entertainment, I am recommending that we spend \$150,000 on the Kansas Coliseum expansion design. I think we need to now get a very hard figure about how much it's going to cost to make that building accessible to all citizens and I think we need a realistic figure

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from architects about what an enhanced, improved building might look like that's not an 80 or 50 million but somewhere in the 10 to 20 million dollars that we probably could absorb without much difficulty. I know that's not going to sit well with this community. I do not agree that any improvements to the Kansas Coliseum will hurt the chances of a downtown Dinaplex. We have a building that has been on hold for five and a half, six years. We need to do some repairs and we need to serve our customers in ways that they deserve, that they've paid for the building and deserve it. And so I'm going to recommend that we proceed.

We'll continue to fund the Wichita Art Museum, the Capital Improvement Program for that building, the South YMCA and the Sedgwick County Zoo for service and construction enhancements.

Technology, the CAMA system and this is the system of mass appraisal that is used in the Appraiser's Office that helps us, that takes the . . . The reason we have big computers and the way in which people get their property taxes collected and assessed is through this system. The Register of Deeds, Bill Meek, was very successful in his lobbying effort in the Kansas Legislature last year that allowed a fee to be tacked on to . . . filing fee to be tacked on for technology improvements and he has worked with the Appraiser and Kathy Sexton and others to make sure that Sedgwick County citizens are served and not just . . . So it's a systemic approach and not just a very narrow approach. And for that Bill Meek deserves a lot of credit.

I'm recommending an across the board increase of 1.6% for employees.

The resources of Sedgwick County, the total budget this year is \$303,000,000. Last several years you know we have agonized about putting in a new software system for our financial reporting, called SAP. Well the magic of SAP and one of the reasons we thought it was worth the investment, allows us to identify and mingle . . . not mingle but identify our funds and so, this year's budget, for the first time we have all our grant funds, all our research funds, in one accounting system. That's a smart business way to do it. We don't have things off the book or off to the side. You get a picture of what the total finances of Sedgwick County are. It is, with our reserves and with others it is \$303,000,000. You can see, in this 20% cash and reserves, that is a large percentage. Remember that we have reserves for health and life insurance, that we have reserves for some of our other insurances, we have reserves for equipment purchases and so that's . . . much of that reserves, grants are in those accounts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Can I just interrupt for a minute. I just want to make sure I understand. That doesn't mean we have undesignated funds, 20%. That's what you were trying to say. These are reserves but they're designated for anticipating certain things. Okay."

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Mr. Buchanan said, "And when we get grants, sometimes they come quarterly and they sit there or yearly and so that would be cash or reserves for specific programs.

Ad Valorem tax is 28%. The motor vehicle . . . sales tax is 8%, going around the bottom of the circle. The olive green is 4% and that's the motor vehicle tax. Other taxes is 4%. Fourteen percent of intergovernmental and much of that is revenues from the state. Fees for services would be for COMCARE and for EMS and for other services. You can see our 19 and . . . or 3% is from investment income.

The 2003 expenditures of the dollar, public safety is 27 cents as is human services. This year, because we incorporated grants into the budget, we have a better picture of what it is for human services. Let me tell you that almost all the public safety dollars, a very small percentage, less than one or two percent, is from grants. The rest are from tax revenues or fees, in the case of EMS. Human services is just the opposite. All the preponderance, well over 96-7 percent, the preponderance of those funds are grant dollars from other governmental agencies, either state or federal. Now Sedgwick County's tax dollar provides some funds for human services but most of that comes from the taxes that we pay to the state that gets sent back to us.

Financial management is a big chunk of that also, is 24 cents. That's for bond . . . it's not for employees but it's for bond and indebtedness. It is for the reserve accounts, which I've talked about previously, which makes that number pretty high.

Public Works as you can see, 8. Information and Operations, it's not only the information systems but the maintenance of these buildings that we own, 5%. Culture and recreation, community development are 3 cents. General government is 2 cents and human resources is a little less than a penny.

Again, the budget is cautious but adequate, I believe. We need to understand that this is not just a one-year approach. That we need to take a three or four or five year approach, because I have deep concerns about how the state is going to deal with their financial issue and that has a direct effect on citizens of Sedgwick County. We will continue, as we have in the past, to deliver quality public services.

You also are aware that the Sedgwick County budget, again, for 2003 there will be no . . . there's not recommended a mill levy increase. The mills are at 28.6 for \$303,000,000 budget.

We also have a fire district budget. I'm recommending that there be no mill levy increase there. That the \$11,200,000 budget be approved. That the mills remain the same at 15.3 mills and that there be money . . . And this is a maintenance budget. There is some money in there for some improved equipment for some lease purchase of some trucks.

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That's the presentation for the budget. Before we proceed to any questions or comments, I would be remiss in not thanking the cast of thousands, well cast of several that helped in this process. Chris Chronis and Kathy Sexton and the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Troy Bruun and Renfeng Ma, the Budget Director, and I were kind of like the executive team that met routinely and regularly on some policy decisions and I appreciate their willingness to meet at pretty much all times of the days and some calls on the weekends also.

The Budget Department . . . Excuse me. In part of the budget is the Capital Improvements Program and this year that Capital Improvements Program was chaired by Jerry Harrison, who is standing against the wall . . . who was standing against the wall grinning a Cheshire grin as he's counting down the number of days he's going to be employed with Sedgwick County and understanding fully that this is his last budget. For his help and leadership, and we'll roast him later, but it has always just been a staff of comfort and a staff, not only in terms of a person you work with, but as the shepherd's staff, who you could lean on and was strong enough to be very helpful.

Phil Ross in the Budget Department, Kelly Wallace, David Miller, Linda Asmani, Pete Giroux did some outstanding analysis. You will see some of that information in the budget. You will see much of their work . . . their hands on all the budget and some of the issue papers were better this year than I've ever seen them and I really appreciate the thoughtfulness at which they approached it. Tammy Brandt and Lori Westfall just made this book happen. Lori works at DIO and she and some other staff even got some information yesterday to put the final book together. So, it was kind of a last minute deal as usual. Kristi Zukovich in Communications, this morning I heard Cecilia Maggard already answer questions about the budget process. For their help I'm thankful and Lynn Barrett of course. Department heads and division directors are the people who really did all the work, who punched the numbers, who made the requests, who negotiated with the budget director and this is a process by which this organization engages the employees.

And so I just get to talk about it and everybody else got to do all the work. If you like it, it's my document and if you hate it, Chris Chronis did it. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions of Bill at this time? Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Back to Community Corrections, I just need a clarification because they're going to cut 15 slots I guess. Go ahead and highlight that real quick for me and then I'll ask

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the question.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We’re not going to cut those slots. When this budget was printed, up until about three days ago, we thought we were going to have to reduce the number of citizens we serve from 75 to 60. Because of the money, the way the state was flowing it to us, we could not continue to employ those number of people that help us to provide services to 75 folks. Mark Masterson and Debbie Donaldson came to Chris Chronis and I last week and at the beginning of this week with some alternative ways of thinking it through that sounded reasonable to us. Whether it’s a short-term fix for a year or whether it’s permanent, I don’t know but it will get us through this year and 2003 by providing 75 citizens service at Community Corrections. We’re going to have to adjust some other programs and move some people around and think it through.

The process, Commissioners, is that that plan will go to Community Corrections Advisory Board this week, I think. Mark? This week and will be back in front of you next week to approve and so you will hear the details of that at next week’s Commission meeting.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. I guess what I thought I heard we were going to consolidate some juvenile with adult and I didn’t think you could do that.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Well, I think there’s a way in which we can do it that would be in the same building but separated by walls and separated by physical structures.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I don’t really need a specific answer now but I do want to certainly get my hands and our arms around the Juvenile Justice issues and the reductions there. The state has really started on a wonderful project with Juvenile Justice and a real reform of that whole system and really recognized that prevention was critical, of intervention and sanctions against young people. And so I hope we don’t continue to take big steps backwards, because the state was really very helpful in making sure that counties all across Kansas took a step forward in trying to look at Juvenile Justice issues in a new way. And so, as we go through this process, I need to have some more information and get my arms around that. That’s the only comment I have right now, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Bill, I have a couple of things. On page 3, and we need to change that page. I know we had just done re-districting but the map is the old district map and I think perhaps before it gets on the website for sure, we need to have the current district map.”

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And the other thing, and this is not something I'm . . . I just need you to be thinking about it. Not knowing for sure where the conversations with the City on EMS might be going, I think it would be prudent of us to at least anticipate what might happen and make sure that we've got some protection in the 2003 budget, should the City decide to go on their own, we still have to provide emergency services for the rest of the citizens in Sedgwick County and if that necessitates some adjustment, I think we should at least discuss that so that we could have that in the 2003 budget, should that become necessary."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think there's adequate funds, if the City of Wichita chooses to go on their own. There's more than adequate funds to serve the rest of the community."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, all right. That solves that problem for me. Okay, that's all I had. I'm sorry, Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "The Health Department, I guess we kind of took over the full authority of that pretty much, other than a small portion of environmental. You had indicated that in our 2003 we'll pick up \$400,000, because it's a four-year transition of us fully taking over it. What did we pick up this year? I mean, I didn't know if \$400,000 was this year and next year or . . . I guess I don't recall what that transition was. I had to figure out a way to get Chris up here."

Chairman Sciortino said, "This is his project now."

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have, as of January the 1st of this year, we have assumed full management responsibility for public health and the City retained management responsibility for environmental health, as you said. The four-year transition that you referenced is a transition of the funding responsibility for public health. Prior to January 1st, the City was the managing partner. They had management responsibility and the County paid a share of the tax support that was required for public health to the City to provide that service. Those roles have reversed over the next four years. Now the County is the managing partner. We have the management responsibility for public health and the City, under the agreement that we reached, provides a share of the local tax support that's necessary for that. The City's share of that tax support declines over four years. That started January 1st of this year. The County will pick up an additional \$400,000 burden that is removed from City responsibility next year and that burden will grow over the next several years, until we complete that transition. But we have full management responsibility for public health right now."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "So what did we pick up this year?"

Mr. Chronis said, "In terms of services, we have all of the public health services. We haven't picked up any additional services. What we have picked up is additional funding to support those services."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. All right. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And then I guess one final thing for Bill and we can talk about this later. The senior centers, I see that it's pretty much status quo from what you presented in May and I guess I'd like to have further discussions with you about that. Thank you."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We'd be glad to."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Mr. Manager, two things. I have to assume the state, when they made these further reductions, looked at which would have the least detrimental impact on the citizens of Sedgwick County when they made these. Because apparently they couldn't find any more fat in their budget and the only way to do it was to be cutting services. And I have to assume, just like it's charged with us when we have to make tough decisions, we try to figure out, 'okay, which will have the less detrimental effect'. Now we may question their wisdom in a couple of these areas, but that's what we're going to be talking about in the next 30 days."

For clarification to the public, when exactly will we be having public hearings on this budget?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "The public hearings are July 31st and August 14th."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And August 14th, after that last hearing, is when we have to adopt the budget. Is that correct?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So we'll have at least two public hearings and I would just like to encourage anyone that's either in the audience or eventually watching us on television to, if you have something, come before us and let us know what your thoughts and feelings are because that will have an impact on some of the decisions we have to make and we would welcome any discussions that you may want to bring forth to us."

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Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioner, we are working furiously at a way in which citizens can comment using our website. And we hope to present that information to you next week.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, that’s great because we do have a small space here.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “There’s a way in which we think we can engage citizens using technology that has not been.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great. Okay. I don’t see that there’s any further questions. What’s the will of the Board on this item that we’ve just received?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. And Bill, just as a compliment from the Bench, I know that you and Chris and a lot of staff have been working on this for quite some time and it’s been further made difficult for you because the state changed two or three times what we thought the budget might be and anticipated. And I congratulate you on at least giving us a very workable product that we can start trying to fine-tune. So, thank you for that.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Thank you.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

F. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED BY SEDGWICK COUNTY IN 2003.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have prepared a resolution of holidays to be observed for next year. This will assist the County and the District Courts in planning their calendars for 2003. The resolution includes ten holidays, which are the same ones that the County has traditionally observed and they pretty much follow the pattern of the state and federal government. I would recommend you adopt the resolution, unless you have any questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I have a Motion and a Second and we do have some comment. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just a question. In recent years, you know when say there's been a holiday in the middle of the week or on a Thursday for example then all of the sudden, at the last minute, the state decides that they want to make the following Friday a holiday and we have a lot of discussion from our staff about why can't we . . . Can we change our rules? Can we make that a holiday? And we've already adopted them so it's not in the budget. I'm just looking at Christmas, for instance, of 2003. It falls on a Thursday and I wouldn't be surprised that we don't hear those kinds of arguments for the day after Christmas 2003. I mean, you know how the state has done that to us in the past. Was there discussion, Mr. Manager or somebody, about the next day after Christmas? You know how this always seems to always come up."

Mr. Buchanan said, "This comes up every several years, Commissioner, and I've had no discussion about it. My recommendation is that it not be a holiday. That the cost . . . We have a number of folks that work 24 hour shifts . . . I mean 365 days a year. We have Community Corrections, the jail, the police, Sheriff, EMS, fire just to name a few. For us to give the rest of the County employees that day off would require us to pay them overtime at a different rate than we would normally. The holidays are listed this year, 18 months ahead. I would suggest that if people

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want to take vacation time, they work it out with their supervisors to make a four day.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Like I said, I just want to make sure that folks are watching and paying attention because I can tell you that the week prior or the Monday prior to Christmas, we’re going to start hearing a lot of people saying ‘Why didn’t you give us the Friday after?’ It’s a fiscal reason quite frankly and I just want to make sure that the employees know it and if they need or want to take a vacation day or whatever, then they need to start talking about it now I think. Okay. That’s my only comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I think Rich answered my question. I noticed that we are given Friday off after Thanksgiving but we’re not given the Friday off of Christmas.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “That was a . . . Employees were asked 15 years ago or more about that. The County Commission had approved Columbus Day as a holiday and employees petitioned to say we’d rather work Columbus Day, which is a bank holiday, and give us the day after Thanksgiving off. So, it was not an increase of days off. It was a trading of days off.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. And do we, I guess, re-ask that question now and then, since it was 15 years ago we asked it or everybody’s just been pretty well satisfied?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “I don’t think that’s been . . . We have not re-asked the question but I don’t think that’s an issue.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now, wait a minute. Columbus was an Italian guy. That’s an issue to me.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Anyway, I guess that helps me understand why we chose that for Thanksgiving is the fact that it was a trade-off with Columbus Day.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And then Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday so we always know that’s when it’s going to be, as Christmas moves.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And I understand Christopher Columbus wasn’t the . . . to discover . . . but he was one of the first tourists to come by.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I just wanted to make sure that was clear and County employees

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understand that's not being designated as a holiday, despite what the state may do at a later point."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I would accept a Motion on this item."

Commissioner Winters said, "We have a Motion."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We had a Motion and a Second. I'm sorry. We had a comment so Clerk call the roll please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

Chairman Sciortino left at 10:20 a.m.

G. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

1. AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING CONSUMERS.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agreement funds services for COMCARE consumers who are deaf or hard of hearing. It's money that we get from Johnson County Community Mental Health Center and they get the money from the state. It's an agreement we've had for a number of years with the state and Johnson County and the agreement partially funds an out-patient clinician to provide therapy and, in some cases when necessary, case management to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. The agreement is for \$15,590 and we are recommending that you accept the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Are there any questions or comments of Marilyn? If not, what's the

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will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Thank you. Next item.”

**2. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH PINKERTON’S INC.
EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY
SERVICES.**

Ms. Cook said, “This item is a request to extend the current agreement that we have with Pinkerton Security for another three months while we continue with a big process for a new contract. We’ve been very happy with the services that we have received from them and they have been providing good security for a number of programs at COMCARE. We are requesting that you approve the amendment and extend the contract.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters 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	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Thanks, Marilyn. Next item please.”

H. REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER (RFSC).

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA (UKSMW) FOR RFSC TO PROVIDE FORENSIC PATHOLOGY TRAINING FOR UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL STUDENTS.**

Dr. Mary Dudley, M.D., District Coroner/Chief Medical Examiner, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The first item is to extend the agreement that we have with the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita for their students to rotate through our office. It’s the third and fourth year medical students that come over and spend a week a two with us. Three of our staff are on the volunteer facility with the medical school, Dr. Oeberst, myself and Dr. Rohrig. And we have the agreement set up at this time to be open-ended, so we don’t have to go back annually to have it renewed. And my recommended action is to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Commissioner Winters has a question or a comment.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Dr. Dudley, can you make a couple of general comments maybe about your working relationship with the K.U. Med Center. It looks to me like that things are going pretty and there is a lot of synergy there between the organizations. Could you make a comment about that?”

Dr. Dudley said, “I think they’re going very well. The dean of the medical school was on our advisory board and we are, physically, right across the street from the medical school and also from the Health Department and I really think, in the future, visualize the campus concept with the three agencies to work together. Especially since we’ve taken a more active roll over at the health department.

As I said, we help to teach the medical students and go over to their facility and also they come and

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get training and information to find out about the field of forensic pathology at our center. So, I think we're really just continuing to move forward in working with them."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, good. Well, I was at a meeting not long ago and some were talking about how the medical school is certainly . . . they have their Kansas City campus and Wichita campus but they have a number of their students that prefer to come to Wichita and they have no problem filling those slots and I would think that organizations such as yours hopefully play a plus in the work that K.U. Med Center does here."

Dr. Dudley said, "Right. We're really quite excited about that agreement. Also, since we have also been approved for a fellowship program, we have to keep up our research and academic endeavors, and so by being connected and publishing and working with the medical center, that also moves us forward in that direction."

Commissioner Winters said, "Good."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Next item please."

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2. AGREEMENT WITH LAWRENCE CZARNECKI, D.O. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES.

Dr. Dudley said, “Commissioners, we came to you last month regarding changing our contractual agreement to a part-time position for us to include a third associate, forensic pathologist. And we have hired Dr. Larry Czarnecki into the position where he will be working part-time and help us to meet our needs that we have with Sedgwick County and increasing our regional activity. And so my recommendation is to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Next item.”

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAWRENCE CZARNECKI, D.O. AS A SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT CORONER.

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Dr. Dudley said, “Commissioners, this is also related to the last item and my recommended action is to adopt the resolution to appoint Dr. Czarnecki as our third associate and second Deputy Coroner and I also, after we vote on this, I would like to have you meet Dr. Czarnecki. He’s here today.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Great.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Commissioner Winters, you had a comment.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Yes. The only comment, Dr. Dudley, was just I kind of could have asked this under either. You have talked to and examined Dr. Czarnecki and he meets all the qualifications of the State of Kansas?”

Dr. Dudley said, “Yes, absolutely. I’ve known Dr. Czarnecki for six years. When I was in Phoenix, he was a resident down there for five years in the anatomic and clinical pathology. I also helped him get his residency at the University of New Mexico, where I also trained. So, I’ve kind of been waiting for him to finish up his credentials, which he did the end of June and he’s now living in Missouri and willing to come down here part-time. He’s licensed here in the state and all the other credentials have been met.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, very good.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Let’s call the vote then.”

VOTE

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

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Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Would you like to make a formal introduction?"

Dr. Dudley said, "Yes. I'd like you to meet Dr. Larry Czarnecki, our new Deputy Coroner, Medical Examiner and if you have any questions for him . . . Chairman Sciortino isn't here, so I don't think we'll have the question about softball for him. He was ready for that but if you have any other questions for Dr. Czarnecki."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Yes, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I'd just make one statement, a comment. Please take care of Ben's tomatoes if you ever see them over there. But we certainly are pleased to have you here. We're very, very proud of that facility. We literally came out of the stone age into the new age and that is one of the places we've done it and we've got a great staff and we're glad to have you on board and if there's ever anything that a commissioner can assist you with, don't hesitate to contact a commissioner."

Dr. Lawrence Czarnecki, D.O., Deputy District Coroner, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, are you a good softball player?"

Dr. Czarnecki said, "Not really but I play guitar."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. So do I. Thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Thank you very much and welcome. Next item please."

I. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

1. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT A SCREENING AND BLOOD LEAD TESTING PROGRAM.

Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson, Director of Preventive Health, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I brought a notebook this morning because I think I have seven items. This first item is a collaboration between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which was approved back in April by yourself for a blood lead prevention program. This is an extension grant or contract, which gives us an additional \$40,000 for the salary of the nurse that will

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administrate this lead screening program. We're requesting your approval of this extension of this previously approved grant and authorization for the Chairman to sign."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Are there questions of Mr. Gearing-Anderson?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one. As I've reviewed this, it looks like we've had some young people and some kids that have gone through the program and have been tested positive for lead and I think it's very positive that we're identifying those young people that are at risk and getting them some health provisions to solve the problem. So I think this is a great program and I'll be very supportive."

Chairman Sciortino returned at 10:30 a.m.

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

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2. CONTRACT WITH KDHE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT FOR CHILDREN IDENTIFIED WITH AN ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL.

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, “We’re requesting approval of this contract also and authorization for the Chairman to sign. Again, this is related to our lead screening program but this contract states that we will provide case management and case management for those elevated lead levels of children that we screen. And case management will involve not only identifying those with elevated lead levels however, making sure they’re referred for treatment, re-testing is performed and home assessment is performed. For performing case management, KDHE will imburse us \$75 per child for each one that we have to perform case management on.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is that it. Any comments on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract 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, “Next item please.”

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3. CONTRACT WITH KDHE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, "This agreement is between the Secretary of State and the Department of Health and Environment and the Board of County Commissioners for a grant award of \$1,103,450 for the WIC program, Women and Infant and Children program, Supplemental Nutrition Program for services. Currently, we have a caseload of 10,741 women and children enrolled in this program and this grant amount supports this WIC program and we're requesting approval and the Chairperson to sign this contract."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any comments on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I have a Motion and a Second. A comment."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think it's just staggering that we have that many people in the program. It's kind of a good news/ bad news issue and will continue to be supportive of WIC on these kind of projects and I'm hopeful that this money, because some much of it is federal and state driven, that this money doesn't dry up somewhere because this is really going to effect a lot of people and particularly women early pregnancy and kids, infants. It's really going to be tough if some of this money goes away. So, we're very supportive and I just wanted to make that comment. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I don't see that there's any other further comments. There's been a Motion and a Second, so Clerk call the roll."

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VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

Commissioner McGinn left at 10:34 a.m.

4. AGREEMENT WITH UKSMW MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE TO ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN AT THE TEEN HEALTH CENTER.

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, "We're requesting approval of this contract with the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita and the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners, which will provide a physician to act as a medical consultant to the Teen Health Center and this physician will be available, as needed, for any medical consultation regarding students seen at the Teen Health Center.

Currently, we provide immunizations, school physicals, sports physicals, illness treatment, some case management and referral and some minor family planning services there at the Teen Health Center. We're requesting your approval and authorization for the Chairperson to sign this contract."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

5. AGREEMENT WITH UKSMW MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL CONSULTATIVE PROGRAM.

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, "This agreement also provides a medical consultant. However, this one is for a Tuberculosis clinic and this consultant will provide one hour a week on-site and provision of medical consultation services. However, this person is available, or this medical consultant is available during regular office hours, if needed for consultation.

We pay \$662.02 monthly for this medical consultant from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita Medical Practice Association. We're requesting your approval of this contract and authorization of the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any comments on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. And the last item, I hope, for this presenter.”

Commissioner McGinn returned at 10:36 a.m.

6. ADDITION OF TWO OFFICE SPECIALIST POSITIONS, RANGE 15, AND ONE CASE MANAGER POSITION, RANGE 16, TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, “This staffer for the WIC program, as I stated earlier, you approved an award amount of over \$1,000,000 and it was an increase for WIC funding and with this increase of WIC funding . . . We got an increase because our caseload actually increased and they saw fit to increase the dollars needed to run the program. Therefore, we would like to hire additional staffing. We’d like one full-time equivalent office specialist beginning July, 2002, one full-time equivalent office specialist beginning October, 2002 and one full-time equivalent case manager beginning October, 2002 for provision of WIC services. We’re requesting approval of this contract and . . . Approval of these newly created positions and authorization for the Chairperson to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. We do have some questions. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Phyllis, since the clients have expanded, you’re adding one case manager, which certainly seems appropriate. When you’re adding full-time office specialists, what are their responsibilities and how do they assist the success of this program?”

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, “Office specialists are very important to the functioning and running, the daily functioning of the WIC program. They answer the numerous phone calls. They’re there for check in and check out of the clients that are being served. They assist with voucher pick up and follow up of WIC clients. And current enrollment in our WIC program I think I said was 10,741 clients that are currently enrolled in our WIC program.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess two questions. First, you said this will go on-line October of 2002. That's three months of this year's budget. Is there money to cover that?"

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, "Well, the WIC money is allocated first in three months and that period is July 1 through September 30th and then the next allocation is October 1 through June 30th so that's why we separated those positions when we created our budget."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. The other question is if we add density of being able to supply services, is this going to become a never-ending thing where now we can serve more people and you think there will continue to be increase? Or are we reaching maximum service to the community?"

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, "We are not reaching maximum service at this time and I'd like to invite all of you for the presentation that WIC is going to perform on Tuesday I think, the 23rd of this month, and we're talking about our five-year plan for WIC. When we gave our initial presentation during the budget meetings, I think we stated there were about 18,000 more WIC clients that are out there in the State of Kansas that are not currently being served. So we're thinking with the state of the economy now, we certainly have not, I guess, saturated Sedgwick County as far as our WIC clients. There are more out there to serve. We're thinking that our caseload is going to continue to increase."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Thanks."

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, "It has increased remarkably since May of this year, approximately 2,000 more clients, so we're steadily increasing."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Mr. Manager, I'm sure now with Jerry Franz's involvement with the Health Department, the question that Commissioner Gwin had, somebody is really looking hard. You know, you add 'x' number of patients. That does require two other staff people and there's not any slack were . . . I know in a doctor's office, they can add a lot of additional patients before they have to add front office people. Are we looking at that with just a really hard-nosed business decision as to what staff . . . because this is how we . . . I guess the question is are you comfortable that management has looked at these requests and feel that they are justifiable from just a hard-nosed business decision that that support staff is required?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, all right. That’s fine. That’s all I have. I don’t have any further questions. So, what’s the will of the Board on Item I-6?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the additions to the Health Department Staffing Table.

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.”

7. ADDITION OF TWO TEMPORARY CASE MANAGER POSITIONS TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, “This also applies to WIC. We are currently using temporary staff but it’s from external agencies. We thought it would be more cost efficient and as a matter of fact we know it would be more cost efficient if we utilize Sedgwick County temporary staffing pool and this is what we’re requesting. We’re requesting to hire two temporary positions from the Sedgwick County staffing pool and not use the external agencies. It would be more cost effective for us.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Could you give us an example of how much saving we are making by doing that? If you don’t have it, I’m not trying to embarrass you now but would really like to see what we’re paying presently for this service and by taking it in-house what are we saving. I would like to see the actual dollars, if you could show us that. When you say temporary staff from the Sedgwick County pool, what is that pool?”

Ms. Gearing-Anderson said, “Sedgwick County apparently has temporary staff that are hired through Sedgwick County. However, in order to utilize that temporary staff, we have to have a

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position number in place and that's why this had to come before the Board for approval to create a position to put temporary staff in."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, but I don't understand. Okay, maybe that could be explained to us at a later date but I'm still a little confused about we just have a warehouse of temporary people that we need to . . . Well, that could be explained to me at a later date."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner, if I may, let us do the research on those questions and I'll get back to you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes, I'm sure they can be explained. Okay, that's all. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the addition to the Health Department Staffing Table.

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, "Phyllis, thank you very much. Next item please."

J. KANSAS COLISEUM.

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1. AGREEMENT WITH VEE CORPORATION FOR PRODUCTION OF DRAGON TALES LIVE.

John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Vee Corporation is our partner, not only in the Sesame Street Show every year, but also we work with them when we brought Bear in the Big Blue House down to Century II. We're going to expand our family show calendar by presenting Dragon Tales, which is another show targeted towards the younger children. It's going to maintain our position as the family show presenter in south central Kansas. We recommend approval."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Is this going to be presented at the Coliseum?"

Mr. Nath said, "It will be at the Coliseum. That's correct."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. All right, that's it. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I don't see that we have any other questions of John at this time."

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

2. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Nath said, “Month of June, usually a month when we slow down a little bit going into the summer, although sometimes it doesn’t feel that way. We had over 28,000 people come through the building, 14 events, 30 performances. Net revenues were over \$108,000 for the month.

Highlights for the month, 3,300 people attended the U.S. Weapons Gun and Knife Show at the beginning of the month. We had three horse shows: the Wheat State Morgan, Kansas Junior Quarter Horse and the Palomino Horse Show with a combined attendance of 8,850. Now, last month we did a little presentation on how many of those folks come into our community from outside and the impact that they have and this is a pretty recurring thing, when you get folks from out of the community spending time in our motels and hotels and eating in our restaurants.

We had the Champions on Ice right after the Olympics, very good turn-out, over 7,000 in attendance. Really a world-class show and they’ve gone a little bit more show-bizzy like with big production numbers with all the stars. We had all the top pairs skaters, the champions from Russian were here and they actually had a lot of comedy acts and they had a little bit more of the vaudeville type variety show type aspect. These are two Russian body builders that did a little skit in drag in slow motion. It was really a fun show.

The Wichita Stealth had one game with 1,800 folks in attendance. Looks like they’re going to qualify . . . They did qualify for the playoffs and they may end up with the same record as they had last year, which was 7 and 9, which is really not bad for a team and it’s really not bad for a team in their second year in existence.

Coming up in August we have Tool concert on the 24th . . . Or coming up this month we have the Tool concert on the 24th. That will more than likely sell out. So that will give us two sell outs this month alone. Again, we’re doing the U.S. Weapons Gun and Knife Show, Palominos are coming back in August and the Kansas Saddle Horse Show August 29th through September 1st. I’ll be happy to answer any questions at this time if you should have them.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “John, I don’t see that we have any. It does look to me like even though the number of events is a little bit down, the number of attendance is slightly down, our revenues seem to be just barely down. So, they’re getting more money . . .”

Mr. Nath said, “Well, we’ve had good luck this year with concerts and concerts are by far and large the largest revenue generator of any events that we do. We’ve been very fortunate this year.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. We do have a comment, I’m sorry. Commissioner Winters.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "Just a quick question. You talked about the horse shows and the amount of folks that come in from outside. Are there expenses that are spent here related to the horses, the animals themselves or do they mostly come self-contained? Do they bring everything that they need for their horse or horses that they have or do they buy products locally?"

Mr. Nath said, "Generally, everything is supplied by the facility. We have the stalls and the heavy equipment in-house. What they would buy that they would need is the bedding and some of the feed that they would use here."

Commissioner Winters said, "I was going to say, the humans eat. Do the animals eat also?"

Mr. Nath said, "The animals eat also, yes. But a lot of wood chips, a lot of bedding and that's part of our waste recycling, after the show. We recycle that."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. I have a comment from Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just real quick. I don't know what a Tool concert is."

Mr. Nath said, "Tool is new rock and roll. It's a fairly new group, very popular."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I was thinking it was something like Home Improvement or something."

Mr. Nath said, "I thought you had all their albums, just like Incubus."

Commissioner McGinn said, "All right, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I mean, you're just not with it. I thought it was a tool show, you know drills and saws and things like that but I'm not with it either. Okay, Commissioner Norton has his light on."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just that I look forward to your next report because it will talk about the Eagles and that was a wonderful . . . The facility was great. The event was great. The sound was great."

Mr. Nath said, "That was quite the show. We were very, very proud of that one."

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Commissioner Norton said, "So, I look forward to that report. Hopefully, you'll have visuals and you'll even maybe have sound to go with it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Sound would be good."

Mr. Nath said, "Commissioner Gwin said she'd sing."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, we would know the words."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Hopefully that show will be tape delayed forever. Thank you, John. I don't think we have any further comments."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

K. AMENDMENT TO THE 2002 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE CIP# B-269, REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE AT 53RD STREET NORTH OVER THE ARKANSAS RIVER. DISTRICT #4.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a request from Public Works to move the replacement of the bridge over the

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Arkansas River at 53rd Street from the 2003 CIP into the 2002 CIP. Kansas Department of Transportation is managing the project. They've notified us they'll be letting the contract for this project in September of this year.

There's a map. You can see that it's midway between Hoover and Meridian and West Street resumes just to the east of the bridge. It's a rather substantial bridge and this is a view from the northeast. It's 851 feet in length. A view from the southeast. Crossing this bridge serves a developing area. You can see there's a weight restriction and you may be able to see there's a weight restriction on the bridge. You can also see that big truck there. And of course it's serving a developing area with Maize to the west.

As I indicated in one of the earlier slides, the bridge was constructed in 1939. It served us well but it's served us well but it's deteriorating. Here's a couple of examples of that deterioration. You can see the re-bar coming through the curb.

DOT will assume a major source of the funds or provide a major source of the funds. Our share will come from the local sales tax Road and Bridge Fund. We do have adequate funds to support this change to the CIP. CIP Committee has reviewed the project, recommends approval. Do you have any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes we do. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "My only one is are we preparing for the future and are we building this so it can be four lanes or is it four lanes?"

Mr. David Spears, County Engineer/ Director, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's two lanes right now and we've requested that it be four lanes and my recollection is it's designed for four lanes, yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. That concerns me because I know . . . and some of these growth area, if we don't prepare for what's going to happen 20 years from now, we're going to be tearing that one out or building a second one or whatever. I know we've got some of those issues across the turnpike. You know, down in my area, where it's two lane and you're going to have to tear it down to make it four-lane eventually. So, just want to make sure we're planning for the future. Thanks."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. That was pretty much my question. That’s probably the longest and most narrow bridge I think in the County and built in 1939 and that is an area where we have a lot of sand pits and you’re going to see development around there and so it’s my hope that it is going to be four-lane. I know a lot of times they make them two-lane but they make them wide enough to be four-lane and I think that is very important, especially if we’re talking about a bridge that was built in ’39. We’re going to hope that we build them even better today and they’ll last even longer.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, let me ask the question that both of you are putting forward. The cost of the project, \$2,500,000, does that include a four-lane bridge or a two-lane bridge?”

Mr. Giroux said, ‘We’ll have to check.’”

Commissioner Winters said, “David says it’s four.”

Mr. Spears said, “I’m going . . . I believe it’s four. If there’s any change in that, I will advise you. KDOT determines the exact width of the bridge and sometimes you might say is four-lane a 40 foot wide bridge or 44 foot wide. They have a little bit different criteria than we have and you have to meet certain traffic projects that are made by the planning department to get to four-lane but our recommendation was to go to four-lane and I believe that’s what it is.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And hopefully the state is aware of the growth that is occurring up there.”

Mr. Spears said, “We provide all the computer data that the planning department does for us.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any further comments on this item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

L. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH 22ND COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON, MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON 47TH STREET SOUTH FROM OLIVER TO ROCK ROAD. DISTRICT #5.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-1 is a renewal agreement with the 22nd Communications Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base for the Sedgwick County Adopt a Highway program. They will be responsible for 47th Street South from Oliver to Rock Road. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

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.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just want to publicly thank the Base Commander, Michelle Johnson and the Communications Squadron because this is another example of how the people out at McConnell really take an interest in the community that they're in and they're proving over and over to be a good friend and neighbor and I think this is a great thing that they're doing. Thank you. That's all the comment I have. I don't see that there's any more. We have a Motion and a Second, so Clerk call the roll please."

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, "Thank you. Next item, David."

2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – LATEX MODIFIED SLURRY SEAL. CIP# R-140. ALL DISTRICTS.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-2 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, for the Sedgwick County 2002 latex modified slurry seal preventive maintenance program designated as R-140 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been completed and is ready to be 'finalized out'. There will be a net decrease of \$32,201.88, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. We slurry sealed 21.7 miles this year, plus the northeast part of the Coliseum parking lot. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Well folks, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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

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

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

3. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – ORNAMENTAL STEEL FENCE. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, “Similar to the previous item, this is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, for the Sedgwick County ornamental steel fence project by the Sedgwick County Zoo. This project has been completed and is ready to be ‘finalized out’. There will be a net decrease of \$277.80 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign. And as a side note, the five animals on the fence are gorillas, elephants, flamingo, leopard and frog.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And we’re supposed to each one of us pick one of them as our mascot?”

Mr. Spears said, “Well, there are five.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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
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Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Aren't you ever going to leave, David. Oh, you've got one more. Okay, go ahead."

4. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING APPROVAL BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ON SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – 53RD STREET NORTH OVER THE BIG ARKANSAS RIVER. CIP# B-269. DISTRICT #4.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-4 is an agreement between Sedgwick County and the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the 53rd Street bridge over the Big Arkansas River, designated as B-269 in the Capital Improvement Program. This agreement outlines the responsibilities of both parties. It is necessary to enter into this agreement because the bridge lies within the urban boundary but outside the city limits of Wichita. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "David, you had a full day. Thank you very, very much. Next item please."

M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2002.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There are 11 items today for consideration that resulted from a meeting of July 11th, 2002.

**1) IBM 9672- R21 FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATION
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

First item, IBM 9672-R21 functional replacement for the Division of Information and Operation. Recommend the proposal from Mainline Information Systems of \$89,597.

**2) SIREN REPAIR SERVICE- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Item two, siren repair service for Emergency Management. Recommend the low proposal to contract with Phillips Southern Electric for siren repair on an as needed basis.

**3) DICTAPHONE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

Item three, Dictaphone maintenance renewal for Emergency Communications. Recommend the quote from Dicataphone of \$31,164.

**4) GODDARD TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

Item four, Goddard tower lease agreement for Emergency Communications. Recommend to renew the five-year agreement with M & P Rentals Partnership for \$98,280.

5) HAYSVILLE TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT- EMERGENCY

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FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Item five, Haysville tower lease agreement for Emergency Communications. Recommend to renew the five-year agreement with Brad Murray Rentals for \$96,600.

**6) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM- HOUSING
FUNDING: HOME FUNDS**

Item six, home investment partnerships program for Housing. Recommend the proposal from South Central Kansas Economic Development District for contractual services in the amount of \$260,000.

**7) IP PHONES- COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE INFO TECH**

Item seven, IP phones for COMCARE. Recommend the quote from SBC DataComm of \$57,017.60.

**8) REHABILITATION FOR ARK VALLEY LODGE- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item eight, rehabilitation for the Ark Valley Lodge for Facility Projects. Recommend the low proposal from Alcon Construction of \$1,599,000.

**9) FIRE ENGINE PUMPER MODIFICATIONS- FIRE DISTRICT
FUNDING: FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Item nine fire engine pumper modifications for the Fire District. Recommend the quote from Pierce Manufacturing with a not to exceed of \$37,000.

**10) JUMBO TOILET PAPER & PAPER TOWELS- MAILROOM
FUNDING: MAILROOM**

Item ten, jumbo roll toilet paper and paper towels for the mailroom. Recommend the low bid to execute a one-year contract with two one-year options to renew with Massco for toilet paper at a price of \$18.51 per case and paper towels at a price of \$36.04 per case for an estimated annual total of \$20,000.

11) RIDER SCRUBBER- FLEET MANAGEMENT

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FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

And item eleven, rider scrubber for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid from Cullom & Brown, including trade-in, of \$28,400.

Be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “We have a whole bunch of them but I first of all want to congratulate you on the toilet paper decision this year. I think it’s fantastic. I don’t know for sure who went first. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I don’t know that I need to know right now but could somebody help me with the difference between the siren repair service and the preventive maintenance of sirens. Evidently we’ve got more than one . . . Well, item two is the siren repair service, which we contracted with one company but for maintenance we did with somebody else.”

Ms. Baker said, “Right and the repair was for a vendor to come down, go through the system and basically do preventive work. Maintenance is an ongoing, contractual agreement. If one goes down or becomes defective, then that vendor under that contract will come out, based on that hourly rate and the equipment rate and do those repairs as needed. We determine the need.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, I understand now.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Just on item eight, the low bid Alcon Construction and I guess just to share with colleagues and others that that company did the brick building that we have on Central for our adult residential facility a couple of years ago and restoration on the Orpheum Theatre and renovation of the Scofield Auto Plaza and some others. And I guess I just wanted to bring that up because that’s a national historic site and I think we want one of the top people and it also turned out to be low bid as well. So, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I have just a couple. On item one, I noted that we sent this proposal out to nine vendors but in the backup it says that only Mainline is authorized by IBM. So why did we waste seven other vendor’s time?”

Ms. Baker said, “Because historically we use competition with IBM business partners and in this particular instance, IBM would not allow anyone else to bid. What this is going to do, we currently have two mainframe computers that support the County’s needs. And what this solution is going to

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do is eliminate one of those. One of those products, with all the operating and application software, was purchased by IBM. The other was purchased by Mainline so IBM has decided that Mainline, as a sole provider, would take care of that responsibility, so they would not let any other business partner bid.

Through the course of time, the solution is going to save us about \$100,000 a year, though it's investment that we're making now to reduce some costs and become more efficient."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. On item six, I just find it incredulous that three independent bids would come out exactly the same. That just sounds like . . . How can that work?"

Ms. Baker said, "This is a grant program where we've got . . . where it's anticipated that \$260,000 will be spent to support 11 homes in the Oaklawn area."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I got it. So they all bid the same. They don't want to say that they can do it for less. It's like the chiropractor. They only charge you exactly what your insurance company is willing to pay. I got it."

Ms. Baker said, "Exactly and we asked for proposals for qualifications and SCKEDD offered the best qualifications."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So this . . . Well, so we let them know how much money we had available to spend?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well that doesn't necessarily guarantee that we'll be able to get the best, competitive bid."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner, it's public information. Why wouldn't we tell them? Everybody knows. The granting agency knows, the congressman or the state representative knows, people in the community or business knows. Everyone knows. That's why we had a request for proposal, so that we could pick the agency that we think can deliver the goods the best in Oaklawn."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, my only comment . . . I'm not objecting to that. My only comment is then the system has got a flaw in it because these are still indirectly somehow taxpayers' dollars."

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Mr. Buchanan said, “We weren’t looking to . . . We were looking to spend this amount of money on those homes and were looking in a way to do it with the best agency.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “No, I understand that and actually the bid was to get us comfortable that we had the best agency to do the job and we wanted to rehab 11 homes and we estimated, or somebody estimated it would cost \$260,000 to do that. But if you were to put it out for bid and it all of the sudden came in at \$240,000, we would have saved the state \$20,000, which somehow is tax dollars. I’m just saying, somehow the system has got a little bit of a gitch in it if we’re really trying to be efficient with how we spend dollars, either directly or indirectly. But I compliment our way of doing it, if we’re in this system that we have to operate in, our main goal here was to get the best qualified partner to . . . Okay, I got that. Okay, that’s all I had.

Any other questions? Okay, what’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

N. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project – Greenhaven Drainage Project. CIP# D-2. District #5.**

- 2. Plat.**

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

Promised Land Addition

- 3. Notice of potential conflict of interest.**

- 4. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V020040	\$281.00	4	Sundance Apartments
V020041	\$255.00		Andover Crossing Apartments
V020042	\$281.00	5	John Van Winkle
V020043	\$154.00		Linda Wallace
V020044	\$178.00	4	Harry and/or Rhonda Phillips

- 5. 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>
V010114	\$363.00	\$455.00

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V98031	\$187.00	\$191.00
V2059	\$241.00	\$213.00
V97048	\$222.00	\$253.00
V99050	\$260.00	\$260.00
V010120	\$180.00	\$197.00
V8009	\$184.00	\$257.00
V010139	\$391.00	\$440.00
V2061	\$338.00	\$321.00
V010126	\$197.00	\$226.00
V01023	\$257.00	\$291.00
V010130	\$310.00	\$327.00
V010119	\$530.00	\$209.00
V2060	\$239.00	\$268.00
V010138	\$212.00	\$269.00
V2021	\$656.00	\$619.00
V01075	\$485.00	\$323.00
V01093	\$304.00	\$0.00

6. **Orders dated July 3 and July 10, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
7. **Payroll Check Registers of July 5 and July 15, 2002.**
8. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of July 10 – 16, 2002.**

William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and 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 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, "Thank you. At this time, I'd like to recess . . . I'm sorry. So is there any other business to come before the Board at this time?"

O. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes. First of all I had a chance to run out to the County Fair on Saturday and I'm sure Tom will have some information maybe because it's in his district and I know Carolyn was out there but I did want to recognize the people that volunteered in the Sedgwick County booth. Bev Baughman from COMCARE, Toni Tilma from Aging, Mike Mueller from Human Resources, Pat McDonald from the Health Department, DeAnn Konkel from Emergency Management, Deputy Mike Caraway of the Sheriff Department, Captain Scott Hadley from EMS, Lieutenant Kent Scofield from EMS, Angie Duntz and Kristi Zukovich from Communications. So we had a nice representation of County departments out at the County Fair and I'd like to thank them for being there.

And the only other thing I had is I participated in a facilitation of an Eco Devo meeting through the Chamber with the City and County and we're trying to put together a three to five year plan for the economic development for Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita and hopefully we'll be meeting more in the next few months and to come out with a pretty comprehensive plan to help the economy in the Wichita/ Sedgwick County area. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. And I think each of us is probably going to have an

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opportunity because I attended one too and as we look at the economic development initiatives and what makes sense for us, I hope all of us has an opportunity to be involved in that.

Two County employees come to mind as I think about things that are going on. First, I want to go back and re-congratulate Jack Kegley for his award this morning. I don't know if you've ever been to a class that he's taught or ever watched him interact with others but he is very good at his job and his manner, even that Arkansas accent, is very comforting to folks and people do listen. He's very charming in his presentation and yet very thorough in the information he sends out.

The other person who was mentioned briefly today was Jerry Harrison and we're going to start having the opportunities to say goodbye to him, as he starts heading for that road to retirement. I will save my roasting comments for him for later on this week, but there is a historical perspective that we lose when Jerry kind of wanders back out the door. But I think we'll have the opportunity to probably wish him well too, but that's a real transition that this organization will go through. I think that's it for me."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much. I know, kind of this was a weekend you know, you think about is there anything to do in Wichita/ Sedgwick County and we hear this advertisements. There's plenty going on this past weekend. Gerry and I had the opportunity to see *The King and I* on Friday night. It was a great show at Century II. So, they did a great job with Music Theater. Saturday then was out at the Fair. Was out Thursday night for the parade and spent some time out there Thursday night. Then was back out Saturday and Tim and Carolyn were both there. We appreciate your coming out. We do really thank the employees that were at the booth. It's always good to have them out there. Manager Buchanan was even out, Tim. You read the list, so Manager Buchanan and his wife were out at the Fair. It's a great country-type fair, 4-H exhibits, animal exhibits, the kids. One of the kind of interesting side-note is in one of the 4-H exhibits where they were doing the wood carvings were all set out for display. As I walked through there late Saturday, some young 4-Her had written, and you could tell in a very young handwriting, 'If you're the person who stole my snake, please bring it back'. I thought that was interesting.

Then Sunday went out to the Summer National Drag Boat Races at Lake Afton and I know the drag boat races are not everybody's cup of tea but there were seven or eight thousand people out there Sunday afternoon. Lake Afton is really a great place. These people like the lake. They can get up behind the dam and go north and so a south wind has not hindered them. They've not been here for a couple of years because they were later in the year and the weather would turn bad on them and it's really a weather related event. But again, there were boats from all over the Midwest were racing and I spent a couple of hours out there. Just had a good time. So, that's it."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Good. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, it was a great weekend for a fair. You guys already hit everything on it, so I won’t share any more. I guess I’d just like to share where I’ll be tomorrow night. The Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas is going to have Dr. David Satcher, the U.S. Surgeon General here at the Hyatt for an event and his topic of presentation is Violence, Children at Risk and our Role in Prevention and I think that’s a lot of what we do. What’s interesting is that one in five American adults and children are affected by mental health illnesses so that means one of us probably here, I guess if you figure it. And that two-thirds of the adults and young people do not get the help that they need. What’s interesting about Dr. Satcher is he is one of the first U.S. surgeons to share that mental health is a public health issue and he has really brought that up. You know, years past, you know families and people just didn’t talk about that kind of thing and now they are and they’re getting help and I think it’s great and I look forward to hearing what comments he has to share with all of us tomorrow night. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Well, I didn’t really get out of the house this week. We’re getting ready for that spaghetti dinner that we’re going to put on, Mary and I are going to put on at the senior center in Derby and that was a case of open mouth, insert foot. It started out there was going to be 35 people and yesterday I finally begged Dee to stop it at 180 because Mary . . . She’s a lovely lady and we celebrated our 30th anniversary Sunday also but . . . I’m having the Fire Marshall come to declare that you can’t have that many people. No, it’s going to be a great event and I’m looking forward to it but she has been working extremely hard. So we didn’t really get to celebrate Sunday but we’re going to do that real shortly.”

Commissioner Norton said, “When is your spaghetti feed, just so people out there that are wanting to get tickets . . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “There’s no more tickets available. It will be this Friday. We start serving about 11:30 and we’ll serve until everybody is done. It’s at the new senior center in Derby. And this is something Mary and I wanted to do just on our own and we’re looking forward to it. So, it will be fun.

So, if there is no other business, then we’re going to close the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for July 17th.”

P. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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