MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

August 27, 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, August 27, 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. Don Brace, County Clerk; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Sergeant Brenda Dietzman, Sheriff’s Department; Mr. Sherdeill Breathett Sr., Economic Developer, Division of Community Development; Ms. Luciana Espinar, Management Intern; Ms. Kerrie Platt, FS Administrator, Corrections Department; Ms. Marilyn Chapman, Election Commissioner; Mr. Ron Holt, Director, Division of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Dr. Tim Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Donna E. Sweet M.D., Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health.
Mr. Steve Rooney, Machinists’ Union.
Mr. Mark Love, President, State Council for Machinists.
Ms. Angie Cisco, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters volunteer.
Mr. Jonathan Knowles, Sheriff’s Department volunteer.
Ms. Barbara Clark, Derby Recreation Commission volunteer.
Mr. Jim Gibbs, Chief Executive Officer, Gibbs Machine & Tool, LLC

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Mark McMahon, West Side Christian Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.
CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, July 30, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of July 30, 2003.

Chairman Norton said, “You have the Minutes before you. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 30, 2003.

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION OF ENDORSEMENT FOR THE I.A.M. GROW KANSAS CAMPAIGN.

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioners, I would like to read the following proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 people have been laid off in the Wichita area in the past eighteen (18) months including 13,000 jobs lost in the aerospace industry; and
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WHEREAS, manufacturing jobs make up almost 25% of our local job market and the quality of life in our community depends on the quality of our jobs; and

WHEREAS, many of these jobs will not be coming back because they have been permanently relocated to other states and countries; and

WHEREAS, social services and local charities are being stressed due to an increased demand from the very people that were past contributors; and

WHEREAS, healthcare services are being strained due to declining revenue and the growing burden of serving the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, the county, city, state governments and our education system have been greatly impacted due to the loss of tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, families are affected on a personal level as we see alcohol, drug abuse, domestic violence, divorce, suicide and crime rise; and

WHEREAS, others in the community are impacted due to the ripple effect as job loss hits the other sectors of the economy; and

WHEREAS, unemployed and laid-off workers can’t contribute to the economic vitality of our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we will stand side-by-side with all laid off workers to mobilize to save jobs worth fighting for; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we endorse the I.A.M. Grow Kansas Campaign and commit organizational resources, especially human resources, lobby public officials and educate the community about the importance of saving quality jobs in our community.


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MOTION

Chairman Norton 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  Aye

Chairman Norton said, “And I know Steve Rooney is here and there are others. Steve, you can receive the proclamation and make any introductions you might want. Welcome.”

Mr. Steve Rooney, Machinists’ Union, said, “I’d like to also introduce here the president of the Wichita/ Hutchinson Labor Fed, as well as the president of the State Council for Machinists, Brother Mark Love.

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, on behalf of the Machinists’ Union, all laid off workers and working women and men across this county and across this state, I would like to truly thank you from the Machinists’ Union on behalf of all, again, laid off workers. We do have a fight before us to preserve jobs here and to bring jobs into here and with this, I think this is another excellent start to that and we appreciate it. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks, Steve. Mark, did you want to make a . . .”

Mr. Mark Love, President, State Council for Machinist, said, “I just want to echo what Steve said and I appreciate everything you did here today. Thank you.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I have just one. I haven’t been able to see what their actual campaign is. I know we just endorsed it. If it would be possible, I’d like to get kind of a copy of what your campaign is and what you plan on doing and maybe, knowing that, we could delve into how we could better support them.”
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Chairman Norton said, “I’ve certainly . . . I’ve seen the total program and I think we’ve got it available, if any commissioner would like to see the whole presentation. I have to tell you, I think it’s important in these times that all of us pull together and it’s not just a business issue or a labor issue or a community government issue. It’s everybody’s issue, as we talk about job creation and economic vitality around the community, we all have to be players and it can’t be us against them. It has to be all of us pulling the harness the same direction. And I applaud the Machinists’ Union for coming to the table and trying to be proactive in how they work with business and employers to help pull the wagon in the right direction. So, I think that’s what we’ve endorsed today and if commissioners would like to see that, I’m sure that Steve and Mark would be able to bring that presentation to you. Thank you for being here today. Clerk, call the next item.”

APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTMENTS.

1. RESIGNATION OF CARRY JONES WILLIAMS FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, we have received this resignation request and I would ask that you accept it.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Accept the resignation.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, “I have a Motion and a Second. Any discussion?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Just one. I just publicly want to say thank you to Carry Jones. She’s not here today, but she’s certainly been on this board for many, many years and been involved with her own organization, doing things such as prevention and health care and like the Weed and Seed program and so I want to thank her for all her years of service.”

Chairman Norton said, “Clerk, call the roll.”
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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. RESOLUTIONS (FOUR) APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.

• DONNA E. SWEET, M.D. (COMMISSIONER MCGINN’S APPOINTMENT)
• KATHY DITTMER (COMMISSIONER MCGINN’S APPOINTMENT)
• MARY NAVARRO (COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO’S APPOINTMENT)
• LADEENA JOHNSTON, R.N. (COMMISSIONER NORTON’S APPOINTMENT)

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, we’ve prepared resolutions for appointments to the Advisory Board of Health and the resolutions are for the appointment of Donna Sweet, who is Commissioner McGinn’s appointment, Kathy Dittmer, who is also Commissioner McGinn’s appointment, Mary Navarro, who is Commissioner Sciortino’s appointment and Ladeena Johnston, who is Chairman Norton’s appointment. The resolutions are in proper form and I would ask that you adopt them.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Can we take that as one.”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes, sir.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved Adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Norton said, “And I do see Dr. Sweet and Kathy Dittmer here. Is Mary here or Ladeena?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I don’t see Mary.”

Chairman Norton said, “I don’t see Ladeena either, but we’ll ask you to come forward and take your oath.”

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

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

Dr. Donna E. Sweet M.D. and Kathy Dittmer, Members, Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health, said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations.”

Dr. Sweet said, “Well I would like to thank the board and Commissioner McGinn for their trust and I and we will continue to work hard for the health of this community. As Chairman Norton said in the proclamation, healthcare is a huge issue right now. We are seeing increasing numbers of very poor and consequently increasingly sick people who are putting off their healthcare because they have no access. So it’s a great challenge for the advisory board.

The other thing that will probably get me into trouble, but fluoride has not left our business item so it will come back, perhaps to haunt us, but I do think we have to work towards the health of our community and that is one of the things that I think CDC and others says we can make a big difference in the health of our community. So thank you for your trust.”
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Ms. Dittmer said, “Thank you very much for this opportunity to continue to serve the community. As you can see, those of us who are involved by Dr. Sweet’s words and they’re very passionate about making sure we have the ability to provide appropriate healthcare services and to be good public health spokesmen to the community at large. We look forward to working with you in the future and thank you very much.”


Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say thank you. We are very fortunate, as a community, to have these two ladies on the board of health. They bring a great wealth of experience and background. I know personally that they are both very outspoken. Dr. Sweet, what impressed me the most was I was at a health board meeting one time when I was just there to observe and I guess the fluoridation issue was coming up, because I was like why is the press here and all this stuff, and Pat McDonald got up there to read the statement and everybody was kind of quite for a minute and then Dr. Sweet said, ‘That’s not what we thought and that’s not what we agreed on’ and was very outspoken about how the board felt about that. And so I’m sure that we’ll get to discuss that some more in the future and I want to thank you for all the work you do in the AIDS, with that issue, the care and the prevention for our community. I think that that has certainly gone a long way.

Kathy is an active volunteer, as we all know. She studies the issues and if she feels government is going the wrong direction, she’s certainly not shy about letting us know. And so, I think it’s very important we have people like that on the Board of Health, because as we move forward, we’ve had a health department around for fifty-some years and our community is changing and so I think our health board, how we deal with health and prevention in our community probably needs to change too. So, we’re going to be looking to you guys to help us change policy as needed and guide us to a healthier community. So, thank you very much.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you. Clerk, call the next item.”
Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “If
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I can have all the employees who will receive certificates come up to the podium please. I am very pleased today to have a lot of county employees here who have committed themselves to improve quality public service by completing their career development certificates. We would also like to thank their department heads and managers, who allow them to participate in this program and to also thank you as commissioners, who continually support training and want to make Sedgwick County a learning organization.

First of all we have supervisory management certificates and first is Deborah Bunyard from the Health Department; Jorge Delatorre from Public Works; Shelley Herrington from Corrections, Uneeda Robinson from Auto License; Teresa Williams from COMCARE.

Now those receiving professional development certificates: Greta Douglas from Housing; Teresa Freeman from the County Clerk’s Office; Carla Irwin from Auto License; Catherine Kraft could not make it but she’s from Corrections; Julie Luce from District Attorney; Jerrietta McClure from Corrections; Shelia McFarland from Auto License; Angela Rice, Corrections; Tawanda Rhone, Auto License; Susan Shaffer, Auto License; Charlotte Shaver from Auto License; Kim Volhein, Auto License; Angela Rice, Corrections; Tawanda Rhone, Auto License; Susan Shaffer, Auto License; Charlotte Shaver from Auto License; Kim Volhein, Auto License; Adella Wenzel from Auto License.

And now two have received a quality customer service certificate: Bethany Carpenetti from County Clerk and Julie Luce from District Attorney. Thank you, Commissioners.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, Jo that’s a pretty good class of folks who have been through quite a bit of training and we’re very proud of them, because as we continue to build the capacity of the organization, it is critical that our employees continue to educate themselves and understand their roles and training is the way to do it. So we applaud them for taking the time to do this kind of continuing education within the confines of your job and the organization. It just makes us better, as we try to work for the citizens of Sedgwick County. We applaud everyone. Thank you.

Clerk, call the next item.”

CITIZEN INQUIRY
D. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD DRUG PROBLEM AND PROPERTY VALUE.

Chairman Norton said, “It’s presented by Mr. Adkins, is that correct?”

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, “Mr. Chairman, I don’t believe he’s present. If he has, he hasn’t identified himself. We can defer this item or . . .”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just want to make sure he’s not just sitting back there someplace.”

Chairman Norton said, “Mr. Adkins, Edward Adkins? At this time, I would ask that we maybe defer this item.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to defer indefinitely.

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.”

NEW BUSINESS
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E. SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SEDGWICK COUNTY’S SPONSORSHIP OF A GRANT AWARDED TO DERBY RECREATION COMMISSION.

Sergeant Brenda Dietzman, Sheriff’s Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is an acknowledgement of a grant that was applied for and awarded to the Derby Recreation Commission. Before I get into the nuts and bolts of the grant, I’d just like say that this is another example of a great partnership that we have with the DRC and other people in Oaklawn. It’s just an amazing partnership.

The grant is for six Americorp Vista volunteers and they’re called volunteers because they’re not paid very much but they are compensated by the federal government for their wages, benefits, everything. Basically, all we need to provide to them is a place to work.

Like I said, that there are six of them. We’ve hired three so far and they’re back here. I’ll introduce them here in a bit or let them introduce themselves, depending on your wishes. Of the six workers, two will be going to the DRC and the DRC has farmed the other four out to Community Housing Services, the Sheriff’s Department, Good Neighbor’s Program and Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.

This is very, very exciting because I’ve had the pleasure of working with them the last few days and as you can tell, they’re younger and their youthful exuberance and their passion, they want to get done with this training and they want to start working and it’s just really great to see and I am so excited to see what Oaklawn, great place, but what it’s going to be in a year after these people get done with their work and it can go on for another two years after that. So this is an excellent opportunity and Frank Sites and Rob McDonald and Tim Hicks from Derby Recreation Commission are great as well.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, why don’t you bring them up or introduce them or let them talk a little bit or something.”

Sergeant Dietzman said, “They’re going to be doing a lot of public speaking, I have a feeling, so I’m going to let them get their feet wet right here and introduce themselves and who they’re working with.”

Ms. Barbara Clark, said, “I’m going to be working with the Derby Recreation Commission.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Where are you from?”
Ms. Clark said, “I’m from Tescott, Kansas.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “You’re from where, ma’am?”

Ms. Clark said, “It’s northwest of Salina.”

Mr. Jonathan Knowles, said, “I’ll be working with the Sheriff’s Department.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Where are you from, Jonathan?”

Mr. Knowles said, “I’m from Derby.”

Ms. Angie Cisco said, “I’ll be working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and I am from Oaklawn, born and raised.”

Chairman Norton said, “Before you get away, I had a chance to visit with you yesterday and you told us about your educational backgrounds too, which I think is interesting so come back to the microphone and tell us a little bit about yourself there too.”

Ms. Cisco said, “I am a senior at Wichita State. I have about 20 hours left.”

Chairman Norton said, “What is your major in?”

Ms. Cisco said, “Social work.”

Mr. Knowles said, “I’m taking a break from college for the past two years but my major is Philosophy and Theology with a minor in Archeology.”

Ms. Clark said, “I’m finishing a Masters thesis at Wichita State University in educational psychology.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I have the pleasure of knowing one of these young people personally, and I know her quality and I know her upbringing and I’m very excited that she’s now, at this early age, willing to give back to the community that she’s lived in her entire life.

To all of you, we can’t do it on our own, government can’t really do much without dedicated
volunteers wanting to put the work right there in the field. We’ve got a tremendous community policing department, the DRC has been excellent in getting involved in the community. But without individuals such as yourselves, being willing to dedicate a year, two years to an effort is very commendable and if the three of you are any example of what our youth is going to be in the future, then I think that I’m now on the back side of my life, I can rest easy knowing that we’re going to have one heck of a great community and I just want to thank the three of you for making this effort. You too, sergeant.”

Chairman Norton said, “It’s really nice, as we run through this race of politics that we know there’s going to be somebody to hand the baton to at some point. Thank you very much. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Acknowledge sponsorship of the grant project, and approve the use of a VISTA member’s services by the Sheriff’s Department Community Policing Section.

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

2. AGREEMENT WITH DERBY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 260 FOR LEASE OF SPACE USED BY THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT.
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Sergeant Dietzman said, “This is a lease agreement between Sedgwick County and USD 260, the Derby school district, for some office space for my unit, the community policing unit, and other deputies in the Oaklawn area.

This office space is about five to seven hundred square feet of area, so it’s a pretty big room, pretty big office area and it’s a great place to go. They’ve got great air conditioning there, which is great this time of year, especially with our vests on, and it’s actually in Carlton school district, or Carlton school complex. There’s about three, four buildings there. Carlton Magnet was closed a few years ago, so right now it’s unoccupied and when we left the store front a few months ago, in anticipation of some future plans with a joint office with the Derby Recreation Commission, we approached the Derby School District and asked if we could have some office space in that interim, while we do some renovations to our soon to be new offices and they were more than happy to accommodate us and again, great example of some great partnerships that we have with different organizations and the willingness of other organizations to step in and help us out.”

Chairman Norton said, “What is the . . . Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, before you all vote on this you need to know, I mean, I was hoping we could negotiate a better rate. If I understand it right, it’s like 45 cents a square foot, or twelve or thirteen hundred square feet for $45 a month. I mean, couldn’t you have gotten a better deal for us?”

Sergeant Dietzman said, “Well, I guess I could reapproach them.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I think this is fantastic and this just, again I congratulate 260 for actually, basically it’s just if you all pay a little portion of the electricity, here’s your space, basically.”

Sergeant Dietzman said, “Right. Basically, what they did is they went in and said, utilities are going to cost this much and that’s what they’ve charged us.”

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

Chairman Norton said, “I’d entertain a Motion at this point.”

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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

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Chairman Norton said, “Thanks. Next item.”

PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO GIBBS MACHINE AND TOOL, LLC.

Mr. Sherdeill Breathett Sr., Economic Developer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’re excited today to be here before you, in an effort to stimulate and to expand our local economy, Sedgwick County grants tax exemptions for a limited number of years to businesses which are growing, adding new employees and investing capital within Sedgwick County.

And Gibbs Machine Tool, located at 4261 South West Street is also doing an exceptional job in that area. It has provided the CEO for Gibbs Machine and Tool, Mr. Jim Gibbs, to come and to be with us as well too to speak to this issue. They are an aircraft manufacturer of component parts that consist of solar air compressors, vertical type components as well for our local aircraft industry, and they have since 1998 through 2001 have added an additional 12 employees.

One of the things about Sedgwick County as we worked with them in tax abatements is that we discuss with them about bringing on employees. The state or no other municipalities for that matter
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does that and we are grateful that they’ve not only just met the minimum, but they’ve gone on and added on 12 of the potential of 13 for this year. So we’d like for you all to take into consideration what’s been before you and to open it up to the public and see what response we get there.”

Chairman Norton said, “At this point, I’ll open the public hearing and accept any public comment. Are there anyone that would like to speak to this item today? And I think it would be appropriate, Mr. Gibbs, would you like to speak during this portion.”

Mr. Jim Gibbs, Chief Executive Officer, Gibbs Machine & Tool, LLC, said, “The first thing is I’d like to thank you guys for the time that you’ve spent on this issue. I know it’s been a long time coming and as we move forward and help develop jobs in Sedgwick County and help them bring them back home, along with Steve Rooney, who I worked with at Boeing for numerous years, but as we grow and develop this economy, we must do it not based on our labor rates, but to compete with outside sources, but on capital, equipment and technology that we focus on in this area. So, that’s where we’d like to spend our resources.

Recently, a month ago we added one employee, two weeks ago we added another one. So, we are adding jobs to the economy.”

Chairman Norton said, “Great, awesome. Is there anyone else that would like to speak to this issue. At this point, I will close the public hearing and limit the comments to the bench. Commissioners, any questions, discussion?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “This is a five-year plan, isn’t it? Is it a five-year tax exemption?”

Mr. Breathett said, “You have a ten-year is what you have, Commissioner. There’s a five-year, from the standpoint of the personal property and then ten-year for the real property.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “All right, okay.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Norton said, “Please keep up the message to all that are out there. We work pretty hard on economic development and one way to do that is grow small companies into large companies. Keep working on it. Next item.”

G. PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) ADVISORY BOARD AND THE PUBLIC REGARDING A GRANT APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR LLEBG FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $205,579.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Luciana Espinar, Management Intern, County Manager’s Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sedgwick County received notice from the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the availability of local law enforcement block grant funding for this year. This will be the county’s eighth year of applying for this one.

The original funding amount allocated to Sedgwick County in ’96 was $37,792 and the City of Wichita was allocated $332,250. Last year and this year, Sedgwick County filed for us to received this very jurisdictional status from the Kansas Attorney General’s Office. Under this process, the City and the County must agree to the distribution of the combined funds for both jurisdictions.

Sheriff Steed and the Chief of Police Williams negotiated a 50/50 split of the funds for this year. In the negotiations, Sedgwick County will receive $185,021 in local law enforcement funds and a matching requirement of 10%, or $20,158 will be provided from county general fund, making a total fund available to distribute to departments and projects for $205,579.

Funds must be used for local law enforcement and related projects that fall under seven purpose areas that are addressed in the application. The grant provides funds to initiate or facilitate current efforts to reduce crime and improve public safety.

The Regional Forensic Science Center, Court House Security, Corrections, District Attorney and Sheriff’s Department are eligible for the grant. These five departments have already submitted their request for funding for the local grant to the advisory board, which have reviewed the applications and made recommendations. Here’s a summary of the department’s requests.
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Forensic Science, $38,500; Court House Security, $32,550; Sheriff’s Department, $94,553; Corrections, $31,371; District Attorney, $8,505. The total request, $205,579. If you don’t have any questions, I recommend you accept the recommendations of the local law enforcement block grant advisory board, direct staff to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding in the amount of $205,579.”

Chairman Norton said, “I understand we open a public hearing. Is that correct?”

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, “You can respond to questions, but I would recommend you open the public hearing and then close the public hearing and then . . .”

Chairman Norton said, “And then come back to the bench. At this time, I’ll open the public hearing to speak on the block grant issue. Is there anyone here that would like to speak to that issue? Anyone that would like to speak to the issue on block grants for law enforcement? At this time, I’ll close the public hearing and limit the conversation to the bench. Did you want to speak after the vote or now?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I want to speak after the vote.”


Commissioner Winters said, “Luciana, can you tell me about the process. How did we decide? Was there a group of people got together? Who decided what was going to happen? Who decided who was going to get what?”

Ms. Espinar said, “For Sedgwick commissioner, Commissioner Ben Sciortino, representative from the law enforcement, which was Undersheriff John Green, representative from the prosecutor’s office attorney Ann Swegle, court systems, Judge Timothy Henderson, representative for a local school system, USD 259 Director of Security, Galen Davis and representative from a non-profit organization, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters who was Jane Knight.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, that’s all I need. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, now that I know that one of our experts is at the bench, maybe he’ll have the answer. But in looking at the background, I was just curious, how many electronic monitors were able to be purchased for that I think it was $20,000?”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “We have that information for you. We anticipated you were going ask the question.”

Ms. Kerrie Platt, FS Administrator, Corrections Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “That will allow about 25 units for a year.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Pretty pricey, huh.”

Ms. Platt said, “Pardon.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “They’re pretty expensive then.”

Ms. Platt said, “They are expensive and then there’s the batteries and the straps that you have to replace.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, I think they’re good. It’s just that other component that we have to look at in trying to keep track of potential offenders in our people that get back out into the community, rather than keeping them in jail.”

Ms. Platt said, “It does increase the accountability of their whereabouts.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I do want to say that . . . first of all, I want to compliment all of the members that were on that panel, very cooperative. Naturally, you can assume their requests initially exceeded the amount of money that we had, but there was a lot of cooperation, ‘Well, yeah, I could do away with that’, and what have you. It was very amicable. It did seem, when push came to shove, everybody kind of looked my way for me to say yes or no, so I was feeling a little uncomfortable playing God there on a couple of issues.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “You were feeling uncomfortable doing that?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I just said a little uncomfortable. But this is the third year I’ve been on that panel and it worked out very well and there was a lot of cooperation between departments. The Sheriff’s Department was the one that had to make some pretty big drops in order
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to get us there and they were very agreeable and just compliment everybody that worked on that panel, and Marty too.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. I see no other comments from the bench. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the recommendations of the LLEBG Advisory Board, and authorize submission of the Grant Application.

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, “And I believe, Commissioner Sciortino, you have something.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah. Luciana, I understand that you’re making a tape of this and sending it to some people in Peru.”

Ms. Espinar said, “Sure.”

Commissioner Sciortino spoke Spanish.

Chairman Norton said, “Don’t run off. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Come back up here. Since we don’t have a cue of what Commissioner Sciortino said, those of us who don’t speak Spanish, I’d just take a moment, Chad and Steve are also interns that are here, how important we think these interns are to our whole...
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organization. You all do great work. You get involved in lots of stuff. Sometimes you probably feel like you’re doing a lot of grunt work but we do appreciate the work that you do for Sedgwick County and we hope you have an enjoyable time doing it, even though we know it’s probably some long hours and hard work. But as Commissioners, we do appreciate the work you do and I think we’ve got three excellent interns working right now. So, thanks very much.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Let me just clarify. What I basically said, I told them that we were very proud that their daughter was working for us, that she was very intelligent and if she was a representation of the youth of Peru, then their country indeed was in good shape.”

Chairman Norton said, “Good. Clerk, call the next item.”

H. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ALTERATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Marilyn Chapman, Election Commissioner, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here in hopes that you’ll help me straighten out kind of a mess that the state left us with. You know that every ten years, after the census, all jurisdictions in the country look at their boundaries and change them so that each person is represented, each representative represents about the same number of people and our state did that, the county did that, the cities did that.

The building blocks in the State of Kansas are the precincts that have been set up and the state, for some reason or other, saw fit to divide up some precincts this year and we have two areas that . . . Kristi’s going to do that. I’m technologically challenged here. We have two areas . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That’s okay. You’re about ready to go from tension to pension.”

Ms. Chapman said, “Yeah. The state left us with two areas where the districts don’t match. One is this little triangle. It’s at about Ridge Road, just north of 29th Street and that triangle came about several years ago through an annexation, where the districts didn’t match. And all of our precincts need to have all of the districts matching, the state senate, the state representatives and the county commissioner districts.

A second area is on the east side of town, which is just north of Kellogg, and that is some area that is around the turnpike. This area has no population in it. The other area has approximately 235 people living in it and I’m here today to ask you if you will transfer this little area to the 1st district,
which would be the blue area that would match and to transfer the other triangular area to the 4th district and I have those figures for you.

It would be no change in the population between the 1st and the 5th districts, but there would be a difference of 235 going from the 3rd district to the 4th district. That would set all of our precincts up so that they’re in good shape and all of the districts match.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I think this one is probably going to be a little easier than this other one.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Why don’t we take the first one.”

Chairman Norton said, “Can we take those separately, Mr. Counselor?”

Mr. Euson said, “We . . . well, we’ve prepared a resolution with both of them in it. Yes, you could take the actions separately, but we’d need to redo the resolution.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, let’s take it . . .”

Chairman Norton said, “We’ll take it together. We just need to . . . Are we okay now?”

Commissioner Winters said, “We’re okay.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “You want to make the Motion, if you’re that okay, and one of you Second it.”

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks, Marilyn. Next item.”

Commissioner McGinn left at 9:48 a.m.

I. DIVISION OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION.

1. AGREEMENT WITH CLEARWATER FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE PROVIDING CONTROLLED ACCESS TO ROSS AVENUE IN CLEARWATER, KANSAS SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2003, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEARWATER FALL FESTIVAL.

Mr. Ron Holt, Director, Division of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a request for approval of an agreement between the county and Clearwater Fall Festival Committee for controlled access to Ross Avenue in Clearwater for the dates September 5th, 6th and 7th in conjunction with their fall festival.

This is an annual request that is made by this committee for controlled access to Ross Avenue in the City of Clearwater and if there are no questions, we recommend approving the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no . . . I do now.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I’m ready to make a Motion, Mr. Chairman but I would just put a plug in for the Clearwater Fall Festival. I know we’ve got fall festivals starting up. We’ve had summer festivals and spring festivals. Now the fall festival season is here and Clearwater will have their event September 5th, 6th and 7th. The 7th is Sunday, isn’t it? The 6th, the parade is the 6th on the Saturday is the big day, so will be a good time in Clearwater.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to
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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 Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino Aye
Chairman Tim Norton Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

Commissioner McGinn returned at 9:50 a.m.

2. AGREEMENT WITH MID-CONTINENT R/C MODEL BOAT RACING
FOR USE OF TOM SCOTT LAKE AT SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK
OCTOBER 10-12, 2003 TO HOLD A BOAT RACE, AND TO HOLD
PRACTICE AND HOBBY RUNS ON DAYS TO BE DETERMINED.

Mr. Holt said, “The Mid-Continent Remote Control Model Boat Racing group has been holding
model boat races for a number of years now in Sedgwick County Park. This year’s remote control
boat race will be held on October 10th, 11th and 12th. Arrangements for specific dates for practice
runs are to be made by the group with the park superintendent. And again, it’s to use Tom Scott
Lake at Sedgwick County Park, the Mid-Continent Remote Control Boat Racing group for October
10, 11 and 12. And we would recommend, if there are no questions, for you to approve the
agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no questions at this time. What is the will of the Board?
Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I was just . . . how many participants, how many people are going to
be out there for this boat race? Do you have an idea?”
Mr. Holt said, “My recollection serves me right, I think there’s like 75 to 100 different participants
over that three day period.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, thanks.”
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Chairman Norton said, “Will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

3. AGREEMENT WITH VEE ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION FOR KANSAS COLISEUM TO SERVE AS PROMOTER OF “BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE.”

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agreement is along the lines of us performing as family show promoter in this region. We plan on presenting Bear in the Big Blue House at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. As you know, we’ve done it outside of our doors twice before, when we’ve presented Sesame Street Live as well as Bear in the Big Blue House at the Century II convention center.

This again will establish us as a family show promoter in the region and it will also introduce the Select-a-Seat ticketing system to the Salina market, since we are selling this show strictly through Select-a-Seat and we have set up computer access in Salina, as well as the phone system and the Internet. We recommend approval.”

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

**MOTION**
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Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

4. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SALINA FOR USE OF THE SALINA BICENTENNIAL CENTER SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2003 FOR PRODUCTION OF “BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE.”

Mr. Nath said, “This is real similar to the agreements we signed with the City of Wichita for the rental of Century II when we promoted two events down there. One of the things I’ll show you, during my monthly report, is the projected reach of the new outlet area, should Select-a-Seat become a permanent ticket presence in Salina. The Bicentennial Center is currently looking for proposals from computerized ticketing systems. They’re currently on a hard ticket system and they want go computerized and what better way to show them than to present our own show, sell it through our own system and get them customized to this new way of selling tickets and making it very convenient for ticket buyers to get those tickets. We recommend approval.”

**MOTION**

Chairman Norton moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino 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  Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

5. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Nath said, “For the month of August, we had 16,675 people through our doors, 11 events, . . . July, excuse me, 19 individual performances. August is going to be a completely different story, because the circus was absolutely huge and I’ll tell you about that next month. Net revenues were $58,104.

Highlights for the month, we do two annually recurring horse shows, the Stars and Stripes Benefit over the 4th of July weekend and the Pride of the Prairie Pinto Show, total attendance of 4,126 between the two events.

We did something new, it was completely different that we’ve never presented before. We did a paint ball tournament in the arena building and this is representative of one of the teams. Three-man teams, is basically a capture the flag type event. They work through these mazes of these inflatable barriers that they set up. It’s really pretty interesting.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “How did you keep paint off the walls?”

Mr. Nath said, “We put nets up and quite frankly, we’d use the hose to wash it down afterwards. It was very, very easy to clean up. The average match lasts about 90 seconds. It doesn’t take long.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is this . . . three guys?”

Mr. Nath said, “Three on three.”
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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “So one is defending something, the flag and the other one is attacking?”

**Mr. Nath** said, “Three on one side are shooting at three on the other side. As soon as they get hit, they’re out. It was pretty interesting. Very quick, very intense, it was a lot of fun.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Is that a pretty good spectator sport?”

**Mr. Nath** said, “Yeah, there were quite a few spectators. If you stand to close to the net, you get splashed, quite interesting.

We also had a concert by one of the hottest bands in the country right now, Linkin Park. Their latest CD has sold 2,000,000 copies. We had over 6,000 people in attendance for that.

And in the sports zone, we had two games with the Wichita Stealth, nearly 5,500 people in attendance.

Now to give you an idea of the reach we have with our outlet system, we currently have outlets at the Dillons stores of course, in El Dorado, of course here in Wichita, in Newton at the Dillons stores and then the Kansas State Fair, as well as Dillons up in Hutch. But in the orange circle, you see how we’ll be able to reach the Salina market, as well as Lindsbourgh, and we’re just projecting what the outlet area would be. Of course we’re international with the Internet. Anybody in the country could buy a ticket to any one of our events, plus the phone room makes it very convenient. It gives people four ways to buy tickets: Internet, telephone, go to the outlets or go to the venue where the show is held. And hopefully, in the near future, that orange circle will turn green and that will become part of our market area.

Coming up, we have the Paint Horse Show September 6th and 7th, Mid-American Flea Market again on the 14th, the Junior Livestock Show comes back the 19th through the 22nd. Shocker Auction, which is something that we did last year for the first time, they were very happy, they’re coming back, hopefully we have found a permanent home for that in our Pavilion II. Chisholm Trail Gun Show the 4th and the 5th and Disney on Ice on the 8th through the 12th. If there’s any questions, I’d be happy to answer them at this time.”

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Chairman Norton said, “I don’t see any questions. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Receive and file.

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

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks, John. We look forward to August, if the circus was really that good. Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES: COMCARE

J. COMCARE.

1. AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICES TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This item represents our affiliation agreement with Family Consultation Services. The agreement allows and enables Family Consultation Services to maintain its status as a mental health center in this community and to receive certified match and state aid from the state. This affiliation agreement must be in place before Family Consultation can bill Medicaid for the services they provide.
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Payments made in two payments, one after the initiation of this contract and a second payment by January 1st of this next year. And funding for this comes from our state contract. We’re requesting that you approve the agreement and I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have on this one.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no questions.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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. CONTRACTS (TWO) TO PROVIDE HEALTHWAVE TITLE 21 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

• SUMNER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
• SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CENTER
Ms. Cook said, “It’s another renewal on contracts. Both of these contracts that you have before you are renewals. One is with the South Central Mental Health Counseling Center in Butler County, we just call that one Butler County Mental Health Center and one with Sumner Mental Health Center for Healthwave services and Healthwave is a state insurance program for uninsured children and our numbers have been growing in this area.

COMCARE acts not only as a provider, but we’re also the local managed care organization for mental health services for Sedgwick, Butler and Sumner County. We did that because Sumner and Butler Counties do not have enough volume to be able to pick up this contract independently. We receive a per member, per month amount from the state for all the children that are enrolled in our area and we provide mental health services that are assessed to be necessary. Marty Bryan in our children’s program is the one that screens all the children who request services through this program, regardless of which of the three counties they are asking services in and she will make referrals to Butler or Sumner or a service provider in our own area. And Marty also visits children in the hospital, when they’re hospitalized, to make sure that she’s monitoring their care, making sure that they’re getting out of the hospital in a timely way. We’re requesting that you approve the contracts and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chairman Norton said, “Questions? Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. I just . . . you said the numbers were growing. How large is the program?”

Ms. Cook said, “You know, I didn’t bring those numbers with me this morning and we should have. We are the largest providers of Healthwave services in the state. We have a little bit over 1,000 children that are enrolled in the program. Not that many are receiving care. I think a little over 100 children in our three-county area are receiving care. The care is designed to be short term in nature and so there are a lot of children entering care and then those exiting care. I can get those numbers for you though.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. But that’s a good answer for me.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Contracts 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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

3. CONTRACT WITH ARROWHEAD WEST, INC. TO PROVIDE ADULT RESIDENTIAL AND DAY SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, “This contract is again a renewal of a contract with Arrowhead West, which is basically a DD facility, developmental disability facility to provide residential and adult care services to individuals who were originally residing in Heartland, the Heartland Facility before it closed. This contract involves the care of eight individuals who were thought to still need the structure of the Arrowhead West facility. And so we maintain them in that facility and support their activities there and primarily, the services in addition to the residential portion of this, the services provided are those provided by our case managers. Be happy to answer any questions on that. We’re asking that you approve this contract.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no questions. Board action?”

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

4.  ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE TO DELETE ONE PART-TIME CLINICAL DIRECTOR POSITION AND ONE PART TIME SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER POSITION; AND ADD ONE PERMANENT PART-TIME CLINICAL DIRECTOR POSITION AND ONE PERMANENT PART-TIME SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER POSITION, BAND 322.

Ms. Cook said, “This agenda item deletes two part-time employees from the staffing table that had no benefits. One is a COMCARE child psychiatrist who has been with us for quite a while and one is a part-time crisis therapist who has also been with us for almost 10 years and then add them as permanent part-time positions on the staffing table.

Both of these employees have worked between twelve and sixteen hundred hours a year for us these last eight to ten years, depending on which one we’re talking about. They’re both highly skilled clinicians and technical changes in the timekeeping system that we have with SAP no longer allows part-time employees in our system to work over 999 hours or so. Therefore we’re requesting this change in the status for them. It doesn’t increase their pay. It does give them benefits, however.

The crisis worker, who is a school social worker in her other job, works mainly evening and weekends and throughout the summer for us and she’s very skilled in crisis debriefings. We’ve used her a lot in that capacity. And the child psychiatrist will be working 32 hours a week, as she is currently. I’ll be happy to answer any questions you have on that one.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no questions at this time.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the adjustments to the COMCARE Staffing Table.
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Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “That’s it, Marilyn?”

Ms. Cook said, “That is it.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Next item.”

K. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDING.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’re back for approval of our annual application to the state for rehabilitation funding to rehabilitate houses in Sedgwick County. Usually you see the application going to Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. There was an executive reorganization order issued by the governor earlier this year and the housing programs are now being conducted by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, so that’s why you see a different title.

But it’s the same program that we apply for every year, $300,000 every year with $75,000 of local matching funds and it’s to rehabilitate approximately 18 to 20 houses in Sedgwick County outside the City of Wichita and City of Park City. I’d be happy to try to answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Winters.”
Commissioner Winters said, “Just one quick question. Whose shop really handles this? Is this Brad Snapp’s folks?”

Ms. Hart said, “Brad handles it. We do go out and solicit proposals for non-profit organizations to handle it. I believe SCKEDD has handled it for us the past couple of years. Brad would be here,
but he’s doing his own housing project right now.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Any other questions? Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “I was just reading the background material. It’s for homeowners throughout the county and it says, ‘expect for people in Wichita and Park City’. I guess that means except for.”

**Mr. Hart** said, “Spellcheck is wonderful.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Anyway, what makes Park City I guess different from some of the other larger communities?”

**Ms. Hart** said, “Any of the cities can apply directly to the state Housing office for funding and since Park City has chosen to do so, they’ve gotten grants and so we use the funds that we receive elsewhere.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Ms. Hart** said, “That way it insures that they will have rehabilitation funding going into their community.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Any other questions, discussion?”

**MOTION**

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

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

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks, Irene. Next item.”

L. GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF $19,588 FROM PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT, TO BE USED FOR A SCHEMATIC DESIGN STUDY FOR THE REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER BUILDING ANNEX; AND AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE THE DESIGN STUDY.

Dr. Tim Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to ask you to accept this grant and to amend the CIP to allow us to spend the money.

A little background on the Paul Coverdell grant. This is some federal money that’s passed down to the states using a formula. The State of Kansas, last federal fiscal year, received $30,000 or a little over $30,000 to be used to improve forensic sciences. Before the state is allowed to distribute it to laboratories within the state, we have to develop a state plan, so the lab directors, KBI, Johnson County and us got together, developed a state plan on how we can utilize this money to improve forensic sciences within the State of Kansas.

In those discussions, it was determined that Sedgwick County had a very strong need for additional space for evidence storage and analytical testing areas for our elicit drug identification laboratory. To that end, we were awarded roughly $20,000 to develop a schematic design study for the annex to our existing building to allow us to move forward in the future with a capital improvement program for the building annex.
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The nice thing about this is it’s pure federal money. There is no local match monies for it. So, this is a good thing for us. So I’d like to recommend that you accept the grant award, authorize the Chair to sign the necessary paperwork and approve the CIP amendment and I stand ready to answer any questions.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see none. What is the recommended action.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Accept the grant award and authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement and related documents; and approve the CIP amendment.

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, “Thank you, doc. Next item.”

M. DELETIONS FROM FLEET INVENTORY OF ONE TIRE SERVICE TRUCK, ONE HALF TON PICKUP, AND ONE MAGNET TRACTOR AT FLEET MANAGEMENT; ONE HALF TON PICKUP AT THE ZOO; AND ONE PASSENGER CAR AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Seeking
your approval to delete and dispose of these vehicles. They’re no longer needed. The three in Fleet Management, because of outsourcing and reduction in force, restructuring internally, I don’t need two of those trucks. The other one is an old tractor that was donated to us by the Air Force many, many years ago that gets no use at all.

And as mentioned earlier, the zoo has one half-ton pickup to delete and they have other half-tons that they can use out there and then the Health Department, their vehicle is not supported by the grant, but mileage is, so that employee will take reimbursement for mileage and we can delete that vehicle at the upcoming auction. If there are any questions, I’ll be happy to entertain those now.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Just a quick comment. With some of the recent new articles, I think it might be interesting for the public to know that every time we add a vehicle to the fleet, it gets commission approval and justification and now, every time we delete a vehicle that’s not going to be replaced, it still comes before the commission, as we really do try to keep tight control on the number of vehicles that we have available in the county.

And so, one of Marv’s jobs is to make sure that every piece of equipment is used and used properly and if it’s not, Marv is trying to get rid of it. And sometimes I’m a little hesitant to get rid of some of these things. I think we maybe need a tire truck, but I really do trust his judgment in making sure that all the vehicles are utilized and when they’re not, they’re gone.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Actually, in regards to the tire truck, we actually have better service now, because there are many companies in our community that can provide that service and they have several employees and several service truck, where I only had one truck and one person and they were used 38% of the time. So this is a much better service for our customers.”

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

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, I wanted to dovetail on what Tom just said. Not withstanding some of the things you’ve heard about the state and what have you, Sedgwick County does really try to stay accountable to you in the way that we spend your dollars. And by that, I mean, the way the state buys . . . maybe you should call them. Maybe they could readily buy . . . they could be a customer. Maybe they’d like to buy these things and store them for future use or something.”
I’m very proud that we do try to keep a real tight rein and the five of us who are elected get to make the final decisions whether it’s yes buy or no buy. That’s what we were elected to do and I’m real proud and willing to accept that responsibility. Thank you.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Just one final comment is we have reduced our fleet by 5% this year.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Great.”

Chairman Norton said, “Don’t run off. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Marvin, you said these are disposed of at an auction?”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes, there’s an upcoming auction on September 20th. It’s a partnership with the Sheriff. He’s getting rid of seized vehicles and I’m getting rid of all the other things that you approved earlier for disposal and so, big sale September 20th at 10:00.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, and that’s public information, the public is invited.”

Mr. Duncan said, “It’s advertised in the Derby paper and in the Wichita paper also.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay.”

Commissioner Winters said, “When is that auction?”

Mr. Duncan said, “20 September, the auction starts at 10:00 and it’s open for viewing at 8:30. It’s on a Saturday.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Where is it at?”

Mr. Duncan said, “It’s at 1021 Stillwell, which is the Fleet Management yard.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Now will we notify the public with public notices or something so they’ll know to be able to come?”

Mr. Duncan said, “That process has already begun. Purchasing has listed that in the Derby paper and our auctioneer also lists that in the Wichita paper and we have a sign out on Seneca and there are flyers in the mailbox by the sign, if people want to stop by and pick up a flyer and I have a few
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here today. If you care, I will leave those with you.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. I see no other questions for discussion.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I just have one question just real quickly. Is there ever a time, like we’re a larger governmental entity and we’re getting rid of a pickup, is there any kind of mechanism that we offer it to a smaller community, maybe they want a used pickup that we think is no longer good, maybe they might? Do you ever do that inter-governmental?”

Mr. Duncan said, “I have not done that. I’m not saying that there isn’t. I’d have to get with our legal folks for counsel on that.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I don’t even know if that’s practical, but I know on some times in the past, like an old fire truck or something. . .”

Mr. Duncan said, “That is done through the fire department.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, and I just didn’t know if it would cascade down to tire trucks or pickups or whatever. Okay, no problem.”

Chairman Norton said, “One of the things I find comforting is as we had the discussion, Marv could say that it was 38% used and I think he probably knows that on almost every vehicle that we have and I think that’s comforting to know that we know how much they’re used, what their capabilities are and whether we really need to keep them in the fleet or not.

One of the things I’ve advanced at some of the best committee meetings I’ve been at at the state is that maybe the state needs to band with the locals that do fleet maintenance really well and let us share the burden at the local level with them, because they have a big state presence here and I understand they have quite a few state vehicles sitting on parking lots here locally and maybe we could help them with their . . .”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Maybe we want to talk about that first.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I’m thinking there would be a fee. We do have some expertise.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is that come under, ‘We’d like to help you out, which door did you come in?’ or what?”
Chairman Norton said, “What is the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the deletions from Fleet inventory.

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

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks, Marv. Next item.”

N. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE GYPSUM TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision, in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, Lyons Court, located in the Robbins Acres Addition, will become the responsibility of Gypsum township. The Gypsum Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the county commission agenda in a letter dated on May 14, 2003 and we recommend your approval of the resolution.”

Chairman Norton said, “And there was no response from the Gypsum Township?”

Mr. Weber said, “No. To my knowledge, they are fine with it.”

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

**MOTION**
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Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”


Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Minutes of the August 21st meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and there are eight items for your consideration.

1) COMPARISON MICROSCOPE W/ ACCESSORIES- FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER
   FUNDING: CRIMINALISTICS

Item one is the comparison microscope with accessories for the Forensic Science Center. It was moved to accept the bid from Leeds Precision Instruments for $61,066.95.

2) CHANGE ORDER- REMODEL 2ND FLOOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT-
   FACILITY PROJECTS
   FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Item two is a change order for the remodel, 2nd floor of the Sheriff’s Department. It was moved to acknowledge the change order with Robl Construction for $6,048.27.
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3) CHANGE ORDER- 5TH FLOOR REMODEL- FACILITY PROJECTS
   FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Item three, change order for the 5th floor remodel for Facility Projects. It was moved to acknowledge the change order with Rainbow Construction for $76,378.54.

4) COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT- FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
   FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Item four, cooling tower replacement for facilities maintenance. It was moved to accept the low bid from Central Air Conditioning for $81,993.

5) NETWORK VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS- SECURITY
   FUNDING: COURTHOUSE SECURITY- LLEBG GRANT

Item five, network video surveillance cameras for the Security Department. It was moved to accept the low proposal meeting specifications from All Safe Protection for $11,007.90.

6) TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE SEARCH & ABSTRACTING SERVICES-
   TREASURER
      FUNDING: TREASURER

Item six, tax foreclosure title search and abstract services for the Treasurer’s Department. It was moved to accept the only bid received from Columbian Title for $48.50 per parcel, plus an additional $3 performance bond for a total of $51.50 each.

7) AIRPLANE INSPECTION & REPAIRS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
   FUNDING: FLEET AIRPLANE

Item seven is airplane inspection and repairs for Fleet Management. It was moved to acknowledge the expenditure with Service Center for $29,499.44.

8) CM-E CHAT- PUBLIC WORKS
   FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIALS

Item eight, CM-E chat for the Public Works Department. It was moved to accept the low bid from Frank N. Bills Sand/Gravel for $49,110.
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I’ll be happy to take questions, and recommend the approval of the Minutes of the August 21st meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Just one question, just for . . . mainly for the public’s benefit. On item number one, where we’re talking a microscope, why wasn’t . . . all these other people don’t have a product or they didn’t bid it? I don’t understand that.”

Mr. Phipps said, “This is a product which consists of many products. They take a microscope and marry many items with it. They have machines that make like the camera fit the microscope so they can take pictures for comparison for courtroom services and etcetera. And Lee Precision Instrument is a company that’s been doing this for 30 years.

Now yes, there are other companies that sell microscopes but not with all the accessories that the department is asking for. Lee Precision Instrument does marry all these products together to make it one usable unit and they’re the only ones right now that we can find that will do that.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, if they’re the only ones that can provide the service, why do we go through the façade of letting out bids for it?”

Mr. Phipps said, “Well, in looking on the Internet, there are a lot of people that provide comparison microscopes, but not to this degree, with all the accessories that they have, but we had to check it out.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay.”

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

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton 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  Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item. Thanks, Jerry.”

CONSENT AGENDA

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2. Resolution suspending for one day the Cereal Malt Beverage License held by Sedgwick County Zoological Society.

3. Resolutions (two) formalizing findings made by the Board of County Commissioners regarding service extension plans for May 8 and May 15, 1998 annexations.

4. Agreement with Fidelity National Information Systems providing on-line access to Sedgwick County’s electronic data.

5. Agreement with Catherine Madden, M.D. to provide psychiatric services.

6. Funding in the amount of $15,000 for Haysville Forward, Inc.

7. Line item adjustments for Corrections grant program, to be submitted to Kansas Department of Corrections.

9. **Plat.**

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

James Krok Addition

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

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11. **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.**

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14. General Bills Check Register(s) for the period August 13 – August 26, 2003.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, I would recommend you approve the consent agenda, with the deletion of Item 13. Item 13 is a duplicate of Item 8, the same deal, and we don’t intend to do the payroll check register twice.”
Commissioner Winters said, “Which one was that?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Item 13. So I’d recommend you approve the consent agenda with the deletion of item 13.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the consent agenda with the deletion of item 13.

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? I assume we have an Executive Session. Do we have a Fire District? At this point I’ll recess the Board of County Commissioner’s meeting.”

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at 10:26 a.m. and returned at 10:36 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, “Anything else to come before us today as the Board of County Commissioners? Commissioner McGinn.”

Q. **OTHER**

Commissioner McGinn said, “Just want to announce that the Blacks Arts Festival is this weekend. Parade, 11:00 on 17th Street and I don’t know which way it’s going. It’s either going from WSU to McAdams Park or the other way and there will be lots of food and entertainment and things like that. And I believe it goes Saturday, Sunday and Monday this year so people can come out.”

Chairman Norton said, “And if you’re in the parade, bring plenty of candy, because man, it is a
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family time and a lot of kids out there.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I’m going to be riding with Councilmen Brewer and I have already bought my share.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I just know one year, at least the first year I participated with you, we ran out of candy after about a half a mile and there was some pretty ugly looks from the rest of the group. So, Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. Were you ahead of me, Commissioner Sciortino?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I purposely wanted to go behind you, so I turned my light off until you were done.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. Well I just wanted to mention that last Thursday a lot of the staff and a couple of commissioners were with the township officials out at Lake Afton for the township meeting. A bunch of dedicated public servants out there who are really at the grassroots level trying to provide services for citizens. It was a good meeting and dinner was provided by Barry Tractor. I’d like to thank them. We had some good food and a good, friendly group of folks just trying to carry out the function of government. It was a good time.

And I also want to say something about the zoo, reinforce what Kristi said, but Zoobilee is coming up September 6th and it’s a major event for the Sedgwick County Zoo. So anyone that is inclined, buy a ticket and support the zoo. And that’s all I have.”


Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. I had occasion that I . . . I have two routes that I can drive when I come from work from way out east and one of them is to take the 96 bypass, get off at the Central exit and go in. So this morning I’m driving along, sipping some coffee and I get off on the Central exit and there is a big billboard that says ‘Unruh: a trusted family name’ for what is it, 35 years or whatever.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “No, about fifty-seven years.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I mean, you’ve got to be prepared for that because on an empty stomach, it can make you a little bit ill. I remember my hand getting sore when Commissioner Unruh got elected. I don’t know how many kigillion Unruhs came by and said, ‘Hi, I’m so and so Unruh, I’m so and so Unruh’. But I thought that . . . are you running again real early or what is the
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deal?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I’m just trying to market the business. It was my son’s decision, not mine.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Anyway, I encourage you, it’s a beautiful billboard, but you have to be prepared for it, because man, there’s Unruh right in front of you as you’re getting off on Central.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I’m glad you saw it.”

Chairman Norton said, “This has been a paid political announcement paid for by . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, I’m Unruh’s campaign manager.”

Chairman Norton said, “Anything else? Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Just a couple of thoughts. I was out with the township board people on Thursday evening last week. They had really a good group of people out there. I’m always amazed at how many of those folks show up. Clearwater Fall Festival is not this coming weekend, but September 5th, 6th and 7th so anyone wants to participate in the Clearwater Fall Festival.

Friday of this week, I think there’s a couple of us will be attending a mini-summit over in Hutchinson to begin to work on regionalism, economic development issues that need to be brought forward before the whole state, as the lieutenant governor and governor host a prosperity summit October 1st here in Wichita. So I think, as we talked about job creation earlier in today’s meeting on a couple of issues, I think it is important for people to know that Sedgwick County is working hard to help this community create and retain jobs. So, we’re hard at work and we’ll be spending Friday in part of that process. So, that’s it.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. I just had a couple of things. We had a workshop on Tuesday on prevention funds. We had talked about that during the budget time and we had some concerns, I know Commissioner Winters had some concerns that we couldn’t cut the prevention funds and then just give up on it and not worry with it and struggle with it and we did that in a workshop. I’d have to applaud the commissioners for taking on some pretty good public policy issues that staff brought
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to us, so that we kind of outlined to them what we thought the public policy statements would be so they could move forward and try to figure out what to do with the prevention funds.

We also, as painful as it was, we had the city/county softball game this week and I’ll bring it up anyway. The city has regained the title for at least this year and I understood that we had to soften up our technique and maybe not win this one just so they would be equal partners on the economic development side. And I understand yesterday in the workshop they did have some conversation about that and I understand that it looks like they’re maybe going to partner with us equally. So I’m hopeful that will move forward and it will gain legs and actually be on one of their agendas to be equal partners in our economic development efforts.

With that I’d entertain . . .”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I just want to know, about six to eight of those guys that played in the ball game, how many of them have recently been employed with Wichita?”

Chairman Norton said, “I’ve played a lot of softball in my life, and some of those guys had played a lot before.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “The NBC or something.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is that a category, ‘work release’ that maybe we could get some people that are maybe presently in work release that we could get out for the day. They’d probably enjoy a little activity.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, what they didn’t have that we had is we had our county manager. He was a machine out there. He was running the bases. He was . . . I’m impressed. What an in shape guy.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “It was great to have somebody on our team that could run.”

Chairman Norton said, “All the way Buchanan, that’s what we called him.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I feel really bad that I had to go to an ice cream social in an air conditioned bank building in Mulvane that night and not be able to enjoy playing softball in 120 degree weather.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “That’s probably why we lost.”
Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, yeah, I’m sure that’s it.”

Chairman Norton said, “Let’s see, I’m trying to think if your name even came up that night.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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 potential litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:00 a.m.

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. and returned at 11:06 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, “We’ve returned from Executive Session. According to state statute, no binding action was taken. Is there anything else to come before us as County Commissioners? Mr. Manager? Mr. Counselor? We’re adjourned.”

R. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.
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THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chair Pro Tem
Third District

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DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner
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CAROLYN McGINN, Commissioner
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BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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