

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 18, 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 18, 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; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. Dale Miller, Chief Planner, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson, Director of Preventive Health, Health Department; Major Danny Bardezbain, Sheriff's Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

Ms. Susan C. Fry, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health.

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Jeannine Little of Inter-Faith Ministries.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2002.

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Commissioners, I think those Minutes are still on my desk. May I defer those for one week?"

#### **MOTION**

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Commissioner Gwin moved to defer the Minutes for August 21, 2002 for one week.

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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

### APPOINTMENTS

#### A. APPOINTMENTS.

1. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN C. FRY (COMMISSIONER GWIN'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This resolution of appointment is to fill a vacancy on the Board of Health for a term to expire in January of 2004 and we would recommend it for your approval."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

### MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Is Ms. Fry here? Ms. Fry, if you’d come to the podium, we’ll have the Clerk, Mr. Brace, swear you in.”

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

*I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health, so help me God.*

**Ms. Susan C. Fry**, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do.”

**Mr. Brace** said, “Congratulations.”

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

**Ms. Fry** said, “It’s a pleasure to serve. I thank you very much for this opportunity.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Okay, Clerk call the next item.”

- 2. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONER WINTERS AS A DELEGATE, AND COMMISSIONER NORTON AS A VOTING DELEGATE, TO THE KANSAS TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE BOARD.**

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**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, these appointments really do not require a resolution, so if you find that they're in order, I would recommend that you approve the appointments."

### MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the appointments.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I have a Motion and a Second to approve and we have a comment from Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Just make a quick comment. This is the Kansas Technical Training Institute Board, partnership with the aviation companies, the State of Kansas, the City of Wichita, the school district here in Wichita and Sedgwick County and attempting to do additional workforce development in a number of areas.

Commissioner Norton and I have been kind of informally serving with this group, but I really believe that workforce development is such an integral part of economic development and growth that this is certainly a group that we need to be involved with and engaged with, as we look at economic development for the community.

And so the record is clear, also Commissioner Norton, we only have one vote on that board and Commissioner Norton will be the voting member for Sedgwick County on that board."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Do I take it that you'll probably be, in general, supportive of this item?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Yes, I will be in support of this item."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you very much. Any other comments? Do we have a Motion and a Second? We have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the roll."

### VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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

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

**AWARD**

**B. PRESENTATION OF 2002 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY INFORMATION OFFICERS MERITORIOUS AWARD, SPECIAL PROJECTS CATEGORY, FOR THE READY TO RESPOND PROGRAM.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Kristi Zukovich**, Communications Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present an award to you that we have received from the National Association of County Information Officers. This is a subset organization of the National Association of Counties and we have joined this organization in the last two years and thought that this year would be the first year we might submit for one of their annual awards that they do provide.

We submitted for the Ready to Respond program. This was for consideration for their 2002 awards and it was in the Special Projects/ Citizen Education category. And this category focuses on all aspects of the project, from the printed materials and design of those printed materials, the web design and content, the speeches, the releases, the program presentation and then we also submitted the 30 minute program that KWCH did on Ready to Respond that was done earlier this year. And so all of those components we submitted as part of the entire project.

As you know, Commissioners, Communications worked with Emergency Management to implement this program for citizens and this was at the request and direction of you about a year ago. We launched this program on October 11<sup>th</sup>, so it was in direct relation to the September 11<sup>th</sup> events of last year and we did put together the information to help our citizens be prepared for any types of disasters and put it together in a relatively short period of time.

Again, this is the first time that we have submitted for an award, and this is the first time we've received an award from NACO and what we've found with this organization is it helps us to network with communications professionals in county organizations throughout the country. It's not trying to network with folks who do communications in private business or with cities. It's definitely just with people who are in the same types of organizations we are.

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I thought I'd just remind you all and the folks who might be watching that, again, they can still access and we do get a lot of requests for our Ready to Respond program. It's on our front page of our website at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org) and you'll see, right there with the flag and our county logo is the Ready to Respond and the number of items and materials that are available to citizens to help to get a little bit more information: they can create a home emergency plan, they can build a disaster kit, what items are included within that, how to learn to shelter in place, how to make their home safe, knowing the signs of stress, again, we worked with COMCARE, because we thought that was a key component that folks might need to know, how to talk to your kids and what to do if we need to evacuate. So again, a comprehensive citizen education program to help folks understand what they can do, that they can be a responder and they can be ready to respond.

And so that information is not only available through our website, we do have printed materials on all of those items and those are available through Emergency Management. They can call 383-7546. The folks at Emergency Management are not able to be here today to join in this. They are at a state conference to learn more about how to prepare our community for disasters and emergencies. But again, I would like to recognize their efforts and the efforts of our Division of Information and Operations web services folks, who helped us to get all of this out there and then again, the folks in Communications who put the materials together.

And this is the award that we did receive. It is from NACO. It's the 2002 Meritorious Award. They give out awards to populations over 500,000 and communities with populations under 500,000, so we were a recipient of the award in the special education, the citizen education project. So again, I present this to you all for your vision and your work and be happy to answer any questions you might have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Kristi, first of all, congratulations. Second of all, just for clarification, you had said that we were only a member of this association for two years. You meant the Association of County Information Officers, not the big one."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. The award is certainly well deserved and thanks to Communications and our Emergency Management folks and others who present these classes to the community. It's well thought out, very concise and chocked full of information. And I don't know about our membership, but I know that not that many years ago, when I was in Washington for a NACO conference I went to the NACO group and made a presentation to them, encouraged them to bring their annual conference to Sedgwick County, which they did the following year, and I think maybe . . . I'm hoping maybe the good feelings they had left over from the way this county treated

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them and welcomed them. Maybe those didn't hurt when it came to remembering Sedgwick County and the good things that we have and the good things that we do here. So congratulations to you and others on this award. It's well deserved. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Could it be construed that we lobbied to get the scene set that would benefit us?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "It doesn't hurt to know people."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "It doesn't hurt to lobby either. I like that. Kristi, congratulations."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Mr. Chair, I have just one comment. Wonderful web pages, wonderful press releases, all that but the thing I thought was interesting about this was the yeoman's work down at the citizen's level with all of the meetings out at all of the communities, really touching people. You know, it's one thing to have flashy websites and good communication. You can kind of craft all that but the neat thing was this went right down to the citizens in their neighborhoods, in the small towns, in the churches to really touch people and to help them get through the 9/11 process and planning for the future. And I think that's what was really important by this and I don't think you could ever describe that to the people that gave you the award. Hooray for the award but I don't think they'll ever understand how deep it went into our community. So congratulations."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And unfortunately, the lady that really kind of took the lead on this is not with us this morning. That's Commissioner McGinn. She's at a conference in Kansas City. But what I liked about it, like you said, we've all attended some of these meetings at the citizen level and you can usually use as a barometer or a yardstick how effective it is by the number of questions that they ask and they were asking a lot of questions. This was something that was very important to them and I think we've actually done some good. I like that too. So, thank you again."

So do we have to Motion to accept the award or anything? We just say thanks. Okay, next item please."

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- C. **CASE NUMBER ZON2002-00051 - (CUP2002-00030 DP-231#1) – AMENDMENT TO DP-231, THE COPPERGATE COMMUNITY UNIT PLAN (CUP); AND SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL TO “SF-5” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH AND 135<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST.**

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### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**Mr. Dale Miller**, Chief Planner, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a little bit of an unusual request. Most applicants come here asking for the intensity of the zoning to be increased. In this case they're asking for it to be decreased. As you can see on the map, the area that's outlined in black is currently zoned 'LC' Limited Commercial, and what they're requesting is for that property to be down-zoned to 'SF-5' to allow for single-family development.

The entire area that's in red today is part of the Coppergate Commercial Community Unit Plan and so, as part of the down-zone, they're asking for that Coppergate Community Unit Plan to be amended to delete this area that's being proposed for down-zoning from the commercial tract and there is a plat that they have in process, the Coppergate Estates' plat that would set this up for development as single-family homes. So, if this is approved, the Coppergate Commercial Community Unit Plan will remain this portion here and this area would be dropped out of what was originally that Commercial Community Unit Plan.

It's 6.32 acres in size. The Commercial Community Unit Plan was approved back in 1998. Let me run through the slides and you can kind of see. All the property surrounding the area, except for this area that's used for a utility substation, is vacant or agricultural uses. There's a church, I think, further over here to the east but, in general, the immediate area is agricultural and vacant. There is a plat in process for this property here and so, eventually, this property will be connected with uniform development."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Dale, I had a question, while you had that slide up, and I think you've just answered it. Where the city limits is now and what is the process with that property to the east? That's the city limit line?"

**Mr. Miller** said, "Yes, it's right in there. Let me go forward here, I think we can show you. The pink line is the city limits and then there is a residential plat that's in process for the intervening tract. I have the name written down here somewhere, Liberty Park is the name of the plat that's in process."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right."

**Mr. Miller** said, "And this is looking at the site, to the west, northwest. There are a lot of utility poles out there, if you've been out and driven around, because of the substation being there. They

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were clearly working on the road when these shots were being taken.

Staff is recommending approval of both the down-zone and the amendment to the Community Unit Plan, subject to the conditions contained in the staff report. Be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, Dale. Commissioners, before I ask if there’s any public input, does anyone have a question at this time of Dale? Okay, I don’t see any. While it’s not a requirement, it is our habit to ask if there’s anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against this item. I don’t see that there are any, so I’m going to limit the comments to the Bench. Any further questions or comments? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the zone change and amendment to CUP, subject to platting within one year, direct staff to prepare an appropriate resolution after the plat has been approved, and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENTS FOR FRAIL AND ELDERLY PERSONS.**

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**Ms. Annette Graham**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County on Aging [sic] administers the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, which is one of 11 plan service areas designated by the State of Kansas in the state. As a Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, we contract with the Kansas Department on Aging to provide for assessment of eligibility of individuals seeking to receive long-term care in-home services through the Medicaid HCBS Frail, Elderly waiver.

This is an agreement with the Kansas Department on Aging and the CPAAA and this is for a fee for service. We receive 10 dollars per unit reimbursement and a unit is 15 minutes. There are no Sedgwick County dollars that go along with this. This is just a fee for service and we would request that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairperson to sign.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Any questions or comments of Annette on this item? What’s the will of the Board?”

### MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Annette, before you leave, I understand that someone in your department is going to be a TV star or something? Could you explain that a little bit to us?”

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**Mr. Graham** said, “Yes, I was on Channel 12 this morning talking about Senior Expo.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, now will you be out in the vestibule signing autographs?”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Maybe you ought to give Senior Expo a little plug right now.”

**Ms. Graham** said, “Yes. Senior Expo is our annual event. This is our 16<sup>th</sup> year. It’s bigger and better. We have four sites this year. We’ve added a new site. The sites will be at the Exploration Place, the Wichita Botanic Gardens, Old Cowtown Museum and the Wichita All American Indian Center and it is a day-long event, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 26th. There are free-admission. Trolleys are available between all four sites. We have over 100 exhibitors this year and there’s entertainment, prize drawings, a fashion show and lunch is available at all four sites for \$5.00. There will be donuts and coffee in the morning free.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, thank you very much for what you did because I think any time we can get some recognition for the good work that we do with our seniors and what have you, I think it’s well worth it and I can’t think of a better spokesman for us. So, congratulations.

I’d rather compliment than compensate. Next item please.”

### **2. CONTRACT WITH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, INC. TO PROVIDE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR PERSONS WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “Project Independence is a consumer run organization, or a CRO as we call them, that offer activities for individuals that have a severe and persistent mental illness. The program is located on South Ida in Wichita and has an average daily attendance of 35 to 45 individuals primary in the evening is when they’re open. The fourth quarter of the year, they reported serving an unduplicated count of 77 individuals throughout the year for 2001. So obviously those individuals frequently use the service.

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The primary focus of the organization is to provide an environment for social interaction for people that have difficulty interacting in other settings and it provides a lot of mutual support. There are opportunities to play games there, to play pool, to get assistance on grocery shopping, get some advice, have a chance to socialize and sometimes they just go together to Walmart and bargain shop.

Last year, Project Independence gave 2,657 rides to people going to and from their service and, in some cases, other evening activities, to better insure participation. That came about as a result of a community-wide needs assessment the year before saying that that was a very important thing for people to get to and from that service. So they certainly accommodated that.

And most recently, Project Independence has joined in a collaborative effort to provide and host a spirituality group one evening a week at the setting there. And in addition to that, there is a Twelve Step AA group that is held in that facility.

The other thing that Project Independence does on a state level is work with the state to survey individuals who are consumers of service. They do that by doing one-on-one surveys with individuals. It takes them about half an hour for each one, but it gives us a really wonderful sense of gaps in our services, strengths in our services and they've been doing that for a couple of years and they do that through a contract with the state.

This particular contract is for 14 months of operation. That's going to start July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and go through August 31<sup>st</sup> of next year. We're doing that rather than the 12 month contract, we're recommending that, because the two primary funding sources are this contract and one from the state and when they both expire at the same time it's very difficult for them to manage. So we are asking for this one to be a 14-month contract.

Total of the contract is \$65,200 and that is funded through monies that we get from the state. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have on this item."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I just have a question of Rich. Just as a housekeeping thing, legally can the Board sign a contract longer than 12 months?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "Yes, you can."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "There's no problem there?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "That is normally not a problem. Usually your restraints are through the cash basis law and this contract has been certified for funds."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you. That’s all I had. Is there any other questions or comments? What’s the will of the Board on this item?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner 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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

**E. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SERVE AS REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR THE KANSAS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER INITIATIVE.**

**Ms. Phyllis Gearing-Anderson**, Director of Preventive Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to request your approval and authorization of the Chairman to sign this KDHE grant award to the Sedgwick County Health Department. This grant award is in the amount of \$186,042. This KDHE grant is for the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative, otherwise known as the Free to Know project.

This is a very valuable service that we offer. We provide cervical and breast cancer screening and what I mean by that, free pap smears and mammograms to those women who are uninsured and income eligible and 40 years or over. Also, there are some provisions for those that cancer is

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detected in where they receive a Medicaid card to provide any treatment that is needed through this program.

We have been administrator, or the South Central Regional Coordinator since 1998 and not only do we serve Sedgwick County, but we also serve Barber, Barton, Butler, Comanche, Cowley, Edwards, Harper, Harvey, Kingman among other counties here in Kansas.

These funds support the salary of three full-time employees and those are our regional nurse consultant, an outreach worker and an administrative assistant. We are very pleased to received this grant award and we're requesting your approval of this funding."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any questions or comments? Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No questions, just a comment. I think we attended a press conference or a meeting not too long ago at the Health Department and heard from a couple of women who had been served by the Free to Know program. There are some of us in this room who know better than others how important early detection is when it comes to diagnosis, treatment and hopefully long-term longevity after your diagnosis. So I am certainly very supportive to those women who are traditionally underserved."

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "And uninsured."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Exactly. I mean, it's vitally important that we reach them early. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have insurance coverage and who do have annual checkups are a lot more likely to catch the diseases early. Those women who are underserved and don't have the benefit of insurance really do need a good, strong, continuing program like this. I think the publicity, I think it's well documented and available to folks. Don't you all, on a regular basis, have flyers or brochures that go to clinics and other places?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "We do and in addition to that, we provide community education and education also for our health care professionals concerning this program. And as a matter of fact, we're making a formal presentation at your staff meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, to tell you more about this program."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "That's terrific. It's a great program. It means a lot to this community. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "How many people are served like in a year from this program?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "In this fiscal year, we've served 594 ladies, community members."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Is that a pretty consistent number or does it rise and fall from year to year?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Well, as a matter of fact, our goal is to continuously increase the number of women we serve and our numbers are steadily increasing over the years."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Because we have the capacity here in Sedgwick County, how do we market this to those outlying counties to get people accessed to that here locally? I mean, that's a challenge, I would imagine."

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "Well, we have a regional coordinator, which is a nurse. She has meetings regularly with health care providers in those communities to educate about the programs and the nursing staff also in those communities."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'll look forward to hearing more about it at our staff meeting. Thank you. That's all I had."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You know, one thing we found out by attending that meeting at the Health Department, I don't think it effects males on cervical cancer, but breast cancer, males can contract breast cancer. It's very rare, but I think it's only like 1% or something, it was very low, but males are not immune to breast cancer."

I have a question too about on the outlying areas. You indicated that they get the free testing. Does this regional nurse have to coordinate with the health providers in those other counties or do those people come to Sedgwick County to get their tests?"

**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, "No. There are identified providers in outlying counties and identifying providers of mammograms and pap smears. Also agencies that are contracted also with KDHE and with this program to provide those services and get reimbursed for providing those services."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "So they can stay in their own county and get those services."

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**Ms. Gearing-Anderson** said, “Yes, they can.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, I don’t see that we have any other questions, except continue the good work that you’re doing. And what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**F. EXPANSION OF THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT WORK RELEASE FACILITY BY 43 BEDS TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASING INMATE POPULATION IN THE DETENTION FACILITY; AND ADDITION OF TWO DETENTION CORPORAL POSITIONS, RANGE 19, TO THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.**

**Major Danny Bardez Bain**, Sheriff’s Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here to ask your approval to expand the Detention Facility’s Work Release Facility by 43 beds to accommodate our overcrowding and the addition of two corporals.

As you are aware, in addition to operating the Detention Facility just west of the courthouse here, we have an off-site Work Release Facility at Harry and McLean and that facility has 102 beds. We currently, in the facility, have numerous inmates awaiting space in the Work Release Facility. I’m asking for the approval for equipment, supplies and funding for two additional corporals for the

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Work Release Facility in order to increase it by 43 beds to 145 beds there in the Work Release Facility.

The financial considerations are approximately \$79,800 for the remainder of 2002 and \$133,858 for 2003. This has been approved by the Division of Finance in their consideration and policy or legal considerations have been approved by Ed Randels of the County Counselor's Office. I'll be glad to entertain any questions you have concerning the request."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, and we do have some questions, Major. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. I'm going to be supportive of this. Looks like the Finance folks have got a place where they're going to get the funds. My question is will this put us at the maximum down there or do we still have room to increase work release to any larger number or is that facility approaching its maximum capacity?"

**Major Bardezbain** said, "I want to say it's approaching its safe maximum capacity. We could squeeze more in there but I'm talking about safety for the inmates, safety for the deputies. What we're doing are adding bunk beds in the area to increase the beds. So we actually aren't adding space, we're going up. But like I said, the numbers are a maximum safety consideration."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I know as we continue to talk about jail population, I don't need an answer now, but it would be interesting to know if there's any room for expansion of that work release program. I think it does an excellent job with what you all do with that, and if there's way to take better advantage of that, I'd certainly like to consider that."

**Major Bardezbain** said, "We'll look into it for you."

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You're not done yet. You're going to be on the hot seat for a while. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Actually, Commissioner Winters kind of asked my question, which is how much more capacity do we have. As we continue the debate about jail and the Sheriff has been around to kind of visit with us, we've had some updates and some information. I had a stack of information brought to my desk that I wish I hadn't asked for now on misdemeanors but I've read

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through it. It's going to be a continuing process and really my question was how much more capacity we'd have here. That's all I have."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, let me ask the question a different way, Major. How many people do we have waiting right now in jail that would qualify for work release if we had space available for them?"

**Major Bardezbain** said, "I don't have that exact number but I can also tell you there are people not incarcerated that are waiting to go to work release because the judges are aware we don't have the room. So they're just letting them stay out until we get the bed open for them. But I can't give you . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Explain that. What do you mean 'stay out'? I don't understand."

**Major Bardezbain** said, "They know that we have no room in the detention facility, so it's kind of like they're on a commitment list. They're waiting for a bed to open up and then they will go to jail."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "So those people probably wouldn't be supportive of expanding the work release."

**Major Bardezbain** said, "I'm sure they wouldn't."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "All right. Well, I concur with my colleagues. My suspicion, in talking to the Sheriff, is there's probably more than 43 and if you could raise it to 63 and still be safe or whatever it is, why don't we just do it all . . . Well, we can't do it all at one time because we're going to, my sense is, approve this. But if there's an additional capacity that we could safely go to, why don't you consider coming back to us on it. Because we want to be part of the solution and we all know that we can't just hide from it. We've got a problem. We need to start looking at how to resolve it."

**Major Bardezbain** said, "I agree."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Any further questions or comments?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the expansion and associated costs, and the additions to the Sheriff's Department Staffing Table.

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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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

**G. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “For the month of August, kind of a short month for us. However, we did have quite a bit of varied activity. Chisholm Trail Gun and Knife Show, nearly 5,000 people in attendance. The show plays our facilities four times a year. We had a Palomino Horse Show and these animals are just absolutely gorgeous. We do several small Palomino shows each year. This one attracted 800 people. We also had the Machinists’ Union, they did their first vote on the Boeing contract at our facility.

But not all the activity happened here in Wichita. Select-a-Seat acted as the Internet ticketing agent for the United Spirit Arena, Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas. They had a George Strait date, 16,000 capacity. We sold 5,000 of their tickets through the Internet, which is opening up a whole new client base for us.

Coming up in the next couple of months we have of course, Friday the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Cher in concert on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Hockey is going to be opening up here October 18<sup>th</sup>. And this past Monday we went on sale with the number one rated children’s show on PBS, Dragon Tales.

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Now this attracts the little guys from one to six and they're just nuts over the show."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Wait a minute. It attracts people older than that."

**Mr. Nath** said, "Well, I like it too. But this is from our same partners who we work with Sesame Street Live, Bear in the Big Blue House. The show is going to play November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's going to be the first appearance here. Tickets run from \$12.50 through \$18.50, depending on location. But Friday night, opening night, all seats are going to be \$11.00 and it's going to be a fun show and we're looking forward for that to kick off our season. We've got a couple of more concert surprises on the announcing horizon. Can't let you know now because we don't have anything signed but it's going to be a good year for us."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Are those biggies?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Very big, yes."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I have a question on Dragon Tales. Do you happen to have . . . If you don't have it right now, the different . . . Like I know, on November 1<sup>st</sup> there's two shows."

**Mr. Nath** said, "There's two shows each day."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay and do you happen to know the times, off hand?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "10:30 and 7 p.m."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "7 p.m. I think the first day."

**Mr. Nath** said, "The little guys don't stay up too late, so it's an earlier show in the evening."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And the second day?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "I believe we run . . . Commissioner, I don't have it with me. I'd be happy to get that for you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I do but I think it's 1:00 and then at 4 and then I think the last day it's 1:30 and 4:30. But they've really spread them around a lot so that anybody, if you have children, get them to this show. They're going to just think they died and went to heaven. It's a great show and it's fun for the adults too."

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**Mr. Nath** said, "We've been having a lot of fun just looking at promotional materials and some of the things they've sent."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I would like . . . See, that's a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Too bad they couldn't come early. We could have them up in front of the Bench and visit with some of the Dragon Tales. Okay, that's all I have. Any questions or comments, except that John, we think you're doing a fantastic job and I personally attend that one event that you're having tomorrow and hopefully we'll do some good there too."

**Mr. Nath** said, "We should have a good time."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you very much. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2002.**

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**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “There are three items today for consideration that resulted from the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of September 12<sup>th</sup>.

1) **MSGC UNIT- FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**  
**FUNDING: CRIMINALISTICS**

The first item today is an MSGC unit for Forensic Science Center. Recommend the low bid from JAS Incorporated in the amount of \$87,990.43.

2) **COMPUTERS- COMCARE**  
**FUNDING: COMCARE INFO TECH**

Item two, computers for COMCARE. Recommend the low bid from Dell in the amount of \$25,782.

3) **A & E REMODEL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT- FACILITY PROJECTS**  
**FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

And item three, A and E services to remodel the second floor Sheriff’s Department for Facilities Projects. Recommendation is the proposal from Gossen Livingston in the amount of \$24,686.

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Any questions of Iris on this? I just have two. What is ARO mean, like on the first item it said, ‘deliver date 30 days ARO’. If you don’t know, that’s okay. If you could get back to me. I just saw the initials. I didn’t know exactly . . .”

**Ms. Baker** said, “It basically means, at the time the order is submitted.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Oh, okay. And could you just briefly tell us why we picked Gossen Livingston. The figure is so small, it’s less than \$1,000, but just to let people know maybe perhaps why we chose them as opposed to the other one.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Yes. Basically, they were better prepared to answer questions, in terms of the engineering services that they were going to provide with their proposal and they had already discussed amongst themselves some of the issues that we currently see in that area in regard to

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mechanical and they had had a vision as to what they would do with the lab that was up there as well. So they were better prepared and more thorough.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, that’s fine. And the public needs to know that, when it comes to professional services, we’re not obligated by law to pick the lowest bid. We can take in some of these very good subjective thoughts too because sometimes the best price isn’t always the best deal. You have to take in and look at some other things too. Thank you very much, Iris. Any further questions?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Increase of the COMCARE imprest account from \$2,000 to \$4,600, to be in the**

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**form of a checking account.**

**2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V020058	\$379.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apartments
V020061	\$425.00	5	Iva and Clifford Helms
V020062	\$608.00	5	Leslie Dulac
V020063	\$238.00	2	Country Walk Apartments
V020046	\$385.00	5	Hearth Hollow Apartments
V020059	\$410.00		Mapleridge Residences

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V10105	\$382.00	\$537.00
V99085	\$600.00	\$600.00
V2009	\$462.00	\$444.00
V200018	\$341.00	\$330.00
V010151	\$324.00	\$319.00
V01050	\$227.00	\$233.00
V2069	\$272.00	\$345.00
V2093	\$550.00	\$550.00
V010156	\$230.00	\$227.00
V99056	\$88.00	\$115.00
V2070	\$200.00	\$270.00
V20101	\$440.00	\$212.00
V20102	\$365.00	\$365.00
V010155	\$330.00	\$330.00
V2092	\$325.00	\$325.00
V010103	\$225.00	\$282.00
V010647	\$476.00	\$600.00

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V97001	\$200.00	\$157.00
V020019	\$441.00	\$412.00
V01036	\$375.00	\$375.00
V01087	\$630.00	\$417.00
V010114	\$455.00	\$259.00
V01094	\$170.00	\$330.00
V20010	\$630.00	\$620.00
V2047	\$600.00	\$600.00
V2017	\$539.00	\$270.00
V95088	\$550.00	\$550.00
V01069	\$303.00	\$585.00
V01074	\$310.00	\$209.00
V01084	\$425.00	\$425.00
V020031	\$356.00	\$402.00
V20142	\$318.00	\$000.00

4. **Order dated September 11, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
5. **General Bills Check Register(s) for September 10 – 17, 2002.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend that you approve it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Now, is there anything else, Commissioner Norton, to come before this board?"

### J. OTHER

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, there was just one. I want to congratulate you for calling Iris 'Iris' today instead of Irene. You've broken a string of five straight meetings but she should be really happy with you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I think she's happy that I made the comments about professional services but maybe the fact that I called her by her right name is nice too. Well, four years, that isn't bad."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think that's a good record you've got going."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Kristine is still hoping that I start calling her by her right name instead of Kristi. Okay, anything, any activities or anything that you want to mention?"

**Commissioner Norton** was, "Only thing I've got is I'm heading for McPherson here in a minute to speak to their Kansas Young Leadership Association on service leadership and I look forward to doing that. It's young folks and young leaders from all over the state that have gathered there to do some training and hear some speakers and I'm very honored to be able to go and speak a little bit about leadership and public service. So, I'll be doing that in a minute."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I had an opportunity Monday to attend the quad-county meetings with commissioners from Harvey County, Reno County, Butler County and Sedgwick County and that's always a good group to meet with, networking among each other, getting to know what's going on in each county. A couple of the Reno county commissioners are beginning to look at promoting the K-96 corridor between Wichita and Hutchinson and include the small communities along that route. Don't have a well defined plan yet but just wanted to try to take an opportunity to look at that corridor and see if there's some kind of planning that could be done to help businesses or small communities on that route. I know this was a . . . state fair weekend was this past weekend, but Sunday I was on K-96 and had to cross K-96 and we sat there for several minutes. I mean, there is a lot of traffic on that K-96 Highway."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Your thinking about like maybe billboard campaign or something?”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, I’m not sure what they’re thinking about yet, but I’ll just bring it to your attention and know that you might be hearing about that later, as they try to look at that corridor. And you can really think that the corridor does actually extend on to El Dorado, with 254 with four lanes, so the commissioners from those counties are trying to see if there’s ways to plus that. But anyway, had a good meeting at the quad-county group and just wanted to share that with you.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “One thought in mind, as soon as they hit Sedgwick County’s city limits, drop that speed down to about 20 miles an hour, so they slowly go through our area.

But I had a couple of things happen this weekend, some of it was good, some of it was better. But Oaklawn had their annual block party and started out with the parade and the weather was nice and it was cool. A lot of people showed up. They had tremendous activities for the kids. A lot of good food, I even paid for my own portion of it, of the bratwursts or whatever they were.

There was a softball game, if that’s what you want to call it. It was the Wichita Fire Department against the Sheriff’s Deputies. Now the score was 37 to 6. I won’t say who won but I had the honor of giving the trophy over to the Wichita Fire Department. We’re going to have to rethink about softball games but it was . . . one side of the group enjoyed it. The other side didn’t enjoy it.

But then we had something that really was neat. We have a volunteer group in Sedgwick County comprised of our EMS people, our Sheriff’s people, fire people on both sides, even Wichita Fire that have a K-9 unit, and it’s a volunteer unit. It’s their own animals. They spend their own money on training these animals. The genesis of forming this unit happened when DeBruce Grain Elevator had their problems and we had to import these rescue dogs or these locator dogs from out of the state, because we didn’t have any. And these people took it upon themselves to form this group. They meet regularly and they had 7 or 8 animals with the trainers there to put on a little show and it was impressive.

Okay, I’ll say it, I was asked to be a guinea pig to prove that they could find someone. So I took off my pith helmet and gave it to the trainer and I went way over to some field in the woods and I hid behind this . . . Inside, I kind of burrowed in this trash and garbage and everything and hid there. And this dog was what they call bumper trained. The trainer has this bright orange bumper they call it, with a cord attached to her belt and this dog is supposed to cast and when he finds you, he goes back, gets the bumper, comes back to you, drops the bumper and then sits out where the trainer can see him and then the trainer could come and find the body.

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And man, this dog is casting and it's kind of lost it's scent and it's gone back to get it and I'm thinking 'ha, ha, I don't have enough hair that he could get the scent'. This dog went in the woods, finds me, takes one big whiff of me to I guess verify that the scent that he just now smelled was the same as the hat, beats it back to his trainer, go gets the bumper, puts it right down next to me and they found me within a minute and a half. That was pretty neat."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "It was neat for you. It wasn't neat for the rest of us."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "What I'm trying to say is that this is a unit that I don't think the public even knows we have, because it isn't a governmental funded thing. It's something that they do on their own and I just think, maybe at the right time, we could get some of these people to come in and just give them some recognition, because they do a heck of a job or they're prepared and it's all part of this Ready to Respond thing and it's just another example of people deciding not to just wait for government to do something, but they're going to do something on their own. It was pretty neat."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I think we found out during 9/ 11, I mean they had over 200 of these kinds of dogs at the Ground Zero site and boy, they're pretty dedicated public servants themselves, even though they're not human, they have a real sensitivity to that. And believe it or not, they had to have mental health for the dogs because they weren't finding anybody alive and that really upset them and they had to kind of have a mental health . . ."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "They said that the dogs can only last in that job about three to five years and then they get burnt out and then they just stay as a pet with the trainer. But it's pretty stressful for them too.

Anything else to come before the Board?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'm glad they found you, Ben."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well thank you. There's some on this Board that may not share your wishes. Anything else to come before this Board?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "We had an Executive Session proposed but I think, Mr. Euson, you decided to delay it."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "All right. Then this meeting is now adjourned."

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**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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