

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 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, October 15, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO); Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Dr. Luella Sanders, Director, Center City; Ms. Lori Vanderford, Controller, Health Department; Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Director, Government Relations; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Matt Stroh, 12205 Autumn Ridge, Wichita, Ks
Mr. Michael Madsen, 3135 N. Forest Lakes Ct., Wichita, Ks
Ms. Katie Felkins, 6800 W. 47th Street N., Wichita, Ks
Ms. Veronika Penciakova, 9002 Meadow Knoll, Wichita, Ks
Mr. Nick Templin, 536 James, Maize, Ks
Mr. Karlton Morrison, 633 Atherton, Maize, Ks
Ms. Lisa Paul, 1431 N. Judith, Wichita, Ks

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Rick Cline, Senior Minister, Central Church of Christ, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, September 24, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2003.

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioners, the Minutes are before you for September 24th. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2003.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

CITIZEN INQUIRY

A. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THERMAL DEPOLYMERIZATION.

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, and we’ve got some students here. Who is up first? Step right up. State your name and your address for the record.”

Maize High School (MHS) Debate Squad: Katie Felkins; Mike Madsen; Karl Morrison; Veronika Penciakova, NFL President; Matt Stroh, MHS Debate President; and Nick Templin, MHS Forensics President.

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Mr. Matt Stroh, MHS Debate Squad, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before we go into the proposed process, let me give you a brief history on landfills in general. Brooks Landfill, 5,000 tons a year was disposed into the Brooks Landfill for 30 years that it was in use. The EPA did have new standards for landfills all over the country and it did fail those standards, therefore it had to be closed.

In the closing, it has had to be monitored for the next 30 years for toxic chemicals, gases that are put off. Some of the health hazards that come from landfills in general, there are studies that prove increased risk of cancer. There was a study in New York that 71% out of 14 cancers were found to be elevated by landfills.

The landfill environmental hazards, there was another study in New York, 356 landfills were monitored, 240 of them did contaminate, were proven to contaminate water and air. The study was done in 2001. The EPA has announced that landfill liners, although effective for a short time, will eventually leak. Mixed waste make chemical combinations that scientists cannot solve for thousands and thousands of them and these mixed wastes will have a negative impact on the environment and do now. All landfills, no matter what we do, will eventually leak, whether it be gas or into the groundwater, so on and so forth.”

Mr. Karl Morrison, MHS Debate Squad, greeted the Commissioners and said, “First proposed idea is a landfill option. The landfill option will cost \$71,000,000. This landfill will probably last 10 to 30 years, causing a need to search for another short-term . . . another plan for a short-term period. Risk of diseases increase, causing harm to mental and physical health and well-being, contamination of water supply and water quality is a major factor with landfills.

Detrimental gaseous emissions causes sever pollution in the air. These gas emissions are carbon dioxide, methane and nitrogen. The EPA has required monitoring close to landfills for 30 years. Surrounding values of land decline, and also harms the economy.”

Mr. Mike Madsen, MHS Debate Squad, greeted the Commissioners and said, “An alternative solution to the waste disposal problem is an incineration option. The incineration plant will cost around \$200,000,000. They burn the waste to create energy and this is environmentally detrimental due to it causes gaseous harmful effects to the environment and could very well further the process of global warming.

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TDP, or Thermal Depolymerization, is a process in which we will also be burning down these waste products, but with the process, the gases that will leak out are naturally environmentally safe. Not only that, but the plant in Carthage, Missouri for the Butterball industry only costs around \$20,000,000. We aren't very sure how much it would cost here, but the one in Carthage, Missouri processes 200 tons of waste a day to create energy.

Not only that, but the cost per ton for the incineration plant would be \$69 per ton of waste. The TDP option would only cost \$16 per ton, or per barrel of oil."

Ms. Katie Felkins, MHS Debate Squad, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Along with the landfill option, there is also the multi-faceted approach, which basically means instead of sticking paper into the landfill, we will be shredding it up and drenching it in nitrogen and spreading it over fields to use as fertilizer, which harms the environment.

The City also wants to increase recycling, but this costs money out of family pockets and instead of sticking tires into the landfill, we want to create a tire incineration plant, which harms the environment, or harms the air quality when we burn the tires.

But if we go with thermal depolymerization, it not only solves all these problems, but it's done in one facility."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Nick Templin, MHS Debate Squad, greeted the Commissioners and said, "How does this thermal depolymerization work? Well you see, in this bin they take the feed-stocks, or the waste that is carbon-based that we'll be putting into this bin. We add water and it starts to churn into what we would call a slurry. We add 600 msi of pressure, along with the temperature of 260 degrees Celsius. As this temperature and pressure work together, churning in this toxic milkshake of sorts, in this bin, the carbon-based materials break down molecularly, the molecules break down and they develop into density layers.

On the bottom there's fertilizer, there's non-environmental-harmful fertilizer that can be put to use in farms. There's also burning fuel and oil, both efficient in today's workforce. When these density layers occur, we take each layer and each layer is sent to a different storage facility where they are treated. The fertilizer goes into a storage facility, along with the fuel and the oil. The water is then reused in the next slurry motion in the same bin. This can go through all day and the effectiveness of the plant works for over 30 years. There's an unlimited amount of time."

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Ms. Lisa Paul, MHS Debate Squad, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Funding is a big issue, especially in today's economy, but there are grants available for types of plants similar to thermal depolymerization. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy have been looking for plans using agricultural mixed waste, using thermal depolymerization. They've just been looking for the government to propose the plan that will do that and both of those agencies and departments are proposing a \$1,000,000 grant available for thermal depolymerization.

There has been some grants that have been awarded for the fiscal year of 2004 done by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of Basic Energy Sciences. The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded \$23,000,000 for a plan similar in the effectiveness and environmentally safe as thermal depolymerization. Similar grants will be available for the fiscal year of 2005 and these agencies are looking forward to government bodies proposing this, not only because they are economically feasible, but environmentally safe."

Ms. Veronika Penciakova, MHS Debate Squad, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The whole issue now boils down to why here, why TDP and why now? It boils down to three factors. First of all, the environment, a TDP plant will decrease air pollution, water pollution and toxic runoff.

Second of all, citizens of Sedgwick County simply do not wish to live near a landfill because it reduces the value of their land, as well as it is a festering ground for diseases such as E-coli, Mad Cow Disease and the West Nile Virus. TDP will decrease the spread of these diseases, and will not decrease the land value.

And third, the economy, a TDP plant will bring jobs to Sedgwick County during its construction and operation, as well as bring revenue to Sedgwick County as a whole by the sale of byproducts through TDP.

Commissioners, you have been asked today to solve the problem of waste management in Sedgwick County. You have looked at incineration plants, at tire incineration plants, at recycling and at landfills. The thermal depolymerization process does all of these in one. It is the most viable solution available. It will protect the environment, it will aid out economy and it will satisfy the citizens of Sedgwick County. We thank you for your time and if you have any questions, we are open to them right now."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners? Well, it's a presentation. They were here the day that we discussed incineration and didn't get their public forum that day and they came back today.

I guess we could do a point/ counterpoint if somebody wants to go down there. I don't want to take them on. They're pretty smart, Carolyn."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "I thought it was a debate team. I thought they were doing a point/counterpoint."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't think so."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Whose going to give the other side of the story on the debate team? If it's a debate let's go for it. Whose against it? One sided debate, okay."

Chairman Norton said, "It's kind of like arguing with my wife, it's one-sided. We appreciate you coming today. You know this is a very complicated subject for us to have to deal with and if you've done your homework, you know that there's no easy answers to dealing with trash. It's a very complicated situation. There are many models out there. In fact, we've looked at depolymerization over and over and over.

The empirical data right now, which is lying in Carthage, Missouri, is pretty new. Have they just opened the plant? It hasn't been opened long if it's even open yet."

Mr. Stroh said, "There's a pilot program in Philadelphia that has been opened longer than this one and yeah, it has just been opened."

Ms. Penciakova said, "I believe that it's one to three years that the Carthage, Missouri plant has been open."

Chairman Norton said, "Good. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well I want to thank you all for being here today, great presentation. And what I think also is very good is I know when I was in school sometimes the topics we had to pick were topics that happened a long time ago and here you're getting to be involved in something that's going on today, right now in our community. And so, I think it's great that you've done the research that you've done.

I guess just to share, you know if you've been following what's been going on, it does look like it appears that we're going . . . working towards a landfill as the final solution but I think if you go back and look at the Minutes off the Internet, because we do have our Minutes on the Internet, you'll see some thorough discussion about one of the things that's been my goal, and that is to minimize what we do eventually put in a landfill.

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You know, if you use an incinerator, you still have to have a landfill somewhere, and with everything there is always some kind of a final product that has to go somewhere. So if we can minimize what goes there, I think that's only good for our community and our state and our country overall.

And so this is certainly something that I had been an advocate for as far as looking at how can we minimize what goes into the landfill and I know Commissioner Norton and I have talked about, we're working on a tire program next year and it's not going to be . . . this will not be the outcome next year for sure but maybe some time down the road, when we have specific items, because it's my understanding and maybe you guys perhaps probably know more than I do about this, but it's my understanding that these things work best when you have limited amounts of product that go in it, because then you can control what the outcome is or you can get your higher efficiencies.

And so, if for example, it happens to be tires then that may be something we can do and take care of the tire problem for the state. And so I just want you to know that the door is not closed. This is fairly new technology, with some technology that's been around for a long time as well. And I think the commission, even if the final outcome is a landfill, I think that door is always going to be cracked in taking a look at new technology as it exists here now and in other communities, and does it make sense for our community as well. So again, thank you for your presentation. You did an excellent job."

Ms. Penciakova said, "Thank you for your time."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Anything else?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "I'd just like to say if you all have been following recent elections and some of the conversation from the bench, you'll know that I've been a strong advocate of a local landfill and so I would say that I appreciate your perspective and from the research that I've done in trying to bring myself up to speed on the issue, you all are right on target and you've done your work, it sounds like you're accurate and come by my office and we'll get into a real hard debate maybe on some of the issues."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, you're opening the door there."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I'm happy to speak to them and tell them some of the perspective I have. But the main thing I wanted to say is I really appreciate your effort and your willingness to become involved in an issue that is community-wide and you've done a very good job."

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Ms. Penciakova said, "Thank you, commissioner."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, I want to pick up on what Commissioner Unruh said. If you young people are indicative of the type of young people that are living in Maize, then Maize is truly a blessed community. Just the fact that you're having the energy to get involved in what government does says a heck of a lot for me, because you all are the future. And if we want to have a better future, some of you are going to be sitting where we are when we're just a distant memory. And it's exciting to me to see that we have some young people that know how to dress to come to a meeting. That says a lot for you and are willing just to get involved in picking a subject, whether . . . it doesn't matter what side of the topic you're on, but the fact that you have the energy to take it on and I know you had to do a lot of research to be able to make this presentation and my hats are off to your teachers, but most of all my hats are off to your parents, because you're reflecting to them the type of norms and values that they must have instilled in all of you. So thank you very much for coming."

Ms. Penciakova said, "Thank you, commissioner. Thank you Commissioners for your time."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you for coming today. We appreciate it."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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ADOPT A HIGHWAY

- B. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON 21ST STREET FROM RIDGE ROAD TO HOOVER, ZOO BOULEVARD TO WINDMILL ROAD, WINDMILL ROAD TO 13TH STREET AND 13TH STREET TO RIDGE ROAD. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item B is a renewal agreement with the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections for the Sedgwick County Adopt-a-Highway program. They will be responsible for the perimeter streets surrounding the Sedgwick County Park and Zoo, which are 21st Street, Zoo Boulevard, Windmill Road and part of 13th Street. They are represented here today by the Director of the Department of Corrections, Mark Masterson. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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PUBLIC HEARING

C. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY 2004 ANNUAL PLAN.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the fourth year for the Public Housing Authority to have an annual plan. We've developed this plan with a resident advisory committee. It's been on public display for 45 days and we need to have a public hearing today.

But we have 342 housing units, Section 8 units in our jurisdiction. They are utilized at 98% right now, closing in on 99. We have 237 people or families on our waiting list and are just about to close out. We will go up to 250 families before we close. We're concentrating this year on landlord outreach, continued excellence in public service. We have our Section 8 Management Assessment Program from HUD. It's a 105, the square of 105 and so we want to maintain what we have in place right now, the size of our staff. We really can't apply for any more vouchers. We just don't have the staff. We're operating at peak capacity right now. So, if you don't have anymore questions, I'd recommend you open the public hearing."

Chairman Norton said, "At this point, I don't see any questions, so at this point I'll open the public hearing and take any comments from the public, either pro or con. Is there anyone that would like to speak regarding the 2004 Annual Plan? Would anyone like to speak? At this point I'll close the public hearing and limit the comments to the Bench. Commissioners, any comments? I see none. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign the Plan Certification.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

D. SEDGWICK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN.

Mr. Snapp said, "The administrative plan is just an operational manual for how we implement the annual plan. It follows the guidelines. We've added a few things ourselves, like housing quality standards, inspections. We require screens, where HUD wouldn't. We like to see storm windows and that kind of things, just a few variations. This plan has kind of developed on an ongoing basis, usually approved on an annual basis. But if we've learned something that would make tenants safer and make the program better, we bring it to you. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them."

Chairman Norton said, "How long have you actually had an administrative plan, Brad? How many years?"

Mr. Snapp said, "That's been in place since the beginning of the Housing Authority in '86."

Chairman Norton said, "And you just add to it and refine it every year?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Right."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, good. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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

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

E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - CDDO

1. AGREEMENTS (34) TO PROVIDE MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES.

ARROWHEAD WEST RESCARE/LIFE CHOICES SULLIVAN GANG CARE CENTER DEPENDABLE ASSISTED LIVING TAYLOR DRUG ASSIST, LLC KETCH NEW HOPE AGAPE SERVICES PROACTIVE HOME HEALTH WICHITA LIFELINE CPRF CORY'S DREAM THE ARC OF SEDGWICK COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES KANSAS TRUCK EQUIPMENT CO.	ZACHARY HOUSE GOODWILL/EASTER SEALS LETICIA ALDRETE HORTENCIA GRANADO LIFE PATTERNS DREAM CATCHERS HOUSE OF HOPE STARKEY SPECIAL NEEDS BILLING HART PHARMACY RAINBOWS UNITED SAINT RAPHAEL HOME CARE ENVISION YOUNG AT HEART LOVE, COMFORT AND CARE TOPEKA IND. LIVING
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**INTERIM HEALTHCARE
OF WICHITA**

**IND. LIVING RESOURCE
CENTER OF WICHITA**

Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disabilities Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For your consideration this morning, we have 34 agreements with a substantial portion of the service providers of Sedgwick County who make developmental disability services possible. I would point out that two of these providers, Cory's Dream and Young at Heart, are new affiliates for our service system. By in large, the agreements that you are considering are the same as last year. I would point out that there is a slight decrease in state grant reimbursement rates for day and residential services, due to necessary state budgetary cutbacks. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and recommend that you approve these agreements."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any. Colin, how much was the decrease in funding? Was it a relatively large amount?"

Mr. McKenney said, "For day services it decreased by about 1.5%. For residential services, the decrease was about 4%."

Chairman Norton said, "How is that going to affect you overall in delivering these services? Do you have a feel for that yet?"

Mr. McKenney said, "Our providers have done very well in the past in dealing with these types of reductions and my hope is that they will continue to do so in the coming year."

Chairman Norton said, "You've got a pretty good broad base of people to deal with, so I spread it out so nobody gets too much of a hit. Is that correct?"

Mr. McKenney said, "Well, in terms of this specific funding reduction, we're talking eight primary service providers that will have to adapt to it. We all in all will have about 52 affiliated service providers when all agreements are said and done, but that particular change will only affect eight, I believe."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Colin, this is probably just . . . I mean, I know the names of a lot of these, but some of them I don’t know and maybe even for the public. If you could just, in general, just broad brush it, tell us what types of services these 34 groups are going to be providing. And then maybe after the meeting, if it isn’t too much difficulty, you could send me a . . . ResCare/ Life Choices, this is the service they provide just to let me know so if somebody mentions the name, I’ll know basically what service they provide, if that isn’t too much trouble.”

Mr. McKenney said, “I can certainly do that. In general, these providers are providing a range of services from supports in an individuals home to supplying hourly staff in a family’s home perhaps for a child with disabilities. They will be making day programming available for individuals who need daytime activities, supported employment services, all the way to billing those services for individuals who don’t have a Medicaid number and can’t bill them themselves and also installing van lifts in wheelchair accessible vans. So very diverse sample of providers here.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Agreements 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

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2. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES.

Mr. McKenney said, “This is the agreement that actually makes the agreements you just approved possible. This is the relationship between Sedgwick County CDDO and the State of Kansas. The agreement makes available a total of 24.8 million dollars in funding. Roughly 3.1 million of that will be paid directly to Sedgwick County through the CDDO and then dispersed to service providers. The remainder of the 24.8 million dollars can be directly billed from Medicaid by our service providers. Once again, this agreement is very similar to the one that you approved last year. I would be happy to answer any specific questions you may have and recommend its approval.”

Chairman Norton said, “I know it’s pretty simple. What does the future look like? I know there’s been talk of changes in CDDO organizations and can you give us just a little blurb of where this may go in the next year or two?”

Mr. McKenney said, “Well, you’re treading on dangerous ground there when you say can I give you just a little. We are presently getting ready to receive the release of a legislative post-audit report which talks about the pros and cons of the CDDO consolidation and that will be released next week, I believe, and then the legislature from there will have the ability to take action if they determine that the findings of legislative post-audit are sufficient to merit additional legislation in that area.

There certainly is a chance that CDDOs across the state will begin to look more like the Sedgwick County CDDO, which is separate from all service providers and there are pros and cons to that. And at a future date, as this looks like there may be real system changes in place, I guess I will propose having some of our Sedgwick County service providers come and speak to you and give you specifically from their viewpoint, not mine in this case, what they think about the type of system we have here in Sedgwick County and making that the standard across the State of Kansas.”

Chairman Norton said, “Was Sedgwick County interviewed during the post-audit? Were we one of the counties interviewed, or one of the CDDOs interviewed? Sometimes they don’t touch everybody.”

Mr. McKenney said, “I believe we were simply asked for data to supply. We were also given the capability to fill out a brief on-line survey and no, we were not asked for a specific interview to give our opinions about our service system.”

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Chairman Norton said, “Okay, thanks. I see no other questions. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

3. AGREEMENT WITH MIRACLES, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS PART OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT GRANT FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH CO-OCCURRING MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agreement that you have in front of you will allow Miracles Incorporated to provide services to participants in the Transitional Housing project with HUD. We have been up here a number of weeks in a row talking about this HUD project and since that grant was received, now it’s time to formalize the contract. So this is the one to formalize the agreement with Miracles Incorporated.

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This contract will pay for three staff: one additional counselor, one administrative assistant and a .40 FTE counseling assistant . . . I can't read my own writing here, counseling assistant who is a recovery specialist. These three staff are going to be housed at a satellite office that's going to be described in item number five here on today's agenda. So I'd be happy to answer any questions you have about this contract."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Now I think Miracles is part of the puzzle or part of the sol . . . So we find interim housing for somebody, determine that that person is drug addicted or something and then get counseling from Miracles to help that individual solve that part of the problem?"

Ms. Cook said, "You've got it. It's a collaborative effort. These are folks that are in a recovery process that are kind of starting from scratch again and so this gives them that ability and Miracles is going to provide the counseling."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so I was trying to look at this. There's no limitation here that I could see . . . It's awful small print for me . . . as to the number of patients that Miracles will accept."

Ms. Cook said, "Well, there are sixteen individuals that will be participants in the program. Some of them have family members, and so during the course of the year, some can stay a year, others will go in and out of that housing. So there's not an actual limit, but there are sixteen participants . . . sixteen slots, let's put it that way, in the program at any given time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so the maximum . . . I was concerned about that, but the maximum that Miracles is taking on is sixteen active cases. Once they get to that, they're full. Is that sufficient to handle our needs there or is there still a long waiting list?"

Ms. Cook said, "You know, I don't know that. Luella is here and has dealt with this a lot more than I have, but I know it's a start. I know that there have been some families that have been identified for this project, some single moms and some single males for the project. I don't know the overall . . . Do you feel it is sufficient?"

Dr. Luella Sanders, Director, Center City, greeted the Commissioners and said, "No, I don't think it is sufficient to meet the need, but it is what we are able to do through this grant and it's a start. It will be a pilot and if it is effective, then we may expand it at a later time to better address the need."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "If money wasn't an object, how many people that we're serving need this service?"

Dr. Sanders said, "Of the say 225 people that we work with right now, about 60% have a dual diagnosis, a co-occurring disorder and so I would say there's probably about 100 people that would really benefit and be eligible for this."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. I know it's a serious problem and 16 was seeming like that wasn't resolving the . . . Okay, thank you. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I think part of my question has been answered. I was going to ask questions about the number of folks. But to be eligible there's three criteria: homeless and then mental disorder and a substance abuse. So all three of those elements."

Ms. Cook said, "Right, a co-occurring disorder and actually they are assigned to a living situation, HUD subsidizes that. They do pay some rent for this but the rent is put in an account for them so when it is time for them . . . they also have to have employment, so when it's time for them to live more independently, the money that they have put into the housing at that point is given to them to start afresh somewhere in the community."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other questions. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

4. AGREEMENT WITH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 259 ESTABLISHING A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN.

Ms. Cook said, "Commissioners, we are starting our third year in the Campus Connections project with USD 259. We're in eight schools this year, Minneha Elementary, Gardner Elementary, Griffith Elementary, Coleman Middle School, Hamilton, Longfellow Middle School, Trusdall Middle School and South and West High Schools. We have served so far the first year 150 students, the second year 250 students and this year, so far, just newly into the school year, we have 184 cases open at the schools. This agreement is the agreement that we have with USD 259. Their part of the agreement is to . . . we provide the service providers and they provide us with space at each school so that we could meet with the students. They also provide us with some connectivity, both by phones and they allow us to tap into their line that is fed to the schools so that our on-line medical record can be accessed right at each school.

In fact, they've been very wonderful this past week, working with us to add a second PC at each school, because we do have three to four staff at each school and so they were having kind of a hard time getting on at the same time to document the work that they did and that's going very well. And they also provide us with some mail service. So, by now at each of these schools, starting our third year, we feel as though we've kind of blended into the fabric of those schools and feel that the project is going very well. We're requesting that you approve this agreement."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Would you educate the public but actually I'm asking you to educate me just a little bit more too. Any student, regardless of income level, that displays a need for mental health is eligible for this support?"

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Ms. Cook said, “The eligibility has more to do with the mental health problems that they were experiencing. It doesn’t really matter whether they have insurance or not. What matters is how severe their problems are. So we are connecting, in the schools, with the elementary, middle school and high school students that have what we call serious emotional disturbances and we are wrapping services around them. We actually have case managers in each of those schools that help those students negotiate the school environment, negotiate the community environment and home environment, connecting them to services that they need. There are therapists in each school that see them individually. Sometimes they see them in groups and they work together as teams. So the eligibility depends on their presenting problem.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, that’s good. I had another question but I’m of the age that I don’t have to worry about questions. Oftentimes I even forget the question I had. So if it resurfaces again, I’ll talk to you. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Marilyn, I see that this is a state grant and fee for service. It’s a state grant received by 259?”

Ms. Cook said, “Actually, we use part of our state aid on the mental health side, to support this program. There is no money that is exchanged between us and USD 259. We use the state aid money that we get to pay Family Consultation to provide the therapists in these schools and we subsidize that and then they make up the rest of that in the revenue that they product by billing. And our case managers bill enough that they pay for themselves in the school. And we’re hoping this year that the case managers will bill enough that they’ll help subsidize the therapist even more, so we can expand to more schools. But no money goes between us and USD 259.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, at the tail end you hit where I was going, is how do we connect with the other school districts in our county.”

Ms. Cook said, “Yeah, well that is clearly a goal for us. I’ve got to say that when we first studied this and looked at this about four years ago, these kinds of programs were just starting in the United States and on the east coast there was a program that had been around for ten years that had been in six schools and they thought they were doing pretty well in six schools. And we started out with ten schools here, which was almost unheard of, and we’ve done really well, but we have had to go down to eight schools because we took a hit to the budget this year and that was one of the places that it came from.

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One of the things we have done with all of the USD 259 schools, and there are 102 campuses, so there are a lot of places to be, is we have selected schools that have feeder patterns, so that these particular elementary schools feed into the junior high and the high schools so that we're better able to serve families in these cases. And then, what we will do, and we've looked at this each year, is at the end of the year . . . we monitor all along the income that's coming in with the hope of expanding it, but as the year comes to a close, we look at do we have enough to expand this further and I'm hoping this year we'll at least be able to get into more schools.

USD 259 wanted us in all their Title 1 schools and there are 25 of those in the area, but we have to make sure that these folks can pay for themselves. And I have to say, we've learned a lot about providing services in a school setting that have made a big difference. We have one case manager in particular who is astounding at being efficient and in billing in a way that pays for her position and then a little bit more. And she's been working with other case managers to say, 'Here's how I do it'. So our hope, and I know USD 259's hope, is that we will expand.

The other piece of that is we do have an agreement and a protocol in all of the USD 259 campuses that if there is a student who is suicidal, there is a protocol they follow now and there is an easy way to connect with COMCARE and we have a mobile unit that will go to the school if need be, or we are ready to receive a suicidal student when that happens and that has also gone smoothly. So, in schools where we don't have this program, that we do have an awareness of our services."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I guess I'm thinking outside of 259 and I'm wondering . . . I don't know how it's set up now, but some of the surrounding schools were all connected with a coop when they have mental health, physical disabilities and I don't know, and the hubs at Clearwater or somewhere, but if we could ever get into that coop to where we don't have to be at all those schools, but at least they know that we're available."

Ms. Cook said, "I know we've had requests. We've had requests from Maize and Goddard and Derby and you know other schools are seeing this and it's really a wonderful service. And the reason it is, is because the students who do struggle so much with emotional disturbances have a really tough time in school, they have a tough time succeeding there and it's tough to manage their behavior in the classroom. So the teachers have welcomed this kind of relief and they're seeing that it's working well. So, it's an idea to approach the coop, but we very much want to expand this program."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Minimum resources."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Unlimited needs with limited resources."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Marilyn, where do you coexist with like CIS, because they try to hook you up with those kind of individuals in the schools? How many of these schools are coexisting?"

Ms. Cook said, "Actually, all of these schools are CIS schools and that was another criteria for selecting them because they were already primed and ready to work with a system. And Communities in Schools also helps us, as part of this project, providing education and in service to the teachers and they're helping us by doing focus groups and evaluating this process for us."

Chairman Norton said, "Got pretty complicated. Anything else from the Commissioners?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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5. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH KEITH BOMHOLT TO PROVIDE ONE APARTMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE AND EIGHT APARTMENTS ACCESSIBLE TO PARTICIPANTS OF COMCARE'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT.

Ms. Cook said, "This item is an amendment to an agreement with Mr. Bomholt, who is the landlord of the apartments for this Transitional Housing project. When we originally put the proposal together, we didn't think about office space and realized we need some office space, so this amends that agreement to provide one apartment for office space, in addition to the eight apartments that will be available for the project participants.

And this is a two-bedroom unit that we are going to be leasing from him and using as a satellite office and the clinical coordinator of the program will be housed there, the addiction counselor that I talked about that's working for Miracles, the administrative assistant will utilize this space and they'll have space for a case manager from our agency and for the recovery specialist and Breakthrough Club's payee, we talked about that last week at the BoCC, who is doing kind of a budgeting and financial services, will also have an opportunity to meet there with participants. We're requesting that you approve this amendment to the agreement."

Chairman Norton said, "And this really ties into item three, does it not?"

Ms. Cook said, "Right. Yes."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no discussion."

MOTION

Chairman Norton moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

6. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES TO FUND A "PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS FORMULA" PROGRAM.

Ms. Cook said, "This is an renewal of a grant from the Kansas SRS and it's been a longstanding funding source for COMCARE's Center City or homeless program. The purpose of the grant is to fund projects throughout the state and throughout the country for PATH grants to assist individuals that are homeless and are transitioning back into the community.

The grant renews annually and it funds staff to provide outreach, screening and assessment, case management services, staff training and they provide some mental health and substance abuse services as well for individuals who are homeless and who have severe and persistent mental illness.

This particular grant, I think it's close to 95 . . . no 31, . . . no 95,000, will fund three . . . funds 4.5 FTEs: a project manager, three case managers and .5 FTE office supervisor. We're requesting that you approve this agreement."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You know, PATH being an acronym, Assistance in Transition can you . . . and if you can't do it right now, that's fine, but if you could let . . . what's been the track record? I mean, what percentage of people that get into PATH actually get into independent living?"

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Ms. Cook said, “Well, this is part of a funding source and we of course had that access grant, so it’s hard for me to kind of separate those two. But we did have an evaluation, a federal evaluation of that access grant and this PATH grant coexisted with that one and we had over 90% of the people that we work with that were successfully living in the community a year after receiving our services. So we’ve had a very high success rate. The sad and hard part is that there’s almost an endless stream of people who are becoming homeless and needing these kinds of services.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, see I think that’s fantastic and I think that’s the type of . . . we’ve got to try to do . . . I don’t want to use the word ‘better’ job, but I think the taxpayers need to know, because the big thing, you know, ‘Oh boy, government’s just wasteful spending, this social program, this social program’ but if we’re having a 90% success rate of people that enter into PATH, if that’s the right word, but actually we’re able to assist them in getting independent in their living, that’s money well spent, in my opinion. It doesn’t matter to me . . . Well, it does, but I mean if we’re having more and more people falling into homelessness, at least we’ve got something working that appears . . . I mean, maybe the federal government or whatever ought to put more money into PATH so that that tunnel increases its capability, because that’s a fantastic story that the press, I would hope, would get on top of. That’s great. That’s all I have.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Grant Award 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

F. AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BECOME A CONTRACTING PROVIDER.

Ms. Lori Vanderford, Controller, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to ask that you agree and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas for the Sedgwick County Health Department to become a provider. Blue Cross/ Blue Shield is one of the largest health insurers in Kansas, insuring approximately 1.2 million individuals. Companies that are included with this coverage are Cessna, Boeing, the State of Kansas, federal employees and of course Sedgwick County.

We believe that by becoming a Blue Cross/ Blue Shield provider, we will be able to meet needs of more of the individuals within the community for services that we provide now that we are the choice provider, such as travel shots and that sort of thing. But because we don't accept insurance, it causes a hardship for individuals that come to us at this time."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think you answered what I was going to ask, but I need to have it just in Kansas kitchen English. By becoming a provider, a person comes in and says, 'Here's my insurance card', we can bill their insurance company for the fee. We can't say, no, we don't accept checks or . . ."

Ms. Vanderford said, "We will bill Blue Cross for services and they will reimburse us for covered services."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, okay. So it makes it much easier for the person to avail themselves of our service. They're insured and this is an agent or a provider that the insurance company . . . it's not like you have to go to this doctor or this doctor. The Health Department is now authorized to bill the insurance company direct."

Ms. Vanderford said, "Right. Once this contract is signed, they will be able to. Currently, if someone has Blue Cross, they have to go ahead and pay us and then turn it into their insurance."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This makes it easier. Government is becoming more efficient. This is shocking. Great."

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Chairman Norton said, "What kind of client load do you think we already have in those individuals that use the service and have to get reimbursement from their carrier?"

Ms. Vanderford said, "I don't . . . well, for services like the travel shots, it could be a little bit higher. As a rule right now, we're not getting those people, because for their convenience, they choose not to come to us, because they don't want to have to turn it in. Now, when we're the only provider or the primary provider for items such as travel shots . . . I know this weekend, during the drive-through clinic we had several people that had Blue Cross/ Blue Shield and we weren't able to accommodate them."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm glad you brought that up. I didn't realize . . . we had a workshop yesterday, or a staff meeting, that Sedgwick County is actually providing flu shots, just like you're going to McDonald's, you can drive through, stick your arm out, get your flu shot and keep on driving."

Ms. Vanderford said, "It was better than McDonald's. We were in the pouring rain outside. We weren't in a building going through a window."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But I mean, I don't know how much easier we can get it for people that want to be protected, drive through flu shots."

Ms. Vanderford said, "We gave about 121 flu shots and over 25 pneumonia shots Saturday morning at our drive through clinic."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Fantastic."

Chairman Norton said, "Probably, if the weather had been better, it would have been double that."

Ms. Vanderford said, "I think so."

Chairman Norton said, "What is the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

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

G. CERTIFICATION OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NOVEMBER 23-25, 2003 28TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Mr. Michael D. Pepon, Director, Government Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Each year we’re asked by the Kansas Association of Counties to designate a voting delegate for their business meeting that will come up at the annual conference November 23rd through the 25th.”

According to their bylaws, we have to designate a delegate to vote and a first and second alternate. I have prepared a document for you that would certify that Chairman Tim Norton would be our voting delegate at the annual conference and our first alternate would be Commissioner Winters and second alternate Commissioner Unruh. Usually, what happens is we vote on the KAC’s platform that Monday morning at the business meeting and that’s the main responsibility but it would allow this delegate to vote on any other business matter as well.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Any discussion on the topic? What is the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Certification as drafted providing that Chairman Tim R. Norton be the voting delegate, Commissioner Thomas G. Winters be the 1st alternate, and Commissioner David M. Unruh be the 2nd alternate.

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

H. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For the month of September, it's hard to believe September is gone already. I didn't even know what happened to August. We had nearly 18,000 people through our doors, eight events, 20 individual performances. Net revenues were just shy of \$100,000.

Recurring shows, we have the Kansas Paint Horse Show, the Fall Circuit and Futurity, over 4,000 people attended those two events. We had the flea market, with 3,500 folks in attendance. We do ten flea markets a year. Junior Livestock Show, one of our favorite events, 8,000 people in attendance this year.

We had a new event, Yappy Days, all about man's best friend dogs, working dogs, fun looking dogs, companion dogs. We had the little guys and we had the big guys. And this is going to turn into an annual event. We've already booked again for next year. Now with all that yapping, and all that barking attracted some of the attention of some of our neighbors who decided to come down and see what was happening. And as you can see from the expression, they really didn't approve. But as I understand, they actually got into the concourse during the gun show and I don't know how

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smart that was. Sheriff's officers had to run them out. It's not the day for you to be there."

Chairman Norton said, "It's awful close to Thanksgiving for them to be arrogant."

Commissioner McGinn said, "It's not a wild turkey, it's a stupid turkey."

Mr. Nath said, "Coming up we have Thunder Hockey opens their season this Friday. Wheatland Poppin' Johnnies come in at the end of the month. Wichita Farm Show November 11th through the 13th. Rodney Carrington comes back for a concert performance on November 15th. And for our Christmas show this year we have Trans-Siberian Orchestra in concert on November 20th. Now Trans-Siberian is along the lines of the Manheim Steamroller show and anybody who came last year, enjoyed that, is going to love this show. Tickets go on sale this Saturday. They are \$27.50 and 38.50 and we're looking for a real good turnout for that one.

Commissioners, if there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Norton said, "How does the Wichita Farm Show compare to the one out in . . . is it Garden City?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Great Bend."

Chairman Norton said, "Isn't there a tri . . . I think there's a real big one out in Garden City."

Mr. Nath said, "Ours completely fills Pavilion One, which 135,000 square feet and we also have some outdoor displays."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What is the . . . is the farm show the farmers' version of the home show, where they're showing different things that you can have on your farm and what have you?"

Mr. Nath said, "Yeah, basically. There's a lot of equipment providers, there's fertilizers, there's new techniques of seeding. There's actually some livestock genetics people on hand. It's everything you'd need for the farm and ranch community."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So that's a pretty decent analogy of a farmers' version of the home show, to show all the different stuff."

Mr. Nath said, "Or a blend between the home show and the industrial show. There's a lot of equipment."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, that’s neat.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioners, any other comments, discussion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Receive and file.

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

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

I. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE SALEM TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #2.

Mr. Spears 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, 76th Street South Circle located in the Laverne Roy Addition will become the responsibility of Salem Township. The Salem Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the County Commission agenda by letter, dated September 23rd, 2003. I recommend that you adopt the resolution.”

Chairman Norton said, “At this point, I haven’t gotten any calls from Salem Township to protest in any manner.”

MOTION

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Chairman Norton 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	Absent
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 RITCHIE PAVING, INC. FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 2003 BM-1 OVERLAYS. CIP# R-175. ALL DISTRICTS.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item I-2 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, for the Sedgwick County 2003 BM-1 Overlay project designated as R-175 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized out. I might mention that we overlaid seventy-three and a quarter miles this year. There will be a net decrease of \$3,014.39 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements and this is on a 2.2 million dollars project. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no lights flashing."

MOTION

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Chairman Norton moved to Approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

3. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH APAC KANSAS, INC. FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT DEER LAKES ESTATES 2ND ADDITION. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. Spears said, "Item I-3 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, with APAC Kansas Inc. on Sedgwick County project- Deer Lakes Estates 2nd Addition, Street Improvements. The modification will increase the contract by \$4,770, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. All costs of the project are to be paid by the properties in the benefit district through special assessments. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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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Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Order dated October 8, 2003 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 2. Payroll Check Register of October 10, 2003.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of October 8 – 14, 2003.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioners, is there any ‘Other’ to come before us today? Commissioner Sciortino.”

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K. OTHER

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I had a very interesting culinary experience over the weekend. I got to go to the Saint George Orthodox Cathedral and had a . . . I think it was a Lebanese meal or something but it was fantastic. These people, over a weekend, serve like five or six thousand people and they've got it down. I guess this has been going on since 1922 but they've got this thing down to a science. You drive in, all the parishioners, I don't know for sure the name of the congregation, but they're all working volunteering. You pull in and there is a person here, 'Are you wanting to go through drive-in or are you wanting to go to sit-down?' As soon as you get into the driveway, they've got all these young people that are directing your parking. Then you get escorted into the door. There's a greeter there, making you feel like they're really happy that you're there and then you get escorted into the dining room and the guy says how many meals are going to be served. You're served the meal. People are coming around making sure you've got drinks and everything and then when you're done then the big . . . there's no free lunch, right? But then they've got all these books and candies and things that you could buy. The meal was reasonable, but then Mary got carried away on the little goody things that you could buy and we went home and I think we dumped \$50 into the deal. But it was great. It was good food and I just enjoyed the heck out of myself.

And there was one other thing I did and I can't remember what it was. So, anyway that's the end of that one."

Chairman Norton said, "This is becoming a trend. We'll come back to you. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, thank you. I'll just comment on Saint George's annual dinner. They have that down to a science and it's a great experience and you're very well treated and you're very well fed."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I was upset they didn't have raw Kibbee. As a matter of fact, the Kibbee, something happened to it, they didn't even have Kibbee this year. It's like Steak Tartar but they cook it for general consumption but if you go in the back you can have it raw."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well I just wanted to mention that I've completed the International Association of Appraising Officers course on commercial appraisal."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Now you have to sweat out whether or not you passed, right?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I think I did all right. I mean, I listened all week. I was a good

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student and they had 50 questions. I answered every question. I don't know if they were right, but I answered every question."

Commissioner McGinn said, "He told me yesterday he answered 35 because he knew he had to get 70% right and then he went home."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well."

Chairman Norton said, "I think that was maybe ego speaking. I think he probably answered all of them."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The thing that bothers me about Dave, he said he really enjoyed the class and really got into all those crazy formulas. You're sick."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And then lastly, I just want to emphasize what Kristi said at the opening, that the Night of the Living Zoo is coming up out at the zoo from 6:30 to 8:30 and it will be a great time for the kids to kind of help celebrate fall and Halloween festivities, so hope everyone takes that opportunity. But that's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I just wanted to share that Cowtown had their second annual Calamity at Cowtown night. It turned out to be another great event and we hope it continues to grow and we want it to be our . . . the zoo's Zoobilee sometime but I think everybody had a great time and I invited some people at the last minute and put them at a table, not knowing whether they knew each other and whether they'd get along and they were the loudest group in the whole . . ."

Chairman Norton said, "They were the rowdy table."

Commissioner McGinn said, "They had a great time and they spent a lot of money. So, I hope I can put together another group like that next year."

Chairman Norton said, "I think it had to do with you putting extra bottles of wine on that table."

Commissioner McGinn said, "No, no, no, no, no. Anyway, it was a good event and I know a lot of their staff, volunteers and people that put in a lot of hard work and so, I just share that because I hope that next year, if you're watching and you're interested, come out to Calamity at Cowtown

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next year.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “And they can come out sooner than next year.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “They can come out sooner. In fact, we have events coming up I think this weekend. In fact, Cowtown in the last few years, people, if you haven’t been out there for a long time, people used to think of going to Cowtown is just this dusty street and we actually almost have an event every weekend that we’re open and there’s something going on all the time.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Sciortino, you remembered now?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I remembered. Monday, we honored a tremendous explorer, Christopho Colombo and he’s not Spanish. There’s certain people, staff people that think he’s Spanish but he’s not. Anyway, I had finally honored a long-term commitment. Mary and I went over to the Forensic Science Center and served them all Italian soul food. We served them lasagna and salad and to make up for the faux pas of thinking he was Spanish, they had the room all decorated with Italian flags and Italian colors and what have you. They didn’t bring the wine but that was okay. Anyway, had a lot of fun with them, served about 30 people and they believed that there wasn’t any fat in the lasagna. If they want to believe that, that’s fine with me too. But anyway, I had a lot of fun doing that Monday.”

Chairman Norton said, “You know, the confusion comes on that because Christopher Columbus was funded by the queen of Spain and flew under the Spanish flag, even though he was Italian.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Sailed, but that’s okay. He sailed only because the Italians were stupid and they didn’t fund him and they probably regretted it for the last 500 years, but that’s okay.”

Chairman Norton said, “They were into art during that period.

I have just a couple or three things. This weekend coming up is the Haysville Fall Festival. The parade is at 9:00 on Saturday morning. It should be a great event. That evening there’s a concert in the park. They’ve got amusement rides and a carnival. There’s all kinds of craft booths and other booths to enjoy. It should be a good time if you like funnel cakes, bierocks or roasting ears, that’s the place to be.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Hey, is the Elvis Presley minister going to be there?”

Chairman Norton said, “He may be there Friday night, I’m not sure.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "They've got a minister from Haysville that makes Elvis Presley impressions, really a good singer."

Chairman Norton said, "He's awesome. The other thing I did on Sunday was go to the Delano Days, which was the opening of the Delano turnaround and it was a wonderful event. Several thousand people there for the opening event, which I thought was wonderful for that neighborhood, as they try to revitalize their business district and the rest of the residential areas.

I was pleased because I think it gives hope to other areas like Oaklawn and McAdams and Mid-Town and all those groups that are trying to revitalize their communities and Delano has certainly . . ."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I'm surprised that they got it going as quick as they did."

Chairman Norton said, "I'll tell you, there's three groups, there's a business association, Delano Business Association, Delano Citizens' Association and the clergy, the Delano Clergy Association that have been in lockstep, just keep pushing and are very tenacious so my hat is off to them.

The final thing is I was at Cowtown for Calamity and I can just say three words and that's waltz, polka and two-step and what those have to do with this is Chairman [sic] McGinn, you were awesome on the dance floor. Next year, you ought to go just to get to see Carolyn dance because she turned the place around. They had a great kind of country western/ bluegrass group. They were awesome, they had a mandolin, a bass guitar, a regular guitar and a banjo."

Commissioner McGinn said, "The sad thing is I had to invite a friend because it wasn't my husband I was dancing with."

Chairman Norton said, "You know, I had a good time visiting with Mark off on the sideline. He's a true farmer, he kind of stood over there and we talked about crops and farms and I said, 'You know, if we were outside we could even spit a little bit and watch your woman dance'."

Commissioner McGinn said, "He can do the two-step, but that's about where it stops."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I want to go and see her do a polka. Now that has to be happening."

Chairman Norton said, "She's pretty awesome. I guess you did square dancing?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Waltz, polka."

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Chairman Norton said, "Is there anything else to come before us? No Executive Session today? We are now dismissed."

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

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