

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 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, May 7, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters with the following present; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Linda Leggett, Administrative Officer, County Clerk's Office; Mr. Dale Miller, Acting Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works Department; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Theran Black, Chairman, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging.
Ms. Liz McGinnness, Co-Chair, Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force.
Ms. Chris Collins-Thoman, Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force.
Mr. John Rolfe, Wichita Convention and Visitors' Bureau.
Ms. Olivia Reynolds, Wichita Convention and Visitors' Bureau.
Ms. Sandy Avello, Member, Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board.
Mr. Dave Peaden, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging.
Ms. Janeen Powers, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging.
Mr. Richard Gale, City Administrator, City of Bel Aire.
Mr. Bob Thompson, Admiral Windwagon Smith XXX.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Kim Dickerson of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 23, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2003.

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve had an opportunity to review the Minutes. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23rd, 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Next item.”

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY, 2003 AS “MENTAL HEALTH MONTH.”

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’ll read this proclamation into the record.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental health is critical for our well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the President's New Freedom Commission declared that mental disorders and mental health problems affect people of all backgrounds and all stages of life, and no one is immune; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization found that mental illnesses rank first in terms of causing disability in the United States and, collectively, are the most prevalent health problem in America today- more common than cancer, lung and heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, one in 10 children has a serious mental disorder that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance abuse and even suicide. Mental health disorders, such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders, are real, common and treatable illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has found that a range of mental health treatments of documented efficacy exists for most mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County has made a commitment of community-based systems of mental health care for all residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May, 2003 as

“MENTAL HEALTH MONTH”

and call upon all Sedgwick County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

That's dated today, May 7th, 2003.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Kristi. Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to hear the proclamation. What's the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chair Pro Tem 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Ms. Zukovich said, “And we have Marilyn Cook today, who is here with us from COMCARE, to accept the proclamation.”

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much. I’m very pleased to accept this proclamation acknowledging May as Mental Health Awareness Month and appreciate the opportunity to heighten the public’s awareness about mental health.

Mental health, as the proclamation says, is very critical for the well-being and the viability of our community. No doubt, all of you know someone who is either a relative, a friend, a neighbor or a colleague who struggles with mental illness. And many are probably also a little bit surprised that, taken collectively, mental disorders make mental illness the most prevalent health condition in America, more common than cancer and lung and heart disorders combined, yet it receives less attention and less resources.

The public needs to know that there are effective treatments and that treatment can turn people’s lives around. Just as we recover from physical illnesses, and physical health problems, we can recover from mental health illnesses as well.

Yet, despite this, many individuals still don’t seek the help they need because of the stigma that’s associated with mental illness. In fact, stigma remains the single most significant barrier to people getting the help they need, which is very, very sad because that can be prevented.

People ask what can they do to help end the stigma. Part of what we can do would be to learn more

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about mental illness and to send messages to others that mental illnesses are common and they're real and they're treatable. We can discourage stigmatizing language and labels that we associate with mental illnesses and mental health problems. We can encourage dialogue regarding stress and workloads and family commitments in the workplace and we can encourage employees and family and friends to seek consultation and help when they're feeling overwhelmed and don't know really what else to do.

COMCARE is proud to be Sedgwick County's comprehensive community mental health center. We're one of 29 centers in the State of Kansas and over 120 locations. Seven of those are COMCARE's programs here in Sedgwick County and together, all the community health centers in Kansas this year, served over 85,000 Kansans.

You also might be interested to know that this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Community Mental Health Center. President John Kennedy introduced and passed community mental health center act in 1963, shortly before his assassination. That year, he sent a message to congress calling for quote, 'A bold new approach to solving problems of mental illness and mental retardation'. Part of, I think, his emphasis had to do is that he had a sister that had mental retardation problems. He was the first president to deliver a message on the subject of mental illness, so it was a long time ago.

The community mental health centers have come a long way in 40 years. We treat individuals from all walks of life, all ages and with a wide range of diagnosis. Mental Health Awareness Month is a good time to remember that we're responsible for our mental health, just as we're responsible for our physical health and we need to attend to it daily. We can do that by laughing, by planning, by helping others, taking time to connect with others and being more in touch with our internal state or feelings and, most importantly, to get help when we need it and to encourage others to get help when they need it. Thank you very much."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Marilyn, thank you for representing COMCARE here today. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marilyn, you've been very eloquent in describing the appropriateness of declaring this a Mental Health Month and I just wanted to say that, in my orientation as a new commissioner, when I went around and learned so much more about this issue, I think that the stigmatization of mental health is as big a problem as the issue itself. And so I'm very supportive of us shedding more light on it and hoping to change people's mind and allowing them to receive treatment.

So, just wanted to make comment that I'm very supportive of this proclamation."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Marilyn, you made the statement that

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COMCARE is proud to work in this area. Well, the Commissioners are very proud of the work COMCARE does. You are an asset to the community, so thank you very much, and to all those who work at COMCARE and all those that are here today who work for COMCARE, we appreciate your work very, very much. Next item.”

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY, 2003 AS “OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.”

Ms. Zukovich said, “I’ll read this proclamation into the record, especially for Commissioner Sciortino.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year in May, we honor and recognize older Americans for their important sacrifices and contributions to our society. Older adults in Sedgwick County are significant members of our society and are among Sedgwick County’s most important natural resources; and

WHEREAS, older adults have provided immeasurable contributions by defending our nation, enhancing economic prosperity, and caring for their families and the Sedgwick County community; and

WHEREAS, their commitment to the future of Sedgwick County and our Nation provides an impressive example for all; and

WHEREAS, their continued investment in our community is seen through volunteer work, care giving, community support, and enriching the lives of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year’s observance, “What We Do Makes a Difference”, reminds us that all citizens, regardless of age, including providers of aging services, senior center directors, government officials, community partners, and Sedgwick County citizens are essential in making a difference in the lives of older adults residing in Sedgwick County and those who care for them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Tim R. Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of May as

“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

and call upon all citizens in Sedgwick County to reorganize and honor the vast contributions that older adults and their advocates make in our community every day. And that’s dated May 7th, 2003.”

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Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Kristi. Commissioners, you’ve heard the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Proclamation 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Ms. Zukovich said, “And this morning we have with us Mr. Theron Black. He is the Chairman of the Advisory Board on Aging, to accept this proclamation.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Welcome, Theron. Come on forward.”

Mr. Theron Black, Chairman, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is going to be a busy month, isn’t it. I want to say, on behalf of the Sedgwick County Advisory Board on Aging that we want to thank you, Commissioners, for the proclamation that was just read designating the month of May as the Older Americans Month.

In addition, we want to thank you for the honoring of older adults that make many and varied contributions to this society and not only do they make these contributions for the aged, but also for every citizen of this County and we want to thank you very much for the proclamation. Thank you.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you very much. Commissioner Sciortino has a comment.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. Well you know, Theron is a living example that while there might be snow on the roof, there’s still a lot of fire in the belly and I am also chronologically gifted and I take an active part in a lot of the senior centers, especially the one in Derby. And I have to tell you, those people have not decided just to sit and wait for the inevitable. They are very active. They want to continue to be part of our society. They don’t look for handouts. They get a little spicy and a little bit assertive if they think any of their rights are being curtailed, but they’re a very active part of our society and they are an invaluable resource and I would hope that all of you now understand when we say that they are among Sedgwick County’s most important natural resource. And I just want you to continue that when you have one of those members on your board.

You do a heck of a job for us and the advisory board is invaluable to us in letting us know what are some of the needs and wants that this segment of our society needs there.”

Mr. Black said, “Well, when I visit down there, I notice you’re in the . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’m in the billiard room, not the pool hall. That’s just to be part of the public service and help those fellows out. Some of those guys, we have one that’s a pool hustling preacher. I don’t know what he did in his youth, but he had some kind of a . . . he plays pool very well. Thank you.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Theron, I just wanted to mentioned that at least two members of your advisory board are in Topeka today and tomorrow, at the Governor’s Conference on Aging, and mention that just to emphasize the fact that this isn’t just games and recreation, but this is serious business to see what can be done to improve the quality of life and be of assistance and provide a good life for our older citizens. So, I’m just happy that we’ve got an active board.”

Mr. Black said, “Well, thank you very much.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Theron. Next item.”

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 4-10, 2003 AS “SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK.”

Ms. Zukovich said, “Commissioners, I’ll read this proclamation in for the record.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the third leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15-24; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person commits suicide every 18 minutes, and it is estimated that 4.4 million people in the United States are left to survive the terrible loss after suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is now the 14th leading cause of all deaths in the state of Kansas, with 297 suicides in 2001; and one out of every six Kansans who die from suicide is from Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk of attempting or dying by suicide from seeking lifesaving help; and the stigma associated with suicide deaths further traumatizes those people who lose a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, this years' national theme, 'Competent Communities: Suicide Prevention through support, research and practice' reflects that the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and death and the pain for those affected by suicide. The task force will continue its efforts through appropriate broadening of the public's awareness of suicide and its risk factors, enhancing services and programs, both population-based and clinical care, and through the advancement of the science of suicide prevention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2003 as

"SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Sedgwick County.

And that's dated today, May 7th, 2003."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you, Kristi. Commissioners, you've heard the proclamation. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “And this morning we have Liz McGinness with the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force to accept the proclamation.”

Ms. Liz McGinness, Co-Chair, Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m very honored to be a part of the Sedgwick County Suicide Task Force. Thank you very much for adopting this proclamation and for your ongoing support of this very important situation in our community.

I’d like to also recognize some members of our task force who are with us here in the audience. If they would . . . Bob Burns is with us. Thank you, Bob, for all of your work. Debbie Donaldson, Bev Baalman, Jon Burghart and Chris Collins-Thoman. They represent just a small sliver of the important folks that are working on this important issue and their work is phenomenal.

I’d like to share with you just a few things that we have been able to accomplish in the last year and hope that your enthusiasm for these tasks will also continue. We have, this past year, completed a teen suicide brochure, which is now available and in distribution. That brochure provides information for teens both about the symptoms of depression and suicidology and also gives them referrals and important places to get help.

We also now have a community resource list for support places that people can get assistance if they are in a suicide crisis or know someone who may be. That community resource list is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Lao. So we’re very excited about that as well.

We have also, this past year, completed an older Americans suicide prevention poster. Some of you may actually have seen it out in the community. It is both uplifting and also very poignant in its presentation.

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We continue our work on a teen suicide prevention poster and we are almost in the completing stages of that, so we're hoping to get that distributed as well, so that people will have more awareness.

And then we're also continuing our important work with the Yellow Ribbon suicide prevention program that is being implemented in the Wichita public schools, but also within Sedgwick County schools overall. We had a big training April 25th for members of districts across Sedgwick County and had a very good turnout. We were excited to have had 13 districts represented that received training in the Yellow Ribbon suicide prevention program.

We also now are pleased to announce that we have a Survivors of Suicide support group that meets on the first and third Monday of each month at Inter-Faith Ministries. So that's another important thing that we've been able to accomplish.

All of this information you're going to be able to find on our Sedgwick County Suicide Task Force website, which I am extremely excited to introduce you to and to do that in a more proper and thorough way, I'd like to turn this over to Bev Baalman and to Chris Collins-Thoman. Thank you very much again."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you, Liz."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Chris Collins-Thoman, Member, Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're very pleased to be here today to quickly preview for you the new Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention website. We've worked with a number of organizations within Sedgwick County and I need to give some specific mention to Jeff Piper with the Division of Information and Operations, Debbie Donaldson with the Division of Human Services and Gerald

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Frantz with Public Health. As we've shared with you before, suicide prevention is a public health issue. It's not limited to mental health. As you can see from the people that you've appointed to the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force, we have fire department, city police, and a multitude of other educational areas, Liz McGinness with the public schools and Tony Pickard with W.S.U.

So briefly, I'll go over this with you this morning and will show you just something from each sector. Of course, we want everybody to see the 24-hour suicide prevention services and Bev will click on that for us. And it designates the Crisis Intervention Services with COMCARE as the suicide prevention for 24-hours a day. And we have that on a lot of the other information that's on the website too.

The community resource list that Liz mentioned is on there currently in English and Spanish. We do plan to work on getting that on there in Laotian and Vietnamese. The problem that we're dealing with is the technology with Adobe Acrobat and the characters for that language and not being able to transfer that over right now.

Under awareness we have general suicide information, the history of the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force, information on stigma. As Marilyn mentioned during the mental health information and as was mentioned in the proclamation on suicide prevention, and we have a community Powerpoint presentation that we use for different community presentations that is not ready to go on yet, because we are still adding the 2002 statistics from the Regional Prevention Science Center here in Wichita.

Information on older adults, the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force designated older adults and youth in Sedgwick County as our two primary target populations initially and Monica Sissel with the Area Agency on Aging assisted in putting together the information for this page and we hope that we can reach out with this new technology to more people and raise awareness about suicide prevention, and then there's also an information page on youth.

We separated the website under Awareness, Intervention and Methodology, because those are the designated areas from previous Surgeon General David Satcher's call to action for suicide prevention. Under the intervention we have the Yellow Ribbon program, which Liz McGinness put the information together for that and the suicide survivors' support group, which is actually set to begin on May the 19th, will be the first meeting of that new support group for the community and it also lists the other support groups that are available in the community at this time.

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Under methodology, we have the Year One report, we have the Year Two report, which the Commissioners reviewed and approved at the March 5th meeting. We wanted to show you, it does take a little bit of time to get to the different sites, but again, Jeff Piper has been very helpful in making sure that this would be a point and click opportunity and then the general public can have that Year Two report to review.

And then the suicide statistics include numbers from Sedgwick County and, again, we received those from the Regional Forensic Science Center. The Year Two report also includes information from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in addition to Sedgwick County's numbers. And then our resource links to various agencies and areas in Kansas and the nation. We wanted to show you our connection with the Kansas Suicide Prevention Steering Committee and we continue to work with them in collaboration to insure that the efforts in Sedgwick County are in line with the efforts of the State of Kansas.

And one other that I'll just briefly mention is the Suicide Prevention . . . used to be called Advocacy Network. It is now called the Suicide Prevention Action Network. That was originally established by Jerry and Elsie Weyrock, whose physician daughter committed suicide. And I had the opportunity to meet with them in Atlanta, Georgia in 2002 and took with them an update on what Sedgwick County was doing and they were very thrilled to see a county plan, because their efforts had always been towards getting it at the community level and I commend the Commissioners for supporting that effort in Sedgwick County.

On the left side of the screen, you'll see a listing of the current appointed members to the task force and then, in the middle of the page is our more current updates of what's occurring. Of course Suicide Prevention Week, the Suicide Survivors' Support Group, the statistics for 2002, efforts on youth suicide prevention, our methodology subcommittee will be preparing an article regularly to go on the website and then, of course, the history of Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force. And if it be the will of the Commission, we would like that to go live for the community, to provide another opportunity for awareness and to also assist in furthering our technology in this area."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you very much for the presentation. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I guess we started this with this page, right? So, what . . . when they get to our home page, what are they going to see?"

Ms. Collins-Thoman said, "What we're going to do, after approval and the go live is that it will be a feature on the Sedgwick County web page, but community members will go to

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sedgwickcounty.org and then, after it's no longer on the feature page, they'll go to 'departments', which will be under 'public health' and then can access the information."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. So, on the feature page, it will be there a few months or something maybe? Kristi is saying yes back there. Okay. Well, great. It looks like great work and good information for people in our community. Thank you for working on it."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you and thanks for your presentation today. I would extend our thanks to the entire task force that's working on this. You remember some things. I remember very clearly when Doctor Charles Magruder was giving us information and he was saying this and Debbie Donaldson at COMCARE was saying this and it was something that really needed to come together and everybody be working on the same page on an issue that I think, over time, will have a positive effect. And we hope that the task force is roaring successful in the next few year. But you do have our appreciation, all of you who are on the task force. We appreciate it very much. Thanks for being here today. Next item please."

4. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 10-18, 2003 AS "NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK."

Ms. Zukovich said, "I'll read this into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, travel is one of our most fundamental freedoms, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. travel and tourism industry is one of America's largest service exports, creating over \$91 billion in revenue from international travelers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, without the tax revenue generated by tourism, each U.S. household would pay \$936 more in annual taxes; and

WHEREAS, travel spending in Kansas has also generated nearly \$564 million in tax revenue for federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry supports the vital interests of Sedgwick County, contributing to our employment, economic prosperity, international trade relations, peace, understanding and goodwill.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 10-18, 2003 as

“NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and encourage citizens to become tourists in their own communities and across the State of Kansas.

And that is dated today, May 7th, 2003.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Kristi. Commissioners, you’ve heard the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Ms. Zukovich said, “And Commissioners, we have our good friend, Mr. John Rolfe, from the Wichita Convention and Visitors’ Bureau here today to accept this proclamation.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Welcome, John.”

Mr. John Rolfe, Wichita Convention and Visitors’ Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As Kristi has already stated, I’m John Rolfe and joining me here is also Olivia Reynolds, our director of tourism for the Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors’ Bureau.

I just want to thank you for proclaiming National Tourism Week May 10th through 18th. And also

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want to thank you for your ongoing support and certainly participation by Commissioner McGinn and Director Ron Holt on our board and we certainly appreciate their support.

Every once in a while, we get a little bit challenged by technology and of course that happened this morning, but none the less, I'll be the short technology if I may. So, we had a short presentation and you will receive a copy of that, by CD, on that presentation. But I just wanted to share just a few statistics that was in that presentation and Kristi has shared a little bit about that within the proclamation.

But travel and tourism is the third largest industry, after food and transportation and 545.6 billion dollars is spent in total direct travel, 90.6 billion in travel is spent by international visitors to the United States, 94.4 billion dollars in direct travel generated tax revenue, 18 million direct and induced travel-generated jobs and 165.8 billion direct travel-generated payroll.

These travelers do pay taxes, from hotel room taxes, sales tax, highway tolls, airport fees, rental car taxes and gasoline taxes. Well, what does that mean, locally? On the national level, without tax revenue generated by tourism, every family in America would pay an additional thousand dollars more in taxes every year. What that means to us locally, that number equates to \$936, with over 21,000 jobs in the local area.

I've asked Olivia to join me just to briefly share with you what's in your packets, as well as a little bit about what we're doing at the Convention and Visitors' Bureau on the tourism side of things."

Ms. Olivia Reynolds, Director of Tourism, Greater Wichita Convention and Tourism Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's nice to meet all of you. I've moved to Wichita last July, so this will be my first County Commission meeting and I'm glad to be here."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Where are you from?"

Ms. Reynolds said, "I'm directly from Hutchinson, short move. Actually, we put some gift bags at each one of your stations this morning. I just wanted to acknowledge also Carry Welshlager, who is our communications director, and without her help on this project, National Tourism Week would not have been celebrated to the degree that we are."

In those packets, you will see there's some information on a pineapple and the reason that we put that on there is the pineapple is the international symbol for hospitality. So that is our way of showing hospitality to you and just wanted to make sure you knew that. There are also some

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cookies in there, so please, if you dig a little deeper, if you get hungry this morning, we wanted to make sure that you had some food items.

We also have some packets of information that we will give to Kristi that she will hand out to you later and in those packets of information you will see we have a copy of our hot off the press official 2003 visitor's guide and we're really proud of that. So, please take that publication, review it and tell us what you think and, you know, we're always open to suggestions. It's an annual publication and so we are updating it continually throughout the year for the next publication.

Also wanted to just talk to you a little bit about a couple of major projects and programs that the bureau has recently helped bring to Sedgwick County and one of those is a new film festival. The reason I wanted to touch on that is right now there is a film festival going on in New York. This is the second year. It's called Tribeca and it has actually brought national attention and that's exactly what we're trying to do with the Tallgrass Film Festival that will happen October 2nd through the 5th this year and then, hopefully, we will maintain that date in future years. But a lot of work has gone into this and it will draw people from all over the United States and bring national and international attention. So, we're really thrilled to bring that new event here.

We also initiated a new frontline training program. We know that bringing people here is only half the battle. If they aren't treated properly and shown respect and given good service and hospitality, they will not return. So, our frontline training program is literally taking frontline people in every type of business that we have that visitors frequent and teaching the importance and telling them how, by being a good employee, that that actually will maintain that particular business and it maintains their job.

We also have brought national speakers to Wichita to speak to the community business leaders on the importance of tourism and the trends that are in tourism right now that we need to acknowledge. Because of those trends, we have launched a different type of advertising campaign and we are understanding that this immersing trend, because of the difficulties in the last year or two, are keeping families closer together and traveling together more than they ever have before. So not only here in the Midwest, but all over the United States advertising is now geared to a two to five hundred mile radius of your destination, because that's the distance that most people are willing to drive and more people are driving right now than any other form of travel because of what's happened.

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We've also initiated a golf promotion, trying to establish, because of our many and wonderful and beautiful courses, Wichita and Sedgwick County as a major golf destination. So, those are just some of the things that we're involved in and, again, we invite your input on our programs. The visitors that are coming here pay city, county and state sales taxes and they are supporting all of us in everything that we do. And I'll turn it over to John again."

Mr. Rolfe said, "And I will just close again by saying thank you. There are other staff members in the back here with us and, while Olivia says she was from Hutch, she was the one that was most involved with that U.S. Women's Golf Open and a few other conventions and I thought well, I'd hire her if, in fact, she brought it to Wichita next time around. So, that's a little agreement we have. Just joking. But we're glad to have her aboard and, again, we want to thank you for your time today and for your ongoing support and we look forward to our continued relationship. Thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you, John. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well I hope you're not joking about the golf tournament because that is one thing that I hear from people that aren't originally from here, that they can't believe the variety of golf courses that we have. If your income level is a public course, we've got it. If you want something more exclusive like a country club, we've got it. I mean, choices and I think that's a great thing that we have here in our community. So, Olivia, if you want to bring any kind of open here and you have any strings to pull, please do so."

Do you have some events going on this month as well? I mean, I'm not sure I caught specifically what things you were going to do."

Ms. Reynolds said, "We promote events all year long and we promote them two, three, five years out. And of course this month our pride and joy is the Wichita River Festival. And immediately after that, we have many events throughout the summer that will bring visitors here and then we will culminate that with the Aviation Festival immediately followed by the Tallgrass Film Festival. So, we've got events ongoing in this area and if people can't find something to do, there's definitely something wrong. So, we're working hard at communicating that information, what's going on on a daily basis through our website, which has totally been revamped and was just recently relaunched."

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, I agree that you are doing something year-long, I just knew that there was quite a bit of focus here going on right now. The other thing that I wanted to ask and you might take this opportunity to share with the rest of the community, you know we hear a lot about film festivals, but I’m not sure that everybody knows exactly what is involved in a film festival and if we’re bringing one here to our community, can you just share a little bit about that?”

Ms. Reynolds said, “Yeah. As time draws near, we will get more information out on a weekly, monthly basis so that everyone is informed exactly who this brings in, but the first thing that we did was host a reception at the Sundance Film Festival, and I think everyone has heard or knows a little bit about what the Sundance Festival involves, film festival. And we were met with incredible excitement that we were going to bring an event like this to the Midwest. So that was our first, kind of, hill to get over.

Secondly, because of the interest, we will have film producers here showcasing what we have here for the future growth in film. We will have independent . . . our main focus will be on showcasing independent films and a lot of the major films that are currently up for Globe awards or Academy Awards or actually independent films were showcased during a film festival. So, it really has unlimited potential, as far as the focus to the Wichita and Sedgwick County area.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. Well, I just want to say thank you for all that you do, John and your staff and your board, I see some board members here too, for what you do. It’s not just Wichita. It’s the surrounding area as well and I’ve always been a big believer in, since a lot of our taxes are dependent on property taxes, you know you go, you hear about Branson, Missouri or somewhere and it’s like ‘Well, we hardly have to pay any’. Well, look at what’s going on and so, the more we can do in the area of tourism, we can take some of that tax burden off somewhere else and let the visitors help provide some of our services that we have to do at the government level. So, thank you very much and thank you for being here today and providing this information.”

Mr. Rolfe said, “Thank you.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thanks again, John. Commissioners, the next item is a presentation of Bel Aire and they had another commitment this morning and they are going to be here later. Do we need a Motion, if we’re just going to defer this until later, or can I just say we’re going to defer Item B.”

Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor, said, “I think you can just go ahead and defer that without a Motion, as the Chairman.”

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Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right. We're going to defer Item B until later in the meeting. Madame Clerk, will you call Item C."

C. PRESENTATION REGARDING RIVER FESTIVAL EVENTS.

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "And we have Bob Thompson, Admiral Windwagon. Welcome to our meeting."

Mr. Bob Thompson, Admiral Windwagon Smith XXX, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you again for being in your presence. On behalf of the Wichita River Festival, I want to thank you for your support. The County has been very generous and, as you may know, they stepped up this year and provided some funding for a special committee with the Wichita River Festival to look at some funding, to look at diversity with the Wichita River Festival. That was one of the issues that had always surfaced at the Wichita River Festival is people say, 'Well, it's not for me' and that kind of thing. Thank you for stepping forward and helping with the funding for that committee to look at diversity."

And speaking of this year's River Festival, it is very diverse this year and it's appealing to a wide audience this year, so it's something for everybody this year. This year, a lot of our days this year are theme oriented. So if you like Country, we will have it. If you like Blues, we will have it. If you like to go to a flea market, we will have that also. If you have children, there's a special day for children this year. As in past years, we've always had May 11th was Mother's Day and it was really for children but this year it is reserved for the mothers. So all the mothers out there in the community, sitting here in the room this year, be sure to come down to Hyatt Park for that celebration.

As you know, the Wichita River Festival is supported by volunteers and there's over 4,000 volunteers that participate in that River Festival and bring the 70-plus events this year. One of the changes this year that you may want to make a note of is things have changed just a little bit. As you may know, there's construction in Central Riverside Park. So, the thought was to move things and we have centralized them more this year and most of the events will be in the downtown core area, so it shouldn't go any further past Broadway and no further past McLean to the west. So, if you're looking for events this year in South Riverside Park, they're not going to be there. They're going to be downtown, so the thing this year is you can park and you can walk. So there shouldn't be any issues with getting around this year, because everything will be downtown.

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Also new this year, we're bringing back the hot air balloons. There was an absence of that a couple of years ago. So, weather permitting, this year we will have hot air balloons. So, look into the skies on Saturday morning and you will see some hot air balloons, once again weather permitting.

Mardi Gras this year will bring in national recording artist Zydeco from New Orleans. On the second Friday, we'll have national recording star B. B. King at Century II and I would urge you, if you have not bought your tickets this year, if you have not bought your tickets yet, I would urge you to do that, because that event is probably going to sell out.

Once again, Commissioners, on behalf of the Wichita River Festival, we thank you for your continued support. I, as a taxpayer, I thank you personally, each and every one of you and I want you to know that your security system is working well downstairs, because I have no wallet, I have no keys, so it is working. I do have for you this morning, a small token of appreciation from Wichita River Festival. And it is a framed this year's poster that is numbered and we would like for you to hang that in a place where the public can view it and, once again, many thanks from the Wichita River Festival and we pray for hot and sunny weather."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you Bob. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair Pro Tem or whatever you are today. I want to say thank you, Bob, for being here today. I know my memory is bad, but this is the first time that the Windwagon Master was here today. So, I just thank you for coming in. I'm sorry we gave you such a hard time at the door trying to get you through the door, but we appreciate it.

And also, I'm glad that we are able to sponsor some of the diversity activities this year. It's kind of something new and different and it looks like, from what we saw when we went to the luncheon and heard about it, it's going to be a very great event.

And then, the other thing I'd just share, I probably every year I've asked where's the hot air balloons and it's because the last year it was here, I finally got myself out of bed early enough, went down to Simms Park and watched them and I'll tell you, that is just an awesome event. From the time . . . watching them get them all ready to go, filling up the balloons and those kinds of things, and so take your camera and just shoot away. It's a great time and so I hope we have good weather for that as well. So, thank you again."

Mr. Thompson said, "Thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Bob, I'm sorry about what happened. It's just a simple case of profiling. Anybody that walks into the courthouse looking as weird as you do is going to set off a security."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I think it's your magnetic personality."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I've been honored to call Bob Thompson a friend, he and his wife. I've known them for many, many years and this year is real special to this entire community. It's the first time we've had a minority member as the Admiral. The real reason was, they asked everybody else and they couldn't find anybody else to agree to it, so they gave it to Bob. No, this is a really unique thing. This festival is now getting more and more inclusive. It's more diversified. I'm going to have the privilege, the children may not like it, but I'm going to be reading little Spanish children stories to the kids at the Hispanic celebration that's going to be held there in the parking lot behind the old Broadview Hotel Saturday and it's just really warming to me that we're including everybody in this community and all different segments of society are able to call this festival their own. And you're going to be the start of it, Bob and I just really am honored to see you making a fool of yourself up in public with that outfit on, but you look real good with it."

Mr. Thompson said, "Thank you, Ben."

Commissioner McGinn said, "You don't have to tell him thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Bob, thank you very much for being here."

Mr. Thompson said, "Thank you, sir. And once again, thank you for your support."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "We hope it's a wonderful festival."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to receive and file.

Chair Pro Tem Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh Aye

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Mayor O’Neal from Bel Aire has arrived, but we have some appointments. I think we’re going to go ahead and do our appointments and then we’ll come back to the Bel Aire presentation. So, would you call Item D.”

APPOINTMENTS

D. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SANDY AVELLO (COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD.**

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Jennifer, can we take these all at once, or do we need a separate on each one of them?”

Ms. Magana said, “I would suggest, Chairman, that you take the first one separately, because it’s a separate board and then the next four are Council on Aging, they could be done together.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Okay. Do we have a Motion on Item D-1?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, Mr. Chairman, first of all I’d like to also recognize, if I could, Mayor Dion Avello, who has joined his wife here. Dion is the new mayor of Derby and a personal friend of mine and thank you very much for coming and we had a very wild time Saturday but it looked like everything was happy. Dion and Sandy’s daughter got married out at Terradyne and it was a great event. And they all breathed a sign of relief, I think, when it was all over.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “And then we’ll do all the rest of them. We can swear them all in at the same time, can’t we? We need to swear Sandy in. Come forward please, Sandy. Right over here to the podium. Linda, would you come forward. Are you going to do the swearing in?”

Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk, said, “Yes, Don is at county clerk’s meeting.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “That’s fine.”

Ms. Leggett 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.

Ms. Sandy Avello, member, Sedgwick County Animal Control Advisory Board, said, “I do.”

Ms. Leggett said, “Congratulations.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you very much.”

Ms. Avello said, “I really don’t have much to say except I’m just glad Saturday is over too.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thanks for volunteering to be on this board, Sandy. Madame Clerk, would you then read Items D-2, 3, 4 and 5.”

2. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVE PEADEN (COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

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3. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING JANEEN POWERS (COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**
4. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROLYN SMITH (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**
5. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING BEVERLY E. BENSON PhD RN (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve heard those appointees. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Now are any of these folks presents today? Would you please come forward. Please come forward up to the podium and Linda Leggett, the Deputy Clerk, will swear you in.”

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Ms. Leggett 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.”

Ms. Dave Peaden and Ms Janeen Powers, Members, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, said, “I do.”

Ms. Leggett said, “Congratulations.”

Ms. Powers said, “Thank you for the opportunity.”

Mr. Peaden said, “Thank you very much.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you for being willing to serve. And as Commissioner Sciortino said earlier, we do value the recommendations and the things that advisory boards suggest and bring to us. So your work is very important to us. We’ve got two more appointments. Madam Clerk, would you take Item 6.”

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DON BRACE, SUSAN ERLENWEIN AND LARRY D. BROOKMAN (AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRIEVANCE HEARING BOARD.

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Jennifer, these are not swearing in positions, are they?”

Ms. Magana said, “No, they are not.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “D-7 please.”

7. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM MEEK, RICHARD CHEBULTZ AND SHARON MARTINEZ (AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS) AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRIEVANCE HEARING BOARD.

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Commissioners, at this time we’ll back up and take Item B. Madam Clerk, would you read Item B.”

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PRESENTATIONS

B. PRESENTATION REGARDING CITY OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS.

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. Earlier this year, Chairman Norton began the process of inviting the 19 smaller communities to come and make presentations to the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners that we might be more informed about each other. About four weeks ago, the City of Colwich was here for the first of those presentations and today the City of Bel Aire is here. So I would welcome the City of Bel Aire. Gary, if you’d like to come forward and do whatever it is you would like to do.”

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Gary O’Neal, Mayor, City of Bel Aire, greeted the Commissioners and said, “First thing I would like to do would be to thank County Commissioners and Chairman Norton, who is absent today, for the opportunity for the small cities of Sedgwick County to come to the County Commission and present information regarding our cities.

Previously, in conversations that I’ve had with Commissioners, and I know that they vote on things that effect small cities in the County. It seems it would be a good idea if the small cities did have an opportunity to share some more information about our cities, since the votes that you take do have an effect on the small cities in the county.

Barb, are you going to be standing here next to me. Okay, that’s fine. We have prepared . . . this is Barb Krause, who is part of our staff, administrative assistant here in Bel Aire and she has put together a Powerpoint presentation and she has given me something to read and if I can stay with the pictures, it will be very well coordinated, which is better than what I am. So, we will go forward with the presentation of the City of Bel Aire.

First of all, our motto of the City of Bel Aire is . . . It was established by the will of its citizens’ and that was on November 26th of 1980. And the motto is ‘It is the city of the future, with respect for its past’.

Bel Aire enjoys a lofty perch in Sedgwick County, at the hub of northeast Wichita. Despite its unmatched accessibility to Wichita, it manages to preserve the small town advantages of yesteryear, privacy, security and a pervasive quiet that speaks of its neighborhood values.

Bel Aire has a mayor/ council form of government and is managed by a city administrator and a staff of 35 employees. The City of Bel Aire is one of the newest cities in the State of Kansas and has a unique history dating to its original formation in January of 1955 as an improvement district,

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then incorporating as a city on November 26th, 1980. At that time, Bel Aire became a city of the third class. In 1998, the city officials received state recognition to become a city of the second class.

Bel Aire is mainly a residential community with a population of 6,014 residents, according to the U.S. 2002 census, residing in 2,041 housing units. The city is considered a strong middle-class community with an above-average income, education and home-ownership rate. Residents are about twice as likely to be in a management or professional position as compared to others living in Sedgwick County. Only Eastborough tops Bel Aire's median household income of \$66,937. The city has almost no poverty and few declining properties. What Bel Aire does have is street after street lined with homes that are worth about 150 to \$175,000. The homes are owned by professionals who can afford to live in Wichita's priciest locales, but have chosen Bel Aire's quite streets and thriving recreation programs to call home.

Education is provided by USD 259, that's our public school district that serves the Bel Aire area. Our children attend the Gamon Elementary School, the new Stuckey Middle School, which is just off of 45th and Oliver, and the Heights High School. Bel Aire also has two private schools, Sunrise Christian Academy with a current enrollment of 800, which serves child care through the 12th grade and Resurrection Catholic School with an enrollment of 259, serving pre-K through the 8th grade.

All of those schools, just to mention, Resurrection, Sunrise Christian Academy and the new Stuckey Middle School are all located along 45th Street, which has become quite an arterial street out in our area. So there are over 1,600 kids in Bel Aire that travel that street to private schools, plus what this new Stuckey School will have over on 45th and Oliver. So it's a busy arterial street.

Sunrise Christian Academy recently submitted plans to the City of Bel Aire to expand their facilities with the construction of a new four-year high school and expand the student population to over 1,200 students.

Bel Aire currently has a small but growing commercial base. Bel Aire Plaza, at the corner of 37th and Woodlawn, represents Bel Aire's current business core. Despite limited available land, the area continues to grow, with small commercial businesses serving the growing residential market.

A new development, BelPointe Plaza, will soon adjoin Bel Aire Plaza. BelPointe Plaza is located on the northwest corner of Hillcrest and 37th Street North, just west of Woodlawn. The new site will contain a Subway Restaurant, nine store fronts and a retail strip mall.

Bel Aire's largest business is the Catholic Care Center, a 160 acre development that provides a 178 bed nursing facility, a retirement home for 24 priests and a bishop's residence. A recently completed \$14,000,000 expansion has added a new 60-apartment assisted living center and a 40-

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bed memory care center. Bel Aire recently received plans from the Catholic Care Center for a new expansion for approximately 100 units of retired villas and stand-alone homes for independent living seniors.

One of Bel Aire's newest developments is Central Park Addition. It is unique in the aspect that the City of Bel Aire is a developer for this project. The new 400-acre project was designed by the Young Design Group, Branson, Missouri and will provide home sites for more than 500 residences, a new 25-acre downtown center with adjacent commercial, office and garden homes, an 1/8th acre government complex that will become home to the new Bel Aire City Hall, all planned around a 50-acre central park and recreational area.

To address Bel Aire's future commercial growth, Bel Aire established a public/ private partnership known as the Chisholm Creek Development LLC, which purchased and annexed into the City of Bel Aire 900 acres of land along the Webb Road and Greenwich corridor. This land will provide future commercial and industrial development, which will insure the growth of the City of Bel Aire for years to come.

Bel Aire is served with convenient highway access with Interstate 135 and 235, Highway 254 and K-96. Bel Aire's corporate boundaries abut Jabara Airport, providing service for private and charter flights, and Mid-Continent Airport is approximately 20 minutes away by the interstate highway system.

Bel Aire's 2002 total mill levy, at 114.322, represents the lowest mill levy of any second and third class city in Sedgwick County. With a 2003 revised budget of over \$8,000,000, the City of Bel Aire provides services including general administration, building inspection and code enforcement, 24/ 7 police protection, recreation center, parks, buildings and grounds, street maintenance and water and sewer services.

We have some major happening in Bel Aire. Since the 1990s, Bel Aire continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in Kansas. With its rapid growth comes the need for new water and sewer services. A 1,000,000 gallon water tower was constructed last year just east of the corner of Woodlawn, off 53rd Street North, and a new \$30,000,000 water and sewer plant was constructed near Park City this past year. The new water and sewer plants were constructed in 2002 by the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, which is an inner-governmental agency which is formed through a partnership between Park City and Bel Aire to provide utility services. Sewer went on-line on November of 2002 and water service began in January, 2003 for the residents of Bel Aire.

In addition, Bel Aire constructed a treated water line from the sewer plant located in Park City, back to the City of Bel Aire for irrigation use for public and private properties. The new water and sewer utility systems have strengthened the city's ability to expand economic development within our community. It has placed control of water and sewer costs and rates within the City of Bel Aire and

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improved our capacity for fire protection. This new utility improvement has created a 70-year water supply for the city.

I'd like to talk for just a few moments about Bel Aire's recycling and trash programs. In 2002, Bel Aire established a comprehensive curbside recycling program, which recycles an average of 35 tons per month, under a recently revised two-bag program for four dollars per household per month. In addition, the recycling contractor provides trash pick-up to over 1,400 households, for an additional nine dollars per month.

Effective January, 2003, Bel Aire contracted with the Chisholm Creek Utility authority for our recycling and trash services for the City of Bel Aire."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Mayor, could you please just go back to that slide about trash and hauling just for a second. I didn't understand it. Am I to understand that \$13 dollars a month they get recycling and trash pick-up?"

Mr. O'Neal said, "That is correct, weekly, yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Mr. O'Neal said, "Where do the recyclables go? Recyclables are delivered to the Stutzman Recycling Center in Hutchinson, Kansas. Trash is taken to a Sedgwick County transfer station. We're very proud that Bel Aire received the Kansas Pollution Prevention Award for establishing our curbside recycling program in 2002 from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. And it was a pleasure to go up to Topeka and have Secretary Graber present that to Bel Aire. We worked hard for our curbside recycling program, for our trash program and it has worked out very well. We're very pleased with it.

Internally, Bel Aire is served by major arterial streets. Woodlawn is currently scheduled for improvement in 2006 and 37th Street North to Woodlawn. However, recent annexations have changed priorities for some of our road improvements, which may alter the Woodlawn project. 53rd Street, 45th Street, Rock Road, Woodlawn Street and 37th Street North are all streets that are important arterial streets to Bel Aire and we are continuing to review our priorities, along with budget constraints and the changing scheme of things with the new Stuckey Middle School up along 45th, we feel, will impact that arterial street heavily.

Looking forward, Bel Aire continues to look forward. We have accomplished many goals in the past few years that we intend to achieve much more. As you can tell, in Bel Aire we like to think outside the box. We've tried to do that. For a small city, in Bel Aire we are extremely proud of our staff, the things we've been able to accomplish the last three years and we're very proud of our curbside recycling program, our trash, the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority was set up between

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Park City and Bel Aire, and the opportunities it has presented for us as small cities in Sedgwick County. With that, if there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer any if the Commissioners would have any."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I just wanted to make a comment and compliment you, not just on your presentation, but the fact that the City of Bel Aire is a substantial component of our community, a substantial partner and you're doing remarkable things. Some might say that you're aggressive, but we'll say that you're at least very innovative in trying to address the problems of the community and you're doing a wonderful job and doing it with the lowest mill levy for any second and third class city in the state, it's a remarkable job. And we're happy that you're a partner with us in Sedgwick County."

Mr. O'Neal said, "Thank you very much. We have an excellent staff that come to us with excellent ideas. We continually challenge them to think outside the box. We try to look for other small communities to coop together and to partner to do things. This would involve even equipment, during these tight budget times, where one piece of equipment may be extremely expensive for one city, but those shared costs could be put together with another city. You can share equipment that may not be used every day, so we're looking to continue to find ways to partner with other cities to maximize how we can use equipment and minimize the costs of services to our citizens. And we are pleased to have the opportunity to be here this morning, and we look forward to working with the Commissioners on future projects, and if we can help in any way, economic development, trash recycling, anything, we're available."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, we appreciate it. We're glad you're thinking outside the box." **Mr. O'Neal** said, "We also look forward, I might add, Commission Unruh, who is Bel Aire's commissioner, will be having a satellite office in Bel Aire starting Friday morning, May 23rd. We look forward to having you in our community and available to citizens in our area, to hear from them as well."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Where will it be located?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "In the city offices."

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Mr. O'Neal said, "Bel Aire City Hall, we have an office set up there for Commissioner Unruh and he will have Internet access for a laptop, so it will be a working office for Mr. Unruh, if that's what he desires."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What are going to be your hours, Dave? When are you going to be there?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Be there from 8:30 till noon is the plan presently and we'll see if anybody shows up and we'll modify them if we have to."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Wait a minute. Let me assure you, they will show up, if it's any indication what happens in Derby. So you're going be on Friday mornings, 8:30 to noon."

Commissioner Unruh said, "That's the plan."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Gary, you're really to be complimented. You know, I don't know if the word aggressive is, but your heart and soul has been in Bel Aire for many years and I know that, over the years that I've seen you try to do some innovative things and there's been obstacles and nay-sayers and you just seem to weave right through it with your focus on the end goal and get it accomplished. How are your relationships with your southern suburb?"

Mr. O'Neal said, "Our southern suburb of Wichita is improving. This morning, at 9:00, we had the opportunity to have a meeting with new Mayor Mayans and also with new Councilwoman Susan Schlapp and it was a very productive meeting. So, we welcome the opportunity for continued dialogue with our southern suburb."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "We certainly are very heartened by the fact that I think there's a whole new era in the City of Wichita and a whole new attitude and really this idea that we're all one large community. And, for example, instead of competing with Bel Aire if some medium-sized manufacturing company wants to locate in Bel Aire, why don't we all, Sedgwick County included, help you get that, because those people that work there are going to be spending their money in Sedgwick County and everybody is going to benefit. So, instead of competing, let's cooperate and see if we can help each other. So, I share your optimism that it's a whole new world, as far as inner-governmental relations are concerned."

Mr. O'Neal said, "Well, we all, in Sedgwick County, are in the same boat and we all need to get our oars in the water at the same time, going the same direction. So, between the small cities, the

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county commissioners, the City of Wichita, the various organizations that we all work with, we all need to work together to find, by thinking out of the box, better ways to do things, to save money and to provide the best services at the least cost.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I agree. That’s all I had.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, thank you very much, Gary. We appreciate the presentation very much. Do we have a Motion to receive and file the presentation?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, before we go to the Planning Department, it’s been requested that we take an Off Agenda item, resolution supporting the men and women of the Armed Forces and the aerospace industry.”

MOTION

Chair Pro Tem Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Commissioner Sciortino, would you like to address this?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Sure. Commissioners, late yesterday afternoon, I got a phone call from Washington D.C., encouraging us to put together a resolution that would support the F/A 22 Raptor program, which is in some jeopardy of being maybe eliminated and a similar resolution was passed by the City of Wichita yesterday and this resolution, which shortly I’ll ask the Clerk to read, just goes on record of us saying that we understand and we encourage our federal legislators to really think hard before they maybe eliminate this project, because it will have, if it goes forward, a very positive impact on the State of Kansas. Boeing is going to be involved in some of the subcontracting work, as I understand it, and I would hope that you all would support it and maybe would ask the Clerk now, if you could read this resolution into the record.”

Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk, said, “Whereas, the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to join Kansans from across the state and all Americans in praising our armed servicemen and women and the hardworking men and women who provide our military with vital equipment; and

Whereas, Sedgwick County has a great stake in the avionic industry and aviation is a unique, specialized and highly technical industry of vital importance to the Kansas economy; and

Whereas, Kansans today use cutting edge technology to build components of the United States Air Force’s revolutionary fighter jet, the Lockheed Martin F/A-22 Raptor; and

Whereas, projects like the F/A 22-Raptor will bring more than \$30 million dollars to the Kansas economy and provide the highest quality jobs to thousands of Kansans this year, stimulating the aerospace industry in the state, and in Sedgwick County, and

Whereas, Kansas is home to vital components of our military’s air capabilities as well as the home of dedicated soldiers, sailors and airmen flying and maintaining those aircraft at bases across the country and has a long history of involvement in construction for commercial and military aviation today; and

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas that: Section 1) the members of this body recognize that the F/A-22 Raptor is essential to the economy of the State of Kansas and the County of Sedgwick and urge our elected officials in

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Washington, D.C. to support and defend the F/A-22 program as a vital program for our economy and fundamental component of our military. Section 2) this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, that’s the resolution. Is there discussion or questions, or are you prepared to make a Motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the resolution.

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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, thank you. Now we’ll be back on track with Item E, Madam Clerk.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

E. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).

- 1. CASE NUMBER ZON2003-12 – ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “GO” GENERAL OFFICE, GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE HARRY STREET AND GREENWICH ROAD INTERSECTION. DISTRICT #5.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Dale Miller, Acting Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, greeted the

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Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is a request for a zone change to General Office. The application area is the area outlined in the black tape with the arrow pointing to it. It's 1.9 acres in size. As you can see, it's located on the west side of Greenwich and north of Harry just a little ways.

This is the site of a larger tract that is currently being offered for sale. The applicant has bought an entire 10 acres off the southern end of the larger tract. And today, on that site, there is a building that appears to be a horse stable. I think they do miniature horses, or did until recently and the applicant would like to convert the stable into his insurance office, and so that's the reason for the request for the zone change.

As you can see, the owner of the rest of the property lives up here. Got some agricultural use around and some other large lot residential as well. So we felt like that the 'GO' zoning would provide a good buffer in that location. As you can see on the Comprehensive Plan map, at the time that they thought that should be for low-density residential, but there is the commercial on the corner and so it would provide a good buffer.

Site plan that the applicant has submitted on how he intends to use the site for the office and this is the application area. I'll just run through these, kind of giving you an idea of what you can see around. This is west of the application area, it's part of the 10 acres that's not under consideration for rezoning but it is part of the ownership of the applicant. And Planning Staff and Planning Commission are recommending approval. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, Commissioners, are there questions or comments of Dale?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh Aye

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Next item."

2. **CASE NUMBER CON2003-00006 – RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO PERMIT A 300-FOOT HIGH COMMUNICATION TOWER ON PROPERTY ZONED “RR” RURAL RESIDENTIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF K-96 AND 295TH STREET WEST. DISTRICT #3.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Miller said, "This is the application area. You can see it's located just west of 295th Street, south of K-96. They are proposing to construct a 300-foot tall, lattice communication tower on this location. The applicant indicates that they need this site in order to provide enhanced service along K-96 and to the Mount Hope area.

Aerial showing land uses around the area, primarily are agricultural. This looks like a home, but actually it's an elevator. The closest home is down in this area. In a wider scope view of how it relates to Mount Hope. This case did go to Mount Hope for their consideration and they did recommend approval, subject to the conditions that are in the staff report. This is the service area today, based on the applicant's propagation studies and then if the tower is approved, then they would fill in this middle area and provide enhanced coverage.

A diagram of the lattice tower and guys that would support it. Site plan, and then, don't pay any attention to the direction statements down on the right hand side. Somebody got really messed up and none of these are the right direction. This is actually looking at the site to the west and, as I understand it, this is looking south. That's east, back towards Mount Hope. This is the elevator that's closest to the site, back towards the north, towards K-96. Again, Planning Commission recommended approval, as did Mount Hope, subject to the conditions that are contained in the staff report. I'd be happy to answer any questions. The applicant's agent is here. She indicated she didn't really think she needed to speak, unless you had questions."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, Dale. At the Planning Commission, the vote was 11-0, I think, in favor of this?"

Mr. Miller said, "I believe that's correct, yes."

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Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “And Mount Hope, was there any . . .?”

Mr. Miller said, “No opposition.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “I think some of the . . . Yeah, Mount Hope Planning approved it. I think some of the comments I’ve heard is they’re looking forward to having better cell communication with the result of this. So, Commissioners, are there any other questions?”

MOTION

Chair Pro Tem Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Dale.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And I think the agents did a lot of hard work. They were here, ready for all the controversy and everything. That’s great.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Kim. We’re glad you were here, just in case there was a question. Next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

F. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

- 1. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS TO ACQUIRE A SITE**

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**AND CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP THEREON A JUVENILE JUSTICE
COMPLEX FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.**

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The resolution that’s before you is a request to the Public Building Commission to finance the Juvenile Detention Facility that we’ve been talking about for a number of years. As you know, bonds that are issued by the PBC would be secured by a lease that the County would execute with PBC and the lease would call for us to make payments to the PBC in an amount equal to their debt service on the bonds.

This project has an estimated construction cost of \$24,000,000, 24.1 million dollars and when financing costs are added to that, the resolution is asking PBC to issue bonds not exceeding 25.345 million dollars. We expect that those bonds will be issued around the first of next year, after we have accepted bids and awarded a construction contract on the Juvenile Detention Facility.

The bonds are proposed to have a 20 year maximum term and we estimate that they will require 1.8 million dollars of annual debt service for the PBC and a corresponding amount of annual lease payments to PBC in the County’s budget. That lease payment would require a tax rate of .61 mills at the current estimated value of taxation. And of course, over time, as values increase, that tax rate goes down. We would not propose, necessarily, to increase the tax rate by 6/10th of a mill. To cover this, however, there will be offsetting reductions in prior imposed tax rates for other debt issues that would offset this increase.

If you have no questions, I would recommend your approval of this resolution.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, thank you, Chris. It would be my assumption that probably by the end of this year, first of next year we would still be in a position of taking advantage of what are really uncharacteristically low interest rates.”

Mr. Chronis said, “We expect so.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “If we saw something on the horizon that those interest rates began an upward movement, would we move forward or would we at least consider that?”

Mr. Chronis said, “We would consider it. There are certain steps that we have to go through before the Public Building Commission can issue debt. As is the case with you on most of the bonds that you issue directly, the Public Building Commission has to go through a protest period on this bond issue and that protest period is, I believe, 90 days. So we wouldn’t be able to issue bonds

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until that had been exhausted. But we'll begin that process as soon as is practical and be prepared to issue bonds as soon as possible, if the market turns on us.

I forgot to mention that in the audience we have Joe Norton, who is as you know our bond counsel, and he can answer any technical questions you might have about this document."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you. I was going to acknowledge that Joe Norton is here, our bond counsel, and I'm certain if he disagreed with any of your presentation, he would be standing up saying so."

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, said, "30-day protest period."

Mr. Chronis said, "He's disagreed already. 30-day protest period, not a 90-day protest period. Thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, so we're glad he's here. That is a 30-day protest period. All right, Commissioners, are there any other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Chair Pro Tem Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you, Chris. Next item."

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

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Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, this resolution authorizes the courthouse improvements that you have previously authorized in a variety of prior resolutions and, more specifically, this resolution authorizes us to proceed with actions necessary to issue General Obligation Bonds to finance those courthouse improvements.

The Capital Improvement Program includes approximately 12.2 million dollars worth of a variety of improvements to this building, and other county structures that are within three blocks of this building. And under state law, that three-block area is defined as the courthouse for purposes of this bond issuances under this authority.

The bonds that we propose to sell would be sold in August. They would be in the amount of approximately twelve and a half million dollars to finance the 12.2 million dollars of improvements and pay for issuance costs. The improvements are listed on your agenda summary, and as you know, some of those were initiated last year, others are under construction this year and will begin construction later this year and a few will begin construction next year. And all of that is consistent with the Capital Improvement Program that you've adopted.

Prior to any of those projects being initiated last year, you adopted a resolution declaring your intent to reimburse expenditures on those projects from the proceeds of a future bond issue. This is the bond issue in question.

And so, by timing the bond issue in this way, we're able to minimize the number of times we have to go to market with debt. We can reimburse expenditures that occurred as far back as last year and we'll be able to pay for future project expenditures from the bond proceeds extending through next year.

These bonds also will have a 20-year maximum term. The annual debt service on them we estimate will be about \$920,000 and the mill rate equivalent necessary to produce property taxes to pay that debt service at the current taxable value is .29 mills. Again, that requirement we would expect would reduce over time, as the tax base increases. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to entertain those. If you have technical questions, my trusty aid, Joe Norton, is here to bail me out and if you don't have any questions, then I recommend your approval of this resolution."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you Chris. And again, to re-summarize, this is the financing mechanism on Capital Improvement Projects that the Commission committed to at an earlier time and place."

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

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Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, is there any discussion or comment?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chair Pro Tem 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you, Chris. Next item."

COMCARE

G. COMCARE.

1. AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CENTER TO PROVIDE AFTER HOURS MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, "You have in front of you an agreement between South Central Mental Health Counseling Center, we just call them Butler County, and COMCARE for COMCARE to provide after-hours services for their center. This is almost identical to the contract I brought you a couple of months ago, with Sumner County. Both of those community mental health centers, as we are, are mandated by the state to maintain their license to offer 24/ 7 crisis services and they have elected to contract with COMCARE to do that."

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We actually have a little bit more business with Butler County than we do with Sumner, simply because it's larger and has more of a client base. We do for them what we do for Sumner County, and that is we answer the phone after-hours for them. We also, since we are so close to citizens there, if they choose to come and have a face-to-face intervention, our staff is available for that as well. We do provide consultation to their Masters level clinicians when we get a call and we sometimes end up talking to law enforcement officers and other professional caregivers in their community as a result of that.

This is a renewal from a previous year. They pay us a monthly administrative amount that essentially pays for the phone line and then they pay a permanent fee for the amount of time that we are either on the phone with their consumers or seeing them face-to-face. We are recommending that you approve the agreement and I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Marilyn, if we do do a face-to-face with one of their citizens, are we reimbursed for that cost?"

Ms. Cook said, "We are reimbursed by this dollar amount, so if we spend 60 minutes with them, it's 60 times the minute rate."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So 60 dollars a minute. Is that comparable to our rates that we have for our own citizens in Sedgwick County?"

Ms. Cook said, "Yes, it's excellent."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's the rate . . . okay."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Anything else? Thank you. And I would assume, Marilyn, that our crisis line operators have the capacity to take additional calls."

Ms. Cook said, "For these two areas, yes. We actually had requests a couple of months ago from a much larger center and we made the decision to not take that contract, because we are kept fairly busy with this arrangement and the one in Sumner. So, yes."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you. Any other questions, Commissioner? What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino 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.

VOTE

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Next item."

2. CONTRACT WITH REGIONAL PREVENTION CENTER TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION, AND REFERRAL SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, "This is an agreement with the Regional Prevention Center, which is funded both by city and county liquor tax money. This contract is for \$11,000 for services provided from the Sedgwick County liquor tax funding. The goals for the contract include increasing positive contributions to youth in the community. The prevention center does a number of things, including providing technical support, serving on various coalitions, participating in rallies, particularly with middle-aged youngster . . . or middle-school aged youngsters. They provide presentations and they distribute resources. The County liquor tax money helps to fund and maintain the resource library that the Regional Prevention Center maintains, which has videos that individuals in the community can loan and they also distribute pamphlets and other written materials that focus on substance abuse and substance abuse prevention.

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The Regional Prevention Center is also involved in helping the public increase their understanding of high risk activities, many of them having to do with HIV and AIDS, but they're also currently working on a new project called the Good Gang, which offers pro-social activities for area youth. And in addition, the Regional Prevention Center often makes referrals to substance abuse treatment providers in the area and other service providers when individuals call and don't know where else to turn. We're requesting that you approve this contract."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you, Marilyn. Commissioners, questions or comments? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Contract 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Next item."

H. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

- 1. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,814.05 FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF A REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PLANNER POSITION.**

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Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have the further privilege of bringing to you a couple of items to generate some funding for use by the County this year. As previously indicated, this grant is an ongoing grant which has been funding a regional hazardous materials planner on our staff. I believe this will be the second or third time around for this particular grant. The state has indicated they very much like the way this one is operating and our output that we’re producing with this and I think this has been a good deal for us.

Basically, the person that’s paid for by this grant is working with other counties in this region, helping them to organize their hazardous materials plans, doing what’s called a commodity flow study to determine what materials are moving through this area of the state and what methods, by roadway, by rail and so on.

I would hope that you would approve this and ask the Chairman to sign the grant agreement and I’d be happy to answer any questions that you might have regarding this.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Okay. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Just one quick one. Does this cover the total expenses of this planner?”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes. This covers the personnel costs, including the employer’s share of benefits.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Great. That’s all I had. Thank you.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, thank you. Any other questions? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign the related Agreement.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Randy. Next item.”

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR FUNDING OF A “CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM” PROGRAM.

Mr. Duncan said, “Once more, it’s my privilege to bring you another request to help us gain some additional funding to put together a new program here in Sedgwick County. The program itself is called the CERT, or Citizen Emergency Response Team program. It’s a part of President Bush’s citizen core volunteer initiative and the funding for this particular program would be used to create the administrative portion and to actually deliver the training in the field and to actually provide equipment to the 500 or so citizens we anticipate would be involved in taking this particular training. I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right. What kind of training will these folks be given?”

Mr. Duncan said, “Basically, the whole concept behind a CERT team is to identify a group of folks, preferably on a neighborhood basis, and give them some extremely basic training, like how do you turn off the utilities to a house when a disaster happens, how do you provide very, very basic first aid, how do you recognize when a building collapses, a dangerous situation. This fits in with the Emergency Management concept of citizens should, technically, be able to take care of themselves for up to 72 hours after the occurrence of a disaster, because we as local government folks may be involved in responding to larger issues and not able to get to some of those folks. So, our concept is, knowing that that might happen in a large-scale disaster, we want to give our citizens the tools in advance to be able to help take care of themselves.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “And the total amount of this grant request is \$77,000.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes, \$77,284, yes sir.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “What do we think is the likelihood of receiving this, pretty good or long shot?”

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Mr. Duncan said, “I think it’s fairly good, sir. Right now, there are only two or perhaps three recognized citizen core groups within the State of Kansas. There’s one in Johnson County and one here and I believe the third one is in Hays. And this represents a little less than 50% of the funding that’s been made available to the entire state. So, we believe there’s a good chance we’ll receive funding for this.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Okay. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. You’re planning on training 500 individuals, is that it?”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “So these are for certain areas to be block leaders or team leaders to get the information out.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Our hope is that we’ll put these classes on on a twice a week basis, one time during the week on an evening and one time on a weekend and that we’ll recruit folks from neighborhoods together that will come in and we’ll kind of assign them to neighborhood teams.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “All right, thank you.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. I think it’s important for anyone listening out there, Randy mentioned the fact that these people are going to be trained so that they can deal with, on a first responder basis, an emergency up to 72 hours. And it has to be mentioned that that’s going to have to be a very, very big emergency that our services can’t get to you in less than 72 hours, under any . . . I don’t know if you want to use the word normal emergency, we can get there in less than 30 minutes if we have to. But this is just worst-case scenario, major, major problem, it could be as long as three days. So, don’t be thinking that, under normal conditions, it takes us 72 hours to reach you because we’ll be there a lot quicker than that.”

Mr. Duncan said, “And Commissioner, I thank you very much for mentioning that. You are exactly correct. The concept of this CERT team grew out of large earthquakes in California in the Los Angeles Loma Preada area, where the . . . and those were very, very big events we all recall where government was wrapped up for many, many hours doing rescues off of collapsed interstate highways and, you know, we all recall that for days and days. And so, you’re right. This would not be for any just every day emergency. This would be for the truly large-scale catastrophe.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I mean, I even remember our most recent tornado we were there, in my opinion . . . I mean, I know back in ’91 when it hit out in my area, we had barricades up within an hour or so. So it would really have to be a disaster that it would take us that long. But it’s good, like Commissioner Norton is fond of saying, having a plan and not needing it, than all of the sudden needing one and not having it. That’s all I have.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Randy, I’m just trying to understand. We’re going to do outreach to our neighborhoods. If I’m a citizen that’s interested in taking this, this class is going to take eight weeks?”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes. The concept is we would meet on a once a week basis for a series of eight meetings, in essence. So we would view that we would set up, say for example, one training session would occur on a Tuesday evening, then there’d be another training session on a Saturday morning and if you couldn’t make the Tuesday evening session, you could make the Saturday morning session, or visa versa. And then you would attend that once a week for eight weeks and participate in a final exercise and then receive your credentials and your equipment package.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, and back to Commissioner Unruh’s earlier comment, you’re going to go out and are you going to try to identify some areas so that we don’t just have ten certified people in one part of the . . .”

Mr. Duncan said, “Oh, yes. We’re going to try to do our best to make sure that we recruit from all across the County. We don’t really want to concentrate in any one area, because the benefit of this program is to have it available wherever an incident might occur.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And when do you see this getting started, if we get it?”

Mr. Duncan said, “Well, first of all, we’re going to have to find out . . . The state originally gave us a date on when they would make a decision on this, which is coming up in the near future, but I’m anticipating seeing that date changed, with regard to the fact that the state staff is now engaged in the presidential declaration in southeast and northeast Kansas from the tornados. But assuming that the state doesn’t change the date that they announce it, I think we’ll be ready to roll before summer is through here.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, thank you.”

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Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions or comments? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize submission; 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 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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you very much, Randy. Next item.”

I. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. AGREEMENT WITH CERTIFIED ENGINEERING DESIGN, P.A. TO PROVIDE DESIGN OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN BENTLEY MEADOWS ADDITION. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In item I-1, we’re requesting your approval of an agreement with Certified Engineering Design for engineering design services and construction staking services on the Bentley Meadows Addition street project. The cost of this work will not exceed \$41,488 and all the costs of the project are to be paid by the benefited property owners through special assessments. We request your approval of the recommended action.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. And Jim, this is then for paving the main street that’s going to run through Bentley Meadows.”

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Mr. Weber said, "Inside of the subdivision, not 135th Street next to it."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Right. Well, I'm very glad that the developer has decided to do this because it's going to make it, I think, a much better development. I've not really been enthusiastic about this area, but I think this will step this development up a notch and I hope the developer is pleased in the end result and I know anybody that lives in the development will be pleased. Thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well, I think this is just another step in making it a top-notch development, because of the specialized sewage treatment systems that are being put in there as well and we're continuing to have the discussion about whether developers need to also pave up to the first entrance, so I just thought I'd add that."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "And just make sure, we'll have rock on 135th. They'll be rocking that privately. We'll not . . . and they have made the choice to do this. This is not a requirement."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Right. Thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, any other questions or comments? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Aye

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Chairman Tim Norton Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH MKEC ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE DESIGN OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN HIDDEN ESTATES ADDITION. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. Weber said, "In item I-2 we're requesting your approval of an agreement with MKEC Engineering Consultants for engineering design and construction staking services on the Hidden Estates Addition street project. The cost of this work will not exceed \$32,000 and all cost of the project are to be paid by the benefited properties through special assessments and again, we request your approval of the recommended action."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, comments, questions? Commissioner Sciortino, this is in your district."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the 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	Aye

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Chairman Tim Norton Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Jim. Next item.”

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2003.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “One slight correction to the agenda. The Board of Bids and Contracts meeting was May 1st. It resulted in two items for consideration.

**1) ROCK HAULING- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIAL**

First item, rock hauling for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Sproul Custom Carpentry in the amount of \$38,000.

**2) RE-ROOF MAIN COURTHOUSE- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item two, re-roof main courthouse for Facility Projects. Recommend the low bid, including alternates one and three, from Buckley Roofing for a total of \$285,589.

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you, Iris. Commissioner Sciortino has a question.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, just a comment. Iris, this was a great project we had on that roofing, because we got ourselves a very good price. My only question is Sproul Custom Carpentry, is that David Sproul?”

Ms. Baker said, “Is that . . . pardon?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is that Dave Sproul, is that the name of the company?”

Ms. Baker said, “I don’t know who.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Because if they’re hauling rocks, they may want to change their name from custom carpentry to truck hauling or something.”

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Ms. Baker said, "They meet all the criteria of the bid documents."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, I'm just . . . well, you did good work on this one. This is great. That's all I had, thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you. No more questions or comments?"

MOTION

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

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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you very much. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Five Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Drainage Project to reconstruct Idlewild Street, providing drainage between Clifton and the Big Arkansas. CIP #D-3. District #5.**

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
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V03031	\$299.00	Mary Provorse
V03032	\$165.00	4 Valleylodge Apts.
V03033	\$607.00	5 Joseph Hand
V03034	\$700.00	Tuan Nguyen
V03035	\$154.00	4 Valleylodge Apts.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V200109	\$350.00	\$350.00
V010110	\$560.00	\$504.00
V20010	\$620.00	\$620.00
V95088	\$520.00	\$474.00
V020045	\$425.00	\$309.00
V020047	\$550.00	\$550.00
V020061	\$391.00	\$510.00
V2078	\$312.00	\$286.00
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V20101	\$211.00	\$320.00
V20010	\$540.00	\$185.00

- 4. Resolution memorializing the Board of County Commissioners' findings regarding the City of Maize request for an island annexation between 31st and 33rd Streets North on the west side of Maize Road (Belle Park Addition).**
- 5. Contract Addendum with Information Network of Kansas defining and expanding INK's access to include data on the State of Kansas' new Integrated Court System.**
- 6. Agreement with Young Hunter Safety, Inc. to provide operation of the Lake Afton Public Gun Range.**
- 7. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

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Applicant Name

Merlyn Duane Oblander

Business Name

Big Events LC,
dba Wichita Summer Nationals

- 8. Order dated April 30, 2003 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 9. Payroll Check Registers of January 1 – April 25, 2003.**
- 10. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 30 – May 6, 2003.**

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Thank you. We have a question about the item on the Maize . . .”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Item four, Jennifer.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Just what does that . . . that means that we’re just finalizing the action we took in last week’s meeting, is that correct?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “It’s item four on the Consent Agenda.”

Ms. Magana said, “Yes, that is just a resolution that does memorialize that action. It’s just authorizing the resolution.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I guess the question is what is memorializing mean? Make it a legal part of the record or something?”

Ms. Magana said, “Drafting the legal document that needs to be on record to take the official action.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of item four.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “I have a Motion and a Second. Any other discussion?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I would have a question. By withholding that from the consent agenda, I mean, . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “She’s going to want to vote that separately, because I doubt that she wants . . .”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “And Commissioner McGinn did not vote in favor of the Motion last week and is probably going to vote against this this week.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. Appreciate it.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “We have a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda item, with the exception of item four. Seeing no other discussion, Clerk call the vote.”

VOTE

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

MOTION

Chair Pro Tem Winters moved to approve Consent Agenda item number four.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	No
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, that concludes our regular scheduled items. We do need to have a consent agenda [sic]. I think a couple of us do need to . . . would like to leave by 11:30 but we could take just a moment to talk about any community activities that anybody is involved in. Commissioner Unruh.”

L. OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. I just want to make a comment about the County participated in the Bowl for Kids Sake last weekend and we had six teams involved and had a lot of fun. And I think it’s remarkable that, in the format they used for scoring, our Chairman bowled his first game 212, which I was very impressed. That’s a good number, I think.

Secondly, I’d just like to remind everybody, one of the things that Kristi talked about in her opening remarks, that Mother’s Day at the Zoo is Sunday, the 11th. There will be a lot of activities going on and there’s some new baby animals out there that we can . . . you can look at and enjoy and I know it’s a week early to talk about the activities next Wednesday at the Zoo, but it’s Supper with the Species. You go out and they’ve got some activities planned for that, so we want to just encourage everyone to support the Zoo.

One last item, I noticed from reading the Minutes from the Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health that our EMS responded to 3,195 calls during the month, 108 per day and their average response time was 5.63 minutes. Those numbers were startling to me and I think they deserve a commendation for doing a good job. That’s a lot of activity and rapid response. So, another example of Sedgwick County, working for you.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. I also participated, I’ll put it that way, in Bowl for

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Kids in Derby. It's a smaller version of what we do over here in Wichita. I've got to take up a new sport. I guarantee you, those gutters were shiny when I got done. I'm just a shadow of my former self. Last year, I bowled a game over 200 and one in the 180s, and this time I struggled to break 100. So, it was humbling, but occasionally I need a little bit of humility they say, so I really got it last Saturday.

But this coming up Saturday is going to be . . . because of that diversity that we helped fund and what have you, the River Festival is having a lot of ethnic events and one of them is storytelling during the Mexican/ Spanish event that's going to be held in the parking lot of the Broadview Hotel. And I, along with the new mayor of Wichita are going to take some time to read stories to Hispanic children and any other children. We're going to be doing it bilingually and I've got this really neat book called 'Los Monstruos'. It's all about monsters. I read it last night. It scared the heck out of me, so I don't know what it's going to do to the kids. But it's going to be fun and I look forward to it."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you, commissioner. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Ben, every year that you tell us that, it just scares me, as a parent, that you're going to be reading and not knowing what you're telling them."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I know what I'm saying to them."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Yeah, but I may not as a parent. Looking way ahead, a week from Sunday is May 18th is the Park City Raceway's Ribbon Cutting at 1:30 and it's free admission to the Park City residents, because they're big sponsors in that deal and I'll talk a little bit about that a little more next week."

Also, just Thursday, Old Cowtown Museum will be closed and for an exciting thing in our community, as we were just talking about tourism and film festivals and all those kinds of things. The Bill Curtis . . . his group is going to do a film documentary on Jesse James at Old Cowtown Museum and it's affiliated with the History Channel and they'll be using that museum as a film location. So, it always makes me wonder, you know, from time to time we have film companies call and ask to use Cowtown."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is that open to the public, if the public wants to watch that?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "No. I think they've opened it up to some of the people who have been volunteers out there. And they have to show up, if I remember from my e-mail, at like 8:00

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dressed, ready and be there all day and they may or may not be in the film. So it's kind of like dress up all day to see if you're in the show.

So, anyway, I just think that's exciting and it also tells me that there's probably . . . or that Old Cowtown Museum is very unique in our nation, if film companies are coming here to do those kinds of things."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The best hidden secret we've got in Sedgwick County."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Yes. And then, May 11th is the Mother's Day Celebration at Old Cowtown Museum as well. So, when you're done playing with the critters out at the Zoo, you can go to Cowtown for some special events and they'll have buggy rides and crafts for the children and performances from some of the other people that volunteer out there."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, I'm glad you mentioned that. You know, this Sunday is Mother's Day and to everyone out there that happens to be in that category, I just want to wish you well and if you and your family need an activity, that River Festival has been going, my wife and I have used it as a tradition now to go down to the Century II Book and Art Fair and it's a really neat event and there's going to be picnics in the park and it's a neat way to honor all of our mothers. So, that's all I have."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Thank you."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just to give me one more minute, last week it was . . . talked about another fundraiser for one of our tourism events here in our community, which is the Kansas African American Museum and I was told that we were going to raise some money and I would come dressed in a costume. I brought that costume today, but I've not seen whether we've raised money."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, the major fundraiser . . . we're a little short of that obscene amount that you made us collect, but we're going to get there."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Since I did my part and brought the outfit, I think we should double it. Next week, if we double that amount, my outfit is there, ready to go."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, no. You promised, \$1,000 . . ."

Commissioner McGinn said, "For this week."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, no. Have we got that in writing?"

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "We might have to go back and check the record. All right, well thank you, Commissioners. If anyone has tuned in late, our regular Chairperson, Tim Norton, is attending a Kansas Association of Counties board meeting this morning. He's newly elected to that board and this was the first opportunity for him to attend and he felt it was important to be there, so that's where he is this morning."

This Thursday and Friday is the Kansas County Commissioners' Association annual meeting. Commissioners from all over the State of Kansas will be here in Wichita, out at the Marriott Hotel Thursday evening. I think they're going to take a trip out to the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon and have dinner and entertainment out there on Thursday evening.

As Commissioner Sciortino noted, the River Festival begins, Sundowner Parade is Friday evening. There are going to be County folks involved in the parade, so if any of you County folks want to get out to the parade Friday evening, we'd certainly like to have you. So there will be folks involved in that.

And then, one last thing, I got a note that came from Randall Duncan and I would have said something to him earlier. Didn't think about it. We concluded our storm spotter classes just last week. Over 1,500 citizens in Sedgwick County participated with Randy and his group of folks. And we were out at the Coliseum last weekend, at the Extreme Weather Fair, and you know, there was a good crowd there. But went back to the back and Jack Kegley was giving one of his films and demonstrations. The room was full of people that were watching that report on storm spotting and weather conditions. So, Randy's folks continue to be out in the community.

Commissioners, we need to have a 20 minute Executive Session."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/ client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, potential litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:25 a.m.

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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	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “We’re recessed into Executive Session.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:08 a.m. and returned at 11:36 a.m.

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “We’re back from Executive Session. Madam Clerk, please let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Now, is there other business to come before this Board? Mr. Euson?”

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, “Yes. Commissioners, while in Executive Session we discussed a worker’s compensation claim for a former employee by the name of John Tapler and I would ask, at this time, that you approve a settlement representing a 20% permanent, partial disability to the left upper extremity for this former employee in the amount of \$16,984.96 and this settlement would close all issues related to future medical payments and review any modification of the award.”

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to take the recommended action as set forth by Counsel.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “Is there any other business to come before this Board? Mr. Euson? Mr. Manager? This is the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you very much.”

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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