

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 25, 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, September 25, 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; Mr. George Scantlin, Assistant Director, Emergency Communications; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care; Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Peter Jacobsen of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Wichita.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, August 21, 2002  
Regular Meeting, August 28, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2002 and that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2002.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, let's take each of these items separately. You've had a chance, I believe, to review the Minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup>. What's the will of the Board?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I have a question on the 28<sup>th</sup>."

#### **MOTION**

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioner McGinn, you had a question on August 28<sup>th</sup>.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “I’m remembering if that was the date that I was just gone for the first part of the hearing. And so how do you . . .?”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “What do you do in a case like that, Mr. Euson?”

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, said, “I think it would be appropriate to abstain.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 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	Abstain
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioners, if I could just bear your indulgence just for a few seconds before we go to another meeting, I have a young constituent in Mulvane that’s having her birthday today and I promised her mother I’d wish her a happy birthday. It’s Elizabeth Olanmeyer. And Elizabeth, if you’re watching, happy birthday to you and I think that little fellow across the street is real cute. So I just wanted to . . .”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Are you matchmaking now?”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, I got to see her little significant other that lived across the street and he looked pretty good. Anyway, happy birthday to you, Elizabeth. Clerk, call the next item please.”

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. AGREEMENT WITH COX KANSAS TELCO, LLC, DBA COX COMMUNICATIONS, PROVIDING STANDARDS OF SERVICE REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE 911 PHONE SYSTEM.**

**Mr. George Scantlin**, Assistant Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In front of you, you have an agreement between Cox Communications and Sedgwick County. Cox Communications is setting up a telephone infrastructure to provide hard-wire telephone services to residential and business customers within Sedgwick County.

This agreement is a standard agreement that we have with all hard-wire carriers and it requires them to provide the same service, specifically in our case 9-1-1 access. We would recommend approval of this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. I will answer any questions that you might have.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioner Winters has a question of you.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “George, we have similar arrangements with several other hard-wire phone vendors. Is that correct?”

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "And this one, there's nothing special about this? This is the standard agreement that we use when someone makes this request?"

**Mr. Scantlin** said, "That's correct, Commissioner."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Who are some of the others? Do you know?"

**Mr. Scantlin** said, "Birch, Adelpia, ATT."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay, thank you. I have no other questions."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think the only uniqueness is that this individual company is going to be doing a local loop, I mean a local phone service. The rest of them are long distance or something like that. Okay, any other questions? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2002.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**B. CONTRACT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CENTER TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUTH WITH HEALTHWAVE INSURANCE.**

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**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "A couple of weeks ago, I brought two contracts to you, one with Family Consultation Services, the other with Sumner County Mental Health Center for Healthwave. Butler County is the third center that we contract, or sub-contract with. They just didn't have theirs signed in time for that agenda item. And so I'm bringing that forward now.

Healthwave is that program in Kansas which is part of the national initiative, the Children's Health Initiative program that serves children, or provides some insurance coverage to children who are not eligible for Medicaid services. We serve quite a number of children in our area. Under the Healthwave program, Butler County served so far 55 under that program. And they subcontract with us to do that. This contract spells out the process that we need them to perform to be able to make that happen. It spells out performance requirements, data requirements and the rates. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I don't see that we have any questions. So, Commissioners, what the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**C. DELETION OF ONE ¾-TIME POSITION WITHOUT BENEFITS, RANGE 20, FROM; AND ADDITION OF ONE ¾-TIME POSITION WITH BENEFITS, RANGE 20, TO; THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STAFFING TABLE.**

**Ms. Sheri Boeken**, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The District Attorney's Office currently has a coordinator position within the Community Truancy Immunization project that is a grant funded position. Originally, it was funded last year for a period of six months to work 32 hours a week with no benefits. When this grant was renewed, this position was also renewed for a period of a full year. Under County policy, I cannot pay someone at 32 hours a week without benefits.

Our grants coordinator, Lisa Clancy, has been in contact with Chris Kautzer, who oversees the administrative portion of this grant, she's with Community Corrections. And we have enough monies within this grant to fund benefits. Therefore, we're requesting that this position be taken off the staffing table as a three-quarter time, no benefits to a three-quarter time with benefits."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And that's just to get you in line with County policy?"

**Ms. Boeken** said, "That is correct. And also with KPERS retirement, which states that we cannot work somebody that many hours for a full year without giving them benefits."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Any questions of this presenter?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Only one. Is there any chance that this will roll for another year? Do you have any . . .?"

**Ms. Boeken** said, "I don't know. This grant was just renewed. It runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> so we'll just have to see. This is one of those grants that is under an umbrella of one large grant, through the Juvenile Justice Authority and encompasses USD 259, as well as other agencies, so we'll just have to see."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. I don't see that there's any other questions. So what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the deletion from, and addition to, the District Attorney's Staffing Table.

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**D. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2002.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There are two items for consideration today that resulted from the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**1) SUBURBANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

First item, Suburbans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trades, from Don Hattan Chevrolet in the amount of \$51,750.

**2) SECURITY SERVICES- COMCARE  
FUNDING: COMCARE**

And item two, security services for COMCARE. Recommend the low bid and execute a contract with Smart Security and Investigations for an estimated annual value of \$183,000.

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You know Iris, you were always the highlight of my meeting when you would come before us. But here lately, you're getting kind of boring. I mean, you're taking the low bid, there's no controversy. I mean, I'm learning how to call you by the right first name. It's

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just really getting dull around here. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I have a Motion and a Second. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I just wanted to let the Commissioners know that Smart Security and Investigations, just like it was at the Coliseum, is a person that I worked with at Target for many, many years. He's starting his company. He's going through the process but I did want to let the Commissioners know that I have a linkage with him. Don't have any ownership of the company or anything but we've been good friends for a long time. So wanted to make sure that was on record."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Mr. Euson, that doesn't preclude, just because someone's a friend, from voting."

**Mr. Euson** said, "No."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I just wanted to be sure, as we go through this."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "All right. So, I think we have a Motion and a Second. Any other comments? I don't see that there are any. So Clerk, call the roll."

**VOTE**

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

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Chairman Ben Sciortino                      Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Commissioners, before we go to the Consent Agenda, I think we have an Off Agenda item that I would like for you to consider hearing at this time.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “From time to time, I’ve given or some other folks have given you a report on the status of EMS. You know that we’ve had the consultants report, and meetings with the Medical Society, neighborhood associations and other. And from time to time, it’s helpful to make sure that we’ve all informed about where we are in this process.

The article in the Wichita Eagle’s Saturday paper, it was in reference to a letter that we received from the City of Wichita from City Manager Chris Cherches. That letter indicated, as the paper reported, that the City of Wichita quote, ‘does not wish to proceed with purchasing the ambulances or become involved in emergency transport’ end quote. To me and to us, I think, this means that this issue about whose going to be in the business is finished. This issue seems to be completed.

We have, as you might know, we have submitted the current agreement. The City of Wichita has put us on notice and has cancelled the current agreement and so we don’t have an agreement in

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place for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. We have submitted an agreement that deals with providing Emergency Medical Service to the City folks and to provide service, medical service and transportation throughout all Sedgwick County, but specifically for the City of Wichita.

The agreement does a number of things. We've suggested, as recommended by the consultant and as recommended by the Medical Society, that we have a unified medical director, that the quality assurance and quality control group is formalized in the agreement. Let me tell you that a quality assurance, quality control group is currently working on issues of Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support and those issues where firefighters from the City of Wichita and the firefighters from Sedgwick County, our Fire District and EMS workers are working on those protocols as we speak.

In that proposed agreement, we have also recommended creation of an Emergency Medical System advisory board, comprised of folks from the community who have some stake in the outcome of this service. It would, in fact, be a group that would advise you and I about daily operations, protocols, levels of service and those sorts of items which allow citizens from around the County, including the City of Wichita, to have ideas and suggestions about how to best improve the system.

As you recall, part of the consultant's report . . . And that agreement is with the City of Wichita and I suspect that there will be some meetings around that proposal relatively soon. Part of the consultant's report, as I've indicated to you from time to time, was improvements to the 9-1-1 system. I just thought it might be helpful to tell you that we have already created an operations committee. An operations committee is formed consisting of the command levels of both the City of Wichita Fire Department, 9-1-1, Sedgwick County Fire Department, EMS, Emergency Medical System, the Wichita Police Department and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department. And these command folks deal with the day-to-day operational issues and support and assist the 9-1-1 advisory board in again, protocols, equipment, technology, how we should proceed with making sure that we're gathering data in a way that makes some sense so it can be analyzed, but most importantly how do we receive the calls and dispatch the right people at the right time and most appropriately.

You just heard from George Scantlin about another phone service provider. That's a hard-line service. We have, for the wireless service, we've completed phase one. It is now up and running for wireless carriers. When you use a cell phone to call 9-1-1 to records your phone number so we can call you back, if you don't know where you are, at least we can start talking to you about where you might be and be in touch with you that way. You know, in emergency communications, it's important to call back. Sometimes the phones drop, sometimes people pass out, sometimes in the middle of a call they're disconnected, so it's really important where that call . . . the phone number of the person who is calling us.

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Phase two, which is the most exciting part of it, which will identify, within 125 meters, about 70, 80 feet of where a person is calling from. So that you're in a middle of a field, or you're in the ditch some place that you don't know where you are and call 9-1-1, this will allow us to use geometry and the towers to triangulate to tell police or EMS or fire department people the approximate location. 125 meters is not very big, is not a very big circle. That should be completed within about 8 months from today.

And, as you well know, we are in the process of looking at the \$10,000,000 project, building and we'll be reporting to you shortly about that. And the technical committee is reviewing the whole CAD system, the guts of our 9-1-1 center, about how we dispatch and how we gather information to see if there's improvements that can be made or are there new pieces of software that could be purchases that would be faster, better, smarter, cheaper. So that's where we are on 9-1-1.

Our preferred future, clearly, is to enter an agreement with the City of Wichita about the services. If that doesn't happen for some reason, there are other ways which we can comply with the City of Wichita's ordinance. There's an ordinance in place that governs how ambulances and ambulance drivers and EMS workers get licensed. It's a simple process. It's out-dated, everybody recognizes, but it's a pretty simple process because the city has been licensing people from Via Christi who drive their ambulances and so there's not much to it. I mean, that can be done. It's been done recently and so we may have to go through that process and ask for a certificate of convenience and necessity, which would license the County, which would license the ambulances and then we would license each individual volunteer and employee who provides services in the City and that would be to make sure that we comply with this ordinance and we've been working with Jack Brown on that process.

The other possibility is to ask for an exemption from the City from that ordinance, and that can be provided I believe under that ordinance and we could go that way. So there are several ways in which we will assure that services are delivered after January 1<sup>st</sup>. We want to make sure that the public understands that, that service will be delivered by us throughout of the County and throughout the City and that that issue is now behind us.

Last week, we received a letter from the City of Wichita Fire Department about the 9-1-1 system and how we dispatch firefighters. If you recall, and maybe you will not recall, but in January of this year we received a letter from Chief Larry Garcia of the City Fire Department asking to change the protocols in the ways in which we dispatch fire trucks for emergencies. A system was created to identify alpha calls. And alpha calls were those that are not really emergencies and there's a whole

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list of those. But for instance, if you twisted your ankle and called 9-1-1 on your cell phone and knew where you were and knew that you weren't bleeding and weren't in . . . You were breathing fine. That there was no other difficulties and you answered a series of questions but said, 'I just can't stand up on my ankle'. In all likelihood, under those circumstances, an ambulance would be dispatched but not the fire department or if they had been dispatched would be called back. Well, the City of Wichita has now requested that they be sent, for the next 60 days, on all calls because they want to gather some data and gather some information and do a study. And so we are absolutely happy to comply with that and frankly the City of Wichita can use their resources as they deem appropriate and that's really not our concern but I wanted to make sure that you were aware of it. We are not going to participate in that study, Sedgwick County Fire Department, because we think on those kinds of calls it might be more appropriate to be on standby and be ready to go on a real serious call than some of these others. So we're going to use our resources as we deem appropriate, as can the City.

Our continued focus remains that the Sedgwick County EMS delivers quality patient care to our citizens. We know we do and it's good because of this report. We know we do because the state has said so. We know we do because the medical society has said we're excellent. We know we do because the consultant recently clarified in writing that we get there, deliver services better than 90% of the communities around the country that he's familiar with and get there in a timely fashion.

So we get there in the top 10%, we deliver services once we get there that's described as excellent by the physicians and the state regulatory agency and that's a very good report card. So citizens need to understand that we're going to continue to do that and we do that because we have solid, good folks who are tending to business about patient care. Sedgwick County EMS is providing continual service for 27 years and will continue to do so in the future. And be happy to answer any questions that you may have."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just an addition. You kept saying, 'we know we do' because of all the experts and ourselves but I've got to tell you, citizens tell me every day and that's who I listen to. I've been a commissioner for almost two years and you know what, I haven't gotten one complaint on EMS. I've got them on potholes and drainage and sewer treatment plants and trash and everything else but I haven't gotten one negative letter or comment or e-mail on EMS, although I've gotten some pretty good anecdotal information from constituents that say good job, I've had great service, I think you have a great organization. So I think it's important that, you know, we've gotten good feedback from citizens and they're pretty important too in this whole mix. That's all I had."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Bill, talk to us again . . . Chief Garcia, back in January, what

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was the motive behind his first letter, in your opinion? Why would he ask us not to send BLS trained Wichita Firefighters to every call?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Some of those call are not emergencies and it's the appropriate use of deploying resources. If you go on every call, you're not really ready for the most important ones. And I think that was clearly some of the thinking at the time. That there were ways in which, through a series of questions from our 9-1-1 operators that you can determine the seriousness of the call. If in doubt, send everybody. And so I think . . . And that's the advantage of the system that we have now, that we can do some experiments and gather some data for the next 60 days and see what makes sense and doesn't make sense."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "So might maybe their test be to just revalidate whether or not our interpretation of whether it's a non-BLS emergency service or not is accurate. Is that maybe what they're trying to determine?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "That could be but, frankly, the City of Wichita can deploy, use their resources deemed appropriate and we're glad to help them."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. I don't have any other questions of the Manager. However, I do want to bring everybody up to date. I had a meeting with Vice-Mayor Martz last week and I left that meeting feeling very, very good. I concur with the Manager. I think the changes that we have proposed in this new agreement go a long way and should go a long way to getting the City of Wichita comfortable. We've stated that if they ever wish to go and provide an additional level of service for the citizens of in Wichita, we wouldn't be an impediment. In fact, we indicated that we would be willing to help them and pay for equipment, training, medical supplies and what have you. And I think, with the new agreement, and then our willingness to work with them should they decide on their own that they need to have additional services, makes signing the contract a moot point, since their letter indicated they don't want to be in the business and we're in the business. So, Mr. Martz reiterated one more time that this entire exercise was not about the money. It was not about power or control or who ran EMS. It was solely because of wanting to improve the patient care and I choose to take the man at his word because he's never lied to me that I know of in the past and that's what makes me very optimistic that we're going to have an agreement very shortly. So I just wanted to give you an update on that. If there isn't any other questions, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Bill. Now we have another item. Next item please."

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### **E. CONSENT AGENDA.**

##### **1. Right-of-Way Easements.**

- a. Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 634-28 and 29; 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South between Hydraulic and K-15. CIP# R-247. Districts #2 and #5.
- b. Temporary Construction Easement for the 45<sup>th</sup> Street North Drainage Project. District #1.

##### **2. Floodway Reserve Easements.**

The following tracts of land were granted by Floodway Reserve Easement at no cost to the County. These Easements were requested by the Director of Code Enforcement as a condition of receiving a Platting Exemption on unplatted tracts.

- a. Owners: Louis and Roberta Strunk, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located west of 199<sup>th</sup> Street West and south of 85<sup>th</sup> Street North, Eagle Township.
- b. Owners: Patrick and Suzanne Strunk, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located west of 199<sup>th</sup> Street West and south of 85<sup>th</sup> Street North, Eagle Township.

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- c. Owners: Brady and Krystil Yust, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 1 East, more specifically located east of 10<sup>th</sup> Street West and south of 125<sup>th</sup> Street North, Grant Township.
- 3. Order dated September 18, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 4. Payroll Check Registers (two) of September 13, 2002.**
- 5. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of September 18 - 24, 2002.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Is there any other business to come before this Board?"

**F. OTHER**

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I have a couple of things, if I may Mr. Chairman. And I didn't bring my information about the Aviation Banquet, if somebody else has information on that kind of stuff or not. Anyway, the big day for a lot of us breast cancer survivors is Saturday, this coming Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>, for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Komen Wichita Race for the Cure. Carolyn, I saw your shirt so I know you're in this deal too. Thank you. The 5K run/ walk starts at 8:30 in the morning and the one-mile fun walk, that's mine. I tend to mosey for the cure."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Saunter.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Saunter for the cure.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Meander.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “That could be it too. It starts at 9:45 a.m. That’s a Towne East Square, the Cinemas IV parking lot near Douglas and Armour. Entry fees are \$20 in advance, \$25 on the race day. You can call the Komen local office, 683-8510 to get more information about it or they do have a website. And Lisa just printed this up for me. I think that’s my picture on there. Well, there are two . . .”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Are you sprinting past?”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “No, no. We’re standing. We’re standing for the cure. That’s Alice Dudley and I believe that’s me. We’re members of the Wichita Women’s Wellness Network, which is a breast cancer support group to which I belong.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I sure wouldn’t brag about this picture.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Well, I know. It’s not lovely but there you are. Also, the website, if you want to check it out, is wichitaraceforthecure.com. It’s a wonderful event, 75% of the monies that are raised stay in Kansas. As we learned in our staff meeting, some of that money goes to fund underinsured and uninsured women so that they can get the mammograms that they need, hopefully to catch their breast cancer early.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, not only that but the treatments too, if they need them.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “If they have to, yes.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “It’s frightening how many women go through that system too, as we learned in our staff meeting.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Those of us who have insurance are fortunate to have that asset but Komen helps to underwrite the costs for some of those women who do not, and men for that matter. And then the other part of it goes to research, which continues to be one of the most important parts of trying to find a cure. So it’s a big event. It gets bigger all the time. For those of you who are survivors, there is a survivor group photo at 8:00 in the morning. All of us who are survivors will be wearing our pink caps or our pink visors and the sad truth is that more and more of us are diagnosed with the disease. The blessed truth is that more and more of us are able to survive it. So

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I'd encourage anyone to come and be a part of that event. It's a very special, special time and particularly those of you who are survivors. The more of us, the merrier out there.

And then as soon as I wrap up there I'll head to Bel Aire for Bel Aire Day 2002. They do start Friday evening, however, about 6:00 with events and carnival rides and gospel singers. They start again Saturday morning at 6:00 with the Boy Scout breakfast. It goes all day, from fishing derbies to craft booths. There's a pet show, all sorts of food booths, lots of information from their Bel Aire police department, with Identi-Kids and Stranger Danger programs for the kiddos, bicycle rodeos, carnivals rides will go on all day Saturday. The parade goes from 2 to 3. Soccer games at the rec center that afternoon. That evening, Ben you might want to show up, I'm judging or helping to judge the Dutch oven cooking competition. Thought that might be interesting."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And the only way you can judge it is to sample the wares."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Exactly. That goes from 3:30 to 6. They've asked me to come and help judge that and I told them sure. That's sponsored by Williams Hardware. I think will be fun. I've never judged one of those. Lots of things that night, ending up with a dance and fireworks. So come up and join us that Bel Aire on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> or start out Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> and spend all day and into the evening on the 28<sup>th</sup>. So Saturday is a big day and I'm looking forward to all of those events. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Sixty-seven and sunny on Saturday, so it's going to be a beautiful day for that kind of festival."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I was excited about that walk too because my church friends from Holy Savior ask me to walk but they told me it started at 11 and you told me the other day it's 8:30."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "If you're in the 5K it's 8:30."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I believe I'll be walking. I'm looking forward to being a part of that. I tell you what, I'm really just learning about the Komen Foundation and I know, I think all of us made it to the Health Department and they gave that presentation to Representative Tiahart and

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his wife and I was very impressed with the program that they have and it's funded by donors and helping a lot of people that wouldn't get help otherwise. So, I'm excited about being a part of that.

I just wanted to share that I was out at Valley Center last weekend. They had their fall festival. Had a great turnout, great day for it. And then Sedgwick as well had a festival and a great turn out too. And the towns are only 7 miles away, so it's great to see that they both have a lot of people there. We were well represented up there at Valley Center. We had the Appraiser's Office and Human Resources I believe manning our booth and then we had EMS out there in the park and I think the Sheriff was out there as well. So, anyway, just a great day for a fair, great two days I guess. Some of them go both days. So, that's all I had."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Now did you walk there just to get in practice for this thing that's coming up this Saturday?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I walked in one parade, yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Great, that's great. Just for . . . what does Komen stand for? Is that the name of an individual that started it?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes, Susan G. Komen, K-O-M-E-N, and it was named for Susan G. Komen. The foundation was founded by her sister. Susan was a victim of breast cancer and her sister decided that, Nancy decided she was going to do something to remember her sister. Unfortunately, Susan was diagnosed way to late and died because of that. And so the motivation here is let's catch it early. In the meantime then, Susan's sister, who started the foundation has also been diagnosed but luckily hers was diagnosed earlier and so she continues to keep this foundation running."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "If anyone wants to know more information about Komen or this particular event, do you know where they could call, a number?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "The local affiliate for the Susan G. Komen Foundation is 683-8510. They're a wonderful resource for those of us who are fighting the disease and those of us who have just been diagnosed. So, thank you for asking."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Commissioner Norton, I think you were next."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just a couple of things. Last weekend I was in Haysville for a fundraiser picnic in the historical district. Mayor Armstrong supported the picnic and part of the monies went to the historical district and the other part went for scholarships for kids at Campus High

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School.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “To renovate that district, you mean?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, it’s already gotten started pretty well. They’ve got the buildings put back and they’re putting a park in there. They’ve just completed new restrooms that look like old outhouses but they’re upgraded facilities, so it historically looks really nice. It’s well kept but now they’re looking to put public art in there. They would like some bronze statues and that’s just part of the fund raising that they’re doing. And the other part of the money went to a mayor’s scholarship for four kids out at Campus High School. So great event, beautiful day and I think they raised a couple of thousand dollars for the event.

Yesterday, I met . . . Just to let the Commissioners know, on the Readiness Center, we met with Gossen Livingston, the National Guard, the City and some other individuals and we’re working pretty hard to make sure that comes together. Now we’re starting to talk about the police and fire training center that might go with it and I’ll give you more updates as we get that. They should be giving me a complete, one or two-page update of the things we went over so I can pass that on to you to let you know. We’ve committed for a million seven I believe and it looks like there may be, to get the first phase totally done with the infrastructure, maybe around another half million dollars that we would have to consider. They’re working on getting that crunched down. So I wanted to give everybody a heads up, hopefully that eliminated and we won’t even have to consider it but I wanted to be sure that, as we go along, everybody knows kind of what I know.

The last thing is that I’ll be out of pocket the next couple of days. I’m heading to Finney County to do some teaching for the Kansas Association of Counties and they’re doing a marvelous thing out there. They’re training every team member in their county on team building and how to make an organization work so that they all deal with each other in the same way on conflicts and group dynamics and team building. So it’s a fun project. I’m getting to meet a lot of folks in Finney County. So just wanted to let you know that I’d be gone.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Tell them we said hi.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I will.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Is that all?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “That’s it.”

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

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**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Well, I'll just take a point of personal privilege and say that Gerry and I are now grandparents for the first time. Our son Mark, in Kansas City, and his wife Mimi had a baby boy this past week and so we're real excited and proud about that.

But this is one of those weekends in Sedgwick County. If you can't find something to do, you're not looking very hard. Because I forgot to bring my brochure on the aviation festival that starts, but there is Aviation Banquet Friday night, sponsored by the four major aircraft companies at the Hyatt Hotel. There's the chili cook off on Saturday that will be a great event in downtown Wichita. Colwich is having their fall festival, which will go on most of the day. Out at Goddard, they're dedicating the Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School at 1:00. It's down on 199<sup>th</sup> Street. So there's just going to be a whole host of things going on all over the County and it's going to be a busy weekend but the weather looks like it's going to be great. So, that's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, I feel a little bit chagrined because last weekend was one of the few weekends in I don't know how long I didn't actually have anything planned so I got to catch up on a lot of Mary's 'honey-dos' and I got to watch some golf. I want to admit publicly, when I was a youngster playing sandlot ball and what have you, my buddies would always say, 'oh, boy. He swings like a girl'. Well, after getting done watching those women on that Solheim golf cup thing that was this weekend where the American pros were battling, I wish to God I could swing like a girl. I mean those ladies can really hit the ball.

There's something else happening, starting tomorrow. It's the Kansas Senior Amateur's final golf tournament is bringing senior golfers from all over the state here playing at Rolling Hills and Reflection Ridge Thursday and Friday and there's banquets every night. And that's not a real big thing, but it does bring in some more income for the community and the area. I wanted to be fair to everybody, so I didn't join because nobody else would have had a chance to win.

Anyway, I think that's all I think of the update of what we're doing. Is there something else to come before the Board, I believe?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Mr. Chairman, if I may have just a moment. In the presentation about the 9-1-1 system and phase two of the cell phones, I may have stated the wrong information. It's 125 meters, which is 380 feet. And so . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You said 75 or something but that's still a pretty small circle when you're talking about . . ."

### MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. We are now recessed into Executive Session."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. and returned at 10:20 a.m.**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "We're back from Executive Session. Let the record show that there was no binding action taken. Is there any further business to come before this Board at this time? I don't see that there is any, so this meeting is now adjourned."

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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