

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 31, 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 31, 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. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Undersheriff John Green, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. Brent Shelton, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Lieutenant Sam Houston, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Adrian Vega, Management Intern, County Manager's Office; Dr. Jaime Oberst, Deputy Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Rita Rippee, Deputy Appraiser; Ms. Wanda Cadena, Ms. Tammy Titus, Supervisor of Technical Service, Appraiser's Office; Ms. DeAnn Konkell, Project Impact Coordinator, Emergency Management; Captain David Pote, Fire District #1; Captain John Friesen, Captain, EMS; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell P.C.; Mr. Dave MacGillivray, Finance Advisor, Springsted Inc.; Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. Gerald Frantz, Interim Director, Health Department; Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director of Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, Health Department; Sergeant Terrilee Jones, Community Liaison Unit, Sheriff's Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Kelly J. Blades, Good Grief of Kansas.
Mr. Karl Peterjohn, Executive Director, Kansas Taxpayers Network.
Mr. John Conlee, Senior Services Inc.
Ms. Amy Cullom, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board.
Mr. Bruce J. Kouba, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board.
Ms. Debi Hutcheson, Catholic Charities Foster Grandparents Program.
Ms. Beatrice Gray, Catholic Charities Foster Grandparents Program.
Ms. Janet Williams, Good Grief of Kansas.
Mr. Mel Stallbaumer, Good Grief of Kansas.
Mr. Ray Flickner, Sedgwick County Extension Board.
Mr. Robert Perez, 1716 N. Burns, Wichita, Ks.
Mr. Charlie Peaster, 9453 N. 135th St. W., Wichita, Ks.

GUESTS (con't)

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Mr. Tom Wiggins, 9764 N. Meridian, Valley Center, Ks.
Mr. Steve Bokaty, Attorney for Local 2612.
Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Sedgwick County Extension Board.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Sherdeill Breathett, Sr. of Quayle United Methodist Church, Salina.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, July 3, 2002

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I believe you've had the time to review the Minutes of the July 3rd meeting. What's the will of the Board please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 3rd, 2002.

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. Next item."

DONATION

A. DONATION OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT K9 UNIT.

Undersheriff John Green, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We'd like to thank the citizens of the community for a total of 28 individual donations to purchase bulletproof vest for . . . We have Rommel here with us today and our other K-9 Deputy Blitz. The donations were received from a wide section of our community, Wichita predominantly, but also citizens of Haysville, Arkansas City, Clearwater, Kingman, Maize, Halstead and even Chicago, Illinois. As of yesterday, we've raised \$3,070. The vests, as you can see, have arrived. They came in yesterday. Left over funds have been designated for the K-9 program specific and we do request the Board to approve the acceptance of these donations for support of our K-9 program. Also, at a future meeting, we would like to schedule a demonstration of just what these K-9 deputies can do for us, at a future BoCC meeting."

Chairman Sciortino said, "A simulated demonstration because I understand they attack people."

Undersheriff Green said, "Yes, sir they do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great."

Undersheriff Green said, "Also, one other item is the citizen of our community that did undertake this fundraising effort was not able to be here today. He has asked Lieutenant Sam Houston to make a brief comment."

Lieutenant Sam Houston, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Wade 'Scooter' Cheyney called me and wanted to know what he could do for the Sheriff's Department with the K-9 unit, as far as if we protected them with bulletproof vests and these are stab-proof

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vests as well. I told him we were looking into it. It was a large undertaking. It costs a lot of money. The vests are right at \$1,000 a piece. He asked me if it would be permissible to do a fundraiser. He was going to contact the Eagle and try to set this up.

I thought it was admirable on his part. He was the first one to kick it off with donating money to the program. But he was motivated by I think a documentary he saw on TV and he's an animal lover and he thinks that these dogs are a great asset, which they are, to the community and to the protection of our deputies and law enforcement officers in the County. He's not available. He's out of town but he wanted me to speak on his behalf and tell you of his support for our program and our department and the other law enforcement agencies. I believe he is already working on another fundraiser for the Highway Patrol and the military police dogs out at McConnell. So, he's quite a little guy. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I don't see that there's . . . I see a comment. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just one quick one. I think we found out, based on what happened September 11th, with many of the dogs that went into that area that they do heroic work and have a great heart for what they do, because many of them had extreme trauma trying to do the job they did under those conditions. So I think it's wonderful that we've got people locally that care for the animals that we use through the Sheriff's Department. It's a great idea. Thanks."

Undersheriff Green said, "On the care of the animals, I neglected to mention, Detective Hank Cocking, who is Deputy Rommel's partner and a very integral part of the program also."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And I knew for a fact it took a lot to get Hank trained up, especially behaving in public. Commissioners, any other comments or questions? All right, what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the donation.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you both very much. We look forward to having you come back and give us a demonstration. Next item please.”

APPOINTMENTS

B. RESOLUTIONS APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY NUISANCE APPEALS BOARD.

- 1. CLIFF HELMS (CHAIRMAN SCIORTINO’S APPOINTMENT)**
- 2. DEAN LORENZ (COMMISSIONER MCGINN’S APPOINTMENT)**
- 3. TIM SHORT (COMMISSIONER WINTERS’ APPOINTMENT)**
- 4. GLENN CRUM (COMMISSIONER NORTON’S APPOINTMENT)**
- 5. BRENT SHELTON (COMMISSIONER GWIN’S APPOINTMENT)**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “When we set up our nuisance abatement procedures some time ago, we made provision for a Nuisance Appeals Board and these are appointments to that board. The purpose of the board is to hear appeals from persons who have been issued citations for nuisances and the board can either uphold the determination or reverse the determination or they have the authority to modify it.

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Persons who are employees of Sedgwick County are allowed to serve on this board by terms of the resolution, so long as they're not involved in the prosecution or the enforcement of it. So, the appointments, which I believe you can take as one group, are as follows: Cliff Helms which is Chairman Sciortino's appointment, Dean Lorenz which is Commissioner McGinn's appointment, Tim Short is Commissioner Winters' appointment, Glenn Crum is Commissioner Norton's appointment and Brent Shelton is Commissioner Gwin's appointment. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Just one thing, Rich. I've just been notified that Brent Shelton is here to be sworn in. But we can still take them all as one group? I don't know if any of the other . . . my appointee I don't believe is in the audience but I think we have one that is here to be sworn in. We can still take them all and then swear in Mr. Shelton?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, I think it would be appropriate."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right. Commissioners . . . Tim."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one quick comment. I wanted do a little more introduction on my appointment. Glenn is an alumni with myself as the Mayor of Haysville. Served there many years in that capacity. Is used to public service and dealing with these tough kinds of issues and making decisions that are public policies, that uphold public policy. So I did want to do a little introduction of Glenn because he does have a long-standing service in the south side community as a mayor at one time."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No further comments. So what's the will of the Board please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. And Mr. Shelton is here. Is anyone else here besides Mr. Shelton that could be sworn in this morning? I didn't think there was. All right, please."

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand please."

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Nuisance Appeals Board, so help me God."

Mr. Brent Shelton, Deputy County Clerk, said, "I swear."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Do you have any comments that you wish to make, Mr. Shelton? All right, thank you very much for agreeing to volunteer."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Real quickly for me, Brent is my appointee and any of us who have been around the courthouse for a while knows that Brent has served the County and the people of Sedgwick County in many capacities for us. We appreciate your experience, particularly working with the public to serve on this board. Thank you, Brent."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

AWARD

C. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 2002 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.

- 1. TISSUE AND ORGAN DONOR REFERRAL PROGRAM REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**
- 2. ELECTRONIC INTERACTIVE PROPERTY FILING APPRAISER'S**

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OFFICE

3. **READY TO RESPOND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Adrian Vega, Management Intern, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm pleased to share with you that employees of our organization have once again put their great minds together and by doing so, working together, have been presented and given awards by the National Association of Counties.

On February 22nd, Sedgwick County submitted four entries to the National Association of Counties awards program. Three were recognized as award winners. The award program, which began in 1970, seeks to recognize local jurisdictions for their innovative, grassroots efforts to modernize and strengthen government and to increase services to its citizens. In the last six years, Sedgwick County has won several National Association of Counties achievement awards for model county programs.

This year we have three achievement award winners. Representatives from the departments are here to accept the awards and answer any questions you may have.

The first award is a tissue and organ donor referral program submitted by the Regional Forensic Science Center and Dr. Jaime Oberst is here to accept the award."

Dr. Jaime Oberst, Deputy Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This program was designed to allow the loved ones of citizens of Sedgwick County to have the option for post-mortem organ and tissue procurement if death occurs in a setting that's outside a hospital or long-term care facility.

Basically, we worked in conjunction with the transplant agencies, the Midwest Transplant Network, American Red Cross and Wichita Eye Bank to design a program that would allow the citizens to have the option to make this kind of decision. We designed a referral form. Any death that is referred to our office we fill out a referral form that has some basic information about the person that has died and we fax that to the appropriate transplant agency and then the agency will contact the family and ask what their opinion is about donation.

Then the transplant network supplied the fax machines for this program. I would like to thank the Midwest Transplant Network and American Red Cross and the Wichita Eye Bank for their continued support, as well as the Commissioners for their continued support of the Forensic Science Center."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Any questions or comments on this item? Jaime, I just want to say one thing and I think I speak for all the members here on the Board. We’re extremely proud of what you all have done with that Forensic Science Center, especially the tomatoes in the back. That has really put that in national perspective.”

Dr. Oberst said, “Yes, sir. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right. Do we take these individually? Okay, thanks Jaime.”

Mr. Vegas said, “The second award is to the electronic interactive property filing submitted by the County Appraiser’s Office. We have Rita Rippee accepting the award.”

Ms. Rita Rippee, Deputy County Appraiser, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I didn’t think . . . First of all I’d like to thank the ladies that put this personal property filing program together. It has not only enhanced the office and workflow, but it’s enhanced communication and workflow with the citizens of Sedgwick County. This is Wanda Cadena, Personal Property Division Director and Tammy Titus, Technical Support Division and Mark Grindstaff, also of Personal Property. They will answer any of your questions because they have the talent and the skill. Thank you again.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Wanda Cadena, Personal Property Division Director, said, “The interactive electronic personal property system is where we accept on-line rendering from the citizens of Sedgwick County, as well as for the larger companies we accept diskette e-mails and/ or CDs to get their listing of personal property to accurately assess them. Thank you.”

Ms. Tammy Titus, Supervisor of Technical Services, Appraiser’s Office, said, “We want to say this was a joint effort with our department and Department of Information. And we came up with a nice application for the taxpayers of Sedgwick County.”

Mr. Vegas said, “The final award goes to the Ready to Respond program submitted by Emergency Management and DeAnn Konkel is here to accept the award.”

Ms. DeAnn Konkel, Project Impact Coordinator, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “And as we all know, the Ready to Respond program was the County’s efforts to help our citizens after the September 11th attacks to become more prepared so that they could feel safer at home. I think we’ve done a wonderful job with that. It’s been a joint effort with

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our department, with COMCARE and with the Fire Department.

We go out and teach the 11 steps to preparedness. We've served almost 3,000 people in nearly 70 classes. We have quite a few more scheduled for this fall. So, if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think we do have. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And DeAnn, hasn't this been one that we have heard from other counties and other folks in the area who are interested in using what we've created?"

Ms. Konkel said, "Yes. The program has gone out to approximately 25 counties within Sedgwick County [sic]. It's also gone as far as Minnesota and Missouri has taken on . . . quite a few of the counties in Missouri have accepted the program."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, that's wonderful. I think that only further demonstrates what an important program it is and how nice it is to be able to have something that was created locally be shared with others. That's terrific."

Ms. Konkel said, "We do have a lot of the information on our website and people can go to the county website, click on the Ready to Respond icon and find out when all of our next classes are also, if anyone is interested in attending a class."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Is that sedgwickcounty.org?"

Ms. Konkel said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. DeAnn, I'd just like to make a couple of comments on that. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication. I know when a horrible event happens, sometimes we come up with these ideas and they last for just about the term that we remember or until all the effectiveness kind of wears off. But you guys have really put this program together and taken it out to the community and it looks like it's a program that's going to stay around for some time. We're always going to be faced with disasters of some kind, whether they're natural or manmade. And we need to be prepared and it's unfortunate it started because of September 11th but it's here and you guys, it's your commitment, your dedication to go out to the people of our

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community and teach them and train them and also you've branched out, as Commissioner Gwin said, to other counties and I know that you've even been speaking to people on a national level. And so we thank you because I know a lot of what you've done is over and above the call of duty and we appreciate that. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I want to publicly embarrass Commissioner McGinn one more time just to let everyone know. This whole Ready to Respond initiative was your idea and it happened when she was acting as Chair of this Board and she's being very modest and the program has really taken off. But I just want to publicly thank you for coming up with the idea. I'm just sorry that I didn't come up with it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I have to give a lot of credit to Tom because Tom plants a lot of seeds and he certainly planted the seed on this as this came around. And also, you know we talk about the work that you guys have done but Communications actually went to work right away in getting this program printed up. It's a lot easier to share your story when it's on printed material than it is to just go out there and talk about it."

Ms. Konkel said, "Communications was very valuable in helping us put this program together. As we've also branched off with our 24/7 program that we kicked off this early spring and they've been very valuable in helping us with getting that program out as well."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Absolutely. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, keep up the good work. Mr. Manager, it's my understand that we're going to defer Item D. Is that correct? Because the party isn't here to accept the retirement clock. Is that true?"

RETIREMENT

D. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JANET JENKINS, COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE I, HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Bill Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Do we have to have a Motion to defer or what do we do on that, Mr. Euson?"

Mr. Euson said, "Should have a Motion to defer indefinitely."

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to defer indefinitely Item D.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

NEW BUSINESS

E. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE UPDATE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Buchanan said, “Last week we had some discussion about the EMS service and what I’d like to do today is to respond to some questions that were presented last week and also to work through a little demonstration.

Last week, Commissioner Norton asked several questions about the 9-1-1 system and enhancement of what was occurring there. And I would like to give you just a couple of moments to tell you what’s occurring there. I think it’s important to understand that there’s an operations committee that’s comprised of the Police Chief for the City of Wichita, the Sheriff, the Fire Chief for the City of Wichita, the Fire Chief of Sedgwick County Fire District #1, the Director of EMS, the Public Safety Director and the person individual in charge of technology at the City and Richard Vogt, who is in charge of technology as the Deputy Director of that department for us who sit on this committee who do many of the processes and procedures.

We have completed some of the recommendations that were made by the consultant. Four of them are completed. We’ve created a single incident number to track medical calls in the C.A.D. system that was done in December of 2001. We improved dispatch methods for fire responses on medical calls, implementation date was January 15, 2002. This has to do with who response to lower end calls and how that works. Item three is to provide direct C.A.D. access to enhance data from the Wichita Fire Department. We implemented that in February of this year. They were prepared to

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receive that information in June and started receiving it then in June of this year and we've completed analyzing the dispatcher performance. That's an ongoing thing that continues to be done by our supervisors and monitored by not only Diane Gage, but Bob Lamkey.

We have some work that's in progress. There's a number of items here that I want to review. I think there's eight or so. We've changed the current dispatch . . . We're looking at changing the current dispatch job design to increase specialization in fire and EMS dispatch. That was recommended. We think that will be fully . . . It's under review by the operations committee. We think that will be in operation by September 1st of this year. Recommended by the consultant was to consider a radio frequency allocation plan with related dispatch changes. Chief Williams of the City of Wichita Fire Department has led this effort and is reviewing by the operations committee. We think it will be implemented January 1st of 2003, a couple of months. Establish operations level management committee to address operational issues between Emergency Management systems, agencies and communications center, we think by August 13th, that's in less than two weeks that will be done. Well, that's the next meeting. This is an ongoing process. We continue to use mid-level managers in the Fire Department and EMS and others to do that. The next meeting is August 13th.

Accreditation of National Academies of Emergency Dispatch, we think that's pretty important so that we can compare ourselves to some national standards. We have begun that process and expect to be accredited in June 1st of 2003, about a year from a month ago or so.

We are upgrading the management reporting from the phone system. This is a time frame, it's going to take about two months we expect that to be all in place October 1st, 2002. It's been submitted to the TRC committee. We'll conduct a wireless coverage study in the western portions of the County. We're going to see how that's working. We have some indications of some coverage areas that need to be examined. The completion of that examination will be at the end of the month, Halloween, the end of October, Halloween.

Implement the mobile status terminal technology in the fire and EMS units to relieve frequency congestion that the radio equipment is in the process of being looked at. We estimate that . . . the estimated date of implementation is December 1st of this year and there are some purchases that need to be made and some configurations.

And finally, to add management and technical staff. We're in the process of doing that and that position should be filled by September 3rd of this year. So that's some progress that has been made in 9-1-1 and we plan to be back to you with a full presentation about 9-1-1 systems later in this month but I think those answer some of the questions that were made last week.

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The rest of this process is that I want to talk about . . . We're going to talk about ALS and BLS and the system. You need to know that the system begins with 9-1-1 and the dispatchers, who often help with instructions to callers when help arrives. They give medical instructions. BLS is the first responder. It's generally an EMT who provides critical life-saving skills. If necessary, the ALS transport arrives and the paramedics, who continue patient care with advanced medical procedures and that is as necessary and of course the hospitals, when we hand off the patient to the hospital, continue care and the preceding events are all for the pre-hospital care.

Basic Life Support, it initiates patient care. It provides critical life-saving procedures and assists EMS with continuing patient care. If you will, if there are two doctors on a golf course, both world renowned heart surgeons who are in great demand and one falls over with a heart attack, the first thing the other one will do will begin controlling . . . will do basic life support, controlling the ABCs, the airways, the breathing and the circulation.

Airway management is important. That's simply to see if there's anything clogging up the airways and you need to do that, if there's difficulty breathing, to make sure that's done. CPR, some of us are trained. We know those employees in and around the building who have had that training. This is one of the things that citizens can assist. Automatic, external defibrillation . . . I was in the airport in Chicago and there they are against the walls, available, ready. Please don't use it unless you're trained but they are there. American Heart Association indicates that as those things become . . . more people become trained in the real life safety issue is making sure that they're available in and around buildings. Spinal management is part of life support and finally fracture immobilization and packaging, the old Boy Scouts splints and making it immobile and packaging.

Advanced Life Support just builds upon the basic life support. You've got to do basic life support first and if the patient needs it, then you can continue the care through the advanced skills authorized by the medical society. Advance Life Support currently is done by ambulances, people who are ambulance systems and are controlled by the medical society, which is a good thing. I think it's important to have doctors controlling those kinds of protocols.

The Advanced Life Support skills build upon the Basic Life Support skills, do all the ABCs first. Then, if necessary, you have a 12-lead EKG, which is 12 different places on your body that you would place them. It's the IV and therapy medications, if that's necessary and it's warranted and if

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it's under doctor's care. Again, defibrillation and cardio-version occurs, again in those cases. Intubation is a tube in the airway, if that's necessary, to help breathing, chest tubes and rapid sequence intubation. Again, all links in the chain are critical for positive patient outcome and it makes sense. It's nationally recognized that we are focused on patient care and this chain of survival works.

For the demonstration today we are going to have the Fire Department . . . is going to have the BLS, the Sedgwick County EMS will provide advanced life-support. It's going to be a real life scenario. Equipment they use is the real stuff, the steps they would follow. I've asked Captain David Pote to moderate what is occurring with the BLS fire responders and EMS Captain Jon Friesen to describe what's occurring when EMS arrives on the scene to provide advanced life support.

I would encourage you to stand up, because we tried it from the Bench and it gets pretty exciting down here and you may not be able to see it all. But the scenario you are about to see is a citizen who suffered a heart attack. A bystander is going to begin providing CPR, because he called 9-1-1, got medical instructions, was reminded of the CPR process and we will begin where the first responders arrive on the scene."

Captain David Pote, Fire District #1 said, "As the fire department is in route to a medical call or any call, we're receiving information from 9-1-1. Hopefully we're going to get a little bit of information about the type of call that we're responding to.

Upon arrival, the first thing we're going to do is we're going to kind of assess the scene. We're going to see if there's anything hazardous we're going to have to deal with before we start patient care. And then we're going to talk to the bystanders, family members. We're going to talk to any employees that might be there and we're going to try to get as much information as we can as to what happened, what events unfolded that lead to this problem with this patient.

Then what we're going to do is we're going to do a quick assessment. If there's somebody doing CPR, we're still going to go ahead and check to make sure that CPR is needed. We're going to check for a pulse, check for respirations and then one firefighter is going to begin CPR, as the other one is setting up the automatic defibrillator. And once it is set up and in place, we're going to pretty much just stand back and not touch the patient, because the patient cannot be touched while it's doing its process.

Once EMS arrives on scene, then we're going to transfer as much information as we have and then we're going to assume a subordinate role and assist them in any way that we need to."

Captain Jon Friesen, Emergency Medical Services, said, "When the ambulance arrives on the

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scene, one of the first things they're going to do is pay very close attention to what the first responders are telling them. It's important that there is consistency in the history of the event so that we know how to approach it.

The other thing that you'll notice here is the fire department first responders began the process with the automated external defibrillator. That process is allowed to continue. That is the absolute priority and it's a basic life support skill that Mr. Buchanan talked to earlier that is becoming more and more available.

As we continue to work here, one of the things that you'll notice that goes on and was spoken to earlier in the slide is basic life support continues throughout the entire call. So the process of ventilating the patient, providing adequate breaths per minute, the process of chest compressions if they're needed is something that continues as well.

In this particular case and because we would not want to look bad here, we have restored a pulse. And so with that we then take a little bit of a step back and we assess the vital signs and so we're going to be taking blood pressure, insure that the pulse is strong, that is it perfusing. We'll continue to ventilate as needed. What you're seeing right now, paramedic Blair is placing what's called an endo- tracheal tube. It's a tube that's passed down into the airway, the trachea, and the cuff is inflated and what it does is it gives us a very patent and secure airway so that no foreign substance, such as vomit or something like that, could get into the patient's lungs. That proves for a pretty poor outcome, should that happen and that is a priority. Lieutenant Lanterman is in the process of starting an IV line. That is another advanced life support skill. The purpose of the IV line is often misunderstood. What this is for, very simply, predominately is to provide medication. And so the life saving event skill that you saw today was the delivery of electricity to the heart. And now the job is to come in and take a heart that, for lack of a better term, is very irritable and use a medication that will calm it down so that it doesn't go back into fibrillation, that rhythm to the heart which is chaotic. It is not sufficient enough to push blood and leads to death.

We've had an event here where the patient has what we would term refribrillated and again that's a result that the heart is irritable. It's been without adequate oxygen. This is not really unexpected and how we deal with it is to provide another shock. With the IV line in place, Lieutenant Lanterman can now go ahead and give the medication. It's Lydocain. If you've been to the dentist office and received Novocain, it's kind of a cousin in terms of medications and what it's going to do is calm the lower part of the heart, which is sort of the offender in this particular scenario with causing an errant beat that causes the fibrillation.

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What you'll see them work towards now is once that medication is administered and the patient is stabilized then we want to move very quickly into the transport phase. Transport is the often forgotten component of what we do. It's very important that we not only know what to do when we arrive to the scene but it's important that we're able to transport people to the hospital, where definitive care can be given.

The other step that's going to be taking place is contact with the medical control point and so a call is made to what's going to be the receiving hospital and in a case like this, which is a critical patient, we're going to be speaking with the physician giving an update of what we found, what we did, what we have currently and requesting or verifying any additional orders and we'll attempt to give you a bit of a sound bite of what that sounds like. *Lieutenant Lanterman calls Dr. Noel Wagner on the radio.*

Want to clarify a little bit about what drives what we do here. Captain Pote spoke about the role of the fire department first responders. That role is defined by protocols that are written and given to us from the Medical Society of Sedgwick County and so those are what they call type two protocols, which is a bit of state terminology for Basic Life Support. The interventions that were done by the EMS crew are really coordinated through the type one, or Advanced Life Support protocols from the Medical Society. So it's a pretty regimented list of things that we're going to do when we find a situation like this. Probably important as well to say that this is a cardiac arrest call. We're going to run probably in the neighborhood of about 400 of those over the course of a year but many other non-cardiac arrest calls are going to work in a very similar fashion of the integration of the BLS provider with the ALS provider.

So we're going to load to the cot, move to the unit and begin our transport phase. During that, we'll continue working under standing orders and if we have other things that we feel need to be done, then they will simply make contact with the medical advisor again and clarify further orders from there.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, let me thank Captain David Pote of the Fire Department and firefighter Brad Broyles and firefighter Jeff Shoen who helped. From EMS we have Jon Friesen, who was just talking, Captain Mark Smith is the bystander, Kevin Lanterman and paramedic Heidi Bloyer. So thanks for those folks for that demonstration.

The point of the demonstration is that Sedgwick County's continued focus is on patient care. Basic life support skills are essential, regardless of who gets there on the scene first. Absolutely necessary to be done first, advanced life support skills are built upon the initial life saving, the basic life support skills with additional medical treatment. And that Sedgwick County EMS system has

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been in place continuously over the last 27 years and is working for the citizens of Sedgwick County. Commissioners, if you have any questions, we'll be happy to answer them and I have the experts here to do that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions or comments? Yes, Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, go back, Captain Pote maybe, and talk to me about the basic . . . Help me remember the BLS steps. What do the first people have to do with the steps of basic life support."

Captain Pote said, "Basic life support is mostly just assessing the patient, the airway, the breathing, the circulation, the ABCs. It goes back to what we train, primarily, in the CPR class because before you deal with the circulation problem, you have to deal with the airway problem and before you deal with the circulation, also the breathing. And so it goes back to the very beginning. What we do initially is that we go in and on any alarm we gather our information, we do a quick assessment on the vital signs and we administer oxygen if we need to and with that information, then we pass that on to the EMS units upon their arrival."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That has to be done no matter what. Is that right? I mean, those steps have to be done first."

Captain Pote said, "Those steps have to be done. If EMS arrives on scene prior to us, before we arrive, then they have to do those, but you have to begin with those first steps."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, then I saw the bystander perform CPR until the Fire District got there. Then they performed it for a while and then they went to the defibrillation. How long do you perform CPR before you have to take that next step? Is there a guideline or is there . . .?"

Captain Pote said, "No. What we're doing, as we're setting up the AED, the defibrillator, CPR is continuing because that's a very critical stage in patient resuscitation is the continuation of CPR. You never want to stop CPR. I think the guidelines are you never want to stop for more than a minute. So we continue it and we relieve the bystander upon our arrival, usually. Sometimes we may assist them with CPR but usually we'll relieve them and we'll take over CPR while the AED is being set up and as soon as it is set up, turned on, patches are applied, then that's when we go ahead and begin that process."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, I think that's all for now. Others may have questions."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Just a quick question perhaps for Jon Friesen or Captain Pote. Could you comment on the working relationship out in the field between fire departments and EMS. In the demonstration here, it looked like they were flowing pretty well. I mean, everybody kind of knew what they were doing and the working relationship in the demonstration seems to be pretty good. Can you comment, out on the street whether it's city fire or county fire, how is that working relationship at an accident scene or at whatever kind of response has been requested?"

Captain Pote said, "I think the working relationship is very good and I would add there are some other first response agencies that we do work with out and about in the county and we tend to sort of focus on the large city but obviously we cover a great deal of area. Working relationship is good. There's a common denominator and that is we're here to take care of patients and so when we arrive on scene we know what we have to do. We have a protocol spelled out. We go to work and we communicate so that that flows pretty effectively."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Well, so as some folks see City Council members and County Commissioners, you know we're in this discussion, out in the field, things are going pretty smooth. There is a good working relationship with all first responders out there."

Captain Pote said, "Yes, there is. We kind of refer to it as the machine that never stops. And so, 24/7 this is what we're doing."

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

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I've observed this quite a few times at Target. When you're in a public business like that, you have a lot of people in your store and older citizens fall or they have heart attacks or they have things where they need some kind of care and particularly on days like when we had our senior citizens day at Christmastime. You'd be surprised, we'd generally have one or two EMS kinds of calls because people wanted to be active, they wanted to be out and they needed help.

As I've observed over the years, there is those protocols you have to go through. I mean, I've stood there because Target required me to stand there, take notes and understand so that we knew our

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liability, if somebody fell or was hurt in our store and I've listened to those protocols and it's always a regiment of questions and protocols that you have to do before you ever move on to the other things. And you know it's things like when is the last time you ate and are you on medication, if the person is lucid.

How long does it take to do the BLS steps before you can even move on to the LS steps? I mean I've watched that for a lot of years and it's kind of seamless."

Captain Pote said, "Yes, and obviously that's a dynamic number, Commissioner but there is a very valid study that was published in Annals of Emergency Medicine that sort of pegs that as just over five minutes, 5.08 to be exact. And what that is derived from is arrival on scene, patient contact, initial assessment and then the time of the first basic life support intervention. But again, it's a variable. It depends where the patient is located. It depends what the patient condition is. So there are some factors that play into that."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "A few weeks ago, I had the unfortunate opportunity to come upon an accident and it was unfortunate because two elderly women were injured in that. It was a good experience for me to see how our folks work first hand. I was first on the scene and called 9-1-1 and of course I didn't say I was Commissioner McGinn, I said I was Carolyn McGinn and from that point on no one knew who I was and that was very good because from the time I talked to 9-1-1, I got the first-hand experience of what happens on a scene and this was out in the County. 9-1-1 put me to work right away, gave me instructions on what I was supposed to do, talk about meds, talk about their approximate age, talk about . . . ask them, I guess, about who their doctors were and all that, as I was given instructions, I'm sitting here thinking about why? You know, the doctors of course, if they pass out, you need to have some of that information and then also trying to conduct traffic at the same time.

But the first responders did arrive first and they started working on BLS skills or those kinds of requirements and it had to do with one lady was on oxygen and another lady hit her head and was having some back pains, so they were securing her, continuing to ask these questions. The EMS just arrived a few minutes later but we were still working on BLS type of things and so the good experience for me was to watch our folks working together. The whole experience, from the time the fire folks showed up and the EMS people and then the Sheriff as well.

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So anyway, it was just a good opportunity to watch this first hand and then watching this today, so much was very similar. So, you know some people will say, oh this was going to be on TV today so we want to make sure everything works perfectly but it was very similar to what I had experienced and I want to thank these folks for giving such a great demonstration. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Any further questions or comments? I have one question of . . . Not you, Bill. I want somebody that knows something about EMS. What percentage of the calls are critical enough that would require the Advanced Life Support?”

Captain Friesen said, “Well, in terms of critical patients, that’s about 5% of call volume, of patients that we transport.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And I was told, or we were told by the Medical Society that, if possible, they would prefer ALS procedures be done while you’re being transported. Is a portion of those ALS services actually done in the ambulance while you’re transporting?”

Captain Friesen said, “Yes. Again, I think the statement that often is understated or missed is the importance of transport in the whole equation. You can’t just camp out with somebody. So those interventions that are done on scene are the interventions that need to be timely and done on scene and then, when we move into the transport phase, we can continue to work in the back of the truck.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. I don’t have any further questions. I don’t see any. I want to thank you all for that demonstration. That was very interesting, enlightening and I like to see . . . there were four professionals, two different entities but they looked like they were integrated and working, it was totally seamless and I agree with you. On the few occasions that I’ve been on the scene with them, they’re professionals and they have one goal in mind and that’s the quality of patient care and I applaud all of those professionals. Thank you for that.

Mr. Buchanan, was there anything else on your presentation?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No, sir.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, thank you very much.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

F. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2003 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Buchanan said, “This is the time when we receive public comment regarding the budgets. And I want to remind you that this is the general fund budget. That it’s \$303,000,000 budget. There’s no tax increase. We have involved in this budget is an EMS enhancement for about almost \$450,000 for technology improvements. Continue with the prevention fund at 1.2 million dollars. The 53rd Street bridge replacement, Haysville railroad grade separation, Kansas Coliseum project to begin the planning of what to begin doing with the Coliseum and how to address those needs, art museum continuation of funding commitment to the Wichita Art Museum for four years. It’s \$1,000,000 . . . five years. The Register of Deeds technology fund for \$800,000 and a scheduled step increase for all employees. Mr. Chairman, it would be appropriate now to hear comments from the public.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, thank you very much. A question prior to that? Yes, Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I just wanted to make clear, is it our intention to take public

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comment on the general budget, then recess this meeting and move directly into the Fire District and take comments on the Fire District?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We've done this in the past where this is the public hearing on the general fund budget. The Fire District is a separate governance unit. It happens to be the same people but a separate governing unit. We will adjourn the County Commission meeting and start the Fire District meeting as soon as this hearing is over."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. Thanks for reminding me of that. This is the public hearing portion. Anyone that would like to speak to us on the general purpose budget, not the fire budget, please step forward, reminding you to please give your name and address and you have up to five minutes to make a presentation to us."

Ms. Amy Cullom, Chair Person, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am also the Court Services Administrative Officer for the 18th Judicial District, which is here.

I have been a member of the Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board since its inception in 1981. I am appointed by statutory requirements. I, along with Bill Fox, am one of the oldest members, long-term members, on the board.

I'm here today to talk to you about the Community Corrections Adult Intensive Supervision program. We have a funding shortage of \$200,000 to maintain current services in state fiscal year 2003. This is the result of many years of flat funding. The past two years in a row we have had less funding, while at the same time a tremendous increase in the cost of doing business. For several years, the program has struggled to provide minimal ingredients for success, a balance of supervision, drug testing, as well as services necessary to meet the needs of the offenders.

Now we are struggling to maintain just the basic needs of supervision if we operate under the budget for 2003 from the state. These offenders are not shoplifters. They are high-level felon offenders, they are sex offenders, they are robbers and they are drug dealers and burglars.

The lost of resources equals greater concerns for public safety in our community. The loss of these resources could also result in more of our offenders being placed in the local county jail. If less costly programs for alternative to prisons continue to die on the vine, I'm afraid our only alternative

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is to place more offenders into prison. This is the very reason the legislature, some 20 years ago, implemented and placed into being the Community Corrections Act. It is an investment to save our taxpayers' money.

Let me talk to you briefly about the impact of the \$200,000 shortfall on our budget here locally. The AIS program, Adult Intensive Supervision program, currently serves 1,600 felony offenders annual and operates on a very bare bones budget. Plans are already in place to downsize our community corrections program when we implement the state fiscal year budget 2003. In the Adult Intensive Supervision program four positions are going to be cut, one intensive services officer, two surveillance officers, one employment specialist. The impact also includes the elimination of our employment specialized services, our surveillance and electronic monitoring services, reduced drug testing for our offenders. It will also result in a higher caseload for our case managers. Whereas currently we have 30 probationers under supervision by the managers, but as we go into the budget with the shortfall, we will have at least 40 intensive offenders being supervised by our officers.

The Condition Violator grant is also going to lose a position. This is a counselor that who does substance abuse counseling. When this happens, we will provide less counseling services, substance abuse services for our offenders. The Adult Residential program also faced a shortfall but through the efforts of our County, and thank you for that, and Mr. Mark Masterson consolidating the Youth SKIP program, relocating that with the adult residential program, we are able to save some money to meet the needs of that program.

We, the Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board members, ask that you consider strengthening our partnership with you by proving us with some funds to meet the needs of our IS program.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Ma’am, may I ask you how much more time would you require of us because we do try to limit it to five minutes?”

Ms. Cullom said, “I am finished. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Yes, ma’am, thank you. Any questions or comments on that presenter? Okay, next person please. Again, just for the record, your name and address and you do have five minutes.”

Mr. Bruce J. Kouba, Member, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m a member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board and I have been for 15 years. I’m basically here just to say thank you for all that the County Commission

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has done to continue to support this program. We're very much aware of reducing our mortgage payments to you and such that has enabled us to keep the Adult Residential program at a funding of 75 beds and for that we very much thank you.

The public safety is the most important part of what we do and I guess if there's any way that we could ask you to find an additional \$80,000 out of the general budget, that would give us two additional staff persons for ISP and that would help us greatly. And with that we thank you and thank you for your past and continued support."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just have one question of you. Is this \$80,000 that you're asking us in addition to the \$200,000 that was just asked of us with the presenter ahead of you?"

Mr. Kouba said, "As I understand the \$200,000 and perhaps the County Manager could help me out with this, but by reducing our mortgage payments and by allocating the funds that we get from some of our clients, we're able to augment and use those funds to help support the 75 bed level at Adult Residential."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just need . . . ISP?"

Mr. Kouba said, "This is for ISP."

Commissioner McGinn said, "What . . .?"

Mr. Kouba said, "Oh, Intensive Supervision, it's the people that are not in the adult but the other 800 people that are out, that we're monitoring at this point in time."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you very much, sir. Next presenter please."

Ms. Debi Hutcheson, Catholic Charities Foster Grandparents program, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have been asked, in my director's absence, to come and just bring a couple of foster grandparents that are in the program and actually I'm here to introduce Ms. Gray. She's been in our program for 10 years and she's basically here to speak about how the budget cuts will affect her. I present to you Beatrice Cunningham."

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Ms. Beatrice 'Gray' Cunningham, volunteer, Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent program, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm known as Grandma Gray. I want to say to the Commissioners how nice it is to see all of you. I'm here to talk about the Foster Grandparents. Since you've last seen me I've lost some of my teeth. That says to you that we're getting older and we are 149 foster grandparents that work in the program. We need a reason to get up. We need a reason to dress. We need a reason to have a job and this program gives us the reason. It fulfills our potential. What we do is to work with children all over the city, out of the city, suburbs and we need this because of the cost of medicines, the cost of food and all of the things that we don't have money to buy. Most of us are widows, our income is limited and I just want to thank you for allowing us to have a program this long.

But I ask that you would give back the \$2,800 so all of us, as foster grandparents, would have a reason to get up and go out in the morning. It sure is nice to know that 75 year olds, 80 year olds, 90 year olds can get up in the morning and have a job to go on. And if you look at me, you know how nice it is that we can help children all over this community and that's what we are doing. We love the children in the school, in the court, wherever we are we are trained to take care and help teachers and everybody else with their children. They call us grandmas and we are proud to be called grandmas. All I want to say to you is please don't cut our budget. Give us back what we need to keep the Foster Grandparent going. Thank you so much."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly, Grandma Gray, it's good to see you too again."

Ms. Cunningham said, "It's good to see you. Bless you. I love every one of you. Please keep us, all of us, with the money that we need so that we won't have to cut our budget, because if there ever was a time that I need my teeth fixed and I'm depending on the little stipend that I get from the Foster Grandparents. I save a lot and being a minister and I'm up a lot, I need to get my teeth fixed. Please consider that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'll do it. How could you not? The other side of that program is, besides the stipends that it gives to the foster grandparents, the real beneficiaries are the kids with whom they interact on a daily basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I wanted to say amen three times during that presentation. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Could staff help us find where it is in our book please?"

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Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, said, “The programs for Aging that she was discussing are on page 307.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next presenter. Again sir, your name and address.”

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Ray Flickner, Chairman, Sedgwick County Extension Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do appreciate this opportunity to again share with you our needs for the upcoming 2003 year. You have previously seen this, as I’ve shared with you before the economic benefits your County Extension Council brings to the County. And as you’ll notice on the overhead here, this is just a sample listing of the grants that we’ve received, which have totaled approximately \$850,000.

Without the infusion of grants over the past years, programs could not have been expanded. So not only does the professional staff bring dollars into the County, but with this money we’re also able to expand the programs to reach the residents of the County. Some of these programs do include the grant funded classroom 4-H program at Horace Mann School, reaching our Hispanic population with youth development programs. Also the grant-funded master composter program that teaches County residents how to reduce their yard waste without putting it in a landfill. And also the federally-funded expanded food and nutrition education program, commonly referred to FNEP that teaches low-income families with children the value of nutrition to save on health care costs. As I’ve shared with you previously, research has shown that for every dollar FNEP spends, there is an approximately \$9.00 savings in health care costs.

These are a few of the programs, a few of the very valuable programs we do have at the Extension Council. As you also know, the State of Kansas is a partner in providing funding for the County Extension program. This year, as with many programs, a state shortfall will decrease the funding of the Extension by approximately \$59,000. The Council does not have any excess funds to make up the shortfall so, basically, our first supplemental request for you is to provide the funding for the shortfall of the \$58,941 to make up the shortfall. This is our first supplemental request to you to provide so that the programs will not be reduced. Many programs may be funded by grants but without the professional staff to operate these programs, which is where this shortfall will impact will be the staffing level, Sedgwick County will not realize the economic benefits those grants do provide both financially, as well as educating the citizens for a better tomorrow.

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The second part of our first supplemental request there, the \$27,875, is a request to provide salary adjustment for support staff and professional staff. Without a small raise, as Chris Chronis indicated in a recent interview, I believe it was on TV, that valuable staff does leave without the increase and it is much more costly to train new folks. I ask that you give the supplemental budget high priority as you plan the 2003 budget for the County. I do know that funding is tight, but at times like this we do need to continue our research-based education.

Our second supplemental request is one that we brought to your attention a year ago and are asking that you consider it again this year, the \$110,708 request figure was a figure we provided for you last year. We feel that it's very important that support staff do have health care benefits, which they do not presently have. We don't have the finances available to provide this and this figure would represent transferring the support staff to the County payroll off the Extension payroll so that those benefits could be provided. When an opening does occur, we have missed several opportunities to hire qualified people because of the health care situation and I ask that you plan the budget for 2003. As you plan the budgets, you give it some serious consideration.

Finally, I need to point out that we are not asking for growth funding. This is basically a static budget. We're simply asking for enough funds to keep the status quo so that we can continue to encourage program growth through outside funding through the grant process. This will allow us to try to keep the tax base low and also meet the needs of the Sedgwick County residents. That concludes my comments. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer those or we can defer those to Bev Dunning, our Director."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think we have a question or a comment. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "On the salary adjustment, how many people does that affect, the \$27,000?"

Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Sedgwick County Extension Board, said, "There are 9 support staff and 14 professionals. So that's a total of 23 folks."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. And enumerate again the state shortfall. What are the programs? Just give me the programs that are . . ."

Ms. Dunning said, "Well, the state does not specifically fund one program. They fund us as a whole and previously they've given approximately \$135,500. And this year, they're reducing that by this amount of 58,941. There's some kind of formula they've used but that's the number that we've been given."

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Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, but didn't Ray give us some indications of what might go away if you had a \$58,000 shortfall? I didn't get all of that down."

Mr. Flickner said, "Yes, Commissioner. We have not really determined exactly where those dollars will go specifically. However, as you know, when you have \$158,000 operating budget or 160,000 and we take away \$58,000, that has a major impact on the operating costs. The other expense would be staff, so we are looking at serious consideration in terms of the impact on what it's going to do from a staffing standpoint."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, but no specifics. You have to make that decision at some point."

Mr. Flickner said, "Correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And I think they're faced with the same decisions we are. What do we cut that would have the least detrimental affect on the population that you serve? That's the same decisions that we have to make. Any other questions of this presenter? Okay, thank you very much. Next presenter please. Again I'm going to sound redundant but your name and address and five minutes if you would."

Mr. John Conlee, 6404 E. 8th Street, Wichita, Ks. said, "That's exactly one mile west of the Rock Road raceway. We live on the less famous Woodlawn raceway. I am the board chair of Senior Services. We want to thank you for your support in the past and for the opportunity that you've given us here today to speak.

I do not envy you the task that you have and the difficult decisions that you have to make with scarce resources. We do, at Senior Services, provide 11 programs that serve adults and each of these 11 services is important to the people who use it. We have a senior employment program, which serves people generally 55 to 65 years old who have lost their job during this economic downturn. We are also serving people who are over 65 who are returning to work because they can't pay basic bills or cover the high cost of their medications. The number of people attending the weekly job club has doubled from approximately 30 to 35 to now on any week we may have as many as 70 people during this past year.

Senior employment has a 72% placement rate and placed 422 people between July 31, 2001 and

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June 30, 2002. As you may know, people over 45 have more difficulty finding employment than younger workers do. Their search is at least twice as long as younger people. The older one is the longer it takes to find a new job. Our employment program funding and staff have been cut during the past two years. We are hard pressed to serve all clients who require assistance in the job search.

We hope you will grant the requested funds for this program, including the small increase. It will be returned to Sedgwick County many times over in taxes paid to the County, rather than benefits paid to unemployed workers.

And in each of the 11 programs, we have a savings and it varies and I'll tell you in a moment about Meals on Wheels, where the average cost of a meal, which we serve five days a week to approximately 1,000 costs five dollars. It keeps people out of hospitals. It keeps them more healthy. It keeps them out of nursing homes and the nursing home costs that the state and federal government would share would be \$95.00. You're spending \$1.00 to save \$19.00.

Our four multi-purpose senior centers serve large numbers of elders, who socialize and participate in physical activity and in educational opportunities. And they are the link, these senior centers are often the link between older people, their communities and they encourage healthy lifestyles.

We have a program called Retired Senior Volunteer program which links people 55 and above with volunteer opportunities that keep the senior adults engaged and involved, uses their lifelong experiences, wisdom and skills for the benefit of people of all ages and backgrounds through the agencies at which they volunteer. Meals on Wheels, Roving Pantry and Neighborhood Connection provide vital assistance to frail people who are trying to remain in their homes.

We have been notified by the state that approximately 10% of our funds will be cut as of July 1. At our recent board meeting we examined the alternatives that we have to meet that shortfall, which is about \$42,000, and we are going to have to increase the efficiency and we may have to go to a waiting list for people on that service. Although none of the current recipients of that service will be cut.

We hope you can respond favorably to our request for small increases in the senior employment program and our four senior centers. These increases are recommended by the Sedgwick County Aging Advisory Council. We ask that you hold funding stable for our other programs, particularly Meals on Wheels, which has suffered that funding cut from the state. Again, thank you for the consideration you have given in the past. Again, I do not envy you the difficult choices with scarce resources that you have to make.

I'll be happy to respond . . . Oh, I do have one personal note, about the EMS, if I may add that. My mother, my sister and I got an extra ten years with my dad just because of that mechanism. He suffered a massive heart attack and they were on the scene shortly. It's 12 miles to the nearest

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hospital in rural, up-state New York and we got him for an extra 10 years because of what that service provides. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I do think we have some questions or comments. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, I don’t know that I have questions of Mr. Conlee, but for my staff. On 307 we have a whole line of budget summaries and programs but I think Mr. Conlee was also addressing some programs underneath those programs. I think I need some more detail, Chris, on the budget summary by program of community-based client services. Can you all provide that for me? Okay, thank you. That’s all I had, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Tell me the shortfall amount again for Meals on Wheels. It was \$22,000?”

Mr. Conlee said, “It’s \$42,000 plus and it’s about 10% of what the state provides to our Meals on Wheels program. The total budget for that is around a million five and we serve, at any one time, slightly under 1,000 people. Over a year’s period of time, because of changes, because people go off the program or are not needing it any more or go into nursing homes, we serve approximately 2,000. So there’s a roll over of about 50%.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Is it true that the state held back the 10%. That it’s still available. If the revenues come in, it might be there. It’s not a strict cut, it’s a hold back.”

Mr. Conlee said, “That’s exactly right. The 10% began July 1 and we’re feeling that now. They have said it’s possible that, towards the end of the year, it may be restored.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Based on history, it doesn’t look like . . .”

Mr. Conlee said, “It’s not like the sun coming up in the morning. Like aliens landing.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “If I just heard that right, if the seniors don’t eat all year, we may be giving you all the food in December so that you won’t be hungry but they may not like that to much.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "I'm much more interested in this because I turned 55 on Monday and so I'm much more interested in all of this."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, gee, I really feel sorry for you. Now I have one more senior on the Board. I like that. I don't see that we have any other comments. Next presenter. I'm not even going to tell you what to do. You know the rules, Karl."

Mr. Karl Peterjohn, Executive Director, Kansas Taxpayers' Network, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to first compliment the Commission and the staff for providing an opportunity for Internet input. I think it's much appreciated, long overdue and I hope it will be emulated. I would urge the Commission and staff also, if they have the opportunity to do more than just compile the tallies, but when a response is sought, to see if a response can be provided. I posed two questions myself. One was a general comment. One was one I was hoping I might get a response to. And I haven't checked my e-mails this morning but as of yesterday, I hadn't gotten one."

I think the largest budget issue that I'd like to throw out is the situation that exists with the Kansas Coliseum and the Dynaplex. And while many may view that this issue is gone, I view it as just being in hibernation. And I believe it ultimately should be resolved with a countywide vote when we get to that point, at a regularly scheduled general election. And I thought that it was very unfortunate that we were in a situation where it looked like only Wichita voters, although I am a Wichita voter, would be able to cast a ballot. Since this is an issue with the Coliseum being involved in it, that I believe it at least has countywide dimensions and of course our organization has strongly supported further approval for any and all tax hikes and would extend it also not only to the sales tax but to property tax increases should be handled this way in Kansas like they are in Oklahoma, Missouri and Colorado.

Now to speak a little bit about this County budget, and I know that's the focus here, this is occurring at the same time that we've got the school district, the city, the state and federal budgets are all in play. But the most important budget of all should be considered and should not be overlooked because all these budgets, while important, depend upon one other budget and that's the family budget and if you increase spending or any of the other bodies I've mentioned do so, it's going to require funds to come out of that family budget.

And here in Sedgwick County we are in a recession. We've had massive job losses. Many of them are not just limited to the aircraft industry. And when I looked at the all operating funds budget, we're looking at a 6.5 increase in spending in the current year and a proposal that would raise it 5% next year. We'd have, you're facing the first 314 . . . Well, first budget of over \$300,000,00. More specifically, at \$314,000,000 in proposed expenditures.

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There are some specific budget concerns I'd like to present, in terms of looking at the budget in particular are some items concerning wage figures and benefits that seem to be out of step with each other and I think it might be more, as opposed to going through some of those here, I think I'd like to address more generally one of the initial reports about the Department of Corrections and the Juvenile Justice taking a hit, in terms of their budget. Because when you look at the overall Department of Corrections budget, it's actually higher for the proposed 2003 and the adult portion appeared to receive the money. Now I know some of that is funded with grants and state tax dollars and other sources so that perhaps some factors that aren't readily visible by just looking at the budget but I think that's important for anyone who is looking at this to have an overall context and I think it's also important, as the County takes on some new responsibilities, such as the shift in the Health Department, that the County budget figures are examined with the City budget to make sure you're in step with each other, because looking at both budgets, I think it's important as that transition is made that everybody is singing out of the same hymn book where there's sort of that intergovernmental cooperation required.

I'd like to point out the fact that when I talk about the family budget that government should not grow faster than our ability to pay for it and I want you all to keep in mind that we are . . . most of the folks here in Sedgwick County also have municipal taxes to go along with their county tax burden and we've got roughly 450,000, a little over 450,000 residents in this county, according to the 2000 census. So if you divide that \$314,000,000 and I'm referring to the overall funds, that's almost \$700 for every man, woman and child or over \$2,700 for every family of four in this county. So, I think it's important with the appraisals increasing, it's important that you hold the line for no mill levy increase, but if there are extra funds, I would urge you to consider lowering the mill levy, because this county needs an economic stimulus and to limit government growth to what the family budget can afford. I appreciate very much your time and I'd stand for any questions. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Karl. I don't see that there's any at this time but thank you very much for your presentation. Next presenter please. Your name and address please and try to limit yourself to five minutes."

Ms. Kelly J. Blades, Good Grief of Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Our organization is a non-profit organization funded by participants and mill levy money. And we're a grief recovery center housed here in Wichita. We provide support services to Sedgwick County. We have support groups that are set up throughout Wichita and the surrounding area. These support groups are available to persons who have suffered a loss through death of a loved one.

We serve the newly bereaved person. Our largest clientele is widowed persons. We are a widowed persons service. Our goal is to provide emotional and educational support services to newly

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bereaved persons of Sedgwick County. Our mission is to help them, as they go through the grief process. There is no other organization available to these people like ours.

Today, what we're here to do is to plead with you, actually to plead for the widowed. We have received mill levy monies for several years now and we receive it specifically to support the widowed person. In the past, we have received \$9,372 per year and that's what we requested for FY2003. The Sedgwick County Advisory Council recommendation for us, for fiscal year 2003 was \$4,800, which is a pretty major cut for us. It's almost in half and that's a \$4,572 cut for us and we just can't afford to lose that.

Currently, in the first half of this year, the first six months, we served 849 persons. This is widowed persons. We reached out to this many people. Actually, 644 of that were widowed persons of the age of 60 years or older. Five hundred and eighty three of those persons are from Sedgwick County, they reside in Sedgwick County, 583 of them. Mill levy money helps pay Good Grief of Kansas to serve these 583 people and remember that's only in half of a year's time. That's not a whole year's time.

The money we receive this year pays us \$1.34 per person per month, which isn't a whole lot but that's what we request from you. Next year, if we take this recommended cut, then that forces us to do the same amount of work for 69 cents per person per month, which is a pretty good size amount to lose.

Okay, I've asked a couple of people to come with me today who have been in our program. One is Janet Williams and she's currently in our program and she attends one of our support groups and she's here with us because she lost her husband. And also Mel Stallbaumer is with us. He's been through our program, is now ready to start giving back to the community and he's going to be helping us an awful lot. He's going to help us with a new support service that we're going to be starting. So I'm going to let them tell you a little bit, if you have the time to do that."

Ms. Janet Williams, Good Grief of Kansas, said, "I just want to say a few personal things about Good Grief of Kansas and what it's done for me. I just passed the eight month anniversary of my husband's death. I've been attending Good Grief support meetings for six months. I believe that because of Good Grief, I'm becoming a contributing member of society as an individual, after being part of a couple for 36 years, by volunteering my services several times a week at various organizations, some of which I've gone down to Senior Services and got some help from them to do this also.

I truly believe that without Good Grief I would still be holed up in my home with the doors shut and the blinds closed feeling very sorry for myself and not caring much about anything or anyone. I'm

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a religious person and I attend church and also have four grown children and several grandchildren. So, it's not that I don't have other support from other sources but because the people of Good Grief are all going through and have gone through the same things I am, the support I receive makes it possible for me to search for and find reasons to keep on living and giving.

I have met many wonderful people and made some great friends through Good Grief, some of which I am convinced would either be in deep depression or physically ill without Good Grief. I realize that it is very possible to work through grief by yourself. However, I believe that without Good Grief, it would have taken a much longer period of time and have been much more painful. Well, I'm not through it yet but I know that with the help and support of the people at Good Grief I will get there someday."

Mr. Mel Stallbaumer, Good Grief of Kansas, said "Our mission statement is to aid bereaved men and women of all ages, regardless of race, creed, or economic status to adjust more effectively to the realism of the loss of a loved one through death and to develop a new and abundant life. We are funded by memorials, gifts and donations and we would appreciate any financial help you could give us. Many of us are on fixed incomes and have our health problems, as you know, and it takes all of our income for medical problems.

I loss my wife of 52 years in March of 2001 and our church bulletin had Good Grief meetings on Monday nights on the list of things happening in the parish and I was told by the office that it would be a good program for me as I would meet many new friends who have experienced a loss like me. I can say I have done that very thing. We are all looking for that same one to visit with who understands what we're going through. We are kind of forgotten by our friends, as they are awkward about what they talk about. We encourage people to shed tears, as some grief is lost with each tear. We hope we have tissues available to wipe the tears away and it is great to talk to people with the same problem.

I am here to tell you my story and hope that you can help with any financial aid you can see fit to grant as our every organization has many expenses and an office and etcetera. We do have a lot of volunteer workers in our groups and again, thank you for your time that you have given to these few words and hope that we get some money granted. Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you all. Any questions or comments of these presenters? Thank you all very, very much. Next presenter please."

Mr. Robert Perez, 1716 N. Burns, Wichita, Ks. greeted the Commissioners and said, "I wanted to ask you a question."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now, we're not here to respond to questions. We're here just to hear

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your presentation to us but go ahead.”

Mr. Perez said, “I bought some property at a tax sale and there’s liens on them and I’ve been checking into it and trying to get something done about them and I can’t seem to get nothing done so that’s the reason I came up here.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Mr. Manager, could you help on this?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “We’ve been working on it. I’m aware of it.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Oh, this is from you. Okay. Apparently, Mr. Perez, we are apprized of your difficulty and we have people working on it and I would assume that would keep in contact with you and let you know what the resolution is. So, people are working on it from the County.”

Mr. Perez said, “Okay. I have a post office box, which is P.O. Box 409232 down here in downtown.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Your post office box is what again, sir?”

Mr. Perez said, “409232.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And it’s Robert Perez, P-E-R-E-Z. Okay, very good. Thank you very much, sir. Next presenter please.”

Mr. Charlie Peaster, 9453 N. 135th Street W., Sedgwick, Ks. greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I sit here and listen to a lot of people ask for an increase in a budget. In your 2002 budget, in October there’s a proposal for the County Appraiser’s Office to go to a town up by Topeka for a retreat. This retreat is going to cost Sedgwick County citizens in excess of \$10,000. I think somewhere in the budget for 2002 and somewhere in the budget for 2003, if we go through it and start looking for issues that don’t need to be done, why are we taking Sedgwick County money up to Topeka?”

That’s about all I have to say. This is a \$10,000 increase, not a decrease. It’s already been proposed and it’s going to happen in October and I think it could be stopped and I think it needs to be stopped.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all that you . . .?"

Mr. Peaster said, "That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much, sir. Next presenter. Again, name and address and five minutes, if you can."

Mr. Tom Wiggins, 9764 N. Meridian, Valley Center, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "And I'm not up here to ask you for more money. I want to ask you to try to save some money and first of all I'd like to ask you if you'd consider cutting the staff. I think your Code Enforcement Department is overstaffed. You could probably cut \$100,000 out of your budget right there if you'd just study it, look at it close. And a while back you all gave Nola Foulston a big raise, or a small raise or whatever you want to call it. My theory on that is she knew what her salary was going to be before she ran for reelection and therefore I think you made a mistake in giving her any kind of a raise.

I have to wonder also why there are so many legal actions against Sedgwick County. Did some looking down here in civil court files and I can't believe how many lawsuits are against Sedgwick County and I think you need to look at making some changes in your Legal Department. They don't seem to be doing a very good job. Also, I found that there's a lawsuit pending against Sedgwick County in federal court for sexual harassment charge against County Appraiser, Mr. Frantz and according to his court document, this all started back in 1997 and I'm sure the management has been made aware of it. Why hasn't something been done and this person removed from this position back then and the lawsuit is probably going to cost a million dollars before it's over with. There's a lot of expense being paid out for legal.

And I'd like to ask Mr. Sciortino if it's true that you were forced to resign from Multimedia because a sexual harassment charge."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman. Let me interrupt you. We are not . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I want some order."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, can I make a comment?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "We're not here to take any kind of comments about any kind of

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political activity of any of the Commissioners. If anyone wants to make comments about the budget, you're certainly welcome here to talk about the budget. I hope you're done. If you want to make comments about this budget, we'll hear them but we're not going to hear any kind of political kinds of rhetoric or talk at this Bench."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'm not going to allow this. Could we have security here? I apologize to the folks watching on television and to those in our audience for this political demonstration. It's uncalled for and I'm sorry you had to be privy to it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Mr. Chairman, just real quickly. I've been here for a long time and heard a lot of budget hearings. You know, it really makes me mad when it becomes political campaign fodder. The point of this is the folks that we've heard from previously who care enough about services that this county provides to come and talk to us about where those needs are. This is unacceptable. I appreciate the fact that that kind of behavior is not and will not be tolerated by any of this Board, nor should it be."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I think . . . Is there anyone else here in the audience that would like to speak towards the general budget for 2003? Hearing none, I'll close the portion of the public hearing and is there any other action that we need to take on this item, Mr. Buchanan?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "You need to close the public hearing and go to the next item please."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I'd like to now go to . . . Clerk, call the next item please."

G. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2003 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, the next item is authorizing the publication of the notice of the hearing on the 2003 . . . the next hearing is August 14th and that's the final hearing date and the publication of the notice sets the limit of our budget so that next week and the week after today we'll start talking about how we're going to divide the pie rather than how big the pie is going to be.

So, I would recommend that you authorize me to publish a notice of hearing and establish August 14th as the final hearing date on the 2003 budget."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you."

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to authorize the County Manager to publish a notice of hearing and establish August 14, 2002 as the final hearing date on the 2003 Sedgwick County Budget.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I think we’re going to now recess the Regular Meeting of the County Board serving as the Board of County Commissioners and recess into the Fire District #1.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 meeting at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 11:23 a.m.

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 11:24 a.m. and returned at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman Sciortino left at 11:45 a.m.

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “I’ll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the County Commission. Clerk, call the next item please.”

I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$44,220,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2002, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and

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said, "When we were last before you, I believe it was two weeks ago, and you authorized us to sell these bonds, at that time we were talking about an issue size that was approximately 44 and three-quarter million dollars. You see from this slide that we have reduced the total size of the issue down to \$43,705,000 and that has happened because of two factors. One that I mentioned to you in briefings earlier this week and another one that just transpired this morning.

The one that I mentioned to you previously was the notice that we received of a grant award in the amount of three and a half million dollars that we can apply towards Hoover Road improvements that are a part of this financing and that allowed us to reduce the proceeds going to that part of the deal. Additionally, this morning because of extremely favorable interest rates that we received through the bids, we were able to reduce the size of bonds sold for the refunding portion of this deal. Because of the lower interest rates, we'll be able to earn relatively more money on the escrow account from the proceeds and so we have less bonds that we can sell.

As a result, we are now talking about a \$43,705,000 deal and you see the various uses of the funds, here 22.8 million dollars of the total proceeds will go into a capital project fund, specifically the Rock Road improvements, the Hoover Road improvement that I mentioned, the Kellogg overpass interchanges at Tyler and Maize and the railroad overpass in Haysville and we've discussed those with you previously.

All of these bonds are General Obligations of the County, as we've mentioned to you previously. They're payable in a very small part from the proceeds of a special assessment imposed on Cessna for the improvements on a project adjacent to their facility and the balance of the projects are being paid entirely from ad valorem taxes.

These bonds will be dated August the 15th of this year and that's when we expect to close on this issue and actually receive the proceeds. There is a 20 year maximum maturity on the portion of the bonds being sold for the capital projects, the County projects, a 15 year maximum maturity on the bonds being sold for the special assessment project and for the various refunding bonds, and you remember that we're refunding bonds that we originally issued between 1993 and 1996, these new bonds will mature in the same years as those old bonds were scheduled to mature.

We received bond ratings from each of the three agencies that we have traditionally used that are reaffirmations of our existing bond ratings. Aa1 from Moody's, AA+ from Standard and Poor's and AAA from Fitch. In just a second, Dave MacGillivray will talk to you in part about some of the comments that we received from the rating agencies about our credit quality and some of the factors that they used in assessing our credit quality.

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Now to the good news. For this deal, we received a total of nine bids, which is certainly the highest number of bids that the County has received since I've been here and for some years before that. That, I think in part, is attributable to the fact that this issue size is somewhat larger than we have been issuing the past several years and so some of these investment banks that might be interested in this deal would not necessarily be interested in a smaller deal. But even with that nine bids, you see that the low bid and the one that we are recommending that you award to is the bid of Payne Webber at just under 3.9% true interest cost. Just yesterday, the County Manager asked me for an estimate of what this deal would sell at and my estimate at that time was about 4.2%. We are 30 basis points under that.

When we were speaking to you a couple of weeks ago about this deal and getting your authorization to conduct the sale, we showed you some debt service estimates and some debt services savings estimates on the refunding portion and those were all predicated on a true interest cost of about 4.3%. So the interest rates have worked very much in our favor as time has passed.

When we spoke to you two weeks ago concerning the refunding deal, we told you that we estimated the present value savings that the County would receive, net of all costs of issuance for the refunding, were about \$940,000. That was based on that 4.3% assumed interest rate. With this average interest rate on the refunding deal we now estimate the total savings, the future value of savings, to be \$1,490,000 and the present value savings, net of all costs, to be \$1,245,000. So we've picked up nearly or just a little over \$300,000 in savings just in two weeks, based on changes in the marketplace.

All of the savings from the refunding will be spread over the remaining life of the original bonds so that it's not as if we'll be receiving a check at closing for a million two that we can run out and spend. We'll be receiving that money in installments in the form of reduced debt service amounts that we have to budget each year for the remaining life of those original bonds.

With that, I'm going to turn the podium over to Dave MacGillivray and he's going to talk to you about how this transaction with the 3.9% interest rate compares to the general marketplace and he's going to talk about the comments that we received from rating agencies. And then, following him, Joe Norton is going to talk to you about the bond resolution that's before you for adoption."

Mr. David MacGillivray, Financial Advisor, Chairman, Springsted Incorporated, greeted the

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Commissioners and said, “We think this is an exceptionally good sale. Chris asked me to comment on the market conditions. I think there’s two points here. First, the squiggly line graph is the overall bond market, as measured by the National Bond Buyers Index. You’ll see it slightly dipped below that 5%, which at least over this eight year period has only been exceeded once or twice and if you go back 20, 25 years rarely has this been in this sort of territory. So generally it’s a very low market.

I think the other notable item is the differential between the solid blocks and where the market is in this particular issue, being below 4% in that gap below the market. And I think the principle reason for that is the phenomenal number of bids for a \$45,000,000 transaction to get nine major syndicates is significant. That doesn’t happen very often and I think if you look at where these are coming from and if I knew how to go back to the previous slide I’d go back to the North Carolina and significantly more interest, major houses in New York City. I think both of those are reasons why you have this greater spread than your historical experience.

So not only is the market in a very low position, but the underwriters very aggressively bid this and I think that results in the low bids you saw and a large number of bidders. So, here again, if you need to go into debt it’s not a bad time to do it.

As part of this exercise, the County once again went to each of the three rating agencies and I’d just like to . . . we think it’s important to let you know what they’re saying about you and their perspectives from New York, Chicago and Dallas. First, you have a deferential rating essentially, Fitch is at a AAA, the highest. Moody’s and S & P are at the high end of the double A category, which is the one just below. All those are exceptionally high ratings.

The next item is, as we go through their comments and these are all quotes from their written reports, different agencies can look at the same numbers and come up with different conclusions. So, I’d just like to briefly go through this. One thing we’ve been stressing is the diversification of the job and economic base, that it’s not wholly an airline dependent economy. So we talked about, in Fitch’s case, expanding economy, strong management systems and low direct debt levels. And I want to pause on this one because the rating agencies look at two different debt statistics. One is your own debt and the second one is your own plus all the underlying entities, school district, cities etcetera. So as we go through this, you’ll see that the comments on debt change in terms of the perspectives but it really reflects the differentiation between your own debt and yours with everybody else’s.

Moody’s, continued tax base and economic growth, satisfactory financial operations despite potential fiscal pressure. This is the state budget problem. I mean, in the rating agency conversations in general there’s two major questions. What’s going to happen to State, what that means to you and are the economic . . . The economic conditions overall, how are those effecting

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revenues of your sales tax, etcetera.

Above average debt burden of the underlying entities and they quoted the Wichita public school system. Here again, Moody's perspective is going to be above average. When we get down to S & P their last bullet is a manageable overall debt burden.

Diverse regional economy, here again trying to make the point that it goes beyond aircraft manufacturing. Average wealth and income levels, in a community that has higher education institutions you're going to have what student populations, those are going to drag down the income levels but, on the other hand, you've got a solid employment base and strong financial management with good reserve levels. I know you're in the budget situation. They keenly look at reserve levels. So with that I'd take any questions. I would certainly recommend that you award to Payne Webber."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Commissioner Norton has a question I think."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is this a time that we underestimated and maybe should have looked at other projects and bonded with that low interest rate? I mean, I know that's a political decision, but is the money going to get any lower to have? I mean, we always talk about projects don't get done because for some reason and then five years later you go 'Wow, it would have been cheaper to do it five years ago'. Is the money as low as it's going to go now and is this the time to look for those other big projects and go ahead and do them?"

Mr. MacGillivray said, "I guess there'd be two questions there and I'll try to do . . . Whether you should do additional projects or not I don't think is my area but in guessing the market, I will only say that we've been involved with a lot of bond sales. Each week it's another 5 points less than it was a week before. There's been a rebound in the Stock Market this week. We're a little nervous about what that would mean for the bond market. But the bond sales that we've had this week, which are many, the rates are a little better than last week. So no telling where the market is going. It's been going in a favorable direction. There's a better picture right now. I haven't seen the stock market today, a little rebound in equities and we'll see if that does something to fixed incomes.

So, it's very . . . I mean, if you looked at the graph, it's extremely low point in the tax and borrowing and it's good to be in the market selling bonds if you need to be in the market. I think I dodged the first question enough."

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes, you should be a politician instead of a financial advisor. I guess that answered my question. I just . . . If we're going to be looking at some other major projects, this

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money is awful cheap right now. Okay. You would have to bid it in that large increment to get that kind of a rate?”

Mr. MacGillivray said, “Well, no. I think . . . We are selling bonds at all sorts of sizes. What’s driving the rate is the competition and exceptionally high credit rating and because there is a large supply of bonds out there right now. It would be nice if this was a phenomenal number of bids for a \$45,000,000 transaction and I think in a larger, historical context, Joe was commenting upstairs with us that they sold some . . . You sold something that was under \$10,000,000 a number of years ago and you got almost this many bids. So smaller chunks can also have a large number of bidders or competition. So if that answers your question.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay, thanks. Any other questions? Okay, Joe are you next?”

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I get to bring up the rear as usual. Following up on what Chris and Dave have said, the appropriate actions for you to take this afternoon to award the sale of these bonds is to one, award the sale to the lowest bidder which is the Payne Webber group and to adopt the resolution authorizing the bonds.

And what we’ve done from the draft that you have received is inserted the corrected principal amount, which is now the \$43,705,000 and filled in the appropriate interest rates that were bid. Otherwise, the resolution is the same, has been submitted and reviewed by your legal staff and passed on by our firm. Again, reiterating what they said, I think this is a very favorable interest rate, a tremendous savings on the size of the transaction we have and would recommend that you take the action recommended on the screen to award the bid to Payne Webber and to adopt the resolution.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Any questions of Joe? If not, what’s the will of the Board please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to award the sale of the bonds to the lowest bidder, which was Payne Webber group and adopt the Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of General Obligation Bonds, Series A, 2002, of Sedgwick County, Kansas; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain other

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documents and actions connected therewith.

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	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Thank you all. Thank you very much for all your hard work on this. Next item please.”

J. REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE.

1. ADDITION OF ONE CUSTOMER SUPPORT ANALYST POSITION, RANGE 22, TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS STAFFING TABLE.

Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have a great deal of respect for Chris Chronis, your Chief Financial Officer, but boy can he clear a room.

What I’m here today is to present two items, Item J. The one is first to add an additional staff member to the Register of Deeds, range 22, Customer Support Analyst and number two, reclassification of seven personnel.

This is probably the most exciting thing that I’ve been able to do in the County in an awfully long time. Let me give you a little bit of background. For the record, four years ago we came to the Commission with a plan of how we envisioned the Register of Deeds and the Register of Deeds’ technology and how we proposed maybe to figure out a way to fund that. Because of your leadership and the leadership of the County Manager and the leadership of our office and the leadership in the state house, we’re able now to come to you and say that we have been successful in one part of this phase.

Our plan was to make County government more accessible, better functioning, simpler to operate and cost-effective for the citizens. So what we did is we went to the legislature and we said we need some help in this issue. The legislature said what we’re going to do for you is that we’re going to allow the Register of Deeds to collect a fee for technology and technological services.

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Now these fees that we charge are user fees. They are fees for service performed. These fees were established in 1862. That's when the fees first came onboard. The last time there was any significant change to these fees was in 1983 or '86, somewhere in that nature. So these two positions are being funded out of this additional fee that we're going to be able to collect at the Register of Deeds Office.

Now I'm going to talk about the Support Analyst. The Register of Deeds needs a person to be able to continue on the vision that the County Commission has, the Register of Deeds has, the County Manager's staff has as far as bringing Sedgwick County's technology and accessibility to our system to a more effective means. Because this person is a new created person, we have worked extremely close with the Division of Human Services [sic] to determine here's what we think this person should do. What do you think this person should be paid? They then took that to your Technical Review Committee, because this is a technical person, and said what do you think?

So this is not an idea that I had all of the sudden that we're going to have this one individual. This is an idea that has come together from three different identities in the County. All three have agreed on this position. All three have agreed that this person needs to be under these controls and authority. All three have agreed that this is the thing to do at this time.

It's extremely important for an elected official, as you very well know, that what we do will effect what is done down the road so the Register of Deeds, Human Services, your Technical Review Committee and yourself have all been involved in saying this person can be used and utilized. It also says that the Register of Deeds is committed to following the County guidelines on employment, following the County guidelines on technology, following the County guidelines on purchasing. Now that would seem like it's automatic but it's not necessarily so. But I'm telling you, as a person who is involved deeply in help running this legislation that was our intent from the very beginning.

Now this legislation is broad-based. We had 105 counties in the State of Kansas Register of Deeds that supported this action. So this is not just an idea that all of the sudden exploded. This is an idea that we've been working on for an awfully, awfully long time. But the leadership of the Manager's staff and the leadership that you have presented is not the leadership like 'Just go out and do it'. You've been involved on a daily, weekly, monthly basis. You've held my feet to the fire. We've agreed, we've disagreed and we're moving along quite well and it's a great cooperation between the governments and I think it's outstanding.

2. RECLASSIFICATION OF SEVEN POSITIONS.

The second item is probably my most favorite. This item I requested from Human Services to take

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out of . . . they were going to present this in late August but I've been working on this for so long that I asked them if they would let me present it and they said they would.

When we first came into the office of the Register of Deeds, it was an assembly line operation. A would do one widget, B would do another widget. Well, if B were sick, nobody knew how to do that B widget. So, working extremely hard with Human Services, and they worked really, really hard, we developed a program that said, 'Okay, if you can do this, you should get this amount of money and if you can do this much more, you should get this amount of money' and it gave them a way to expand within the system their abilities and their income. And it works and it will work really good.

We have a dedicated . . . You have a dedicated group of people up there that are not concerned, and most of your County employees are this way too, that are not concerned about working from 8 to 5 getting the job done, getting them in, getting them out. They really, really care about what they do. So we're submitting these two items to you for consideration and I will stand up for any questions that you have."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Okay. Commissioner Winters has a question."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you. Bill, you and I have talked about this several times and I think I'm pretty comfortable with where we're headed. I was just a little bit confused on our agenda it refers to this addition as a customer support analyst. In our backup, it refers to it as a support and technological liaison, which is really more what I thought it was. Is there any difference in the terminology here or am I just not seeing this right?"

Mr. Meek said, "No, you're correct. The backup that you have that I supplied is incorrect. It's a Technical Support Analyst position, range 22."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. But it's really, it is the person that's going to maintain the funds that you've gotten from this technological fee and it's the person who's going to support the technology, as your Register of Deeds utilizes the funds to bring technology on board. Is that right?"

Mr. Meek said, "That's correct, Commissioner."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. And in your presentation, I think one of the most important things to me is that we have a completely integrated system with all the other departments

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because you're one chain in a cog that goes to the Clerk and the Appraiser and everybody else and we do have the Technology Review Committee and in my conversations with you, you indicated to me that you're going to be with the Technology Review Committee and develop this integrated chain. Am I on base there?"

Mr. Meek said, "You're absolutely correct. We're working extremely close with the Assistant County Manager, Kathy Sexton and with the Technical Review Committee. As we know and as we've talked about in the past, we have got to make the system work. We can't buy system A before we're ready to buy system B. We've got to keep things in order. They've got to follow a pattern so that it benefits the entire County and the entire County operation."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, you know I guess one of the things that makes some folks nervous when they deal with elected officials and that's what we're dealing with. We're all elected officials, is that if someone decides to do their own show and I really commend you. I think you've been one of the best team players of elected officials that don't report directly to the Board of County Commissioners. You're elected countywide. But with procedures like the Technological Review Committee and the policies that regulate purchasing and all of those things that try to keep us in order is what we want to make sure continues on and I think you've done that in the past and from what I hear you say again this morning, we've got this tremendous advantage to use these fees that are going to change not only your department, but others."

Mr. Meek said, "That's correct. That's why we're making an extremely important point about making it as far as public record. I was deeply involved in helping writing this legislation. I testified in every committee that there was and I'm putting on public record and notice this was the intent to benefit the entire County, rather than a rogue operation."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. One last comment. If after you're gone or after we have a major problem, if we saw that this person needed to come back and be more associated with DIO, the Board of County Commissioners always has the ability to do that. I would not anticipate that happening but it certainly would be a possibility, if this system doesn't work."

Mr. Meek said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm going to be supportive."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Commissioner Norton, you had some questions."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm very supportive of the position and I think Tom kind of touched

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on and Bill and I had visited about that, the reporting relationship because it has to be tied to the protocols and the equipment that comes through out Technological Review Committee or you're right, the word 'rogue' that's a great term. That it could very possibly be that and I don't think we've got that here but I think that scares everyone that things change and it could malfunction on us.

There's money set aside for the next couple of years to start building that capacity for this person to work on. Describe that a little bit, Bill. Do you have those numbers, kind of off the top of your head? It was like \$70,000 and then 900,000. I can't remember the numbers but talk about that a little bit."

Mr. Meek said, "Off the top of my head, and it is in your budget book, on the last page of my section. If memory serves me right, the first year was like 70 some odd thousand, the second year was 700 and some odd thousand out to the fifth year, and I think there was like a \$4,000,000 fund. But the bulk of that money is for the entire infrastructure of the County, not necessarily a loan for the Register of Deeds. We need all of these other factors in place for the Register of Deeds do seamless filings and help the Clerk and Treasurer and Appraiser. So this program is all put together based upon what is best going to work for the county. How can we all look at one screen and understand one screen, rather than having a degree to operate the Clerk's screen and the Appraiser's and etcetera. But that's how the money is basically budgeted out and it will appear on your budget sheets every year of where this fund is going, as far as it's reporting schedule."

Commissioner Norton said, "When do you anticipate starting to interview for this position? Do you see it as a local search, a nationwide search? I mean is the job description described already? Have you got that put together?"

Mr. Meek said, "Yes, we've worked very closely with DIO and with the TRC and with Human Services and we've come to an agreement that this person needs to have a tremendous background of the County operation and our County mainframes and etcetera because they will be in some respects first line of defense for DIO for that office. And so the person will be coming from the County structure."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. That's all I've got."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Any other questions? We have two separate items to take here. What's the will of the Board on item J-1?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters moved to approve the addition to the Register of Deeds 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	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “And the matter of J-2, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the reclassifications.

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	Absent

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

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K. AGREEMENT WITH NOEL WAGNER, M.D. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS MEDICAL ADVISOR TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As you know, it has been our corporate belief that each leg of the emergency medical system should have competent medical oversight. Currently, Sedgwick County EMS and Sedgwick County Fire District #1 have medical advisors. Emergency Communications was to have a medical advisor in early 2001 but the physician that was selected withdrew. Very generously, Dr. Wagner, the Sedgwick County EMS medical advisor offered to provide 9-1-1 medical oversight on an interim basis and has been very active, since the beginning of this year, in doing that.

In order to formally recognize his role and provide nominal compensation for his time and his expenses, it’s important to have an agreement. Understanding that changes in the overall EMS system regarding medical direction are possible, the agreement is effective from signing until December 31st, 2002 with six month extensions thereafter. In no cases will the annual reimbursement exceed \$7,500. Funds were earmarked for this in the Emergency Communications budget and are available. And I have Dr. Wagner here with us today. And my recommendation is you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Any questions? Can I have a Motion.”

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

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

Mr. Lamkey said, “And again, Dr. Wagner is here and it was his voice that you heard this morning on the radio.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “I recognized it. Thank you. Next item please.”

L. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

- 1. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (SRS), DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE POLICY, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY ESTABLISHING COMCARE AS A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.**

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do apologize. We had four items on today and I knew today was going to be a long agenda but this agenda item allows us to be paid by the state and the others allow us to pay our business partners, so we wanted to push it forward, seeing that there will not be a meeting next week.

This contract is the primary funding contract for COMCARE from the State of Kansas SRS and it establishes COMCARE as a participating mental health center and it designates us as a mental health authority for Sedgwick County. And it also spells out, in a lot of detail, it’s a very long agreement, all of the conditions of this contract. It spells out the limits of bed days that we have for our adult and child population. It spells out the outcomes that we have for services, as well as the service expectation. It addresses our crisis plan and we recently had approval on phase two of the crisis plan. It addresses access targets so we know how many day we have, under this contract, to serve different populations.

It talks about quality improvement initiatives and spells out the compensation and that would be a little over \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2003. We are requesting that you approve the contract and I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have on it.”

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Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Any questions of Ms. Cook? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Contract 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.”

2. CONTRACT WITH JOB READINESS TRAINING, INC. TO PROVIDE PSYCHOSOCIAL AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES TO MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS.

Ms. Cook said, “This contract is a renewal of one we’ve had previously with Job Readiness Training and it allows them to provide psycho-social services to mental health consumers, both adults and children. Job Readiness Training is an organization that helps us to prepare adolescents for independent living and provides some psycho-social groups. It helps them understand the best use of leisure time and then for our individuals who have a severe and persistent mental illness who are adults, it helps them take those initial steps into independent living and to get employment. The contract caps at \$850,000. The funding is coming from our state funds. We’re requesting that you approve this contract.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Any questions for Marilyn? What’s the will of the Board please?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Contract 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. AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH SRS AND CONTRACTOR FOR CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT, ATTENDANT CARE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL GROUP THERAPY TO ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES.

- **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS**
- **BREAKTHROUGH CLUB OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS**

Ms. Cook said, "This is an affiliation agreement with the Mental Health Association and the Breakthrough Club. It allows them to bill Medicaid as an affiliate of COMCARE for mental health services they provide for children and adults, children with serious emotional disturbances and adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses. It encompasses case management services,

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attendant care services and psycho-social groups. And it also spells out our expectations of them as business partners and what we anticipate for outcomes. We're requesting that you approve these contracts."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Agreements 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 please."

4. AGREEMENT WITH SRS AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC. (CCI) FOR CCI TO PROVIDE PSYCHOSOCIAL GROUP THERAPY SERVICES TO ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS.

Ms. Cook said, "And again, this is an affiliation agreement with Catholic Charities allowing them to bill Medicaid for services to adults with serious mental illness. Catholic Charities has a psycho-social group in their day program and for consumers who are not quite ready to be involved in the community integration programs that we have at our CSS program, we do contract with them and allow them to bill Medicaid to serve that population. We are requesting that you approve this agreement."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Commissioner Norton has a question I believe."

Commissioner Norton said, "How many people does it serve?"

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Ms. Cook said, “You know, I don’t know that. I looked at that. It’s not a tremendous amount because most of the population we serve now we try to integrate into the community. These are folks that are just not quite ready. I’d be happy to get that information to you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Services aren’t provided if there’s no one there though. So it’s a . . .”

Ms. Cook said, “It’s a fee for service.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Fee for service, okay.”

Ms. Cook said, “Would you like me to get that number to you?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Casually sometime, if you have the information in your head, just tell me. That’s fine. Thanks. That’s all I had.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Thank you. Any other questions? If not, what’s the 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, “Thanks, Marilyn. Next item please.”

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M. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

1. CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE HEALTH OFFICER SERVICES.

Mr. Buchanan said, “This is kind of the Jerry and Bill tag team. The resolution authorizes me to appoint a medical officer, the health officer. I have done that and we have . . . and Jerry has negotiated the contract with the individual. This is a relationship that we have on a part-time basis with the K.U. Med School and this is an agreement with the individual but we will be getting the full force and effect of all the specialists within the K.U. Med School, so that if there’s public health issues about specialties, we have at our disposal all those specialties that are there.

This is a unique . . . It’s not unique around the country, but it is not very often used where the public health department and a med school are in partnership. There are only a handful that are doing it. This seems like just a beginning of a tremendous relationship with Sedgwick County and University of Kansas School of Medicine. The synergy and the energy that we both provide will be of assistance to each and we’re enthusiastically recommending it. And Jerry has the details of the contract.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Okay. Mr. Frantz.”

Mr. Gerald Frantz, Interim Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes, it begins tomorrow, August the 1st and we’ve set it up so that it will be for one year. We also have periods in there, I think, at six, twelve and eighteen months to reevaluate exactly how the contract is going. There’s tremendous enthusiasm on the part of our health department staff and the folks at K.U. Med Center for this relationship.

Of course, Sedgwick County Health Department is right next door to the K.U. Med School. They’ve been working together, some times better than others, over a period of years and right now the relationship has never been stronger. The doctor that will actually be the one that will send his name off to KDHE as the health officer, his name is Dr. Doren Frendrickson, his specialty is in pediatrics. In the med school, his specialty there is statistics and preventive medicine and so he has an excellent background in the areas of epidemiology as well.

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The thing that the Manager mentioned which is just so outstanding from our perspective is that we'll have available to us their entire med school staff at any time and even when he's away, in fact he's already done this. He's given me a letter of who is in charge when he's not there. And he's a high energy guy, so we're real enthusiastic."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Then, with this action today, this will not send us out on an immediate search for a new replacement as the health officer? I mean, we're going to take a period of times to get our hands around it or what's the plan for long-term future?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have a short-term and a long-term plan. The short-term plan is that Jerry Frantz will remain the director of that department for probably another year or so. And we will periodically review that. This position is not the director of the department but the medical director, which is defined and has specific duties. The physician has limited administrative duties and responsibilities. I think and have some agreement with K.U. Med School, is the physician should be doing physician things, look at the statistics, thinking about how to improve health, putting systems in place or recommending systems be put in place to correct or improve the health of citizens of Sedgwick County. So the short-term plan is that for the next year we're going to probably be the status quo and I will be reporting back to you, from time to time, how that's worked."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Very good. Thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Any other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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.

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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, "Thank you. Next item please."

- 2. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROVIDING IMPLEMENTATION OF BIOTERRORISM PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS.**

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director of Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've been here once before, just about a month after I took the job in February. So, right now what we are doing is hopefully accepting a contract with KDHE for money that has come down by way of KDHE, which is the state health department, essentially, from the CDC federal level of Centers for Disease Control. We're talking about \$432,000 for July 1 through August 30. There is indications that there will be significantly more money over the next two years.

What we have to do at this point is simply return the signed contract. Upon receipt of that, we will have 20% of the money released to the Health Department. The additional 30% will be released upon their receipt of our budget proposal and a work plan, which will be due them on September 30. No local matching dollars are required. We are expected to enhance and correspond with and collaborate with the current MMRS monies and fundings, which is a federal contract. Gloria Vermie, coordinator of that program, is here with me today in case you have questions on that but they are basically to supplant that and to go hand and hand with that current effort, but not to duplicate it.

We're expecting to develop a budget in some fairly conventional categories, salaries both permanent and temporary positions, commodities, supplies, operating expense, capital equipment which may include electronic and informational systems and contractual things that may be the usual, like travel expenses and so forth.

Based on the requirements of the contract, we are expected to focus on five different areas. The

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five areas are listed in the agenda item that you received in writing. To put it in regular folks language, we're talking about overall coordination and planning under the first one for bio-terrorism response and other public health emergency.

For the second focus area we're talking about early detection and reporting of adverse health effects events. We've talked about . . . come to you before about what we're doing in disease surveillance but essentially when you're talking about bio-terrorism preparedness, you're talking about the known and the unknown and if we know, on a surveillance basis, on an on-going basis what we've got out there, we will be able to respond much more rapidly.

The third focus area is a health alert network and communications and information technology system to prepare for and to respond to on a community-wide basis obviously takes communications technology and this is in ongoing ways and then when and if an event should occur, at that time communications efforts. So some of this we're already doing but obviously some of it needs to be improved upon.

Risk communication and health information dissemination is another biggie and by that they're talking about public information. It doesn't help for us to have all kinds of plans in place if the public doesn't know how to respond on their individual and family level. And so that, on an ongoing basis, to prepare them ahead of time, is one of the efforts of this focus area. Another is at the time of an event, who goes on television, who goes on six different language levels to say to people exactly what to do and where to show up.

One example of what we already got in place is the design of a signage, an emblem that if you can compare it to the fallout shelter signages that you see on schools and so forth from past days but basically everyone knew what that meant and what that is used for and how to respond to that. This is the kind of signage that we were going to use for public information as to where distribution centers for medications would be, if we're talking about pharmaceutical distribution in a mass way, people would be alerted to this kind of signage and to be able to use it to show up at the right place.

The last focus area is for education and training and this is not the same as the public information It's for professionals, mostly. To say that folks didn't get out of med school and nursing school knowing how to deal with Anthrax is an understatement so there's lots of training that has to take place of the professionals and that's going to take time and effort and money and this is the final focus area of this money.

So basically what we're asking you to do is to approve the contract that we can then receive this money and plan and budget for its use and we will be back to you later when we've got more of a budget and more of expenditures but right now all they're asking for is the contract to be signed.

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You have questions?"

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I think this is something that you need to keep us advised about. And once you get the budget and then I think the next phase was having the real plan laid out. Somehow I think we need to get that back in the Commissioner's heads so we'll know, when asked, at least have some general idea about what direction we're headed. So once you've got that designed, I think we certainly need to be talked to again."

Dr. Burbach said, "Okay, will do."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Okay, any other questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Thank you, Doctor. Next item please."

N. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

- 1. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (KDOT) FOR**

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FUNDING OF A SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT PROGRAM.

Sergeant Terrilee Jones, Community Liaison Unit, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The first grant application that we'd like for you to approve is for an impaired driving deterrent program. This would be our second year with this grant. It is an over time reimbursement grant for \$5,129. And what this does, it allows us to have deputies and one supervisor on the street on an overtime basis to do more traffic enforcement for DUIs."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Short and sweet. Thank you. Any questions of the Sergeant? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

Commissioner Norton said, "The Motion is going to be longer than the presentation."

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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."

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO KDOT FOR FUNDING OF A KANSAS CLICKS SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

Sergeant Jones said, "This grant is also with Kansas Department of Transportation. It is a grant for \$15,656 and it is also an overtime reimbursement grant. We've been doing this program for four

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years. It allows us to have additional deputies on the street to do seatbelt checks, to do traffic enforcement. Also we do public information and education in the schools for the kids.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Sounds great. Thanks. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

O. ISLAND ANNEXATION REQUEST BY CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, we have received a request from the City of Maize asking you to withdraw this from your agenda. They have had consent from the land owner when this was filed but the land owner requested that it be removed and therefore the city has requested that the item be removed from the County Commission agenda.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to remove Item O from the agenda.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

P. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2002.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Board of Bids and Contracts held a meeting on July 25th. As a result, four items are presented today for consideration.

**1) SELF-FUNDED HEALTH BENEFITS- RISK MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The first item, self-funded health benefits for Risk Management. Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Blue Cross/ Blue Shield to execute a contract for an estimated annual cost of \$9,888,343 and to execute a contract with Preferred Plus of Kansas for an annual cost of \$8,489,774, for a total estimated value of \$18,378,117.

**2) BIKE PATH FOR WINDMILL ROAD- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item two, bike path for Windmill Road for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Cornejo and Sons in the amount of \$119,838.70.

**3) JURY ROOM TABLES & CHAIRS- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item three, jury room tables and chairs for Facility Projects. Recommend the low bid from Scott Rice in the amount of \$27,436.11.

4) ANNUAL MAINTENANCE RENEWAL- DIVISION OF INFORMATION &

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OPERATIONS
FUNDING: SYSTEMS & SECURITY

And item four, an annual maintenance renewal for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is the quote from Professional Consultants International Incorporated in the amount of \$48,000.

Would recommend approval of these items as presented today.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Questions of Ms. Baker?”

MOTION

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

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	Absent

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Q. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Notification of Termination of Lease for space housing the Department of Corrections’ Sedgwick County Youth Program at 309 North Market, Wichita, Kansas.**
- 2. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

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<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Bradley J. Mattox	Mattox Arena

3. Plat.

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

Mulvane Utility Park Addition

4. Order dated July 24, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

5. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of July 24 – July 30, 2002.

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I would call your attention to item number two, which is an application license for retail malt beverage. That license needs to be denied. The area is zoned Rural Residential and Rural Residential does not permit a cereal malt beverage license in that location. Therefore, I would recommend that you approve the Consent Agenda and deny the retail cereal malt beverage license.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Yes. Commissioner Norton has a question.”

Commissioner Norton said, “The Mattox Arena is in my district, along 83rd Street and I just want to be sure. I haven’t heard anything from the Mattoxs on this at all. I just want to make sure they have a mechanism where they can apply for change in zoning and that would be the mechanism to get them to being able to have a cereal malt license. Is that correct?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Nobody has contacted me. I hadn’t heard but I want to be sure that . . . I know in my mind what the next steps are if we deny.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Okay. Any other questions on this item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the

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exception of item 2, Application for Cereal Malt Beverage License.

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	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “Next item is Other. Do we have other information, Commissioner Norton?”

R. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, “I have several. The first is we went on a Wichita Art Museum tour yesterday of their new building and I’ll tell you, the citizens of Sedgwick County are going to be just awestruck at the new facility and the Museum on the River area. And I’m happy to say that it’s moving along well and people are going to be excited when it finally opens up at the end of the year. It’s going to be a beautiful facility with the ability to look out over the river and enjoy the artwork that is housed there. It is also going to be a multipurpose facility I think with some large meeting rooms that can be used for trainings and meetings and board functions.”

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, “And they’re going to reconfigure the entrance, so that it’s . . .”

Commissioner Norton said, “Yes, and good parking too. So all of those things that probably needed to be done several years ago are being done now. It’s going to be a wonderful facility.

I also met Monday on an eco devo group that I’m meeting with. I’m the chairman of a group on infrastructure and what our needs are for the next three to five years and how does that fit into a 20 or 30-year plan. And we’ve got a group of about 10 people that are trying to figure out what are the infrastructure needs over those years and try to define those relative to economic development.

The two other things I’m working on, one of them is I’ve had a meeting on the disposal of the Haysville property that we own down there and we’re moving forward. I think we’ve maybe agreed on some kind of a contract or something that we could bring forward to the Commission. I did want

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to let you know that we've worked on that. I've charged staff to come up with that agreement and then we'll run it up the flagpole and see if everybody can agree that we're going to do what the contract says.

And then finally, I've been meeting quite a bit lately on the air museum proposal on the Watkin's property and I'm going to challenge staff to find a way that maybe the County can participate in helping purchase the property with maybe not having a lot of financial responsibility, other than helping with the purchase and then get paid back somehow. But I'll run that up later, but I wanted to give you a clue that I am working on that and that it's something I think is important to the community to have an air museum. I guess it's still up in the air whether we should use the old terminal or put it downtown somewhere. I happen to believe that downtown is the location and I'll continue to work on that. But I do want to give you a heads-up that I'm working on that and I'm going to have Finance look and see if there's a way, a mechanism where we can help get the process started. That's all I have."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just two quick things. I'd certainly encourage everybody to try to attend one of the NBC baseball games that are in town at Lawrence Dumont Stadium. Here at the very beginning, there are some free nights where you can pick up tickets at various locations and attend free of charge. So that's usually a great event. I'm going to try to go this evening and be there for a while this evening.

Saturday, at Andale, is Summer Fest of Andale. Parade in the morning, lots of activities. I think Sedgwick County is going to have a presence out there. So again, if you want to go to a small town summer festival, Andale is the place this Saturday."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Okay. Anything else? If there's no other business on the Regular Agenda, I will adjourn this meeting."

S. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 a.m.

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