

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2003

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, April 9, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Diana Brooks, City Clerk, City of Colwich; Ms. Rita Rippee, Executive Officer, Appraiser's Office; Mr. Dale Miller, Acting Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Ted Jobst, Director, Integrated Family Health Division, Health Department; Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department; Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management; 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

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Deivert, Director of Staff, 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base.

Colonel Lynn Smith, Army National Guard.

Ms. Diana Brooks, City Clerk, City of Colwich.

Ms. Billie Lively, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board.

Mr. William M. Rush, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board.

Dr. Christopher J. Hesse, Member, Sedgwick County Animal Control Advisory Board.

Ms. Suzanne Moody, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging.

Mr. Mike McCoy, General Manager, Wichita Stealth LLC

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. David Cline of South City Baptist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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Chairman Norton said, "Before we go on, Ben is not feeling good today and will not be with us, and if he's watching today, we send out our hopes that he'll get to feeling better and will be back with us pretty soon. Next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 26, 2003

The Clerk reported that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2003.

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2003.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Before we move on to proclamations, I'll take just a second. I know Mr. Brace is here, and being a man of my word, I'm wearing a blue and orange Syracuse tie."

Commissioner McGinn said, "That's why Ben is sick."

Chairman Norton said, "Ah, so we're starting to see. Well, I'm honoring my commitment to Mr. Brace to do this. I only hope that it doesn't hurt my political career in Kansas too much. Debt paid? And now I'd like to ask for five minutes, so I can go change my tie. Clerk, call the next item."

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PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATIONS (TWO).

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MILITARY FAMILIES OF MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND OTHER UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, I'd like to read the following proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are many men and women from Sedgwick County- sons and daughters, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers- serving in branches of our military in Iraq and in other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, McConnell Air Force Base is home to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing of the Air Mobility Command, the 931st Air Refueling Group of the Air Force Reserve, and the 184th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is also home to the Army National Guard Headquarters, 69th Troop Command Detachment 1, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 127th Infantry Headquarters, 1st Battalion 161st Field Artillery HHB, 1st Battalion 161st Field Artillery, 242nd Engineer Company Detachment 2, 731st Medium Truck Company, and the 323rd Ordnance Company; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the military presence in Wichita, Sedgwick County and the state of Kansas and our long-standing relationship, calling upon their resources in several local emergencies; and

WHEREAS, military families provide significant contributions to our local economy and improving life for many in our area; and

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WHEREAS, many brave men and women of our United States Armed Forces have been deployed

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in the Middle East and around the world to liberate oppressed people and protect freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby issue this proclamation on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners who stand united, with our nation, in support of these courageous citizens, who are serving in the United States military and hope that they may soon return home safely to the comfort of their families and communities. Signed and dated April 9th, 2003, Tim Norton.

What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "And accepting today are Lieutenant Colonel Robert Deivert, Director of Staff of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell and Colonel Lynn Smith with the Army National Guard. Gentlemen."

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Deivert, Director of Staff, 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the men and women of McConnell, thank you for this proclamation and thank you so much for the support we get every day from you guys. So, we appreciate it very much."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Colonel Smith."

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Colonel Lynn Smith, Army National Guard, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the soldiers of the 69th Troop Command and the members of the Kansas National Guard, both Army and Air in Sedgwick County, we thank you for this recognition, keeping in mind that we currently have soldiers deployed in Bosnia and Iraq and in Kuwait. We’ll make sure that the families understand the support that they have from this Commission. Thank you very much for that.”

Chairman Norton said, “Don’t run off. Stay up here. We have some comments. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I wanted to say a couple of quick things. I’m really disappointed that Commissioner Sciortino was not able to be here today. All of us certainly support this proclamation, but it was Ben’s idea that we do this and we do it promptly and Ben was the one that worked with staff on making sure that we were appropriate in the manner in which we handled it. So, I’m very disappointed that Ben wasn’t able to be here today. He is home ill, but I’d certainly extend his and our regards and I certainly want to recognize Ben’s effort in this.

The second part, just as kind of on an informal basis, several of us came up with the idea of perhaps having a day at the Zoo that’s kind of a military family appreciation. We’ve made contact with Mark Reed. Mark seems to think it’s a doable deal, but perhaps those that are members of the military and their families might have a free day at the Zoo. So, we’re going to pursue that and I hope I’m not speaking out of turn, but I had checked with the Chairman and everybody seems to think it’s a good idea. We just need to get the logistics together. But certainly we want you all to know how much we appreciate your presence, both in the community and in the world. So, thank you for being here.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too . . . Yeah, I just . . . I’m glad you recognized that Commissioner Sciortino started this process. And also, if you’ve noticed, we have yellow ribbons on our trees and I noticed that people have commented on those and that was also Commissioner Sciortino’s idea, because we need to always have in the front of our mind the men and women from our community that are over there serving this country. And we want to make sure that we bring them home safe.

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I might just add, I've been listening to a lot of radio, all the way from right to left, just trying to get different perspectives, but one of the things that have troubled me in listening to some of the comments that some of the people that they've interviewed, and in particular a lot of youth, but even middle-aged individuals, but what troubles me a little bit is it sounds like some or many do not have an understanding of our military history. And I think a lot of that is due to, it seems to me, our World War II veterans that we had many of, shared particularly . . . because many were in my family, shared with me the importance of our nation staying united under the leadership of whomever is in office and that's what makes us a strong nation and a proud nation. And just understanding the history of why we get involved in some of these things and the bottom line is freedom, when it's all said and done.

And I think it's interesting too that it's great that people have that opportunity to voice their opinion, because I listened to an Iraqi woman on a radio station the other day and she was talking about how great that was too, because if she'd have made any comments in her area, she'd had her tongue cut out or other things that I'd just as soon not talk about. So, I hope though, as we continue the debate, I'm sure there will be lots of discussion and we can talk about what was right, what was wrong, but right now we're one nation, standing united, and we need to finish the work and bring our men and women home, back to their families.

And I guess, the reason I add that and share that, I wanted to send that message back to all of you. You are so important to sending that message to our community of why it's so important, of the work that you do day in and day out. We don't want to go to war and when we are there, we want it to be a very short and quick time, but the rest of the time you're always preparing for whatever it takes to protect our country and continue that freedom. So, I thank you. I thank all of the men and women here in our local community that serve, as well as our state and our nation. So, thank you very much for being here today."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to add my voice of support and commendation for what the military does in maintaining the freedom for our citizens. And although we are united in our support and our encouragement, I think it's worthy to say that you also have our prayers for a speedy end and a quick return of our armed forces back home. We thank you for what you do."

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Chairman Norton said, "Well, I have a few comments myself. I was watching television last night, and one of the little personality things jumped up that showed a service man that was serving overseas. And a young man named Mike Harding from Haysville who went off to West Point and is now serving his country sat around my kitchen table with other kids in my daughter's class, several years ago, and was in and out of my house and now he's serving in the military. I don't know what part of the war he's in, but he's a brilliant young man. He was valedictorian of his class, and that brings the war very close to home, when it pops up on the screen that somebody that is serving that has touched your life in another way. And I was thinking that, you know, he was so brilliant and, you know, he went off to West Point with an appointment, studied hard. I ran into him when he graduated. We had a little celebration in Haysville and I'm thinking, you know here's a brilliant young man that has elected, instead of going into the corporate world and making a lot of money, which he probably could have, to serve his country. And then I put it into the context that he grew up with my daughter who now has three granddaughters and he's protecting their future.

And with that, we have to honor our young men that are serving, so that other generations can enjoy the freedoms and the liberties and the good life that we have in the United States. We take it for granted some days, but you know it's not given that it's going to be there forever. And I so honor Michael Harding and all the other folks that are over there serving and protecting, not particularly life for me, but life for my three granddaughters in Haysville, Kansas, America. Thank you for what you do.

And on a personal note, Lynn Smith, Colonel Smith and I became great friends when the military that he's involved with helped me in Haysville during the tornado. He was one of those gentlemen standing in the municipal basement of our municipal building with me at 2:00 in the morning the night of the tornado, trying to decide how we repair Haysville. So, you know, these gentlemen protect us overseas, but they help us right here on the home front, with the disasters we have locally and I honor both of you today. Thank you very, very much. Clerk, call the next item."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 7 - 13, 2003 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK."

Chairman Norton said, "I have a proclamation to read into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public Health is safeguarding community health through organized efforts involving prevention of disease control, control of communicable disease, health education and monitoring of environmental hazards; and

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WHEREAS, the professional public health workforce exhibits expertise, competencies and capabilities to provide quality programs, interventions, and preventive therapies which assure the health of the public and enhance the medical community; and

WHEREAS, bio-terrorism is identified as a public health threat and is the intentional or threatened use of viruses, bacteria and infectious agents from living organisms to cause disease and illness in humans, animals or plants; and

WHEREAS, an extensive partnership is required among federal, state and local agencies, to assure a systematic approach to education and training to assure a national preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) has collaborated with many partners such as federal, state and local officials, public safety, first responders, law enforcement, area hospitals and clinics, academic institutions, private industry, and others to assure a solid medical response in the event of a mass casualty incident; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a confirmed public health emergency, Sedgwick County has a plan and is prepared to respond. Neighborhood Distribution Centers are sites such as schools, community centers, businesses, and health care facilities that are designated to provide pharmaceutical, emergency supplies and medical triage to Sedgwick County residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim R. Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2003 as

“NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK”

in Sedgwick County and call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools, to become aware of the dedicated efforts in safeguarding and enhancing community health. Our steadfast commitment to assure an effective response is essential if a public health emergency were to occur. It truly demonstrates that Sedgwick County . . . is working for you. Dated April 9th, 2003.

And what is the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “And Pam Martin is here to accept. Pam.”

Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here on behalf of the Health Department to accept this proclamation. Under the guidance of the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager, the Health Department has picked up the banner of public health in our community. With the downturn of the local economy and the increase of unemployment and the potential public health threat, public health services will be in even more demand. With the leadership of the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager, the Health Department has made huge strides to promoting and providing public health services in our community. We are proud to accept this proclamation. With the interest you, the Board of Commissioners, have shown in the services of the Health Department, you have helped our cause a great deal and we look forward to a continued cooperation and a growing relationship with you and the County Manager. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you very much, Pam. Any comments from the Bench? Yes, Bill.”

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I think it’s notable that in this morning’s paper, there was a little blurb about the hours extended at the Health Department. It’s just one of those small steps that have been taken to, not only provide service during the regular business hours, but in the evenings and through the lunch hour, so that it’s much more convenient for citizens. And it’s that kind of improvement that the staff and the leaders at the Health Department continue to make every day.”

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Chairman Norton said, "I have one comment. I don't see any lights flashing. But I think we've started off on a path of total cooperation and partnership with the Commissioners, that serve as the Board of Health and all of our staff and public health officials. We had taken over the Board of Health, totally, Sedgwick County, about a year and a half ago and just recently we've had two half-day workshops. We've attended a lot of meetings and I think we're really starting to build a strong partnership where the Commissioners, as the policy setting body, are really engaged with those folks that have to deliver public health.

And I'm really proud of the Board of County Commissioners for accepting that task and not being a tertiary head, but really being engaged in what's happening in the public health venue in our community. And hopefully, we can continue that with the public health officials. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. And I guess I just want to say thank you to Chairman Norton because this was one of your priorities and it was a new thing for us, when we had the transition, and I think he's helping us take it to the next level and getting us more involved and I think it's very important.

I do just want to add to, Bill, your comment, extended hours. I'm also wondering if that isn't a good idea because of all the laid off workers and a lot of needs in our community right now. I'm sure that's just another good way to also provide service. We don't want to just have so many limited hours and we've got more people standing in line. So, I commend you all for doing that as well. And thank you all that are in the Health Department and in public prevention and those kinds of things in our community, making it a better place. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Pam. Commissioners, If we could, I would like to move an item up in the agenda, and that's the presentation from the City of Colwich. We have people here that I think may need to move on and I would like to do that, if it's okay with everyone. Does that require a motion to change the agenda? I don't think it does. At this time, I'd like to invite Diana Brooks, the City Clerk, and Lavina Keiter, the Mayor of Colwich, to come forward. I know, Lavina, you didn't want to speak today but we're going to make you come up here anyway. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Tell them why . . . your plan to do this."

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Chairman Norton said, “When I became Chair, I thought it was critically important that we maintain a great relationship with all the 19 communities that house themselves in Sedgwick County. Many times, when we say the city/ county relationships, we think only City of Wichita, but you know we have many other cities that we try to stay connected to and that we try to partner with and I invited each city to come and give a presentation at a County Commissioners’ meeting to give an update on what we’re doing, so that we could let them put a face with some names and talk about their communities, because they do serve a great purpose. Small towns in America are a hallmark of what we believe in and we want to be sure that they have a chance to share with the County Commission the good things they’re doing. So many times we show up at A.L.A.R.M. meetings and get little glimpses, but this will give the community a chance to meet and understand Colwich, Kansas. So, welcome today Diana Brooks. Diana”

PRESENTATION

E. PRESENTATION REGARDING CITY OF COLWICH, KANSAS.

Ms. Diana Brooks, City Clerk, City of Colwich, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’d like to thank Commissioner Norton for his invitation to speak to you today. I’d like to tell you a little bit about the history of Colwich, where we are today, how we currently partner with Sedgwick County and how we might partner together in the future.

The city has a strong history of family, church and recreation. On September 1st, 1885 the Townsite Company purchased the southeast quarter of section 16, Union Township from Theodore Bachmeister for a sum of \$6,000. On November the 9th, 1885, it granted the right-of-way to the railroad and the following day the 160 acres was sold to the Union City Township Company for \$5,100. The City of Colwich was incorporated in 1886 and derives its name from the Wichita and Colorado railroad. The Sacred Heart Catholic Church celebrated its centennial in 2002 with the church having a long history of Colwich residents dedicating themselves of a life of religious service. If you’ve not enjoyed a German dinner at our church, then you have truly missed home cooking at its finest.

Baseball has been a longtime standing community activity, with the Colwich Baseball Association organized in 1889, two years after the first call came for a team to be organized. Many of our families today participate in baseball on warm summer afternoons and evenings, with many of the world’s, nation’s and yes, city problems discussed and solved at these gatherings, while rooting for our children, as they enjoy a longtime city tradition. The Colwich Ball Club today carries on this fine tradition of baseball in our community and throughout Union Township by sponsoring tournaments and assisting in the Kevin Easter Softball Tournament.

Our public school system has increased and expanded the sports activities of our community to

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include basketball and football, with our newest city sport of disc golf that's played from early fall to approximately April of each year. This course is laid out to be played on pastureland surrounding our lagoons and utilizes otherwise unused land for the purpose of recreation for our families and guests.

Unlike the State of Kansas and many rural communities, whose young people leave home, go to college, and then leave the state to find better employment, our young people leave home, go to college, but many return to our community. The 2000 census showed that 41% of our population is comprised of families between the ages of 25 and 54 years of age, with 37% of our population made up of children between the ages of 5 and 25. Our retirees make up the remaining 22% of our population, and are a respected part of our community.

The city called Colwich is economically healthy during these times of budget decreases. The city has approximately one year of operating reserves and through a continued vision of the council and frugal management of the city's funds, the city will continue to be economically viable during these lean times.

A five-member council, three men and two women, with one of the longest seated women mayors in the state, govern our city. Mayor Keiter begins her 14th year as Mayor of the City of Colwich and her 23rd year of service in various capacities of city volunteer work. She became mayor and, since that time, many things have come to fruition under her leadership and that of the council's. The city has just completed the installation of our public water system and, for the first time in the history of Colwich, we have adequate fire protection from strategically placed fire hydrants.

The City of Colwich has seen the construction of a new sewer/ lagoon treatment facility and a new fire station currently being constructed after 10 years of setting aside funds. This station will house five vehicles, provide training facilities and provide a place for departmental meetings.

Since 1995, there have been three new housing developments established, with the newest development on our northern most boundary of the city currently installing infrastructure improvements to service 41 new lots. A fourth housing addition is in the platting stage and will provide ten houses and condominiums for our retired population.

The City of Colwich is fortunate to have, inside its city limits, ICM and the High Plains Corporation. These businesses focus on various aspects of ethanol production. High Plains produces ethanol and ICM designs and engineers ethanol plants for construction throughout the country. These businesses employ approximately 140 employees, not only from the City of Colwich, but throughout Sedgwick County as well.

The city's business district is comprised of: two well-known catering companies, Seals and Ray's Countryside Catering, a family owned bank with over 100 years of service, a lumber yard, hardware

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store, convenience store, grocery store, pottery and ironworks store, and three locally-owned restaurants.

As with many communities in Sedgwick County, water and flooding are concerns that face Colwich. The Cowskin Creek runs along a portion of our western border, and it prohibits us from expanding our boundaries in that direction. The city has approximately one mile of road right-of-way that is county-maintained and, unfortunately, it doesn't receive regular cleaning and maintenance, and causes us some drainage problems. The city is ready to partner with the County in this maintaining of the ditches, once the culverts and the ditches have been cleaned.

The city has been fortunate to receive two small community grants, sponsored by Sedgwick County. The first grant was for street signage and the current grant is for the codification of the city's ordinances. The city wishes to thank the Commissioners for their support of this program, as it has assisted us in accomplishing some goals and some projects that would otherwise be delayed.

The city works closely with many County departments. Emergency Management is a viable partner in assisting the city to prepare for potential and natural manmade disasters. The Department of Aging funds our senior club, with seniors meeting daily to play cards and twice a month they come together collectively for fellowship, food and education on issues that concern seniors. An important service provided to our city is the Sedgwick County Health Department health van. The city advertises on our city sign the week that the van is to be in our area, resulting in the number of citizens that have been served increasing dramatically.

Sedgwick County Code Enforcement provides our building inspection services and assists us extensively during the connections of our homes to our public water system. Sedgwick Animal Control assists us in picking up stray, vicious, abandoned dogs and animals. The County Clerk's Office holds an information meeting for the county and city clerks, both informative and helpful, during the budgeting process.

The City of Colwich takes the protection of its citizens as seriously as if it were the size of the City of Wichita. We have fenced our water wells and designed our water tower, which is an enclosed pedestal tower, to protect our system from vandalism and possible terrorist threats. Our police department is comprised of three full-time officers who patrol our streets, our EMTs, our first responders, and among other things, tests the outdoor weather sirens monthly, in conjunction with the County, to assure that our citizens are alerted to severe weather. The fire department is comprised of volunteers that continue to enhance their training, recruit other volunteers and purchase the necessary equipment to provide the best volunteer fire protection possible.

The City of Colwich is aware of the challenges that face Sedgwick County, given the extensive annexation of land by communities throughout the County. These annexations eat away at the tax base for the County, and places many challenges before you, the County Commissioners. The City

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of Colwich feels that there are projects that the city could partner with the County to accomplish. The city is aware that engineering work and design discussions have begun to take place regarding the repairing of the bridge on 53rd Street, just west of our city limits, and that has been scheduled, as we understand it, for 2005.

The city would respectfully request that the County consider paving, curbing and guttering 57th Street as part of that project, as this would become the main detour route, while the bridge work is being completed. The City of Colwich would also respectfully request that you, the County Commissioners, instruct Sedgwick County Fire District #1 to cease their efforts for a hostile takeover of Union Township from the City of Colwich's fire protection by our volunteer fire department. Union Township has contracted with the city to provide that fire protection for the township's citizens. Not only has Fire District #1 undermined the city's jurisdiction in the township, but they have also now crossed over into our city limits. They solicit our residents and our businesses to petition out of our city's fire protection. I would suggest that this is a misrepresentation of the County's slogan 'working for you'. We would be remiss and we would misrepresent ourselves if we communicated to you that our volunteer fire department does not have challenges, because we do, as do all small communities who rely on volunteer efforts of their citizens. Our volunteers, no matter what capacity they fill, be it firefighter, first responder, parade attendant or announcer at the Heritage Festival, are all individuals with a concern and love for their community.

I hope this brief overview of the City of Colwich will spur you to visit our community, attend our German dinner, attend our Heritage Festival or eat at one of our fine family restaurants. Once again, thank you for your invitation to speak to you today."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Diana. We really appreciate your being here today. And don't run off. We do have some comments. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much, Diana. That was an excellent presentation. And, Mr. Chairman, I think that's kind of what you wanted to hear, I think. And all of us, when Tim suggested that we have these kinds of discussions, if there are people listening in TV land, I think you're report probably got a couple of people interested in thinking about moving to Colwich. I mean, sounds like a pretty nice small town.

And I certainly want to say thanks to Mayor Lavina Keiter. Fourteen years of public service as a mayor in a small community is very noteworthy. And, in small towns, if you're not being pretty good at making people satisfied, then you probably wouldn't have been there half of 14 years. So, I want to say congratulations and thanks to you for all the work.

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And you know, it's good to have honest, frank dialogue when we disagree on subjects and I appreciate your comments concerning your volunteer fire department. Volunteer fire departments are very important to many, many communities and I appreciate your frankness and your openness in discussing the fire department.

Again, I think it was great to hear about partnerships from your perspective and we do appreciate the thanks on the Small Cities Grants. They've allowed some towns to do some things that otherwise wouldn't get accomplished and it sounds like you've used yours very well. So, we appreciate the thanks for that. So, thank you both for being here."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Diana, Lavina, I want to thank you for the presentation you've made and congratulate you on developing a community that has so many attributes and is so desirable and, obviously, we've got some opportunities to work out some differences yet and hopefully, we can resolve those in a favorable way.

But I mainly just wanted to give a personal antidote that I have a son and daughter-in-law and three grandkids who live out in Colwich. They moved out of town into Wichita for a short while and decided they liked Colwich a whole lot better. So, they've moved back out and you talked a lot about your community athletic programs and my son is chairing that activity right now. And so, we spend quite a bit of time out in Colwich, watching the grandkids and eating at your restaurants. But it's a great little town. I just want to congratulate you all."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you for being here today too, and sharing all the things that you get done in a small town. And I have been there. I served on the coop board for about six years and spent a lot of time in the City of Colwich as well. And so, had an opportunity to be around that community and you have a great community. You do have great restaurants, great food, all that good stuff as well.

And so, I think it's great, the things that you're doing and I also appreciate clarifying the whole baseball history, because Dennis Gruenbacher used to tell me he had to take off for a game, and I kept thinking, 'You're going to go coach the kids' and he said, 'No, I'm playing'. And I didn't say it, but I thought, 'Aren't you getting a little too old?'. But evidently, it's a big thing in Colwich. So, anyway, thanks for being here today."

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Chairman Norton said, “Well, Diana and Lavina, I’ve got to tell you, this is exactly what I envisioned when I thought about bringing small towns here. You are the first and you really have set the bar pretty high for other communities to come in here and connect with us and tell us. I have to tell you, the thing that I really enjoy is that you opened up, not only the good things, but you talked about some things that concerned you, and Tom is right. We have to have those open dialogues. As elected officials, we have to look each other in the eye and say, ‘You know, here’s some things we like, but here’s some things we’re concerned about and let’s talk about it’. And I think that’s important that you brought that to the table today, because we do want to be good partners. We do want to live up to our slogan, ‘Working for You’ and if we’re not measuring up to that, or if we haven’t had the good, public debate and dialogue with you, then shame on us and I appreciate your bringing that to the table today too. That is important, not only to give us the history of Colwich and the good things, but the things that we can partner with to make your community better and make us better as public officials too. Thank you very much for being here today. I really appreciate it. Clerk, call the next item.”

APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS.

1. RESOLUTIONS (FOUR) APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO’S APPOINTMENTS

- **JOANNE DICKSON**
- **WILLIAM M. RUSH**
- **DOUGLAS WINKLEY**

COMMISSIONER MCGINN’S APPOINTMENT

- **BILLIE LIVELY**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “These are reappointments, four reappointments to this board, all for four year terms. And they are Commissioner Sciortino’s appointments of Joanne Dickson, William Rush and Douglas Winkley, and Commissioner McGinn’s appointment of Billie Lively. We’ve prepared resolutions for these reappointments, they’re in proper form and I understand that all of these appointees were planning on being present. I recommend that you adopt the resolutions.”

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "And County Clerk Brace is here, so if the appointees would please come forward, we'll get you sworn in."

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Please raise your right hand."

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

Ms. Billie Lively and Mr. William M. Rush, Members, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Norton said, "Billie, we'll entertain some comments, if you'd like. You've been on the Mental Health Board for several years, and we would certainly entertain some comments."

Ms. Lively said, "I would just like to say that I feel like I am trying to do the best I can to support the position that has been so graciously placed upon me by Commissioner McGinn and thank you."

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Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Bill."

Mr. Rush said, "I wanted to thank Ben Sciortino, but he's not here today of course, but Ben really gave me a real boost when he gave me the appointment and I remember working at the Center City, which is part of COMCARE and had a list of people in front of me of important people. If these people call, you'll put it right through to our director, Rich Gosha. All those people that were listed in front of me I now work with at COMCARE on the advisory board and I want to thank Ben and the Commissioners for appointing me again to another four years and I really appreciate it."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks. And we have some comments. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "All right, thank you. Well, Bill, I'm sure Commissioner Sciortino appreciated that. He may be sick, but I can bet you he's probably watching this morning. So, I'm sure he appreciates that and we appreciate all that you do on the board. I just wanted to share that Billie was on the board before I even became Commissioner, so you've been serving a few years. But she has done an excellent job, participates, and those are the kind of community volunteers that we want to have on there that are involved in our community. And Billie is a little more involved in that, because if you go to any of the Shocker games, she's always there. She's figured out a way to help people to their seat so she can see all the games. So, thank you both for all that you do."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Clerk, call the next item."

2. **RESOLUTIONS (TWO) APPOINTING MEMBERS (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.**

- **DR. CHRISTOPHER J. HESSE**
- **DR. DOUGLAS NIELSEN**

Mr. Euson said, "And Commissioners, these resolutions involve an appointment and reappointment to this board, Commissioner Unruh's appointments. These are four year terms and I recommend that you adopt the resolutions."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "And are the docs? Okay, good. If he'd come forward."

Mr. Brace said, "Please raise your right hand."

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

Dr. Christopher J. Hesse, Member, Sedgwick County Animal Control Advisory Board, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Norton said, "Don't run off yet, Doc. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, Chris, it's a pleasure to be able to appoint you to the Animal Control Advisory Board. It's . . . I know you've got a business you're trying to get started, your veterinarian practice. You've got four young children at home. This represents a real sacrifice. And just as a personal antidote here, it's a strange feeling when you're appointing young people to these advisory boards and they went to school with your own children. So, I don't know if it means I'm getting older, but you have got older."

Chairman Norton said, "Is that in a form of a motion?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "That's a motion. But anyway, thank you very much for your agreeing to serve."

Dr. Hesse said, "Well, I appreciate it. I want to thank you and the members of the Commission for

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appointing me and allowing me an opportunity to serve. I look at this not only as a chance to learn and as a learning experience, but also that in some small way I might contribute to the betterment of the community. So, I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item.”

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUZANNE MOODY (COMMISSIONER UNRUH’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Mr. Euson said, “And Commissioners, this resolution to this board is also for a four year term and the resolution is in proper form and recommend you adopt it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “And Suzanne is here today. Good.”

Mr. Brace said, “Please raise your right hand.

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

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Ms. Suzanne Moody, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Norton said, "We'll let you make some comments, if you'd like, Suzanne."

Ms. Moody said, "Well, I appreciate the opportunity that Dave and the Commission has given me and look forward to learning a lot and I think it's an important council, as our community and country and population is aging. So, I look forward to serving. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, Suzanne, I want to welcome you to this particular portion of County government. And Suzanne and her family, and Karen and I, our families, we've been friends now for probably 30 years, so I have an insight into her sensitivity and her intelligence and willingness to serve and I very much appreciate you taking on this responsibility and I know that you will do us an excellent job. So, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks very much. Clerk, call the next item."

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

C. PRESENTATION OF 2002 UNITED WAY AWARDS.

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Communications Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have the great opportunity each year to participate as the County's person to coordinate our annual campaign and so I get the opportunity to come and recognize the folks who really make it happen and really do an outstanding job at this . . . with this project."

I would ask that Dana Foults, she is our campaign manager with the United Way, and she's relatively new to the County, working with us on our campaign, and so she has come over here in the last year and we've sent her out to Sheriff's meetings in early mornings and late evenings. We've sent her riding around with Fire folks, so that they can hit all of their stations. We have sent her, probably . . . she's learned more about Sedgwick County, just in that one three-month period than a lot of folks who may have even lived here all their lives. But we have really appreciated her

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help and I know, in helping with the departments to understand this campaign.

We have been a long-time supporter at Sedgwick County of the United Way campaign and it's an opportunity, not only for us to participate in a community giving project, but it's also a way for us to make sure that our employees know that these services are out there and they are available for employees and their families to use.

And I know that there are a number of folks here who have used those services, folks who may not think that, 'well, that's those other people that use those services' but I think my long time participation is a commitment, because I've been a user of those services from the tornado back in 1991. So, I am the testament and testimony there.

We have a number of awards for departments that we'd like to give out this morning. We'll start with the bronze awards and these are in this order. These are for folks who give 40 to 49% of their potential. There is some big, long formula that they come up with that says 'Here's how much we think you could make, based on salaries in you department' and then, based on that, where do they fall. And one of those folks, one of those departments is the Division of Information and Operations, with \$14,200, the Election Commissioner, with \$1,099, Environmental Resources with \$520 and Fleet Management with \$2,345.

The next category is the silver award and this again, using that same formula, but this is for 50 to 74% of potential and we have, this year the County Commissioners are receiving the silver awards.

And, you see you all get the new plaque as well. Some have been receiving the awards for a number of years and they are now moving into another plaque, and so we will be presenting this to you all to have in your office. And Dana, if you would like to take that to Commissioner McGinn so they can see that, and we thank you for your support. And also a silver award recipient is Human Resources, with \$2,065.

We have three departments that are recipients of the gold award, 75 to 89% of potential. The first of these, and if you've been around the County you've see flyers, you've seen people dressed in . . . Well, I should say Jerry Frantz dressed in all kinds of garb. The Appraiser's Office goes all out and, I tell you, Bess and their folks, their committee down there in the Appraiser's Office, they've figured it out and jumped on board, \$15,427."

Ms. Rita Rippee, Executive Officer, said, "I just want to say thank you to Jerry Frantz for taking us this far. Jerry, we've finally gone gold. Seven years and now we're gold. Thanks."

Ms. Zukovich said, "We have more opportunities for you too. So, keep thinking of new ways to get Jerry dressed up differently. Another gold award winner is Emergency Management, with \$1,185. And the last gold award winner is Risk Management, with \$728. And with Risk Management, we're glad that Mick is here, because he can start taking over where Phil Rippee left

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off. And if you've been around, you know that Phil Rippee was . . . he was kind of the one that got me started in this whole United Way campaign as well. He served as a loan executive for a number of years, and so he kind of set the bar high, so we have great expectations for you to continue.

The highest award is the pinnacle award. It's a new award that the United Way put together and it's really designed for those organizations that they say, 'You guys have reached 100% of your potential'. And that is, this year, given to the County Manager's Office, with \$4,377."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Thank you very much and it's not about me, it's about the people in the office. I want to put in perspective United Way. And we know what it does to this community, but I want to put in perspective what public servants, what public servants from County, Sedgwick County do in terms of United Way. We serve on the Board of Directors, and I know currently Tim Norton is on the Board of Directors of United Way. Various members of the staff have been vice presidents in charge of various areas. Ron Holt now serves as the community vice president, in terms of raising funds there. Bob Lamkey serves, currently, on the allocation committee and gives his time.

We started, some ten years ago, with about \$32,000 of contribution and this year, because . . . with Kristi's help and the people in this organization, it's over \$112,000. When you compare that per capita, when you compare that total dollars to what United Way receives nationwide, and we did a study four or five years ago, the generosity of employees of Sedgwick County just shines above everybody else in the nation. It just shouldn't surprise people that the people that give service to the community, in terms of their employment and of their time, also give generously of their dollars and I'm most appreciative of the fact that I work with people that do that."

Ms. Zukovich said, "I'd like to take just a few minutes to tell you about some of the other folks that help us to reach that \$112,000 and I'll tell you, the last couple of years I've come in and said our goal is \$100,000 and we didn't quite meet it. And so I wasn't very optimistic during these economic times that we were going to hit \$100,000 this year, and I think it really is telling that our County employees, for the past three years we've been at 97, 98,000 and then, boom, we went to \$112,000 even during economic times. So I think that says a lot about our county employees.

But I would like to recognize some of the other departments whose giving helps us to reach that number. COMCARE, their various offices, \$8,948, our Corrections folks, \$5,878, our EMS paramedics, \$8,502, our firefighters, \$8,328, all of our folks at our Public Works offices, \$5,843, the Sheriff's Department, \$6,338 and they really continue to just grow. It wasn't too many years ago they were not quite even at \$1,000. So, we're really, really pleased with them. And then even our newest, the Health Department, with \$5,246, so we're glad to take you on, to help us boost up our numbers.

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I'd also like to talk a little bit about there's a group of folks that give at a certain level that help us with those one-time gifts, those one-time amounts that help us to reach that \$112,000 and those are the leadership givers and there are a number of young leaders, which are folks who are under 40 and give at a level of \$500 until they reach either age 40 or they commit to \$1,000. But then there are also leadership givers who give at the \$1,000. And Sedgwick County, this year, has 19 leadership givers, and that places us 17th in the community, with all of these other organizations. And I'd like to tell you what great company we're within: Quik Trip, these are the folks that are around the 19 or 20 leadership givers: Quik Trip, Koch Industries, Bombardier, Commerce Bank, Via Christi, Davis Moore. So, I think it's just another example of how Sedgwick County is right up there and really does a great job and if there are folks here who are, if they would like to, if they're not to embarrass, if they would like to stand if you are a young leader or a leadership giver, we would really appreciate that.

We will be starting out again here in the fall. We are already having some initial conversations with Dana to figure out what we need to be doing and how we can continue to support this community organization and how we can continue to make sure that our employees know that these services are available to them on any given day, not just during the campaign time. So, I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any questions, but I would be remiss, being on the United Way Board, if I didn't make a comment. I have to tell you that I'm not pleased that the Commission is only silver. So, I would have to say that as Chair this year I will be challenging the Commission Office and my fellow Commissioners to step it up a little bit. You know, when times are tough and those that have jobs and are working and are continuing to support their family look out there at 12,000, 13,000 people that have lost their jobs and there's been many ways to try to help. There's been some contentious ways of trying to use government money to fix things and that doesn't always work. This is the way we do it, supporting the charities in our community, and the United Way is one that serves our community so well.

And in times that are tough, when families are suffering, Sedgwick County employees and the Board of County Commissioners have to be in lockstep to be those that help the community and lead the way. And we do that, not from the Bench always, but silently other ways, and the United Way is one of them. And I would challenge our organization and the Board of County Commissioners to take another step forward this year to make sure that we have some bronze and some silvers, but we're mostly gold and platinum and pinnacle, because that's the kind of organization we are and we should strive to be. Thanks for the presentation today, appreciate it.

At this point, I would like to take an Off Agenda item that we've got, and it's a vote canvass

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recount.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, “It’s the canvass recount, and Bill, you’ve got the information on that. Oh, do we have to vote?”

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Buchanan said, “I received an e-mail yesterday from Marilyn Chapman, who requested and we’ve worked this through with her, Rich Euson, the County Counselor. USD 440, Halstead, which is a portion of the school district within Sedgwick County, submitted a request to recount the special bond election held at the district on April 1st. And they submitted that in writing to the Harvey County Clerk prior to the deadline required. The votes were recounted and the results came out exactly as they had done previously, and therefore Marilyn is requesting that you, as the Board of Canvassers, that you can do it sitting as the County Commission, approve that vote canvass. Is that correct?”

Mr. Euson said, “That is correct.”

Chairman Norton said, “So what is the Motion? We approve the new vote canvass?”

Mr. Euson said, “The motion is to approve the totals, as recommended.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Any discussion? Any questions?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Just clarification. So all they were doing was double checking?”

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Mr. Buchanan said, "It was an official recount and the results came out exactly as previously."

Commissioner Winters said, "Do we know what that was, those numbers?"

Mr. Euson said, "I do."

Chairman Norton said, "We'll let Beverly. Hi, Beverly."

Ms. Beverly Exley, Chief Deputy of Elections, Election Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The votes from Sedgwick County for the 440 election was 55 yeses and 181 nos. When we recounted, they were exactly the same."

Chairman Norton said, "I would entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to re-certify the recount of the Halstead School District votes.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Clerk, call the next item."

D. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

1. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT

- **FLOYD JOHNSON, DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS**
- **JANET REED, DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS**

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **DEBBIE DOWNS, COUNTY COUNSELOR'S OFFICE**
- **STACY NILLES, DEPT. ON AGING**
- **BETTY CLARK, APPRAISER'S OFFICE**

3. QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **LUCILLE BITNER, DEPT. ON AGING**
- **BETTY CLARKE, APPRAISER'S OFFICE**

Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "If I could have every employee receiving a certificate to come up now please. Thank you for this opportunity to recognize several Sedgwick County employees upon the completion of their career development certificates. These certificate programs are offered through our division to all County employees who wish to take advantage and increase their knowledge skills and abilities as we provide services and work in this community. I would like to thank you, as Commissioners, for supporting these programs, as well as the County Manager and also department heads and managers and coworkers who support these employees as they're attending classes, trying to attain these certificates. Thank you very much and I know several are here, so thank you for being here to support these employees.

First we have some supervisory management certificates and Floyd Johnson from the Department of Corrections is not here today. Okay. We also have Janet Reed from the Department of Corrections, a supervisory management certificate. Janet, congratulations.

In our professional development certificate, Debra Downs from the Legal Department is here to accept her certificate. Stacy Nilles from the Department of Aging has attained the professional development certificate. Betty Clark had a banner year. She is attaining the professional development certificate, as well as the quality customer service certificate. Last, but not least, we

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have Lucille Bitner from Department of Aging, who has attained the quality customer service certificate. Congratulations. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Jo and thanks to all of our employees that continue to make continued education so important. We honor you today and I have to tell you that I really believe in continuing education, that it is the way to increase the capacity of our working community and I honor those that step forward and do that every day for us. Clerk, call the next item.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- F. CASE NUMBER ZON2000-00062 – EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE PLATTING REQUIREMENT FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “LI” LIMITED INDUSTRIAL FOR APPROXIMATELY 26 ACRES LOCATED NORTH OF K-96 AND EAST OF GREENWICH. DISTRICT #1.**

Mr. Dale Miller, Acting Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, we don’t have a slide show, but the map on the front page of the agenda item indicates the two properties that are under consideration. These properties were approved, as indicated, for ‘LI’ zoning and they were given a year. They have used up the administrative process for extensions and are now asking for an additional extension, which requires your permission.

They’ve indicated that, because of the economic situation we’re in, that the ‘LI’ property has been a little hard to market, and so they’re continuing to work on their marketing efforts and just need additional time and would like to see the platting deadline extended to March 21st, 2004. Staff is supportive of the request.”

Chairman Norton said, “What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the extension of time to complete platting.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Dale. Clerk, call the next item."

NEW BUSINESS

G. KANSAS COLISEUM.

1. MUTUAL RELEASE WITH WICHITA PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, LLC PROVIDING CANCELLATION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you is a mutual release of the current agreement with the previous owner of the Stealth. As you know, the team has been sold in the off-season. This is a one-year deal. The new owner has agreed to a three-year term. So, essentially, what we are doing is canceling a one-year term and gaining three years of having the Stealth with us. We recommend approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Mutual Release and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STEALTH, LLC PROVIDING USE OF KANSAS COLISEUM FOR THE 2003 ARENA FOOTBALL 2 SEASON.

Mr. Nath said, "This is the new three-year agreement with the Wichita Stealth. It will cover us for the next three indoor football seasons. It is a little bit different than the previous. In a sense, we are deferring our rent to the end of the season. We will get paid, of course, for all of our expenses, but the rent is being deferred to the end of the season. Then we split up the proceeds afterwards, up to a certain point. It's a fair deal. It allows the team to become established. They've got a very competitive team this year. The first game, two weeks ago, was very exciting. They put a lot of points on the board. They play their arch enemy Tulsa this weekend. We're really looking forward to a pretty exciting season. General Manager Mike McCoy is here, and I think he'd just like to say a few words and talk about how well the teams going to do this year."

Chairman Norton said, "Looks like a bag man to me."

Mr. Mike McCoy, General Manager, Stealth LLC, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Actually, I have presents. These are Wichita Stealth Arena footballs, replica footballs. Our organization was established in 2001 and these are replica footballs. And I had a hard time getting these in through security downstairs, mainly because of the air pump that was in my bag. I was pumping footballs last night, but I could not explain to him what that was."

Commissioner Winters said, "So what are the prospects for this year's team?"

Mr. McCoy said, "We are very excited. We won our first game a couple of weeks ago here and we're big and strong and fast and I just left practice about an hour and a half ago, and they were just beating each other to death, at sluggers, in preparation for the Tulsa game this weekend at Tulsa and that's just a huge rival for us. We've never beaten Tulsa since we started the organization, so there's a lot of incentive this week and our guys are poised and ready and they had an off week last week, so they're healthy and they're excited and we got them from Notre Dame, K.U., K. State, Nebraska, Oklahoma State. I mean, they're from everywhere and they're big solid, strong guys who are trying to get as good as they can at this level, so they can hopefully have a chance to move

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up and get better and play on a Sunday afternoon at Arrowhead. We're hoping anyway.

But our next home game is soon and you're all very welcome to come, obviously and we would sure like to have you there."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, just a comment. We certainly are glad that you're using the Kansas Coliseum. We hoped the Coliseum worked well for you. We think we've got a . . ."

Mr. McCoy said, "It certainly does, sir. Thank you very much and it's been nothing but great out there for us and John does a fantastic job with us and his crew is just amazing."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, good. We think they do good work out there. So, if there's ever anything that the Commissioners can do to assist you and your organization, we wish you the best of success and hope you're wildly successful and have a great season."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yeah, let's make some history this weekend."

Mr. McCoy said, "Well, we kick off in about 84 hours. I'm kind of getting a little nervous."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you very much."

Commissioner Winters said, "Did we take motion on this part?"

Chairman Norton said, "No. I would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, John. Clerk, call the next item."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

H. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

1. GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING OF THE HEALTHY START INITIATIVE.

Mr. Ted Jobst, Director, Integrated Family Health Division, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're bringing before you a reapplication grant, third year funding, as part of a four-year funding cycle. This is for the Healthy Start Initiative, which serves a project area including three zip codes in Sedgwick County, 67208, 14 and 19. This area has some of the highest rates in the state of poverty, infant mortality, pre-term births, low birth weigh, sexually transmitted diseases and chemical dependency. The focus of the grant and the initiative and our work with this community is to enroll mothers in the early stages of pregnancy, to be able to help avoid birth complications and mortality, to be able to ensure medical assistance and all necessary social services for the mother and the family and to provide continuing care so that, on a long-term basis, we can bring this family the necessary social adjustment and stability that the family needs. The grant funds six professional positions and all program related contractals and commodities.

And since Sedgwick County has taken over the Health Department, in the last year, we've seen major improvements in the Healthy Start Initiative, which also have included a new nursing model, Partners for a Healthy Baby, which allows us to serve and will allow us to serve three times the number of clients in the coming grant year as we were able to serve in the previous grant year. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to address them."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no questions. Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Well, again Ted, just to say, we really are appreciative of the work that you and your work do in the County and as a group of Commissioners, are beginning to, more and more, realize how this very earliest work with families and with children at the very youngest ages is very important. We all attended a meeting last week with community representatives talking about early childhood development, and even Commissioner Unruh and I were visiting about kind of the change in attitudes I think we're seeing in a lot of places, as people used to think about early childhood development as some kind of feel-good social workers kind of thing about maybe why are we doing this."

And as we learn more and more about the development of children, we come back to the fact that we need to, as a community, work with them at the very earliest stages or before birth to make sure that they have healthy lifestyles, they have opportunities and they're able to be real participants in the community. So, we're glad that it seems that all the Health Department initiatives are getting focused up in one group and it's good to see you back, when we're talking about early childhood things, as opposed to this group here and that group and whatever, having everyone pulling in the same direction I hope is a big plus and I hope it's working well for you, as the Health Department employees work with this area."

Mr. Jobst said, "Yeah, I would say we've had a . . . we really appreciate, and I think we've said it before, but I certainly feel strongly saying it again this morning, really appreciate the support that the Commission has given, both to the Health Department, as well as to the programs within our department, because I think in the last year we have seen some really tremendous changes and improvements in what we're doing and it has been really gratifying to have that kind of support and recognition. So, I really do appreciate that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Now, will this grant then . . . does this go to the state or is this . . .?"

Mr Jobst said, "This comes directly from the federal government to the County."

Commissioner Winters said, "And this is the third year in a five-year plan?"

Mr. Jobst said, "Well, we went through a four-year funding cycle initially and this is our second four-year funding cycle, the third year of that cycle. This is what this grant represents."

Commissioner Winters said, "Do they come and look at our programs? Do they send people here to look and observe and what are their reactions?"

Mr. Jobst said, "Yes. We had a site visit last September from the federal project officer. At that time, coming from our previous . . . coming from the time when the Health Department was really

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City/ County, there were some problems that the program had that the project officer pointed out. And one of the things that was very encouraging to us was that the project officer said that she really appreciated the fact that, again, that the changes that we were able to implement and that we have been able to put in place since we've come under the auspices of Sedgwick County made all the difference in the world, in terms of the grant continuing to be funded. And also, we received a lot of praise from the federal project officer, since that site visit, for the changes that we have been able to put in place. So, they are monitoring what we do and we certainly have their support at the present time."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, good. Well, if there's ever anything on one of those site visits that it would be appropriate to demonstrate the support of the Commissioners, don't hesitate to call on us to help with communicating to those people that we are sincerely interested in these kinds of projects and grants and the work that you all do."

Mr. Jobst said, "Thank you."

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

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I just wanted to tag onto what Commissioner Winters has said, that these type of programs really are . . . our citizens in our county really need to really understand that this is a high yield investment. It gives very practical results to the community in diminishing those social problems that might come up later that actually require more of our resources to deal with. And so, as Commissioner said, we want to let you know and let the community know that we think this is very prudent and it's well worth the time, investment and we thank you for what's happening."

Mr. Jobst said, "Thank you. Thanks."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I'll kind of wrap it up. One thing I find is really important is that we did engage in the meeting last week and it wasn't a stop in and wave and say we're here and we're going to move on to something else. We sat and participated in the dialogue, heard all the presentations and there were four of us there. You know, it wasn't that we sent one Board of County Commissioner representative to kind of hear a little bit and report back. We were thoroughly engaged at the table, trying to understand childhood issues.

I think Tom has really given us some leadership here to make us think about how do we get upstream on juvenile justice issues. And what we're finding, it's not about just creating healthy

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babies physically, but healthy human beings in a lot of other venues and areas of their lives. And I think Tom will continue to push us in that direction and certainly I'll continue to try to engage us with all the mental health and health folks out in our community to make sure that we understand the issues, so that when it comes time to spending money and setting policy, we really understand why we're doing it and what the results will be and not just do it as an agenda item and pass it on. So, I really applaud the Commission for being engaged in this issue at a very deep level, and not just the surface level. Thanks for being here today."

Mr. Jobst said, "Thank you and we very much appreciate that. Thank you, Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "I would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Ted. Next item."

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2. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDING A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE ACCESS TO BABY CHILD DENTISTRY PROGRAM

Ms. Martin said, “The Sedgwick County Health Department has entered into a partnership with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in March of 2002. This agreement is for a pilot program to improve the oral health of Kansas children by recruiting dentists to provide early access to dental care for young children, especially for those from birth to age five.

The program will also provide educational opportunities for both families and the dental professions, to increase the knowledge in the area of childhood early dentistry. Our primary goal of this program is recruitment of private dentists to incorporate access to baby and child dentistry children and potentially other Medicaid children into their practices. I also would like to bring to your attention that Suzanne Roats, she is our access to baby and child dentistry program coordinator, who is here to answer any questions that you may have in regards of the progress of our program. The recommended action is to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and any other related documents that we are asking. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no questions. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you. I think it’s important to note that we find, more and more, about health of children and health of adults, dental health comes into that whether, I think, you’re

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young or you're old, I think dental health is proven to be very important to the overall health of an individual, and this program just extends that to the youngest in our community. So, thank you very much.

Let's see, should we just skip the next item. Marv seems like he's so . . . He is eager. Clerk, call the next item."

I. PROPOSED DELETIONS FROM FLEET INVENTORY.

Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I fully support dental health. The fleet would like to talk about this opportunity that I have brought to you today. I'm excited about it because usually I'm here to spend money, and today I'm going to offer you the opportunity to save money. And to do that, that process we used was to review the fleet inventory for low-use equipment. And then, working with the departments, we went out, met face to face and said, can we work around this equipment if it was deleted? Do you have other equipment that can fill in and do the job? Can we rent? Can we look at more efficient ways to do business with our fleet inventory?"

From that, we identified twenty-two items, and that should be attached to your background. They weighed all the factors and determined that they could delete this equipment and still provide the quality service that they currently provide. That no program would be adversely affected. In most cases, there are other vehicles and equipment that can do this workload.

I'm seeking your approval today. Estimated savings for the remainder of this year is about \$90,000, if we delete this equipment today, this month. Annual recurring savings is estimated at \$116,000. If I were to replace this equipment, we're looking at \$970,000 and if you look at that list, there's a lot of old equipment on there. If we're going to hold onto it, it would have to be replaced in the near future.

Also estimate that I could sell off this equipment and earn some revenue at about \$37,000. That's what I propose to you today. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer those."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I see a motor grader on here and a mower and those kinds of things. I mean, do we have better equipment to do it more efficiently or are we going to be doing the things slower? I'm thinking of snow removal, I'm thinking when it comes that time where people start complaining about weeds and those kinds of things."

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Mr. Duncan said, "These motor graders that are indicated in there are the smaller motor graders that we don't use for snow removal. One is at the park. It's very rarely used. David has two in Public Works. That could be transferred to the remaining one. But he uses those small motor graders primarily in road ditches, where it's big enough to square up the bottom of a road ditch and that's why we feel we can delete the one."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. David, do you see anything slowing down in what you do?"

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've had several meetings with Marvin, myself and many of my staff members, and we're in agreement with him as to this. It was a hard task to do, but seeing the tough economic times that we're in and the budget constraints that we're now under, we felt like we ought to go ahead and bite the bullet and do these things.

Some of the things, like say the . . . we've got a wench truck there, for example. You don't use it that often, but like each of our yards had one. But now, what we'll have to do, if you need a wench truck, we'll have to take one from another yard and let one yard borrow it from another yard, something like that. It's probably not as efficient as what we had done before, because it's going to take time to get it from one yard to another, but you don't use it that often. So, we felt like, like I said before, due to the budget constraints, it was the thing to do now. So, we still think that we will be very productive and that's our goal in all of the things that we've been doing this year is to try to select items to delete, either this or other items in the budget, so that we don't effect our productivity. That is our goal."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other questions. Marv, as we start to market these, have we thought about the small communities that might have need for some of these vehicles? Have we made sure that they have a listing of what we've got, so that if they were in the market for buying a used vehicle for some kind of usage, that they have that information?"

Mr. Duncan said, "As I understand it, we advertise in our Derby paper for several weeks if we're going to do it at an auction."

Chairman Norton said, "It might be, to be proactive, it might be nice to maybe send it to each one of the city clerks or mayors in the small towns, just to give them a listing. Maybe they want to bid

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on it, maybe they don't, but maybe we can offer that as something . . .”

Mr. Duncan said, “We can do that.”

Mr. Spears said, “The Purchasing Department needs to do that. We’ll get with the Purchasing Department on that.”

Chairman Norton said, “Sounds great, thanks. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton, that’s an excellent idea, getting that information. I mean, all it takes is a fax number to get it to them. And you know, the other thing I thought about, I know we’re trying to cut dollars, expenditures, those kinds of things but I know Norton has a newsletter, I know I have a newsletter, I know Ben has a newsletter and, you know, if there are ways in which we can insert some of this information into our newsletter, because we’re getting that out to a lot of people. That’s a cheap way of advertising and letting our small communities know about what’s going on in local government. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Right, great idea. Any other discussion? At this point, I’d entertain a motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the deletions from Fleet inventory.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

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- J. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON BROADWAY OVER THE BNSF RAILROAD AT 45TH STREET NORTH. CIP #B-310. DISTRICT #4.**
- 1. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FORM 1303, RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARANCE; UTILITY ARRANGEMENTS.**
 - 2. KDOT FORM 1303A, CERTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCEDURES.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item J-1 is approval of KDOT form 1303 for the replacement of the bridge on Broadway over the BNSF Railroad at 45th Street North, designated as B-310 in the Capital Improvement Program. This form states that all rights-of-way have been acquired and all utility arrangements have been made. Federal funds will pay for 80% of the project. I recommend that you approve the form 1303 and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve . . . KDOT forms 1303 and 1303A. Is that it? You've got two things here. And authorize the Chairman to sign."

Mr. Spears said, "Well, I didn't present the second one."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, our motion is on both of them, so I'm sorry. Maybe we jumped ahead."

Mr. Spears said, "Well, I'm sorry. Maybe I ought to go ahead and present the second one."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, why don't you do that."

Mr. Spears said, "But they do combine. On item J-2 is approval of the certification of real property acquisition procedures for the same project mentioned in the previous item. This certifies that Sedgwick County did follow federal guidelines when rights-of-way were procured for this project. I recommend that you approve the certification and authorize the Chairman to sign. There are actually two different forms to approve."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve KDOT Forms 1303 and 1303A and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Dave. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 821-J, K; bridge on Broadway over BNSF Railroad at 45th Street North. CIP #B-310. District #4.

2. Plat.

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2002 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

God's Country Addition

3. Order dated April 2, 2003 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 2 – 8, 2003.

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “At this time, I’m going to recess the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Fire District #1 Meeting at 10:36 a.m. and returned at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, “Clerk, call the next item. Are we at ‘Other’? Okay, is there anything else to come before us as Board of County Commissioners?”

L. OTHER

Commissioner Winters said, “Well just a couple of quick . . . Carolyn can go ahead. Well, I was just going to remind folks that the A.L.A.R.M. meeting, the Rural Association of Mayors is meeting this Saturday and Sheriff Steed is going to host them at the Detention Center for the meeting there. Later in the morning, I’m going to participate with Wichita/ Sedgwick County Child Care Association, as they are going to have a little presentation honoring some people who are involved in early child care and so I’m going to be participating with them on that event. So, will not be able to be at the entire A.L.A.R.M. meeting. Those are the only two things I had to bring up.”

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Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Trying to think where I want to start here. At the end of the month . . . I'll start there, because I can't think of what I was going to . . . there, now I've got my mind back where I want it to be. This Friday is the KANSEL Trivia Night fundraiser and the County is going back to defend their title. It's a great event. The reason I wanted to mention it was that KANSEL is one of the organizations that we fund through our prevention programs, and what it . . . It does a lot of different things. It teaches bilingual languages, helps you in that area, but it also helps individuals who may have dropped out of school and now want to go back and get their GED and those kinds of things. They also teach at the level in which you can learn. And so it's a little bit different type of schooling, but they've done a great job and I'm glad that we have them in our community and this is a fundraiser for them and it's Friday night.

The other thing I want to just go ahead and get started talking about, so if people are interested in participating in any of these events, they can call the numbers that I'm going to give here. The first event is Spruce Up the Town at Cowtown. It's the second annual. Last year, it was a great success. If you've been out there, you've probably noticed that some of the buildings were painted last year and cleaned up. This year, we're going tackle another five to six buildings again. And so, we have one building adopted by the neighborhood associations down here in the downtown area, which is Riverside, North Riverside and Historic Midtown. They're going to be painting the Trio building. We have the building that we're all doing this year, along with the City of Wichita electeds, and 259 is going to join us this year. We're going to try to tackle the school this year. The Wichita Eagle is having some anniversary celebrations going on this year and we're very happy to have them take on the Eagle building this year. So, we're glad for that participation. I understand Boeing, we're trying to decide whether we're going to give them a building or they had also volunteered to come out and scrap and prime and get things ready ahead of time. So, we're glad to have them.

And so, we welcome any other organizations that would like to go out there. It's the 25th and 26th. It's a Friday and Saturday. It starts at 8:30. Probably shut down around 4:30 or 5. All you have to do is bring your dirty paint clothes. We'll put a paint brush in your hand and enthusiasm to paint. If it does rain that day, the following Friday and Saturday is our rain date. If you need more information, you can call 264-0671, at Old Cowtown Museum.

Another event, one of our other museums down here along the river area is the Kansas African American Museum. They're having their spring ball, every year they theme it. One year it was Bourbon Street, one year it was the Caribbean, this year is the Super Fly '70s, and since that's my era, I think I'm even going to dress to the decade."

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Chairman Norton said, "Do you still have those clothes in your closet?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Can you still get in them? I didn't mean that that a way."

Chairman Norton said, "I think I'm moving over here."

Commissioner McGinn said, "No, I think I will have to find some different jeans if I wear that. Actually, I was thinking about some kind of wrap-around that you don't even have to worry about what the waist size is. But, anyway I think it's going to be very exciting. Yardborough and Peoples are going to be the band, and I know they've had a hit in the past and so, an excellent band. It's been a wonderful event and I encourage people that, if they're interested in going, to call 262-7651 for information about tickets.

And the final thing, it's a busy weekend that weekend, that's why I wanted to get started and announce some of this early. Historic Midtown is having their gala that same Saturday as well and that's a fundraiser for the Midtown Center. And so, they have a wonderful event there too as well. And so, you might want to call the Midtown Community Center if you want more information on that."

Chairman Norton said, "Wow, a lot going on. Thanks."

Commissioner McGinn said, "All at the end of the month, on the same weekend. So, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Before I turn it over to Commissioner Unruh, I would like to comment. Carolyn has done such a great job trying to mobilize volunteers at Cowtown, and I've got to tell you, in these tough economic times when, you know, we talk about government throwing money into projects, particularly these kinds of things. I think this is the way to skin the cat a different way and that's to get volunteers out there to maximize our energies and to be able to get things done without putting a lot of public money into it. I applaud you for that, Carolyn, because Cowtown does need a lot of work. Some of those buildings, I know we worked out there as Wagon Masters last year and some of them are in pretty tough shape."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And you volunteered to come back."

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Chairman Norton said, "I'm coming back Friday. I can't be there Saturday, but I'll be there all day Friday and, hopefully, they'll put a paintbrush in my hand."

Commissioner McGinn said, "You bring your Wagon Master crew and we'll find you something. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I just wanted to make a couple of quick comments. Commissioner Winters and I were attending the activities in relation to the National Crime Victims' Rights Week last Saturday morning at Towne East Square and a couple of things impressed me. One is the painting that was unveiled by our local artist, Marianne Birch that commemorates that. It's really, I think, an outstanding piece of art. But more importantly, probably, than that even is to become aware of the services that are offered to those folks who suffer from crime and the different associations that are working together to provide resources and rehabilitation and just restore those people after those episodes. So, it was a . . . I think it was, for me it was well worth the time just to learn that those agencies are available.

Secondly, I just want to remind everyone that I think the summer hours are on now out at the Zoo and so we want to be out and support the Sedgwick County Zoo."

Chairman Norton said, "Summer hours are here but summer weather is not. Hopefully it will get here pretty soon.

I just have a couple of things. Sedgwick County will be participating in the Campus High School Reality Fair tomorrow. I know we've got a couple of individuals out of the Appraiser's Office and out of the Treasurer's Office that will come and help. The Reality Fair is an all-day session. It will rotate young people in and they'll actually pick the job or career they want, a salary will be attached to that, and then they take that money and go around to different booths, try to buy a home, try to buy a car. They put so much money into groceries and entertainment and they have a checkbook that they'll be issued, a calculator with so much money into it, and as they go from booth to booth, they take the money out and they come to the reality that maybe the car they wanted or the house they wanted aren't really a reality. And I applaud Sedgwick County for being out there. I'm going to be out there for most of the day, but we've got some volunteers going out to help with that.

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Tonight I'm going to be at a meeting KDOT is hosting at the Stanley/ Aley City Hall and it's in regards to the study they've done to I-235, 135, 47th Street and the turnpike, where it all runs together. I've really talked about that issue for a long time, even when I was mayor, and it's something hopefully we'll find out about tonight. I urge citizens that live in that area maybe to come and listen and any other elected officials that might want to stop by. It is an important issue and hopefully KDOT will have some insights into how we can fix the problems that are inherent in that area.

And the final thing I have, on a positive note, I would like to congratulate Bob Thompson for being selected as Admiral Windwagon Smith the 30th. He's someone that has volunteered many, many years for the River Festival, but is also a great public servant on the Wichita side and the Wichita Fire Department is served our community very well in that capacity. But he is Admiral Windwagon Smith the 30th and I'm very proud to know him and announce that today at Commission. Anything else to come before us? If not, we're adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

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