

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 9, 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, October 9, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Sheriff Gary Steed; Ms. Valerhy Harmon, Transportation Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources Department; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management Department; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Management Department; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager, CIO, DIO; Mr. Gerald Frantz, Interim Director, Health Department; Ms. Linda Kizzire, Chief Deputy Register of Deeds; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Russell Mills, Representative, Derby Recycling and Transfer Station.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Burr Crickard of Maize United Methodist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, September 11, 2002
Regular Meeting, September 18, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2002 and that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2002.

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I think it would be best if we took each of these separately. So what's the will of the Board on the Regular Meeting of September 11th?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2002.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18th, 2002.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

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PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 10, 2002 AS “PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I’d like to read this proclamation into the record. It states:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, traffic crashes cause more than 41,500 fatalities each year and are the leading cause of death for people age 6 to 33; and

WHEREAS, children under five years old, who are killed in motor vehicle crashes were totally unrestrained; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related crashes account for 38 percent of all traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, safer driving behaviors, such as the use of seat belts, not drinking and driving and obeying traffic laws would dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the use of cost-effective roadway safety improvements such as all-weather signing and markings, traffic signals, skid resistant pavements and removal of roadside hazards could also reduce the number of traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of safer vehicles and protective traffic safety equipment, such as helmets, will enhance people’s ability to protect themselves and their families from preventable and tragic permanent injuries and death.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 10, 2002 as

“PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY”

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to know the rules of the road and to drive courteously and defensively, whether a driver, passenger, pedestrian or bicyclist.

What’s the will of the Board on this proclamation?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

Mr. David Spears, Director/ County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sheriff Steed is here with me today to accept the proclamation. We appreciate it. Tomorrow is of course Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day 2002. The Celebration of Safety will be the theme for this year’s event, which will be held at Century II tomorrow from 10 until 2. The participants include KDOT, the Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, the Safe Kids Coalition, the KDOT Safety Belt Education Office, the KDOT Drunk Driving Prevention Office, Sedgwick County Sheriff, Wichita Police and many others and we hope to make it as successful as it was last year.

I’d like to give some sobering statistics and I’ll go fairly slow here so that you can take this in. The fact is that vehicle crashes are an even greater threat to life and health in the U.S. than crime. In 2000, in the year 2000 there was one murder every 34 minutes, while one person died from a traffic crash every 13 minutes. There was one violent crime every 22 seconds but one crash related injury every 10 seconds. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people ages 6 to 33.

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A few more things I'd like to say. Adults and children over age four, you should always wear your safety belt. About 135,000 lives were saved between 1975 and 2002 nationwide by using safety belts. Children under age four should always be in a child safety seat. When used correctly, they are 71% effective in preventing fatalities. Of course don't drink and drive. Every 32 minutes, someone in this country dies in an alcohol related crash. Be alert when driving, falling asleep when driving causes at least 100,000 auto crashes a year and about 1,550 fatalities each year. Don't speed, especially in work zones. On a 25-mile trip, driving 65 miles per hour instead of 55 miles per hour will save you about four minutes. Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, 13 pedestrians a day are killed in traffic crashes. In addition, 690 bicyclists were killed in traffic related accidents, including 175 children ages 14 and under.

A little bit more about the event tomorrow at Century II. It will have displays and booths, such as the Kansas Highway Patrol rollover display, Buster, I'm not sure what that is, a No Zone truck, semi simulator, red light running display, motorist assist van, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration truck, Safe Kids van, Sedgwick County Sheriff will be represented, the Wichita Police, AAA, Kansas Safety Belt Office, the Drunk Driving Prevention Office, KDOT, FHWA, Safe Not Sorry, the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and Operation Lifesaver. Promotional items and safety brochures will be passed out to those attending and I think it's going to be geared towards children a lot tomorrow. That's all I have to say and Sheriff Steed is here also."

Sheriff Gary Steed, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, David. I just wanted to thank you also for your proclamation on traffic safety and for helping us focus our efforts on traffic safety here in Sedgwick County.

To meld my statements a little bit to what David had to say, you're probably aware that we have not had a single homicide in Sedgwick County this year, knock on wood for that. But we have had 13 traffic fatalities, so traffic is certainly a concern right here at home in Sedgwick County. And as David said, most fatalities can be prevented through slowing down while driving, by fastening seatbelts and also by avoiding drinking while driving.

Here in Sedgwick County, we've stepped up our proactive efforts in traffic safety. During my administration, we've received more than \$60,000 in grants from the state for special traffic enforcement programs that include DUI check lanes, special traffic enforcement projects and of course the Kansas Clicks program, which is related to the traffic seatbelt issue. We've instituted special patrols in particular, using our motorcycles for special traffic enforcement and we've been innovative with our deputies on the bus program, where the deputies ride the school buses and call ahead on people that are improperly passing school buses and speeding.

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So we've been rather proactive, trying to be preventive in our efforts here in Sedgwick County and of course the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day tomorrow is just that, a proactive, preventative, education program to educate our community in traffic safety and I would encourage the public to come out. This is not the first program of its nature. It's educational and it's a great program for the public to come out and visit and receive an education in traffic safety."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I believe we do have some comments or questions. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure if David said this or not, but for the event tomorrow will we have busloads of students or is it just kind of an open house kind of thing?"

Mr. Spears said, "It's an open house."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. So I just was curious if we've contacted schools and that kind of thing?"

Sheriff Steed said, "Schools have been contacted. In the past, there's been many, many students have attended this and that's one of the main audiences that the program is directed to."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I hope I can get by there tomorrow. It sounds like a very good program. The other thing I just would mention, I heard . . . caught a little bit on the radio, a local dealership, an employee from a local dealership figured out a way to . . . the radio won't come on until the seatbelt clicks and I thought that was interesting because the guy that came up with it said that he watched his son and the first thing he did, he got in the car, turned it on and was messing with the radio and then forgets to put the seatbelt on. So he's rigged it to where you have to put the seatbelt on before the radio will come on. I think it sounds like a great idea but in knowing kids and how they like to fiddle with cars, you wonder how long it will be before they figure out how to change that. But I think that might be a good way to start good habits."

Sheriff Steed said, "I have some other projects that my department is working on, in terms of high school kids and traffic safety."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Sure lost a lot of folks in our community because of not wearing a seatbelt."

Sheriff Steed said, "Yes we have."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you very much. I don't see that we have any other comments. Next item please."

AWARD PRESENTATION

B. PRESENTATION OF INNOVATIVE SERVICE AWARD FROM KANSAS PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE.

Ms. Valerhy Harmon, Transportation Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present this award to you from the Kansas Public Transit Association. The Transportation Brokerage received this award recently at the annual meeting of KPTA in Hays. It was in recognition of innovative service initiatives that reflect service to their community in a technology or technique that may be transferable to other Kansas communities."

Sedgwick County Transportation Brokerage broke new ground in the state with its one-stop shopping model, with the goal of offering single point of entry to community transportation for multiple transit dependent populations. This program allows a single agency to coordinate in mixed populations on trips resulting in a more efficient program.

I would like to give recognition to Marsha Gasper, who developed this program and also Doug Russell had a hand in that too. I'd like to thank the Commission for their continued support of this program. Also, the Manager, Debbie Donaldson and Annette Graham and I'd like to present this award to the Commission."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, feel free to do that. Do we have any questions or comments on this award? We're very grateful for it and thank you very much. I don't see that we have any additional comments."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I guess I do. Valerhy, how long have we been doing this?"

Ms. Harmon said, "We've been doing this since '98."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, because I remember it was very new when I first came on the Commission and it seems to be a successful program and a much needed program in our community, helping people get to work or get to doctors and those kinds of things. So congratulations on all your work because I know you've spent a lot of hours on this and we appreciate it. Thank you."

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Ms. Harmon said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. That's all we have. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

- C. CERTIFICATION THAT APPLICATION BY DERBY RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION, L.L.C. TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR A SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND THAT THE AREA IS PROPERLY ZONED.**

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Kansas Department of Health and Environment issues permits for solid waste disposal facilities. The permit requires that the local governing body considers the permit and makes sure that it conforms and is consistent with the local solid waste plan and zoning requirements."

We currently have, in our Solid Waste Plan, transfer stations being utilized for municipal solid waste disposal. We have two transfer stations in Sedgwick County right now, one located northwest at 37th Street North and West Street and one located southwest at 55th Street South and Hoover. This is a proposal for a transfer station to be located southeast, south of the town of Derby, west of K-15.

On the map, you can see Derby basically located here. This road is K-15 and this area is the sewer treatment plant and this property is directly west of the sewer treatment plant. I have a close-up of that here. This is the Derby Sewer Treatment Plant, this is K-15, Buckner and the transfer station location would be west of the sewer treatment plant.

This was previously a municipal solid waste landfill in this area and to the south there's an old construction/ demolition landfill that's been closed and composting operation is taking place on top of that. You can see the Arkansas River on the west side of this map located here.

Derby Recycling and Transfer Station is the one that requests a permit for this area. It is currently zoned appropriately for a transfer station and has a Conditional Use permit. This application came in front of this Board over two and a half years ago and the board approved the Conditional Use permit, the zoning change and also that it was consistent with the Solid Waste Plan.

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is having the applicant go through this process again, since it's been over two years since his initial application to the state. Russell Mills, representing the company, is here to answer any questions and I'd be happy to answer any question.

The purpose of this application today is for the Board to approve that it is consistent with our plan and that the zoning is correct. Thank you and I'd be happy to answer questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We do have some too. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Susan, two questions I guess. With your information and knowledge about this area, and this Commission did approve this two and a half years ago, has there been any change in events or activities on this location, or the Solid Waste Planning Committee, have there been any material changes to your knowledge?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "The main difference between now and then is the addition of the second transfer station at 55th Street South and Hoover. This did go in front of the Solid Waste Committee a few months ago and they did approve it as being consistent with the plan and recommended that it be forwarded to the Commission. The addition of a second transfer station means the amount of municipal solid waste available for a third transfer station might be lower than it would have been two years ago."

Commissioner Winters said, "But as far as any other material issues to this location, or anything else, things are basically the same as they were when we ruled on this two and a half years ago. And then again, my second question was the Solid Waste Planning Committee and you indicated that they have checked on this and say it's consistent."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Thank you. That's all I have right now."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Susan, is there any substantial reason for the delay that would adversely impact the decision making on this item?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "No."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I mean, there's two and a half years have passed and so we're having to go through this again. Was there some substantive change or something that caused the delay that would . . ."

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Ms. Erlenwein said, “No, I think if Mr. Mills wants to address why there was a delay, but as far as the planning goes, no there’s no substance.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay. Mr. Mills, just real quickly and I don’t need . . . I’m just trying to get a picture that there’s nothing really adversely impacting this site or that would cause a delay.”

Mr. Russell Mills, Representative, Derby Recycling and Transfer Station, said, “No. What basically caused the delay was some litigation regarding the old C & D landfill and then some requirements that KDHE placed upon us to complete the closure there. So that’s why they would not act.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay. All right, if this Board does go ahead and approve the certification, do you have any sense as to how long it would take for a transfer station to be up and operating here?”

Mr. Mills said, “Well, we’re still working with the KDHE and we haven’t even gotten the application to them yet. So they’ve been somewhat slow. So, we’re hoping that within three to four months they’ll act on our application and then after that we can start the development process. But we really can’t begin until KDHE approves the permit and certainly they can’t approve the permit until you make a decision.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Let me maybe, Mr. Mills, let me maybe ask the question a different way. After the permit is approved and you have it in your possession, how long from there to when it would open?”

Mr. Mills said, “Well, we’re hoping six months to a year.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Mr. Euson, a question of Mr. Euson. By approving this at this time, is the County committing that we’re going to stay with the present Solid Waste Plan? Does it preclude us from developing a different plan, which may no longer necessitate transfer stations? Are we in any way committing the County to stay the course on a particular plan or anything?”

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor said, “No, sir. Commissioners, all you’re really doing is making a certification as to existing facts, the facts being that this is consistent with your plan and that this is consistent with present zoning and, as the solid waste authority for Sedgwick County, you can certainly amend your plan at any time you feel fit to do so.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And we're not permitted to make a decision based on whether individuals here at the Bench feel it's a good business plan or it's going to be successful. We're pretty limited on what we can do there in that area. Is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, I would say that it's a pretty narrow finding that you're making. You're not finding whether this is good or bad for the County. You're just finding whether it conforms with the plan and whether the zoning is proper."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. I don't think we have any other questions, so what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

D. PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS AND DELETIONS.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you today, essentially, is the same thing our Chief Financial Officer did about a year ago on the financial piece. We reengineered, streamlined and tried to make our policies make more sense. And pretty much, while we've neared HR goes live, we've looked very hard over the last year and two years at how we do business. I visited with each of you on this and pretty much

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the items that we have before you recognize that we make sure we're compliant with the law. We made sure that we're streamlining procedures and we're developing consistency.

I've broken them out into various area, just so you can chew on them. There's 20 policies that were changed, two were deleted. We deleted pages and pages of bureaucracy. We have not changed in any way . . . What we've done is changed the speed and the efficiency with which things can get done in the organization and across the organization. What we've done is tried to think out of silos and realizing we're entering an enterprise where people have to move freely in the organizations to do the jobs and what we've tried to do is make sure that within that we've remained with all the checks and balances that the County Manager, division heads and Commissioners have.

In a nutshell, the items before, vacation pay-out was changed several places to state that pretty much if an employee has been here six months, or in the civil service, the Sheriff's Department, 12 months, whatever conditions they leave under, we pay them their vacation. There were some items where we didn't. In working with Legal on this, it appeared that we needed to tighten that down. We pay an employee now if they leave, period. If we've had property problems or something else, we will pursue that through other means.

Reinstatement and reemployment were basically clarified to become an off/ on switch, where we don't have to go in and recalculate everything. If an employee has been here, up to and including 121 days and they return within that period of time, they're reinstated with benefit accruals as though they had never left. After 122 days, they're new employees and that's not a lot different but we cleaned up some of the language.

We did add the relief of duty with pay and Chairman Sciortino had pointed out, as we were discussing with him, essentially the way of looking at that is a suspension with pay. It is the same thing, relief of duty with pay and suspension without pay allow department heads and division directors to do short term administrative suspensions with pay while you're pending the finding, which we've had to do for years. Now the policy reflects that. It also takes out some of the bureaucracy of turning it off and on in the system and allows us to do that with the timesheets and in parallel with disciplinary action, if that follows.

Family Medical Leave Act, FMLA, and leave benefits are essentially making sure that we're compliant with the law on Family Medical Leave Act. From now on, Human Resources will always make sure that the loop is closed between an employee requesting it, a department head granting it or knowing about it and the employee being notified that in fact that's the case. We've had breakdowns on that in the past and those will be ended.

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The leave benefits, the main changes there is we did do a couple of changes after consulting various folks. We had dialogues with the leadership team, County Manager and all of his executives that report, the County Engineer, County Counselor and County Appraiser. So they've all looked at every one of these. We pulled taffy and had arguments until we agreed on them but under holiday pay, we've had cases, the previous policy says if you're present the day before or the day after . . . I apologize Commissioner. If you're present the day before or the day after, you got it. Now it says if you've got leave without pay or unauthorized leave the day before or the day after, you will not get the holiday. There were instances where, within the policy, people could take less than an eight-hour workday, substantially less in some cases, and get the holiday pay. That will be ended under this policy.

Floating holidays will also be ended and people will receive pay for holidays and pay for the workday, essentially double time if they work a holiday. This followed long discussions with the various stakeholders in the organizations about who did this and we agreed that it was not a good idea. What that meant is you used to be able to take it early, used to be able to take it late. We had tracking problems and it wasn't a good practice so we changed it.

Employment and leave benefits, dates for the evaluation cycle, for longevity, for insurance, for probation, for those sorts of things used to be a complex formula that dealt with if you were here between the first and the fifteenth it was one thing, if you were here from the sixteenth through the end of the month it was another. SAP allows us to do that in real time. So the bottom line is all of those things will be driven by an employee's actual action on the payroll, simpler, faster, much more accountable. Compensatory time will be done in real time, it won't be retroactive. There will be a requirement to decide what you're going to do at the pay period and get it done, so it tightens this practice up.

Salary pay periods, essentially, goes to bi-weekly for salaried people. We've notified all the stakeholders. There's been massive communication and we're working with salaried employees to do that.

Promotion and demotion were straightened out because in the past they were complicated and contorted. The bottom line on that is demotion used to have three ways to go about it. It now will have one. If you're demoted it's a disciplinary action and there will be a pay cut. It's plain English now. Before it used to be able to say 'Well, was it an administrative demotion or was it a voluntary demotion' and it was kinda, sorta and this clears it up very clearly. If you're demoted, you will receive a pay cut and it is disciplinary.

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Promotion used to require, it had a bunch of HR mumbo jumbo that pretty much said you had to change ranges or bands or whatever to get a promotion or a demotion. The executive team in the dialogue said, 'Get real'. When a guy goes home or a person goes home and they say 'I got promoted' what they really mean is I had a change in position, an increase in responsibility, an increase in duties and an increase in pay. I got more money. And the answer is, the executives said 'Get real' that's what a promotion is, so we changed it to that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Excuse me. On the demotion thing, just to get my hands around it, let's say an individual employee is doing a good job and we promote that employee and then we realize that maybe we made a mistake and that person wasn't qualified for that next level but it wasn't because they were bad. And we need to offer that person a lesser job, which would be less. What is that called, if that's not called a demotion?"

Mr. Russell said, "That would be either a transfer or a modification of a position, depending on . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But that might mean less money and less responsibility but instead of that negative connotation of demotion there's a different . . ."

Mr. Russell said, "Exactly. And the whole concept is to get people to move freely across the organization without the feeling of discipline because it's not discipline. It's life choice.

Interim assignments and transfers is essentially what we just answered. Those are position movements that involve moving across laterally. They could involve a decrease in pay, but they're non-disciplinary.

Salary adjustment was a lot of HR stuff that we tried to do to clean up our system. We had met with hundreds of people over the last couple of years on all of our pay systems, how they work but salary adjustment and the class plan that you'll see further down there, essentially changes our review system, cuts out pages and pages of bureaucracy, no value added paperwork in our opinion, tightens up how we use our time to help department heads run their businesses in real time their way, response to their needs and has no change in either yours or the Manager's authority in terms of the thresholds. It just gets decisions to you faster, a lot faster.

Market adjustment is our way of looking at where we sit in the marketplace, public, private. Where are we losing people, how much are they making and making sure we're competitive. And we do that now routinely and we do it with a lot more benchmarking systems.

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Return from military leave, basically we made a change there that says you don't have to return to the same position or the same range, which is HR mumbo jumbo. You can return at the same salary somewhere in the organization that allows you to come back with whatever cost of livings have occurred.

Class and pay plan, that's all about our internal HR process. That reflects the conversations we had with the organization over the last couple of years. It increases the speed that we'll look at jobs. It increases the ability to look at jobs as broader categories and more detailed if we need to. It aligns terms. It helps us use SAP and it's power. We added the concept of the bands so that, over time, if you choose to do that, we've got more ability to manage this organization, deleted no value added process, wiped out the ideas of semi-monthly and recognized that executive payroll is now salaried. That's pretty much the changes, Commissioners and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any comments or questions? I don't see any, Doug. Thank you very much. It looks like you're going a long way to keeping things a little simpler. I think even a little easier for employees to understand what's happening."

Mr. Russell said, "For everyone."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, great. We do have a comment or a question from Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, David, let's start with you because you're on the management team but you report directly to us. You were a part of these meetings, you or one of your representatives?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, ma'am."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And on behalf of the department of the Bureau of Public Service, Public Works and you're comfortable with these?"

Mr. Spears said, "Oh, yes ma'am. We're very comfortable. We think it's a lot better than the way it was."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Mr. Manager, you were also represented in these discussions?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

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Commissioner Gwin said, “And you and your people are comfortable with what we’re doing here?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay, that’s two. And Mr. Euson, you and Legal, and I get to the serious one . . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Can we get Frantz in here?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “But more importantly, you and some of your staff were involved, particularly as it has to do with employment law and those kinds of things and you’re confident that we’ve not put ourselves in more difficult positions?”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes. We’ve been very involved in the process and we’re very confident that this is a much better and cleaner policy and we certainly endorse it and approve it.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And easier for you, from a legal standpoint.”

Mr. Euson said, “Very. Easier from a legal standpoint and an administrative standpoint too.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “That’s all I needed. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great. I don’t see any other questions or comments. So what’s the will of the Board please on this?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the policy revisions and deletions

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

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Mr. Euson said, "Mr. Chairman, if I could make a comment, these policies are intended to go into effect on January 1st and we will draft a resolution to that effect and put it on next week's Consent Agenda, if that's all right."

Mr. Russell said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

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

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEDGWICK COUNTY TO JOIN THE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS BOARD.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a resolution before you that was brought to us by Commissioner McGinn and she may want to comment on this. It comes from the REAP organization. This allows us to participate in the Local Elected Officials Board, which is part of the agency's attempt to receive funds for training, issues that would involve several counties from around the area. I would recommend that you authorize us to become part of this Local Elected Officials Board."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Bill, can you give us some history, a little bit, on this? In looking at this, it says that it allows REAP to elect the individual to be the representative and it's my understanding in other counties it's just that county that decides and they have their designee on that. The reason that I also bring this up is I don't . . . Local Area 4 has Butler, Cowley, Harper, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner County on it but Harper County is not on the REAP board. And so I'm curious if Harper County is fine with this or do they have their own designee."

Mr. Buchanan said, "You've asked a series of questions and I'll answer the last one first, about Harper County. I have no idea whether they're happy with it or whether they've approved it and what they're about to do."

The change in the federal law and the change in the way the dollars have flowed to local governments for training dollars. Some of us remember some of the old training programs that came about. They often times came directly from the federal government to the states or directly from the federal government to the local unit of government. In this case, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita, at some point in the '70s or '60s, indicated that the City of Wichita should have that responsibility and so Sedgwick County Commissioners at the time not to assume that responsibility because most of the training dollars had to do with urban settings.

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Since that point, a driving factor in these . . . the driver in the decision making process has been locally controlled through the City of Wichita. We've had member on that board, on various boards at various times. This allows us a way to get some other funds that were not previously available through the old programs. So this allows us to sit on the board and help in the decision making process about how funds can come from the federal government and the state and how they should be used."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So we sit on the board through REAP, whereas other counties, the county just puts their own designee on there."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Right."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So you could have somebody say from Harvey County who is not even in the Local Area 4 from REAP sit on it, if you're using REAP as a vehicle?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I believe that's so."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Well, this is something that I guess REAP needs for their next meeting, so maybe I have to ask some of my questions to some of my REAP colleagues."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, Commissioner, it says here . . . Did you have a question about how we designate people to sit on the . . .?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "This says that you or . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It's me or a designee."

Commissioner McGinn said, "To be on the REAP, not on this."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Is there a separate Local Elected Officials Board that meets that has bylaws, etcetera? I read this that we're using REAP as our local elected officials board. Is that how I read this?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes. We also have other designees. We also have other people on the board."

Commissioner McGinn said, "On the Workforce Alliance."

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, okay. And then, as Commissioner McGinn said, Harper County I guess has to decide whatever they want to do. I mean, they're out there in the . . ."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I can't speak for them."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's right. Okay. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Just some technical changes on the resolution. The acronym for Local Elected Officials Board is mistyped. If you could correct that for me. And Carolyn, I guess I would ask that you ask the REAP folks these kinds of questions about if Local Area 4 includes a specific number of counties making decisions for federal monies that come to those specific counties, I guess, then is it appropriate for someone who is in . . . not in that local area to have a decision in that process? I don't know that much about how REAP is going to work on these issues, but certainly feel free to ask those questions as you go to the next meeting."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And I will. Thank you."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. And I guess we're ready to make a decision on this item. So what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I have a Motion and a Second to adopt the resolution. Any further comments? Mr. Buchanan, you're comfortable with what we're doing here? I'm still a little fuzzy around the edges here on this one."

Mr. Buchanan said, "This is a subject that I'm afraid you're going to be fuzzy on for a long time. It's a fuzzy subject."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, in that case we should be for it, right?"

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Mr. Buchanan said, "I'm sug . . . It is a cumbersome, difficult process that we've been on the fringe of for years. This request came from Commissioner McGinn because the REAP board asked that it be done."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, but she indicated that she was a little fuzzy on it too."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And I certainly will go back and ask them those questions. I guess the other thing, you know when I went over and visited with some of the folks from the Workforce Alliance, you know and learned about the history, it was a county designee that sits on that board and so my question was is it going to be that way forever and ever. So we'll follow up on that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have had a fire alarm and need to evacuate the building."

The County Commission was in recess from 9:50 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, "The Commission Meeting is now back in session. For the record, we were discussing Item E. We had already a Motion and a Second and we were still discussing . . ."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I thought we voted on it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No, we haven't voted yet. So is there any further discussion on this item? Mr. Buchanan, just again, this is kind of housekeeping and even though I think the concensus up here is we're a little cloudy on what we're doing, this is not something that will come back and bite us?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, I don't believe it will. This agreement does not bind you forever. It can be changed at any meeting that you . . . every week that you have a meeting it can be changed, if there's something on this that you're uncomfortable with. We were trying to accommodate the REAP organization and I think this will provide us a way in which we can a) gather some more information and participate in decision makings that we haven't been able to do before."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, okay. I'm going to probably vote against it, only because I don't know what it is and I'm real uncomfortable about voting for something or maybe I'll just abstain."

Commissioner Winters said, "How about a Substitute Motion that we delay it for one week?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'd be more comfortable with that, I really would."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "I would withdraw my Motion."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to defer Item E for one week.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

F. AGREEMENTS (FOUR) WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR PROVISION OF JOINT FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT.

- 1. TWO AGREEMENTS: WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL WORKS AND WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.**
- 2. TWO AGREEMENTS: WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL WORKS AND WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have before you two resolutions for the joint management and operations of both the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and for the Flood Control, Wichita/ Sedgwick County Flood Control Works. We've had these operating agreements with the City of Wichita for years. This is a renewal of those two . . . renewal of those agreements.

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We have lumped them into two different years. One is for fiscal year 2002. We've been making payments, we've been following the terms and conditions of the contract. We've just never brought it to you for approval for 2002. And we are bringing not only that year but the 2003 contracts as well."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But these are two separate contracts. Should we be taking these items separately?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think the . . . You can certainly ask the attorney. It would be my recommendation to take them as separate items, the 2002 contracts and the 2003 contracts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No. I meant there's two separate . . . one with Flood Control and one with Metropolitan Area Planning. Should those two be separated?"

Mr. Euson said, "I think that's up to you and if you feel, depending on your discussion and any questions you have concerning those agreements, if you're comfortable taking all four of them together, that's the way they're set up on the agenda and that's what you could do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, Commissioners, I have some questions about the Metropolitan Area Planning Department contract. I don't know that I have questions on the Flood Control."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I was going to say, if no one has questions on the Flood Control . . ."

Commissioner Winters said, "I do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Oh, you do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, let's start seeing where this goes. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just have a question about the dates on this resolution. The first paragraph is talking about . . . On the Flood Control, January 1, 2002 and then over on the signature line, or immediately above the Commissioner's check off it has the date 2001 and then on the second page it shows that Mayor Knight signed it August 14, 2001. Should that be 2002?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I think you have to go . . . You have to go clear to 136. That one's on the Flood Control and then on 138 is Metropolitan Planning Department and those are the new contracts, it appears to me because it talks about the agreement shall expire December 31, 2003, unless renewed in writing before September 1, 2003."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No. Wait a minute. We haven't signed the 2001 one yet either."

Commissioner McGinn said, "You have two contracts before you I believe."

Commissioner Gwin said, "We have four."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Four, two from each department, for each year."

Chairman Sciortino said, "In this one here, the one that's on page 128 is talking about a contract that's becoming effective January 1, 2001 and they were asking us . . ."

Commissioner Gwin said, "No, 2002."

Chairman Sciortino said, "2002 and they were asking us to sign it supposedly sometime in 2001 and the Mayor signed it but we didn't."

Commissioner Gwin said, "You usually sign these, as I recall, right after the adoption of the budget, you know when you adopt it for the next year and it appears that's what the mayor did. I think we did have questions about both of these contracts and I think we didn't officially take action on them because we had some ongoing concerns so Tom, I think the mayor's signature date is probably right. When or if we approve it, we're going to have to change that last line in the body of the contract, on page 129, approve the agreement this blank day of 2002, we'll have to make those technical conditions"

Chairman Sciortino said, "But it's retroactive, the terms and conditions are retroactive back to January 1st."

Commissioner Gwin said, "2002, yes, because we've been paying. Was there something else besides that, Tom, besides the logistics of it?"

Commissioner Winters said, "That's it. The dates were the only thing I'm confused about but now that I see there's two contracts I'm okay with moving ahead with Flood . . . these two contracts on the Flood Control."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Now the only thing I'm asking, can we sitting here on the 13th day of August . . . Chris Cherches signed it on the 13th of August. The fact that Chris Cherches signed it on one contract and the mayor signed on the other, the City manager can commit a contract?"

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Mr. Buchanan said, "I think that's an issue for the city council and the city attorney."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And we can . . . I guess it's okay, we can sign an agreement today that commits us for 2003, is that right? That parts okay. All right."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm prepared to make a Motion."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, Commissioner McGinn has a question too. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just some clarification, I guess. We're looking at hiring a new planning director and I guess the search . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We were still focusing on Flood Control."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Are we just on Flood? I'm fine on Flood Control."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm prepared to make a Motion but it's going to be different than this recommended action in the fact that each item here talks about Flood Control and the Metropolitan Planning by year. I'm going to make a Motion concerning Flood Control for two years."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Agreements with the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Flood Control for the fiscal year 2002 and for 2003 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I have a Motion and a Second. I don't see any further comment. Mr. Euson, you understand what we're doing here? We're going to try to approve the two agreements that pertain solely to the Flood Control."

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, I understand that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Clerk, call the roll."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Now, Commissioner McGinn, you had a question about Metropolitan Area Planning Commission?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, I guess I’d like the Manager to give us a little bit of an update of where we’re at as far as hiring a new planning director and then I guess my question is, in looking at the contract which has not been renewed, I mean, it’s just been an ongoing contract, not really looked at, not really thought about for a number of years, about what the planning commission ought to look like, how it’s governed, who administrates it, those types of things. If we approve the 2003 today, can . . . we’re set until September of next year, 2003 for making any changes and so I guess I ask the question because we’ve had one planning director for 15 years. Maybe now is the time to have . . . I don’t know if you want to put a committee together, put a couple of people from our side, a couple from the city’s side and say are there some changes in the contract that need to be made for the future.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioner, the operations of the Planning Commission itself and the number of people and how that might look or operate aren’t addressed in this contract, and so that could be talked about, studied, negotiated at any point. This contract deals with the administration of the joint planning department and it reflects the dollars that we have each budgeted for each year. And again, this contract, although we are into it and have made our payments in 2002, does not mean that we could not adjust that at some appropriate time, so that you could adjust this contract about who administers, whose in charge of the planning department and how the funds flow could be amended. This contract could be amended.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, so this deals strictly with the administrative side and the dollars.”

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Mr. Buchanan said, "We also asked about the status of the director. Chris Cherches and I, the City manager and I have exchanged a number of correspondence and phone calls regarding that issue. People from the Human Resources department of the City and Doug Russell from our Human Resources are in the process of examining the proposals that the search firms have supplied to us and they have not made a recommendation to either of us about whom to hire. So they're still in the process of reviewing those proposals. So we've not hired a firm, we've not placed an advertisement. Very little action has taken place at this point."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So we haven't even hired a search firm yet."

Mr. Buchanan said, "That's right. We have not hired a search firm yet."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What's the delay on it, if I could ask?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We've not had a recommendation from either the City HR or Doug Russell. They were just asked to do that most recently, a week or so ago."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So that should be something that we should see in not too long a future."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I would hope so."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And so the Planning Commission side is something that we can talk about and the reason I bring that up too is that we just redid the Solid Waste Committee to make sure a number of different entities were there and represented and then you also had your appointees from the elected officials and I just wondered if perhaps we'd want to take a look at that. I know it seems too that there's a number of people that aren't at the table at the Planning Commission and if there's a way that we can look at that and make that better."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Wait a minute, the Planning Commission?"

Mr. Spears said, "I want to throw this out. This makes it even a little more confusing, but I think that the Planning Commission, the discussion about that and the membership should be separate from this agreement and mainly because we've been in several meetings lately. The federal government has increased the size of the urban area boundary to include part of Andover and part of Mulvane and we're currently . . . been in several meetings to discuss . . . that's a possibility in looking at should they also be represented on the Planning Commission, so there's a lot of things going on with that right now and I don't think you want to get involved with that with these agreements. We'll be coming back to you later with a recommendation on exactly how to attack this."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I have a couple . . . I understand that technically what we're doing is approving the funding of the planning department, and that's separate from the planning commission, but a basic negotiating tool is that if I'm holding something you want, I'm in a much better negotiating position. If they got all the money, what leverage would we have to try to change something in our agreement with how the planning commission should be formed or what additional input into the decision making of who the new planning director can be. Does that weaken our position to negotiate, if we're thinking that we would like to negotiate meaningful changes in how this Metropolitan Area Planning Department/ Commission works by approving this contract, Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I guess, in this case, Mr. Chairman I'm not optimistic that the change in structure of the planning commission can happen very quickly. But that would certainly be one that we would want to thoughtfully and carefully talk about and negotiate with the City and we might be coming at the issue from the same perspective. So I'm not so sure that that's . . . I just don't have a lot of faith that we're going to be able to negotiate or change that with any great speed.

There's always ways in which every year, in the budget process, we can control funds and have our dissatisfaction for services announced and dealt with. We also can . . . There's also lots of other issues that the City and the County talk about that can be thrown into the mix. So I don't think we're harming our ability to deal with this issue or influence the decision-making on the hiring of the new director in any way by approving this agreement."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right. Let me ask just a basic question. What authority or what input do we have right now, contractually, to the decision of who should ultimately be hired as the new planning department head? I mean, do we have to approve it? Like if we didn't approve it, would that person be hired? I mean, what do we have there, presently under contract?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I believe the City manager could hire a planning director without our consent."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You concur with that, Mr. Euson?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So we don't really have any authority on who the new planning department director . . . I mean, legally, contractually."

Mr. Buchanan said, "With our money, we have . . ."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “No, I understand that but I mean, other than . . . I’m not in any way, shape or form alluding to this, other than withdrawing or whatever our participation, we don’t have any say in who the director is.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Not according to this contract.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “There is . . . the agreement that we have before us is basically just referring to the money and there is another operating agreement, is there not, on the operation of how the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission works and relates the department to the County?”

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, my recollection is there was a ten-year operating agreement that was signed in 1991 and it has expired.”

Commissioner Winters said, “But it’s out there.”

Mr. Euson said, “I don’t think it’s in effect and so this agreement is a funding agreement, but of course the agreement says that all aspects of operation and administration will continue in the next year in the same manner as it was.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I guess what I would like to do is I’d like to speak for us going ahead and approving these agreements that are in front of us today and then, if we need to do some kind of work with the way the operations happen between the City and the County, let’s use that other agreement and whatever terms it’s got in it for how you re-talk about things, whether it’s expired, whether you want to go ahead and renew it or whether we don’t. But this is the money operation and I think we ought to participate in our normal manner. I know that we’ve had discussion about planning a lot. I personally think that to have a coordinated planning effort in both the City and the County is very important. So I’m supportive of that, but I would think that if someone would talk about mechanics of how the operation works, we’ve got that other document that would be a better place to deal with that than the finance part.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Again, on these two documents, there’s two separate signatures. On the 2002 document the mayor has signed it. On the 2003 one, the City manager. I would like for somebody just to give us some comfort level that the City manager can indeed commit to this agreement on his own. It seems a little strange. Usually it’s the chief executive officer, which is the elected official but on both documents, he has signed it and if you could let us know on that, that would be . . .”

Mr. Euson said, “I will find that out.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I think I . . . I'm sorry. Carolyn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "In thinking about what you had said earlier, Commissioner Sciortino, if you're giving the check over and then understanding that this goes until September, 2003 and we have a planning director by then, we have no say so in the agreement and I guess I don't understand that when we're funding 50% of the department. So . . ."

Mr. Buchanan said, "It is my interpretation and belief that the City manager fully intends to keep us engaged in the process, as he has in the past, and it will be a joint decision. There is no agreement that says that but I can't imagine doing business any other way when your partner is sitting there with the money. That's what he has stated to me privately. It's what he's put in writing. It's how he has behaved, up to this point, on this issue."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And then, Rich, if I just heard you, the other agreement is already expired. It hasn't renewed for another ten years. You said it started in 1991. It would be 2001."

Mr. Euson said, "I believe it was 1991."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So we're just operating on a year-to-year basis right now, so we don't really have an agreement or we're still operating under the conditions of the old agreement but we really don't have an agreement at the present time. Is that . . .?"

Mr. Euson said, "We really don't have an agreement, except the funding agreement before you says that all aspects of administration and operation shall continue in the next year in the same manner as they've been done. So as a matter of practice, not a matter of contract, you will continue those aspects."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And we're operating on a year-to-year basis, on that case. Okay, so there is legitimacy in sitting down with the City and saying we'd like to negotiate a multi-year contract of the operation of the facility. Okay, all right. I agree with Commissioner Winters. I don't want to send a false signal to anyone. I think there is need, as Sedgwick County becomes more and more populous, to have some uniformity in what we're doing, as far as the overall planning of growth in the County and I think it's been productive for the most part. I know we've had our concerns or problems with the ex-department head there at the MAPD but, overall, I don't have any reason to want to withdraw from this organization. I think the concept is excellent, so I would be willing to support these contracts."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Again, the only things I have then are corrections on the dates when the agreements have been signed and correct on who the Chairman is, the date at the time."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Who the Chairman is?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "I have Commissioner McGinn down as Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, well let her sign it then. She's the Chairman."

Commissioner Gwin said, "No, I don't think that's the way it works."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, and then you're going to get back to us as to whether or not it's okay for the City manager to commit on the City side."

Mr. Euson said, "I will let you know. We kind of made the assumption, when the agreement came over, that he was authorized by the council to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, and he may well be. Okay, I'd entertain a Motion to finish up these last two items. Since you were so eloquent the first time, Mr. Winters, could you do it again?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I'd be glad to make the Motion that's a little bit different than the way the recommended action is because this Motion will pertain to the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Agreements concerning Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita regarding the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department for fiscal year 2002 and for 2003 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion of the Motion. The roll was called.

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

G. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR UNEXPENDED FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2000 JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, TO BE USED FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Very late in September, the state Juvenile Justice Authority announced availability of this small grant program to aid local units of government in providing juvenile justice services. A total of \$70,000 in unexpended federal funds is available statewide for application and the funds must be spent by January 10th, 2003. I think we had a five-day turnaround time on this particular proposal.

We pulled together a grant application requesting \$27,765. If we're successful, we'll provide a 10% cash match. We've requested funding for two copy machines to replace worn out equipment at the Juvenile Detention Facility and the Judge Riddel Boy's Ranch, one computer for use in our grants administration and funds to pay for three months of T3 line charges at the juvenile complex, which supports our juvenile information sharing system. The partners in that that make those payments that would be affected are the Juvenile Court and the Juvenile District Attorney, as well as the Corrections Department.

The Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board approved this application at their October meeting and recommend you do the same. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Mark, just a housekeeping. On page 141, it indicates that the funding application request is \$27,765 and my math says then the 10% match would be \$2,777 and you have \$3,085."

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes, your math would be 10% but the formula that the federal government uses is to divide the amount by nine and that's the amount that their formula calls for to do this process and that's as much as I can explain about it to you. That's their method."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But nine percent of \$27,000 would be less than 2,776."

Mr. Masterson said, "Divide nine into the 27,765 is \$3,085 and that's the method that they use to calculate the local cash match."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Nine percent of . . .?"

Mr. Masterson said, "It's not nine percent."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Divide by nine, not nine percent. Okay, so here in Kansas, 10% means 10%, but in the federal level 10% is nine percent."

Mr. Masterson said, "It's divided by nine, yes sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Sure, okay I understand that. Okay, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

H. ADDITION OF ONE AMBULANCE TO FLEET MANAGEMENT INVENTORY.

Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Prior to January this year, we had 20 ambulances in our fleet. Fifteen were used on the street but after the first of the year, we started putting more ambulances out on the street. Since then, we've put two more out on the street, which raised our requirement to 17 on the street and reduced our spare level to three.

We've already had your approval, earlier this year, to replace one of those spares and that will be delivered today at noon. What we're seeking today is approval to replace that second spare that was put out on the street and that brings our spare level back to five.

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These increases on the street have come as a result of the ops tempo for EMS, which has risen mileage-wise about 20% over the last few years. The five spares cover two normally that are in maintenance, one that is used for training in EMS and one that's used for community events, things that happen at the Kansas Coliseum and other parts of the County.

This leaves us two then to cover the unscheduled breaks that may occur during any time of the day, 24/7. We looked at alternatives, how we could best use the 20 that we have. One of the things we looked at was adding a shift in Fleet Management, but that would require adding two personnel positions at a cost of approximately \$80,000. The biggest factor for not going that route was a lot of the parts houses that we have to deal with close at 6 p.m. so we would have people on a second shift without the access to parts that they might need.

The estimated cost of this ambulance is \$95,600. Funds are available in the fleet reserve. We have sufficient budget authority to purchase this vehicle from the Fleet Management internal service fund. Be happy to entertain any questions you have. Tom Pollan is here with me. This is a joint EMS/ Fleet Management effort and it's going to meet the needs that we need to increase our spares so we can support those people out on the front line throughout the County when we're called upon."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Any questions or comments? I have one of Tom, if you'll come up Tom. If I understand it now, we'll be bringing back up to the level of five spares. Right now we had three and then we got one and now we'll have five spares."

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Services, said, "That's correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And based on past history, we know that two of those, on a routine basis, will be going out because of normal maintenance requirements for the ones that are on the line."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "And right now we were . . . even though we added one, we didn't have anything saved up for a prudent reserve should something unexpected happen but now we will have two additional ambulances for not only routine maintenance but any unforeseen . . ."

Mr. Pollan said, "In case of a disaster, we could staff those up and put additional units on the street within 15, 20 minutes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's what I was trying to get. We've got two sitting there that boy,

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we could go in a reasonably short period of time should something unforeseen happen.”

Mr. Pollan said, “Correct.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And you’re comfortable with that level of five, or should we be looking for more?”

Mr. Pollan said, “I’m comfortable with a level of five. Certainly, we will continue to monitor and watch the maintenance and we will have to watch where our call volume goes, because as we have additional calls, we’re going to stress those units even more and so we’ll have a bit more difficulty in getting the maintenance, in other words actually getting them off the streets to get them maintained and when we do that, then it requires additional vehicles but currently, I believe we’re asking for a sufficient number and we will continue to use the County model and get this process done and get it on board, see how it works. If we need more we’ll be back.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. So, I’m just speaking as one commissioner, but I’m encouraging you to interface with Marvin. We’re very attune to EMS and what’s going on and, as trends start to change and if there’s a need for a new crew or a new ambulance or I don’t know what on your end of it Marvin, increased capability down at the maintenance shed or . . . not shed, that’s a bad word. What do we call it now?”

Mr. Duncan said, “Garage?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Yes, maintenance gar . . . that’s just about as bad, but anyway, the maintenance garage because this is one item that I think you would find the Commission very receptive to what your concerns are because this is public safety. So, okay. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Tom, I think you answered this question earlier. The question I had was if you have four or five ambulances in reserve and there would be a disaster, such as the Haysville tornado, what is your estimate of the time frame that you could have those five ambulances crews on them and out in the street?”

Mr. Pollan said, “Both in the what we’ll call the Andover tornado, obviously it hit Sedgwick County as well, and the Haysville tornado within 30 minutes we had all units on the street.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, with the exception that two would always be down for maintenance.”

Mr. Pollan said, “No, they might not necessarily be down at the time of the incident but we have to have them in there available for them. Remember, the mechanics work 8 to 5 Monday through

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Friday. Our calls go on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “So you’re saying within 30 minutes.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And even the two that are in for maintenance are probably not un-operation-able. I mean, they could probably go if they had to.”

Mr. Duncan said, “At least one of those are in for preventive maintenance, where we do the oil change and we could waive that and get it out on the street.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And you’re saying that you could, normally you could . . . normally under abnormal conditions, you’re saying a 30-minute turnaround you could activate all five of those and get crews in them and out on the street?”

Mr. Pollan said, “Correct.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Pretty good to me. Okay, thank you. I don’t see that we have any further questions or comments. So what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the addition to Fleet Management inventory.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you both very much.”

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Mr. Pollan said, "One brief comment. I would like to publicly acknowledge Mark Kemper and Boyd Powell. They're not here today. They're down working on vehicles, but also my staff, Garry Tolle and Greg Schuessler for the amount of energy that they've put in to the new vehicles that are arriving today, but also looking at this issue and helping us make some determinations. They're working behind the scenes. These are quality people and we need to be proud of their being a part of Sedgwick County."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I just have one other thing. We're adding another ambulance but we already had another crew sitting ready to go or do we have to add another crew to cover the other ambulance?"

Mr. Pollan said, "No, these units are solely to back up the ones that are on-line actually functioning day to day."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner, if I may muddy the waters. We added a crew in January and then we added a crew in July without purchasing ambulances at that time. So they've used those and now this is the backfilling of that planned, carefully planned, thoughtful execution of increasing service."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so we have crews to cover the new . . . okay, got it. Thank you. That's all I had. Next item please."

I. ADDITION OF ONE PROJECT LEADER POSITION, RANGE 29, TO THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS (DIO) STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager and CIO, DIO, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The addition of the position today is funded by a federal Bio-terrorism grant that was received here a few weeks ago for the Health Department so part of that grant will be used to fund this technology position and the reason that is needed is that the technology position will be used to help implement new software and hardware to help our community respond during medical emergencies, whether that be a bio-terrorism or some kind of a nature proliferation of a virus. Whatever it is, the community and Sedgwick County are committed to protecting our community against these things happening. And in order to do that better, the federal government has graciously offered this grant money and we are prepared to be on the leading edge of communities across the country to implement these new information systems that will help us do that. So, it is approximately \$18,000 this year and \$77,000 for the whole of next year, salary and benefits and as I say, it is fully federally funded and is a partnership between the Health Department, Sedgwick County Health Department and the Division of Information and Operations and I'm available for any questions."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Any questions or comments? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the addition to the DIO Staffing Table.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

J. HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION.

1. STAFFING TABLE ADJUSTMENTS.

- **DELETION OF TWO COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE I POSITIONS, RANGE 21**
- **DELETION OF ONE FISCAL ASSOCIATE POSITION, RANGE 16**
- **ADDITION OF ONE DEPARTMENT CONTROLLER POSITION, RANGE 24**
- **ADDITION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION, RANGE 21**

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2. REALLOCATIONS.

- **ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, RANGE 24, TO DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS, RANGE 28**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RANGE 21, TO DEPARTMENT PROJECT MANAGER, RANGE 24**
- **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, RANGE 15, TO FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16**

Mr. Gerald Frantz, Interim Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The organizational structure of the Health Department has been historically decentralized and fragmented. Nurses at the program level were spending a major portion of their time on financial and human resources issues, causing inefficiency in the Health Department, while creating problems for our Division of Finance and the Human Resources division. This administrative reorganization centralizes all administrative operations, including budget and finance, human resources, training and facilities management. This is a model that makes good business sense. It is a model used successfully within the county government structure, most notably in the Division of Human Services.

We are deleting three positions, adding two administrative positions and upgrading three other administrative positions that have been given much greater responsibility. The Sedgwick County Health Department currently manages 82 grants and funds. These positions will improve the County’s cash flow by reducing turnaround time for revenue billing and financial management of federal and state grants and improving the department’s capacity in developing and submitting higher quality grant applications. The bottom line, a net reduction of one position, improved health service delivery, a centralized administration that will serve as the base for future improvements to the Sedgwick County Health Department all at a cost of about \$9,000 total, which will be made up through salary savings. I’m here for questions, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I’m sure you are. Any questions or comments of Jerry on this item please?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I guess one comment. I guess, again, for where the public might be concerned, if I read this correctly, you’re actually going to have the folks that are delivering the services directly to the public or customers, the nurses, etcetera are going to be able to devote more of their time to these kinds of projects and let the administrators and the budget people do budget stuff.”

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Mr. Frantz said, “Exactly, Commissioner. That’s exactly what happens. If we have 82 different programs and the way it’s been set up historically is that each of the program managers or program coordinators takes care of all their own business and you can imagine being in Human Resources or the Budget and Finance Department and having to deal with 82 different people and we’re putting it all together in one place and it will certainly create a great deal of efficiency.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So do the folks that work over here at the Health Department, do they think this reorganization looks good to them? You’ve reviewed this with staff and . . .?”

Mr. Frantz said, “They’re very pleased, yes they are. This makes it a lot easier for the health care staff, because they’re trained as nurses not as human resources professionals or as accountants.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay. Sounds like a good move to me. Thank you. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Gerald, it doesn’t surprise me that you come with some reorganization ideas. I think that’s been one of your skills and one of the things you’ve done well for us in the past. Would I be correct in making the assumption that there will yet be more before you’re through.”

Mr. Frantz said, “Yes. We’re expecting probably the second week in November we’ll see a full-scale reorganization of the whole department, which takes into consideration everything, which will also include some things in terms of facilities as well.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay. We’ll look forward to the rest of it then. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Picked up on the word facility. I don’t know if I trust Frantz completely. Did you pick up on the word facilities. Jerry, you do a great job and I really want to compliment you publicly on what you’ve done with that department. We’re all aware of how you increase the efficiency of the appraisal department and thank you for adding to your responsibilities by taking this one and what I’ve been hearing from employees and other people here in the County, you are doing a very good job for us in getting that whole department reorganized.

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I think it's an oversimplification of the complexity that it took to get us to a nurse should be focused on doing what she was trained to do, an accountant should do what he was trained to do, because I know it took a lot of work to try to separate the wheat from the chafe and probably meant rearranging certain responsibilities for each person too. But you're doing a good job and we here at the Bench would rather compliment than compensate, so I hope you would consider this a great big compliment."

Mr. Frantz said, "I think my evaluation is due as well."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the adjustments to the Health Department Staffing Table and the reallocations.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. Okay, that's it. Now we've got one tough one coming before us I believe. Is that correct, Madam Clerk? Call the next item."

K. ADDITION OF THREE PART-TIME POSITIONS TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Linda Kizzire, Deputy Chief Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We need to add these three position numbers. It will not be any financial, budgetary impact whatsoever. With the new SAP program coming onboard, we have to have a position number for each individual person. We have had this pool of three employees that do not work at the same time. They do work at different times throughout the year. Each have different skill levels that we

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have trained them in our office and they have worked for us for several years.

It's not set up any longer for us to under-fill a position or double-fill a position, so we have to have a separate number for each employee. And as I said earlier, it will not be any financial impact, no budgetary impact. We monitor our part-time line item very closely for 2002, as well as for 2003."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, we do have some questions for you. Are you ready? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you. Linda, I just wanted to touch base. I think you've got some people that are off ill in your department and if I'm correct, this will not have a budgetary impact and it will not increase the head-count really in your overall department and at the end of the day, when everything is back together, you're going to have the same number of people that you have now."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Yes, sir. That is absolutely correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the additions to the Register of Deeds Staffing Table.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. You did a good job. Next item."

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- L. CONTRACT WITH MKEC ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE DESIGN ENGINEERING AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 805-I, J, K, L, 119TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 21ST AND 53RD STREETS NORTH. CIP# R-254. DISTRICTS #3 AND #4.**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item L is a contract with MKEC Engineering Consultants, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Sedgwick County road project on 119th Street West between 29th and 53rd Streets North designated as R-254 in the Capital Improvement Program. The total cost of this engineering service shall not exceed \$200,000. I recommend that you approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We have some questions. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In our backup, it says 21st to 53rd and you're saying to 29th."

Mr. Spears said, "It's 29th. It was a mistake."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Mr. Spears said, "The City has annexed, on one side, all the way up to 29th now and so we're going to begin at 29th."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So they'll be taking care of 21st to 29th?"

Mr. Spears said, "Well, that's hard for me to answer."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, is that it Commissioner? Commissioner Winters?"

Commissioner Winters said, "David, I'm sure I could have found it in here but I didn't see it. How long do they have to complete a consulting project such as this?"

Mr. Spears said, "They'll have about a year to do that and in this case they can actually have longer than that if they want because we don't show it in the CIP to do in a very short order of time, so there's not a big rush on this one."

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Commissioner Winters said, “Yeah, okay. Thank you. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. I don’t see that there’s any other comments. So, what’s the will of the Board on Item L please?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much, David. David, on just another item, after the meeting I need about two minutes of your time. Next item please.”

M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2002.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “There are five items for consideration that resulted from the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts on October 3rd.”

**1) BIKE PATH ALONG ZOO BLVD- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

The first item today, bike path along Zoo Boulevard for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Donlinger and Sons in the amount of \$615,634.55.

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2) 2002 MISC. DRAINAGE- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX

Item two, 2002 miscellaneous drainage for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Bob Bergkamp Construction in the amount of \$75,360.

3) CITY SURFACE MIX- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIALS

Item three, City Surface Mix for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Cornejo and Sons in the amount of \$49,250.

4) SYSTEM MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: HELPDESK

Item four, system management software for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from Software Spectrum in the amount of \$58,238.20.

5) ANTENNA SITE LEASE- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

And item five, antenna site lease for Emergency Communications. Recommend the quote from Pinnacle Towers of \$60,196.56.

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Iris, you continue to just do a fantastic job here recently and I just want to compliment you on what you’re doing. These are good bids. Any discussion?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

N. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Bridge Project on 13th Street between 135th and 151st Streets West. CIP# B-223. District #3.**
- 2. Addendum to Agreement with City of Derby, Kansas for development of Derby Fire Station/Emergency Medical Service Facility to add technical corrections and additions.**
- 3. Agreement with Money Warehouse providing on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 4. Plats.**

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

St. Peter The Apostle Church 2nd Addition
Bluestem Acres 2nd Addition

- 5. Order dated October 2, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

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6. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

| <u>Contract Number</u> | <u>Rent Subsidy</u> | <u>District Number</u> | <u>Landlord</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| V020060 | \$425.00 | 5 | Helms Rental Properties |
| V020061 | \$350.00 | | Walnut River Res. |
| V020062 | \$608.00 | 5 | Leslie Dulac |
| V020063 | \$238.00 | 2 | Country Walk Apts. |
| V020065 | \$217.00 | | Wade Batterman |
| V020066 | \$302.00 | | Margaret Hermstein |
| V020067 | \$378.00 | | MDS Rentals |
| V020068 | \$236.00 | | Walnut Grove Apts. |
| V020069 | \$450.00 | 5 | William Favreau |
| V020070 | \$274.00 | 4 | Stephen Moore |

7. 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> |
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| V20128 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| V20127 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| V93118 | \$328.00 | \$307.00 |
| V99066 | \$410.00 | \$204.00 |
| V010162 | \$295.00 | \$328.00 |
| V20129 | \$442.00 | \$493.00 |
| V99074 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| V99076 | \$293.00 | \$341.00 |
| V20118 | \$150.00 | \$185.00 |
| V20119 | \$148.00 | \$207.00 |
| V20122 | \$173.00 | \$197.00 |
| V94101 | \$187.00 | \$206.00 |
| V99073 | \$280.00 | \$259.00 |
| V20113 | \$328.00 | \$405.00 |
| V01074 | \$209.00 | \$154.00 |

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| V01074 | \$154.00 | \$154.00 |
| V010108 | \$391.00 | \$334.00 |
| V010150 | \$7.00 | \$148.00 |
| V94012 | \$605.00 | \$605.00 |
| V01064 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| V99053 | \$535.00 | \$365.00 |
| V98022 | \$565.00 | \$565.00 |

8. Payroll Check Registers of September 27 and September 30, 2002.

9. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of October 2 – 8, 2002.

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I don’t think we have an Executive Session scheduled, so is there anything else to come before the Board at this time?”

O. OTHER

Commissioner McGinn said, “It was a great day for fairs last Saturday.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Did you want to tell us anything about all those fairs that you went to?”

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Commissioner McGinn said, “The Maize parade and fair and just great weather and a great turnout and Commissioner Winters even made it over there.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I was at Maize Fall Festival and the Goddard Fall Festival. Want to say thanks to the County people that were at each of those festivals but it was a good day for fall festivals. Weather was great last weekend. I think there’s one more to go. I think Haysville is next week, this Saturday is the Haysville annual Fall Daize and I’m sure Commissioner Norton will be back in town by then and so he’ll be active down there.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I’m sure he’ll get us all excited about going and then not show up like he did this weekend on this other function.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “That was the other thing. Sunday was the First Annual NCCJ Walk and Commissioner Sciortino and I were out there and we had some people from the Diversity Committee out there as well. For their first event, I thought they had a nice turnout. If you could figure out exactly what direction you were supposed to go. We had a really good plan, where we turned around just a little bit early because we were first in line for the food. No, they did have a wonderful event and a very nice day for that as well.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And the one mile walk was about two and a half miles but that’s normal for us. But they did take . . . they took consideration of my age impairment but we did get first in line for the food and that was good.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, when you all were there, then I was down at 1300 South Broadway at the Firefighters’ Memorial and as usual it was well attended by both firefighters and families, lovely afternoon, very nice day. Davie Thompson, from Sedgwick County Fire was one of the spokesman, one of the speakers that day and was very eloquent in his remarks about the importance of family to firefighters. It was quite touching.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, you know this time of the year I have a hard time not gaining

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weight. I went down to Mulvane, the Optimists, twice a year, have a big steak feed and I have to tell you, unless they negotiated giving away the steaks or purchasing the steaks for free, I don't know how they made any money. But you got your choice of two 16-ounce T-bones or a 22-ounce Porterhouse, the biggest baked potato that I've ever seen, all the beans you could put on your . . . and as a matter of fact, they told me you have to bring your own utensils and your own plate and the person selling me the ticket, all for only twenty dollars, said bring a cookie tin for your plate because you'll need . . . and I didn't believe him, I said 'yeah right'. So Mary got us one of the little serving platters and the steak was overhanging. I didn't have room for my potato but people were walking in with cookie sheets and that's what they were using for their plate and I mean, I brought a plastic bag and an ice pack. You cook up your own and then I took one of them and put it in the bag and saved it and brought it home because I couldn't eat it all. And then unlimited libations, if you wanted beer it was unlimited, or pop and I don't know how they made any money but I've already signed up for the spring one. It was a good deal. And a matter of fact, they said they made 45 . . . I suspect they've got a heck of an arrangement with the locker company that they get the meats for free or pretty cheap.

Then I went down and I saw Mulvane . . . Excuse me, Derby Panthers play Winfield and it was . . . Well, the score was 65 to 12 or something. Derby was finally bringing in the cheerleaders and everybody else in the game. But if you were on the Derby side you were excited. If you were on the other side of the field, you weren't too happy. But those people in those small communities really get behind their football games and I mean the whole town of Derby shuts down on Friday and they go to the game and so far the team is doing well. So I enjoyed that too.

Anyway, that's it and if there's nothing else, then this meeting is adjourned."

P. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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