

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 25, 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, June 25, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; Ms. Pamela Martin, Director of Clinical Services, Health Department; Ms. Suann Rhodes, ABCD Coordinator, Health Department; Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director Diversity & Employment, Human Resources; Ms. Barbara Byerly, Sergeant, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Ray Vail, Director Finance and Support Services, Department on Aging; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Ms Dolly Shaffer, Business Manager, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. DeAnn Konkel, Division of Public Safety Liaison Program Manager, Emergency Management Department; Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Junius Dotson of St. Mark united Methodist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, June 11, 2003
Fire Meeting, June 11, 2003

The Clerk reported that All Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2003.
The Clerk reported that All Commissioners were present at the Fire Meeting of June 11, 2003.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board? We generally don't have fire meeting notes on here."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, That..."

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Chairman Norton, said, "I know we had a meeting but, don't we usually do that when we have the fire district."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah."

Chairman Norton, said, "Okay."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Leave that."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2003.

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	Aye

DONATIONS

A. DONATIONS

- 1. DONATION BY UNITED METHODIST HEALTH MINISTRY FUND OF \$2,500 TO BE UESD BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ABCD DENTAL PROGRAM.**

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Ms. Suann Rhodes, ABCD Coordinator, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “ABCD Program stands for Access to Baby and Child Dentistry. The program’s purpose is to improve the oral health of low-income children under the age of 6 in Sedgwick County who have Medicaid, Healthwave or are uninsured by increasing their access to dental care. ABCD provides oral health education to parents as well scheduling appointments with private dentists for children and arranging transportation, childcare and interpretative services. ABCD is currently working with three Medicaid providers and a local dental clinic, and has 172 children enrolled, one-third of them have already received dental treatment. An additional challenge for ABCD has been to gain access to dental care for children under 3, and ABCD has achieved a nearly impossibility by being able to schedule children as young as 12 months of age to see a dentist.

The \$2,500 donation check from United Methodist Health Ministry Fund will help ABCD continue its success. It will primarily be used to purchase dental services for uninsured children who would otherwise have virtually no access to dental care. The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund donation also allows ABCD to provide small incentives to current and prospective dental providers to thank them and encourage their participation in the program. Our recommendation is for the Board to accept the donation from United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of acceptance. Thank you.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

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	Aye

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2. DONATION BY KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION OF \$15,000 TO BE USED FOR PREVENTIVE HEALTH NEEDS.

Ms. Lori Vanderford, Controller, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm asking that you approve the donation of \$15,000 from the Kansas Health Foundation. The Kansas Health Foundation supports the Health Department in many ways; we receive a regular grant every year that supports education for our staff within Kansas, and then we routinely receive donations such as this. This donation is specified to be used for health promotion activities, and being as that's what we do, we pretty much have liberal use of the money. This year some intentions for it is to pay for consulting to come in and review our billing practices and patient flow, also it will be used to purchase some equipment that supports some of the other departments. Were asking that you approve this donation and the signing of the letter.

Commissioner Sciortino, said "Oh, I don't know."

Chairman Norton, said "Yeah, \$15,000."

Commissioner Sciortino, said "I don't know if we want to approve that or not. We ought to discuss this a little bit. I mean this is unusual people giving the government money."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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RETIREMENT

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO BARBARA BYERLY, SERGEANT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director, Diversity & Employee Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present the retirement certificate to Barbara Byerly who's sergeant with the Sheriff's department, Barbara will retire July 1, after 23 years of service. Barbara plans to spend time with her husband Jerome who also works for the Sheriff's department and will retire this December. Sshe has three children and four grandchildren, all of whom live out of state, and now she will have time to visit them more often. Barbara will also have more time to devote to reading and attending or watching baseball games. She has always worked in the Sheriff's department and she has also worked for the Wichita Police Department for two years before joining the Sheriff's department. She has described her period of employment as 'I love my profession, and in law enforcement you can have fun at your job and still make a contribution to the community' and she says 'I think Sedgwick County is an organization to be proud of.' Barbara, congratulations.

Commissioner Winters said, "Barbara, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we want to take a bit of special recognition time here for you. I see there are a number of individuals your colleagues from the Sheriff's department here. I believe Sheriff Steed is out of town, but I see Undersheriff John Green and many others from the department. You know probably most folks have been here long enough to hear me say that when someone from law enforcement retires, I think we as commissioners really take it as a special way and wanting to say a special thank you. We have many, many departments that are providing wonderful service to citizens in Sedgwick County, but I really believe law enforcement is one of the principal responsibilities of local government to provide for the safety of their citizens, and it's a tough job. It's a tough job to be involved in whatever level you are. So we want to take this moment to make a special thank you to you and again to say thanks to all the people in the Sheriff's department, wherever their positions are, we appreciate the work they do. We wish you the very best in your retirement and we would like this clock to just be a signal of thank you from the citizens of Sedgwick County. So would you like to make a comment?"

Ms. Barbara Byerly, Sheriff's Department, greeted the commissioners and said, "I just want to say that I think I work with the finest people in government. That everyone in the Sheriff's department is really dedicated to the citizens of Sedgwick County, and I've been very proud to be a Sheriff's officer. Thank you.

Chairman Norton said, "Barbara, you got away to quick. Come up and tell us what you're going to do post Sheriff's department."

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Ms. Byerly said, "The first thing I'm going to do is go traveling with my son and daughter-in-law. He's an officer in the Navy and he's been in Italy for 2 ½ years and he's back, and I'm going to go out with them to his new post in Washington state and stay a little while. I'm going to travel with my daughter and leave my poor husband home working, and then I'm just going to relax for a while after that, and he'll be retired soon after that and I don't know what I'll do then, I'll have to decide after I've relaxed a little bit."

Chairman Norton said, "Well that sounds like a pretty good deal. We're very proud of you and we're proud that you spent your time here, but are going to have some life after the Sheriff's department."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Where in Washington State is he going to be posted?"

Ms. Byerly said, "He's going to be on the USS Abraham Lincoln, in Bremerton, Washington."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, so they're in the shipyard right now being refitted?"

Ms. Byerly said, "Well, he flies for the Navy and he's been in Italy and he has also been over in the war for a while, and now he's being transferred to the Abraham Lincoln."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It's beautiful country up there."

Ms. Byerly said, "Yeah, it's very pretty up there."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "When the sun shines. It doesn't shine very often."

Ms. Byerly said, "I'm going to get to go to a Mariners game, so that will make me really happy."

Chairman Norton said, "So you're a big baseball fan."

Ms. Byerly said, "I'm a big baseball fan, yes."

Chairman Norton said, "Who's gonna win the World Series this year?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Royals."

Ms. Byerly said, "Well, it would be nice if it was the Royals, but I'm not really sure, I think hopefully Seattle will win it this year."

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Chairman Norton said, "That's great. Congratulations. Clerk call the next item."

DEFERRED ITEMS

C. DEFFERRED ITEMS

1. CONTRACT WITH THUNDER ENTERPRISES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATOIN FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS.

Mr. Ray Vail, Director, Finance and Support Services, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present an agreement for Thunder Enterprises to provide door to door transportation service for elderly and persons with disabilities. As you know, the transportation brokerage is a lifeline for medical and social services for over 2,000 elderly and persons with disabilities. This agreement has been approved by the division of finance and the County Counselors office, and I ask that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign, and I'll answer questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Any questions of Ray?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have one."

Chairman Norton said, "Mr. Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Looking in the backup it says that this is not a guaranteed flat amount that there going to get, it's just on a per ride basis. Is that correct?"

Mr. Vail said, "Correct, depending on the locations."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And it just itemizes what the cost per rides are, so they're not guaranteed the flat rate against per ride. It's if they only have one this year, that's all they get paid for."

Mr. Vail said, "That's Correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but our whole budget, it can't exceed 2,600 rides. Is that what we've budgeted for the year?"

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Mr. Vail said, “That’s what were budgeted for in that year.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, got it, thanks.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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	Aye

2. RESOLUTION AUTHROZING SOLID WASTE FEES AND ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY’S SOLID WASTE SERVICE AREA.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “ For several years now the county has operated a solid waste program that is funded largely by the imposition of fees that are collected through the property tax bills and those fees are imposed on every developed property in Sedgwick County. State law requires that the fee for a calendar year be adopted by this board prior to July 1, of the prior calendar year. And so the action before you will adopt a fee schedule to be used for 2004 and those fees will be included on the tax bills that will be sent to property owners late this year for the tax payments that will be used to support the 2004 budget.

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The fee schedule that is proposed is \$3.14 for each residential dwelling unit and a base non-residential fee of \$2.63 and there are different fees for different kinds of non-residential property based on their land use category and the range of fees for those non-residential properties is a \$1.98 per parcel up to \$2.63 per parcel times the number of tenants in the very large commercial properties. This fee structure is a reduction from the current year. The reduction is 30 percent for residential and 43 1/2 percent for non-residential properties. The fees are established based on the cost of services that we anticipate providing in a given year and based on the particular recipients of those services and so residential properties receive a slightly different set of services than non-residential properties and so they have a slightly different fee structure.

The fee for next year is reduced because our anticipated costs are less than they have been this year and in prior years, so that permits a fee reduction but in addition to that cost reduction next year we are able to add one new program and that will be a tire disposal program that we are adding at the suggestion of Commissioner McGinn. We've done some examination of that suggestion and we think that's a pretty good idea and so this fee provides enough revenue to pay for that program to be added for 2004. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you might have about this resolution that's before you. If you have no questions I'll recommend your approval.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, first off, I'm glad to see that we are able to lower the rate and still do some of the things that we do with this budgeted amount in the area of trash disposal, whatever the recycling, I know we can't use it for recycling, but we can use it to do some education things. And I'm also glad too that we did add the tire disposal, or were able to, and I'm thinking in 1999 we had a very successful partnership program with the State of Kansas and I didn't bring the numbers with me, I can't remember how many tires we disposed of, but we had mountains of tires at a few of our Public Works places. And that was a great partnership and I'm sorry that the state didn't see what a great partnership that was with local government, because you know we staffed that, we used our facilities to bring the tires in and we advertised it and that kind of thing and then the state disposed of that.

But we continue to hear from citizens that were finding tires in our neighborhoods just dumped and those kinds of things, so there's a great deal of tires out there and by having those tires out there just dumped in different locations it also happens to be a place for mosquitoes to multiply, so I think this is a great program so that we can decrease that habitat for mosquitoes, particularly in light of the West Nile Virus and that type of thing, and so I think this is an excellent program for our community because, again, it's a health issue and it's also an issue of keeping our community cleaned up.

People when they have their tires changed they're supposed to pay a \$0.25 fee or whatever it is, and

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that goes to the state and then it gets disposed of, but some people don't want to pay that, they take the tires home and next you know they have a great deal of tires, and some people aren't responsible with their disposal. So I think this is going to be great for our community. I think there's going to be a lot of citizens that appreciate this. But again, too, back to my first comment, I'm glad that we're not using all these dollars and so therefore were giving it back to our citizens. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well I echo what Commissioner McGinn said and it was at her, I don't think I'm going to say request, I'll say insistence is a better word, but she was 100% behind the first tire disposal program that we had and I'm glad that she took the lead in figuring out a way that we could do it again. I'm a little, can't remember, I know we collected a lot of them but how did we dispose of them, what was the end result."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well I know Irene Hart's back here, and I know the state picked them up and I'm not sure exactly where they take them."

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the commissioners and said, "The state had a contract with a hauler who took them to various places, I think there's a kiln somewhere around Concordia, which was the main place that most of them went."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So they were actually kind of recycled into something, I see that playground stuff or whatever."

Ms. Hart said, "It was most likely fuel."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

Chairman Norton said, "Any other discussion? Well I think in a tough budget year, I think it's pretty, we get a little criticism sometimes cause we've raised some fees some other places, but this is a good example of where we've tried to analyze the money stream and what money we had available and this is a place where we could lower some fees, and truthfully these are fees that are going to effect everybody that's a property owner so it's a little different than some of the fees that we raised where it's a usage fee that you maybe only spend that money if you use the park or the service. So I think this is a good example in the tough budget year of 2004, where we're actually decreasing our revenue stream cause we think we can make a cut in fees which will save the taxpayers some money."

I applaud Commissioner McGinn for the tire program. It was a great program from the state. We

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had anticipated, or at least hoped, that the state would carry on, I think they passed some legislation, but they didn't put any money with it and were always disappointed when the state really goes through the legislative process comes up with a pretty good idea or continues a good idea and then fails to attach any money to it so that the locals can actually really do the program. I think it's admirable that we've attached the money to the program and will continue to do it. It does have far reaching implications and truthfully, people may see junk tires as a county problem, but the truth is if you drive neighborhoods in the guts of the City of Wichita, it's a county wide wall to wall problem in back yards and vacant lots and behind the business where tires and trash can gather so it's not a rural township road, back of a farm kind of a problem. It's everybody's problem, we'll solve the problem within the City limits of Wichita and the small cities too. So, good program, I'm supportive of it. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just have a quick question for the Manager, seems like when we did this with the state we started promoting it six months out. So will we be starting that like sometime in the winter for '04 or have we thought that far?"

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "What we did was try to develop the budget to see if we had the capabilities we've included some funds for educating the public about how to do it. We don't have a game plan about when to take the bids for the haulers. We've not begun discussions with David Spears about a good time to do that. After this has been adopted we will work with Environmental staff to develop a whole plan of action and present that to you shortly."

Commissioner McGinn said, "My guess would be '04, since it's for that."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Oh, yes, absolutely."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Seems like we did it in April last time. It seemed to be a good time because everybody was cleaning places up and that kind of stuff."

Mr. Buchanan said, "This program will not begin until after the first of the year."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "One of the things I'd add to that is a lot of the small towns and neighborhood associations have clean up days that they organize and we really need to get that information out to them so that maybe they can pattern their clean up days around the tire disposal because one of the things that really, I know Haysville's doing it right now, every pile that they have on the street generally will have a tire involved in it and if we could get that out of waste stream for the small towns and even the neighborhood associations getting to them early enough

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that they can schedule it around what we're doing would be good. Any other considerations? What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

D. GRANT APPLICATION WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR FUNDING OF A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM.

Ms. Hart said, "First let me correct that it's not a request to fund and aid local environmental protection program, it's an application for the local environmental protection program, which is a program that's operated about 10 years. It's funded by the state water plan, through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, so those funds have been coming into Sedgwick County for a number of years. They're designed to address water quality issues such as how waste water is handled, water supply, non point source pollution and other similar topics that affect water quality.

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The program operates on the state fiscal year, which means it begins July 1st. The funds available this year are \$125,000, which is a reduction. A couple of years ago it was over \$150,000. We do this program in partnership with the City of Wichita and we are currently working with them on transition agreements so that we can move toward changing the funding so that it follows the responsibilities. Since the Health Department model has changed, we are continuing to work on this one and change this model also.

We also have met with Kansas Department of Health and Environment to see if there is additional funding available to us to do our complex needs here in Sedgwick County. So at this time we are asking for approval to submit the general application, which is due July 1, to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, while we continue to work on developing the budget and the work plan as additional information comes in. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Norton said, "We have one Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Irene, the LEPP funds are designated for specific uses. You'd said sewers, septic, lagoons, those kinds of things. Did you mention anything else?"

Ms. Hart said, "The Local Environmental Protection Program is a plan that contains 10 elements. There's more elements and more things to do in that plan. There's even money to be done, but it will include; wastewater, water supply, non point source, they even have a section on solid waste management and how we manage solid waste that affects the water quality, so it's a wide ranging plan and it would take 10 times as much funding in order to implement all the things that they talk about in that plan."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I was just thinking about the fact that the septic, alternative sewers lagoons and those kind of things are in the incorporated part of the county and that was part of what we took over from the Health Department from the City. So this could be used for that person. We need an extra person in that area to fund that person, could it be?"

Ms. Hart said, "Yes."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, and so it would just seem like to me, that the dollars would flow in the area of what governmental entity is doing. And you talked about solid waste and were controlling that as well."

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Ms. Hart said, "Right."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Ms. Hart said, "That's the agreement we're trying to negotiate with the transition period. Budgets are tough all over. The City still has un-sewered parts of town with in the City limits, they also continue to provide some services for us out in Sedgwick County with loan evaluations, when a property that may have a domestic water well or a septic system, the lender often wants an evaluation of the adequacy of those services, so they continue to do that for us. So, we're negotiating."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Alright, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other questions, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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E. AGREEMENT WITH PRAIRIE STATE BANK FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT KANSAS COLISEUM.

Ms. Dolly Shaffer, Business Manager, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a standard three year marketing agreement between the Coliseum and Prairie State Bank. It’s a \$5,000 cash in each year, I would recommend approval of this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no lights. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

F. PUBLIC WORKS

1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TREAT NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is our annual agreement that we have with KDOT that allows us to spot treat the noxious weeds that are growing on their right-of-way areas here in Sedgwick County. We’ve done this for a number of years. We have a working relationship with KDOT, and ask that you approve the agreement.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "I see no questions. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH WILDCAT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., FOR SEDGIWCK COUNTY PROJECT 618-36; KTA BRIDGES OVER CENTRAL. CIP #B-425. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item F2 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final for the widening of the KTA bridges over Central designated as B-425 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized. There will be a net decrease of \$33,002.53 due to

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variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the modification of plans and construction 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	Aye

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2003.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Referenced meeting resulted in four items for consideration today.

1) CHANGE ORDER FOR EMS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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The first item is a change order for the EMS administration building for facilities projects recommend to acknowledge a change order from Bauer and Son in the amount of \$52,765.98.

2) **CHANGE ORDER FOR MURDOCK TAG OFFICE ADA IMPROVEMENTS-
FACILITY PROJECTS**
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROEJECT

Item two a change order for the Murdock Tag office ADA improvements recommend the acknowledgement of the change order from Descon in the amount of \$5,205.65.

3) **GENERATOR SETS- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The third item generator sets for Emergency Management recommend the low bid on items two and six from Central Detroit Diesel for total of \$22,178.00, the low bid, bid number two, meeting specifications on items three and four from Foley equipment for total of \$13,639.00; the low bid on items one and five from Cummins Mid-America for total of \$43,375.00 for a grand total of \$79,192.00.

4) **DEER LAKES ESTATES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS**
FUNDING: DEBT FINANCING

The fourth item Deer Lakes Estates road improvements for Public Works recommend the low bid of \$51,700.00 from Apac Kansas.

Before I ask for approval, I'd like for a Minute go back to item one, the change order form EMS administration building, and just update the Board regarding the reference to the discussion that was had at bid board. A meeting was held with the architect to go over the change orders, and the change order was broken into three component parts; \$12,000 involved changes requested by us the owner, \$7,000 was related to unknown conditions found at the time of construction, once construction started, and then \$33,000 was determined to be related to specifications and code violations. Some of these issues that came about are subject to interpretation and were issues with City inspectors that came up when they inspected the site during construction. They weren't issues at the time that the plans and specifications were put together and reviewed prior to bidding the documents, but the county felt as a result of what was going on the architect should have had an

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idea that there might be issues related to this and should have addressed those. And as a result of that the architect has agreed, he's also agreed to refund a portion of the \$33,000 that was involved in specifications and code violations. With that I would recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I just want to compliment I guess the Bid Board or whatever on item one because it was unique and it could have been very easy to say 'Well okay, 'dud, dud, dud, dud and bingo' but I think the Board is to complimented on how they researched it to figure out which was our problem, which was a City problem, and what have you, I want to publicly thank our architects for maybe wanting to be part of the solution. They could have argued, everybody could have passed the buck, but I think everybody got in there and worked to try to make this as amicable a situation as possible and our Legal department is to be complimented because they made sure everything was legal and up to snuff on it. So this is another way of government working for the people working behind the scenes. They never see it but that's how we start saving people money too. So congratulations and thanks to everybody. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Any other discussion? I know Commissioner Winters has a comment, but I don't know if it's about this."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's a different subject."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "How about the buzz? We're working on the buzz."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We're working on the buzz."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just had one quick question. On the power generators, Iris do you know is this a new project that were, new power in some of these places, or is this replacement power for older generators?"

Ms. Baker said, "I'll let DeAnn Knokel with Emergency Management answer that question."

Ms DeAnn Konkel, Division of Public Safety Community Liaison Program Manager, Emergency Management, greeted the commissioners and said, "The seven generators that are on the bid for today are generators that will go to seven different communities through project impact. It will be a 75/25 split, the grant will pay 75 percent, the communities will pay 25 percent and these generators are being used for emergency purposes such as backup for their water well, their lift stations and various emergency situations, should they loose power in their communities due to a storm."

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Commissioner Winters said, “That sounds like a great project when you get those. Do you know where those are going, and what they’re going to be used for? I’d like to have a list of that later on.”

Ms. Konkel said, “Okay. I can give you those seven communities and what they will be using their generators for.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just send me a list, would you?”

Ms. Konkel said, “I will do that.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Any other discussion?”

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	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Is there anything else to come before us today? Any other items, Commissioner Sciortino.”

I. OTHER

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, this is under the ‘Other’ other, right?”

Chairman Norton said, “This is ‘Other’ other.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I had a pretty neat time Friday night I attended that Race for the Cure thing down in Derby. It was a fun evening and there’s a lot of bands playing, comedians were doing their acts and I got to call Bingo for the seniors, but underlying the gaiety of it was a real serious cause. This is human beings trying to acknowledge that we got a serious problem with cancer and how do we find a cure. And at the beginning of the event they had I think it was 75 cancer survivors in dark blue shirts. I didn’t realize it but Mayor Avello is a cancer survivor, and

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former Mayor of Derby Rich Standirch is a cancer survivor, and he was actually the grand marshal of it and they walked the first lap and all around the lap were little bags with candles in it that have the names of people that perhaps didn't survive cancer. It was really a real solemn event. The Girl Scouts presented the colors and it was touching to see that, but the thing that they presented was hope, those survivors there is hope. It use to be you got diagnosed with cancer, that was a death certificate. That's no longer the case and I think Wichita gonna have theirs this weekend, or whatever, but it was really a neat event and I was very happy to have been asked to participate just a little bit and it made the start of the weekend very interesting for me. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to mention that there were several of us from the county that made a trip to Jacksonville, Florida last weekend. There were representatives from KU School of Medicine and from our Health Department from the County Administration and from the Board of County Commissioners. You and I attended and the purpose was to see how their Health Department was operating and how it integrated with the school of medicine that's in that Community and I think it's very worthwhile. We learned a lot on how they cooperated and maximized their effort to take service to the community and also had an opportunity to speak with some of the electeds about their policy decisions relating to that, and just about how their government worked. But it was a quick trip. Left early Sunday and got home late Monday, but I think it was worthwhile and we learned a lot of things I think we can use to enhance our delivery of services to the citizens of Sedgwick County."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I'll dovetail on to that I went with Commissioner Unruh to Jacksonville, it was a very intense two days, I absorbed way more information than I can process in a week or two on that one Monday about the Health Department, but they've got a very innovative approach. They have great collaboration with their med center there. They deliver some wonderful clinics where they actually have doctors that do their practice there but also do a lot of the indigent work and poverty level work.

So hopefully we will come back and staff will come back with some great recommendations I would urge the Commission at some point for us to have a workshop with the folks that went and with management and just try and figure out how we tie this in to come up with a new model for how the Health Department delivers services. We've got a great Health Department with a lot of passionate people but truthfully the facility and even just the organizational structure is a little tired and needs to be revitalized and I think this will be the process it will take to help the people that have really dedicated their lives in Sedgwick County to the health of the public to have a better model to work under. And I don't know what that's gonna look like but I think If we get the information we've gotten from Jacksonville and a lot of our smart people together we may come up with something really good, and I would urge us to do that probably in a workshop at sometime if

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we can pull that together.

The other thing, and I wasn't there, but I'd like to hear a little comment if we could about the meeting with the City on the Eco Devo. If anybody has just a quick blush about that, because I think that's a pretty important time, I know we're going to vote on it at some point but the idea that we had City and the County and the Chamber kind of all together yesterday and trying to agree on economic strategy I thinks pretty important."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, we did have a lunch workshop yesterday with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and then the Mayor and the City Council of City of Wichita were there as Steve Martens continued to discuss kind of the final look of an economic development plan that basically is going to recruit the private sector into the process along with the City and County and be overseen by a steering council that will basically be comprised of members of the private sector who have contributed to the process and two members of the City Commission, two members of the County Commission, and one member from the REAP organization, regional economic area development. So I think it's a good start, and I kind of hesitate to say start because it seems like we've been trying to put the plan together for a long time, but I think everyone is getting anxious that we really have kind of a new unified effort on how we're going to go about job creation and job retention.

Part of the strategy and the plan is to have two emphasis; one on internal, one on external. On the internal, really attempting to assist business and industry that's here now and as they look at areas where they can expand employment and their business interests that are already here, want to make sure there's an avenue and a manner for them to do that. Then there will certainly be an external component that will be looking around the county, around the world for people who are wanting to relocate and expand new business and industry. I think as we look at our aircraft cluster that we have here, I think there are opportunities out there. We just need to have a good game plan to precede. It's my understanding that the City will have this on their agenda next Tuesday, we'll have the agenda soon.

Next Wednesday the Chamber's Board of Directors is meeting. Today, their executive committee has approved it, so I think were now ready to embark on a situation that everyone's going to know the strategy, know what the work plan is and get about some real economic development and hopefully job creation and job retention."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I think it's a wonderful day if we can pull this together where the City and the County and the business community bills all their capacity to solve an issue that is not going away for our community, I don't think it will go away in a year and just we can wash our hands of it and say 'Well, the recession's over everything's nice and rosy'. I think were going to have to work awful hard in really having us all hitched to the same wagon and pulling in the same

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direction. I think it's going to be better than going in divergent ways."

Commissioner Winters said, " Well I did have conversation with the Mayor twice after the meeting and said you know if we need to do any tweaking, this is the time to do it. The Mayor indicated he thought it was a good plan and so I think were headed out."

Chairman Norton said, "I like that. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just wanted to add to that a little bit, we are going to be asked to vote on a memorandum of understanding and the thing that got me so excited about the program first, you're right. Steve Marten put a lot of hours into it and he didn't have a private ulterior motive. He was just dedicated to try to see this happen, but I like the concept that the private sector is actually going to be asked to fund 50 percent of the total operation's of this function with the two major governments, the City and the County, coming up 25/25 collectively and that was a big sea change to where the private sector is not always looking at government to solve everything but they say we want to be at the table too. So I'm definitely going to be supportive of it when it comes in front of us and it's the right start, it's going to be dynamic, and I'm sure there's going to be tweaks and changes as we go along but we've got the City of Wichita, The Chamber, the County and hopefully the private sector all pulling in the same direction with not little private agendas, and that's maybe is the most exciting. That maybe this is just the beginning of cooperative efforts from everyone realizing that were one community and what benefits one of us benefits all of us. So I'm real excited about that. That's all."

Chairman Norton said, "Anything else to come before us today?"

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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