

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 10, 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, September 10, 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; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Captain Glenn Kurtz, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Mr. Gerald Frantz, Interim Director, Health Department; Mr. Ted Jobst, Director, Integrated Family Health; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Dr. Doren Frederickson, Public Health Official, Health Department; 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**

Ms. Joan Fram, Wichita Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.  
Colonel Edward Floras, Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base.  
Mr. Dave Wells, Finance Captain, Arts Council.  
Mr. John D'Angelo, Aviation Festival.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Jonathan Braswell, Sr., from the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, August 13, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2003.

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**Chairman Norton** said, “Commissioners, you have the Minutes before you of August 13<sup>th</sup>. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, “Next item.”

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS.**

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15 – 21, 2003 AS “CONSTITUTION WEEK.”**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a constitution for the United States of America; and

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**WHEREAS**, it is of the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support it, preserve it, and defend it against encroachment; and

**WHEREAS**, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides a historic opportunity for all Americans to learn about and recall achievements of our Founders and to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship, as well as its attendant responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, our independence should be celebrated each year as designated by the President of this great country, in accordance with Public Law 915, designating September 15-21 as Constitution Week.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2003 as

**“CONSTITUTION WEEK”**

in Sedgwick County and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

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What is the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, “And I understand Joan Fram is here?”

**Ms. Kristi Zukovich**, Director, Communications, said, “She is here, very good. I wasn’t sure if she was here this morning, but very good.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “With the Wichita Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.”

**Ms. Joan Fram**, Wichita Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said, “Thank you very much for making the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> the proclamation week and it’s a good time to be patriotic, after September 11<sup>th</sup> of two years ago, so I’m proud that the DAR tries to do something to further that patriotism. Thank you very much.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you for being here.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Before you run off, you know the Constitution is a very simple document but it has held up through the test of time through generations and generations and generations and now, more importantly than even, as we look at what’s going on, the Constitution should resonate, those words should mean a lot to Americans and to the world because it does describe what freedom and liberty and people’s rights are all about. Thanks.”

**Ms. Fram** said, “You’re so right. It seems to be more important every week, isn’t it? Thank you.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Yes it is. Thank you for being here today. Clerk, call the next item.”

**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2003 AS “SEDGWICK COUNTY’S AVIATION HERITAGE MONTH.”**

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

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County, known as the Aviation Capital of the World, has a vast aviation history that includes nearly 100 years of ideas and innovations; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County continues our aviation heritage as being the proud home of four of the world-class leaders of aviation manufacturing including Boeing, Bombardier Learjet, Cessna and Raytheon; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County is home to fine men and women who serve at McConnell Air Force Base, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing of the Air Mobility Command, 931<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Group of the Air Force Reserve and the 184<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing of the Kansas National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County is proud to celebrate our place in history as part of the national Centennial of Flight and is affiliated with this nationally recognized commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County plans to celebrate during the month of September with back-to-back weekend activities including Regional Events and National Air Tour on September 13 and 14 and the Aviation Festival on September 18-21; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County is honored to be a partner in these fantastic events along with the Arts Council, City of Wichita, Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, Team Mc Connell and The Big 4 aviation companies;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tim R. Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2003 as

**“Sedgwick County’s Aviation Heritage Month”**

and invite the entire community to attend the celebrations planned throughout this month as part of the Aviation Festival, Sedgwick County’s first Aviation Festival.

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And what is the will of the Board?”

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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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, “And I see Dave Wells here to accept, I assume on behalf of the Arts Council. Is that correct?”

**Mr. Dave Wells**, Arts Council, said, “Well, that and as the captain of the . . . the finance captain of the Air Festival. I’d like to keep mine short and sweet and just thank the County for their support, because obviously without your support we couldn’t put this on and think of us next year too, because we want to make it even better the second year we do it.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Absolutely.”

**Mr. Wells** said, “Also like to introduce the colonel, Colonel Ed Foras, with the Refueling Wing has a few words to say.”

**Colonel Ed Floras**, Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, said, “I’d like to say how special this is to be a part of this Aviation Festival this year. The Kansas Air National Guard is real excited about our participation in this first ever partnership on behalf of Team McConnell. I just want to say thank you for all the efforts that the city [sic] has gone to.

McConnell Air Force Base is very proud to host this and I was thinking, as we read the earlier

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proclamation about the Constitution and you mentioned the freedoms and liberties that we have, the aura of airplanes is more . . . I mean, this festival is more than just the aura of airplanes. It really does speak to the freedoms that we enjoy and the part that air power has played in that. And having it at Team McConnell is a very unique opportunity for the people of this community to come and rub shoulders with those who are there serving and defending our country. So we're especially excited because of that."

**Chairman Norton** said, "John?"

**Mr. John D'Angelo**, Aviation Festival, said, "I just want to thank all of you, on behalf of both the City of Wichita and the Arts Council. We're really excited. I think you're going to see a world class air show, certainly next weekend, but this weekend don't miss the vintage aircraft at Jabara. I think it's kind of a once in a lifetime opportunity. These haven't been here since the early '20s and '30s, so you're going to have a really firsthand look at some aircraft that we haven't seen for a long time in Jabara this weekend.

And then also, regionally, the Balloons Over Kansas, the Wellington, the Poker Run, there are things all over in our region, in the south central region that celebrate aviation this weekend and I want to encourage everybody to go out and attend those as well because those are equally important to what we do here in Wichita."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Some of those old vintage planes, I understand, were actually made originally in Wichita and are kind of coming back home for this."

**Mr. D'Angelo** said, "Absolutely. It's going to be a fun event out at Jabara this weekend, as well as around the region. Thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "I do see some comments. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I just want to say thank you to all of you and the committees you work with. I know it takes a lot of people to do this. We've all known we're the Air Capital of the World. We've known that for a long time and it looks like we're finally setting the stage to let everybody else know that as well. So, thank you for all that you've done."

**Chairman Norton** said, "I have to kind of dovetail on what Colonel Floras said about aircraft

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really giving a message beyond that. As I go to the River Festival every year and we have the flyovers, there's something about that freedom, that aircraft that leads us all . . . I don't know, it's beyond just the feeling that an airplane has passed over. It really symbolizes the freedoms that America has and the ability to move around in this great country without any restrictions. And you're right, that does send a very powerful message. Thanks for all that you do for our community. We appreciate it. Clerk, call the next item."

### **RETIREMENT**

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO REX E. EYMAN, SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER, COMCARE.**

**Ms. Jo Templin**, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We want to take this time today to recognize Rex Eyman, senior social worker from COMCARE who will retire October 1, after 28 years of service and so we just take this time. I know that Rex is joined by family and also staff and managers from COMCARE."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Rex, this is the time that we come today to say thank you for the work at COMCARE. I see there are several people from COMCARE here today. The work that's done over there is very, very important to this whole community.

We know that sometimes things take a turn and things are approached differently and new methods are put in place and that always sometimes throws us a curve, but I can assure you two things. The County Commissioners and the citizens want to thank you for the 28 years that you've been with Sedgwick County and we want to wish you the best in the next stage of retirement, or whatever that might be. So, from the citizens of Sedgwick County, we would like to present this clock to you as a reminder of the work that you've done for the county and to say thank you again for everything. Would you like to make a comment or two?"

**Mr. Rex E. Eyman**, Senior Social Worker, Comprehensive Community Care, said, "Well, there's not a whole lot to say, except I have enjoyed most of it."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, very good. Well, thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Clerk, call the next item."

**Commissioner McGinn** left at 9:20 a.m.

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**DEFERRED ITEM**

**C. RESOLUTION APPOINTING VERONICA CASADOS (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we've prepared a resolution for this appointment, which is a four-year term to this board and I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner McGinn returned at 9:21 a.m.**

**Chairman Norton** said, "And I think this week Veronica is here so please come forward to be sworn in."

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

*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 the office of Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health, so help me God."*

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**Ms. Veronica Casado**, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Health, said, "I do."

**Mr. Brace** said, "Congratulations."

**Ms. Casado** said, "I just wanted to say it's an honor to have been appointed and I'm really looking forward to serving on this board and thank you very much."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, I don't want you to get away too soon, but I just wanted to mention the fact that Ms. Casado is principal of Griffith Elementary School and so she's serving our community in that way. And also I think you chaired the coalition that formed the Midtown Community Center and I've been . . ."

**Ms. Casado** said, "I was a member."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay. But my information is you've been very active in helping identify the needs of that community and that you're sensitive to the community health needs of that population, so I'm looking forward to you doing an excellent job and contributing to the Advisory Board of Health. Thanks for serving."

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **D. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS PROVIDING TERMS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE GREATER WICHITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have an agreement that has been crafted over several months regarding the Economic Development Coalition. If you recall, a task force was put together last summer, work was done to develop this plan. We appointed . . . Board of County Commissioners appointed Commissioner Winters and Norton to represent the county on the coalition and we have participated in that coalition."

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The City of Wichita approved this agreement in one form a month ago and then re-approved it yesterday and the significant difference between those two contracts that they have approved is the splitting of the private sector's cost in two, rather than doing it on a population per capita basis. It was recommended by the original committee clear back last summer that it be done on a per capita basis. That sounded like a good idea at the time, and the significance for the county was that we were more interested in proceeding than worrying about who was going to split up nickels and dimes.

This new agreement, however, makes it real clear that we are proceeding with the City of Wichita on an equal footing, 50/50 basis on the funding of this effort, as we have in the past with other economic development efforts. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer those. Otherwise, I would recommend you approve it."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, I'm going to support this in a big way, because not only do I support the concept of a public/ private partnership to try to create jobs and to improve the economy of the area. I just want to publicly thank Mayor Mayans and the entire City Council for making a decision yesterday, and as I understand it it was a unanimous decision, to be equal partners with us on this project. I think it sends a very clear message to all of the citizens, not only of Wichita, but of the entire Greater Wichita area, that Sedgwick County is going to stand side by side, shoulder to shoulder, on an equal footing with Wichita and together, along with our private sector partners, I am extremely confident that we are going to succeed and we are going to be able to start creating new jobs and increasing the economic condition of this area.

And to all of you on the City Council and to you, Mayor, just want to tell you thank you. It's a whole new day of cooperation and communication with the City of Wichita and I, personally, am thrilled at the decision that you made yesterday. Thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. For those who may be listening, we have had really the detailed information about this presented to us probably about two months ago. Steve Martins was here and gave a detailed presentation about the workings of this initiative and how it was going to unfold. So, even though our discussion today may be relatively short, we have been . . . had a much fuller briefing a couple of months ago.

I do want to say that this initiative is about jobs. It's about retaining jobs in the community and it's

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about trying to solicit new jobs for this community. And Chairman Norton and myself and Manager Buchanan have met with this group monthly, sometimes twice a month, for almost a year now. And in fact the planning even went before that. Now we're getting close to the time of really doing the heavy lifting and we need the assistance of everyone and we particularly need the assistance of the City of Wichita in making this initiative work.

Again, Commissioner Norton and I have been there through every part of putting this plan together. I think it's coming together very well. The private business community is now in their fundraising efforts to raise, again, a significant amount from the private sector to put into this initiative to carry it forward. But if folks are really interested about jobs, this is the time to get involved and not later, but now. So I think we're on a good path and I'm confident we'll be productive."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, just to dovetail on what Commissioner Winters was saying, we have been very involved at the county. Irene Hart has been there, Bill Buchanan, Tom and myself and the other commissioners have been updated and have had great dialogues with us.

The important thing I think to remember here is that we've been doing economic development all along, with partnerships with the Chamber and with the business community. But what we found a couple of years ago is that we're woefully behind many other progressive communities in the amount of money that the private sector and the public sector has put into economic development, not only in job creation and job retention, but also in workforce development. And these efforts will ramp us up and make us a little closer to competitive with communities that have put some pretty substantial amounts of money towards economic development.

When you think that there's maybe 200 companies that relocate or rebuild in communities every year and there's almost 1,000 taxing units that try to bring them into their community, it spreads it pretty thin. So we have to realize that, yes we want to do some economic development and some marketing that brings companies here to create jobs, but it's just as important to administer to the companies that are already here, the small businesses that have a chance to grow their employee base from maybe 10 employees to 20. Anytime you can double employment in a company and if you have a hundred of those doing that, it's just about as good as the big win. And those are our citizens that already live here that we're ministering to.

So, we've really put together a comprehensive package. I know Tom and I were very involved early on, when we had the five areas that we went into deep conversations on how to craft kind of

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some projects that we could work on and why the money needed to be raised. And I'm really happy that the City has joined us as equal partners and that private industry is ramping up pretty fast to try to raise their half million plus dollars and hopefully we'll do some really good work in the next few years.

I know the business community, the Chamber, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County are in lockstep to support Dave Woods and the economic development people to do good work to bring jobs to Sedgwick County. Clerk, call the next item. Oh, do we need to vote, I'm sorry."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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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, "Next item."

**E. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA CANTEEN COMPANY, INC. PROVIDING A RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR DETENTION FACILITY INMATE MEALS.**

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**Captain Glenn Kurtz**, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my privilege this morning to bring to you an amendment to the food contract for Wichita Canteen Corporation in Sedgwick County. The contract with Wichita Canteen Corporation is a multi-year contract which starts its third year November 1<sup>st</sup> of 2003. The amendment will save approximately \$38,000 over the next year by saving three cents per meal on the over 3,500 meals that are served each day in the detention facility and our work release facility.

This is part of the cost savings that the Sheriff's Department pledged to work towards during the 2003 budget reduction earlier this year. Negotiations started in May with Wichita Canteen and included a review of the caloric and dietary guidelines and possible operation changes to gain this efficiency.

Wichita Canteen Company has agreed to hold its meal costs at the detention facility and the work release facility at the current \$1.18 per meal for the next year. The contract also calls for special diets for inmates with medical conditions, such as diabetes, pregnancy, serious medical conditions to still increase to the third-year level of \$1.21. The jail serves approximately 360 of these special diets a day. I ask that the amendment be approved and I thank you for your time this morning."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I just . . . I was trying to do the math here. How did we save three cents? I mean, was it scheduled to go up to \$1.21?"

**Captain Kurtz** said, "Yes, sir. It was scheduled to go to \$1.21 on November 1<sup>st</sup>."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Got it. Well, that was some pretty good work. Okay, thanks. That's all I had."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, I just want to make a comment that this is an indication of how government, and we're a pretty good sized government, watches pennies and when you watch the pennies, they add up into dollars and I think this is a significant amount of money when you figure three cents a meal over the number of inmates for the year. You said \$38,000, is that the number you said?"

**Captain Kurtz** said, "Saving of about \$38,000. We serve approximately 3,500 meals a day."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, I just think it's worthy of comment that if we watch our

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pennies, which we've promised to do, that it adds up to dollars. So, it's just, I think it's good work."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'm just trying to anticipate if anybody asks me questions. On our backup it shows the detention facility and work release is \$1.18 and then it has a line that says COMCARE \$2.54 and then it says DOC \$1.76. What are those?"

**Captain Kurtz** said, "The contract covers more than just the detention facility. It covers food services for the other agencies you mentioned."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay and did those hold the line too, or did they increase?"

**Captain Kurtz** said, "I can only speak for the Sheriff's Department."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Those held the line too."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. All right. I guess COMCARE gets an extra piece of pie for the difference between \$1.18 and \$2.54 or something, right?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I don't know but that's for the folks who are at the day . . . it's a service that we provide for some mentally ill folks to be at our facilities all day long and get some counseling."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "It's those chocolate chip cookies, come on tell me the truth."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, I don't think it's as many people and there's economy of scale when you're serving a lot of people, as opposed to a few. What's the will of the Board? Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I just I guess make one quick comment again, following along with the other comments that appreciate the work that the detention facility management has done, Sheriff Steed and Canteen Company for seeing the pressures that we're under and it appears to me they could have increased this price and I appreciate the work of a vendor, a major vendor that is doing the best they can to help."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Wants to be part of our overall solution."

**Captain Kurtz** said, "Canteen Corporation put quite a few hours into revising this menu and working with everybody involved to make sure the quality stayed up."

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**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. That’s all.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Do we have a Motion and a Second? I would entertain a Motion.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino 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.

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, “Next item.”

**F. CONTRACT WITH BUCKHEAD PROPERTIES, LLC FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PURCHASE LAND IN THE 700 BLOCK OF NORTH MAIN STREET, WICHITA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FACILITY**

**Manager William Buchanan** announces a mock emergency occurring at the Kansas Coliseum at 9:36 a.m.

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Mr. Chairman, if I may interrupt this meeting at this point, we are . . . this is an exercise that we are proceeding with at the Coliseum and if this were a real event, I would be asking the Board of County Commissioners to go into recess, because of the events at the Coliseum.

And the events of the Coliseum is there’s a mock disaster. There’s several disasters that are occurring at the same time, a biological terrorist attack, there’s hostages have been taken at the

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Coliseum. Again, this is all in preparation and in planning stage. These events are not really occurring.

We are engaging the State National Guard and their Civil Support Team, which is highly trained, using all kinds of new technology to determine chemicals and biological weapons. The SWAT teams, comprised of the Sheriff's Department and the City of Wichita Police Department, the Bomb Team, those three teams are the primary things that we're focusing on. They are working in close proximity to our Health Department, Emergency Medical Service. We have several students who are at the Coliseum from high school honor's programs and other who are dressed up as if they were wounded. We're going to test the EMS system and the emergency rooms of the hospital. Of course the Sheriff and 9-1-1 are involved, Emergency Management. You've seen Randy Duncan come and go and he is now coordinating that from the basement and the Haz-Mat teams are all engaged.

If this were a real event, we would have recessed, you would have been briefed and then asked to go downstairs to monitor that program. And so, I would suggest to you, after this meeting is over, and if your schedule permits, it might be fun to run out to the Coliseum to see what's going on."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So, if this was a real event we would be then asked to approve Item F, or is this just something you're interjecting before we get to Item F?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We are trying to simulate this as if there was a real . . ."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, so I meant, if there was a real emergency, then we would have to approve this to move forward and get . . ."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Item F has nothing to do with it."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Item F has nothing to do with it. Well, that's what I was asking. Okay, all right. So that's what you were . . . you were interrupting a regular meeting to tell us an emergency has been declared."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "It just happened to be a coincidence."

**Chairman Norton** said, "And this is not the War of the Worlds. We don't want to get everybody up in arms. Commissioner Winters."

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**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. I hope that the event is a successful training preparation exercise. One of the questions though, and I don’t need an answer now, but if there was a real event going on, would only the Chairman and the Chairman Pro Tem proceed to the EEOC Center? Would all commissioners be involved in monitoring the event? What would commissioners’ role become?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Our current plan, which we are continuing to follow and modify by tweaking a little bit, would be for you to be briefed as to what the situation is, asked to go to the EOC, monitor what’s going on. At the first hour of any event there is lots of confusion and lots of information. Some of that information is inaccurate and all needs to be sorted out by people on the field. Seems to me that our job is to be ready to a) declare an emergency, ask others for help and to make sure there’s nothing in the way of . . . Nothing in the way that allows the emergency workers to do their job and clean up the mess. If that means emergency purchasing, if that means asking our neighbors for help, if that means asking the state for funds.

But normally, in these kinds of situations, the upper management, elected officials of organizations play a role after it’s sorted out, making sure the public is informed, making sure that we’re leading somewhere. Mayor Juliano is the example, in New York City at 9/11 by doing the things that he did after the fact and letting the fire and EMS and police do whatever they do best in the field.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right. Well, I think it would be interesting and I would be interested in knowing and I see that Bob Lamkey is here, I assume for the next item perhaps, but as you proceed through this day, when there is a point when those in the field say, ‘Well, we’re at a policy decision level, where is the chair of the commission, how can we get in touch with him?’ and I think it would just be interesting to see when you come upon one of those points. So, that’s all I have to say and we’ll look forward to a recap of the event after today.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “And you’ll be maybe briefing us next week as to how the test went?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Randy Duncan will be here. I think that’s a great idea.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Just a comment before we move on. One thing we find out in crisis

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management is that elected officials do get involved at a very deep level. Obviously we need first responders and trained individuals that have to do their jobs, but that policymakers get folded in, because there are policy decisions that have to be made and resolutions that have to be signed and those decisions have to be made succinctly, concisely and to the letter of the law or you may not get federal funding, you may not get FEMA assistance, you may not get some of the things that you anticipated.

I would charge us that at some point, we would want to do some kind of a mock thing where the Commissioners really do have to go to the EOC and you have some kind of an event that you could simulate, just down there, to throw out some decisions that we have to look at each other and make that are relatively tough and aren't so easily done. Because I can tell you, when you're on the firing line, and I have a little bit of knowledge of this, that you're making some pretty tough decisions that you have to make and nobody else can make. You can't pass it off to staff, you can't pass it off to emergency management officials. It has to be the policymakers.

At this point, I guess we can move on. We've already called the item. Okay, now, you're not Kathy Sexton."

**Mr. Bob Lamkey**, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Kathy was not feeling well and so she asked me to stand in. And so I'm very pleased to bring to you a contract with Buckhead Properties for purchase of land in the 700 block of North Main. This piece of property is immediately south to the piece of property that we purchased earlier for our 9-1-1 Emergency Operations Center.

This acquisition would help resolve some issues that the architects had, we had with regards to the parking and providing adequate security perimeters around the structure that we have. The seller is willing. The negotiated price is \$140,000 and I would recommend that you approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. Bob, does this complete the rest of that block? I mean, is this all the property to the south street?"

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "That's correct."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "And does it go all the way through the block?"

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "Well, it doesn't go all the way through the block. It's three lots, about 10,000

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square feet, it's the piece of property that's on the corner of Main and I don't remember what the cross street is. It's a medical building right now, but it is immediately to the south of the piece of property that we purchased and it's about the same depth. It goes back to the alley."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay. But it does go clear to the street."

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "It does go clear to the street, yes. We will own the piece of property that we purchased previously and that corner."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "All right. And then our other property does go clear through the block?"

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "It goes . . . Well, not really. I'm not sure exactly what you're asking. Does it go clear through the block?"

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "From Main to Market. It does not?"

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "It does not."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay."

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "Yeah, it goes to the alley. This piece of property goes to the alley. That's correct."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Any other comments? I had some issues with this piece of property. It seems to me that you've said that this resolves some of the problems the architect had with security, some of the problems the architect has with parking and when we went in to purchasing the original piece of property, I thought we had all that kind of tied up and now we're spending more money to resolve issues."

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "I guess I misspoke in the sense that the piece of property that we purchased was

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sufficient for providing for the facility. As we looked at the facility, in order to plat this and plot . . . we would have built a facility that would have been essentially adjacent to this piece of property. As we look at the whole process, we have options of parking in our current garage and those kinds of issues. But as we examined security, this was very advantageous to us, something that we actually talked about earlier. The seller was a willing seller who came to the county and as we sat and looked at, 'Okay, if you had an optimal situation to place the building, you would want this piece of property'. I mean, we're looking at offsets from the road, from other structures and so this enhances our ability to do that. And quite frankly, without being pejorative to the property that's there, I think it will enhance the appearance of that area as well. The buildings that are there are old and so I think there's value in that as well."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay. Well, just for the record, I've never really been supportive of this site. I've always thought that this should go with our homeland security and defense campus that we're putting together. That there's a willingness on my part to bring all of those entities together. I think they should have their capacity when emergencies happen and we've kind of segregated that. I know it's close to downtown but I've always felt that there's a different place, a different thought process that we should have used to do this.

I'll be supportive today but I always have a problem where we set out to do a project and then we just continue to layer costs and more purchases on top of it and I don't think that's always the good use of taxpayers' money, but I will be supportive today so we can move forward. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was helpful and I understand your concerns and what your original intentions were and I think they're sound. I know one of the reasons that I was supportive of this item and it was some time ago that I was briefed on this particular purchase, but one of the things that I was really excited about where the location of the new 9-1-1 center is going to be is because of I think our ability to make that block on Main Street a pretty good block of Real Estate.

I mean, it's a little . . . I think we can really help enhance the neighborhood and I know, in the beginning, I don't think we needed this property and I'm not sure the owner was a willing seller at that time, but as they did become a willing seller, to me now it's kind of one of those things but, boy I'd just as soon that we had this property as anybody else and do who knows what, or really to just clean it up and make it an attractive part of this whole project.

So again, I agree with you completely that I hate to see projects that get started and then all at once build and build and build. But again, I think this is going to continue to make that block on Main

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Street a pretty nice block. And so, I was glad to see us put the building there, as opposed to tucking off down on Stillwell Street, behind a building that no one really gets a chance to see but really let it be part of helping North Main Street stay attractive, get attractive and the builders of the new building there that is a real asset and I expect our property to be an asset also. So, I'm going to be supportive of this. And if there are no other questions or comments, I'm prepared to make a Motion."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Bob. Next item."

**G. AGREEMENT WITH EAGLES REALM, LLC FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2003 TO HOLD A GREAT PLAINS RENAISSANCE**

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**FESTIVAL.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioners, we’d like to defer this item probably for two weeks, but I would ask that you would defer indefinitely, in case we cannot reach an agreement with these folks.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to defer Item G indefinitely.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Norton** said, “I have a Motion and a Second.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “I have a question before we vote. It was scheduled to be . . . what, next week or the week after next, so it may not . . . we’re having some problems negotiating it or whatever?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “If they can’t deliver, then that’s their advertising problem. And I don’t mean to sound cryptic about it, but this is not our problem.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “I understand. Okay.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Any other discussion? Clerk, call the roll.”

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, “Next item.”

**H. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

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### 1. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.

#### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**Mr. Gerald Frantz**, Interim Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Our subject today is phase three of the Health Department reorganization. The Sedgwick County Health Department reorganization has, to this point, been through two phases. The first phase was strengthening of administrative services division in which we created an internal controller position and an HR position, Human Resources position. In that, we upgraded three positions and we deleted three positions.

The second phase of the Sedgwick County Health Department reorganization had to do with integration of several of our programs that were related but separate programs into one division to better utilize those resources, and of course that had to do with our integrated family health group, where we put the maternal/ child efforts that we do in the home nursing visitation program, along with behavioral health and our WIC program, the Women, Infants and Children's program and that was the second phase of our reorganization.

And now we're into the third phase of the reorganization and the issues that that request addresses are, first of all, internal inequities that existed and this was something that was a relatively minor issues, except that in some cases we had I think 10 of our folks that, when they came over from the City they came over with the same pay that they had when they were primarily a City of Wichita Health Department, came over with the same pay but they still came in at under Step One, according to the County's timetable and so now . . . the County's pay structure and so after over a year and a half, we thought this would be a good time to bring them up to at least Step One.

What had been happening is you had folks that had been around two, three, four years that were training new people coming in, brand new people off the street who were at a higher pay grade than they were, which of course was an inequity. And so that was one of the issues that we're addressing in this, internal inequities.

Second one is the external marketplace inequity issues and this is a situation I think we're all aware of. I think everyone knows that Sedgwick County and, before that, the Wichita Health Department has not been up until recently very competitive with other folks in the health care industry here in Wichita and Sedgwick County. What this does is bring everyone up to somewhere near. It's still below the level that health care professionals are making in other areas in the city and the county, but it brings them up pretty close.

Now it's important to note here that both the City of Wichita Human Resources Department and the Sedgwick County Human Resources Department have done studies, market studies in the area and

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in both cases recommended, yeah we're a bit low and if we're going to remain competitive out there in the marketplace, then we're going to have to do a little leveling out as far as pay goes.

Now there's no questions whatsoever that, for a lot of folks, we're a desirable place to work. You know, pretty much Monday through Friday with some evenings, but no Saturdays, no midnights, good benefit program and so working for Sedgwick County and working for the Sedgwick County Health Department has certain benefits. But our pay schedules were considerably below that of other sectors of the health care industry and so that's the reason for that.

The last part of this phase three deal is with changes of job duties that are being performed by staff. And an example of that is where we have a nurse that's just been a nurse and now we're having her actually supervise a group of individuals as a program manager. Or another example might be someone in the WIC program that's a registered dietician, where previously it was kind of top heavy, there would be one individual that would oversee the whole thing, even though we had four locations. Now we've got these registered dieticians that have supervisory responsibility in each of the various locations. That's a second example of somebody whose job duties have changed and as a result of that, we've recommended these upgrades in pay.

This chart here looks kind of wordy. The bottom line of all of this is the cost from reorganization for 2003 is being offset by the elimination of a contract for a lab technician, this is only for 2003 and then other salary savings. So for this year, we're actually ending up saving about . . . as a matter of fact, it was about \$3,000 and that comes primarily from elimination for the rest of the year of that contracted lab technician position, other salary savings that we've enjoyed within the department this year that's allowed us to do this with a budget neutral or actually a little bit of savings to the county, to the taxpayers.

For 2004, the reorg costs are offset by elimination of, again for the entire year, of that contracted lab technician and the elimination of one vehicle from our fleet. I think we're down to like two or three vehicles in the Health Department and we used to have double digits, I forget how many it was, 13 or 14. So it's eliminating one more vehicle from the Health Department and then also savings resulting from the elimination of the University of Colorado contract. So as you can see, for 2004 into the future, again this is budget neutral or in actuality, the reorganization is actually going to be about \$1,200 roughly. When you start talking \$1,200 over . . . millions of dollars, \$1,200 is our estimate of about where it's going to end up, in terms of savings. So the bottom line is this is pretty much a budget neutral process.

Give you some quick specifics on what this entails: upgrading 19 nursing positions, 11 program management positions, 7 administrative support positions and 4 other health professional positions to allow the Health Department to be more competitive with other organizations and within Sedgwick County region of the country. Also we downgrading two management positions and one

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administrative support position, we're eliminating three positions, which include a part-time volunteer coordinator, a registered dietician and a community health nurse. And a move to the correct step for seven administrative support people and one program management position and one health professional are being moved to the correct step. So that's the specific details of this.

Bottom line again is this is budget neutral. It brings us to a point of equity and fairness for our staff. As you look at the org chart, there really isn't any major changes in the org chart of any substance over what you've seen here recently. What it really does is, we've already operationalize most of these changes, in terms of the people are already doing these jobs and now we're just making it right for the folks involved, in some cases in middle management moving people around to places on the org chart where they're the most efficient. Any questions on the org chart there? I know it has a tendency to be a bit busy. Anybody, questions?

So, in the final analysis, then that is our phase three reorganization. Phase four is we've talked about consolidation to the south health complex, which we'll be looking at a lease on that after we get things completely settled with the County Manager. You'll be seeing something on the south health complex lease and of course, as our focus has been, with our instructions from you and from the County Manager and from our Chief Financial Officer is to continue our focus on marketing of our services and continue working on operational issues. Of course when we talk about marketing of our services, we're talking about certainly being able to offset some of the costs that our taxpayers are currently bearing, through the budget process, through other processes to try to offset some of that cost by generating more revenue through things like immunizations and other programs.

All of this, as we look at phase four, which really hasn't been clearly defined at this point, it all fits in very, very nicely with the initiatives that this Board and that the County Manager has brought forth, as it relates to . . . well, particularly to this summit that Mr. Buchanan and members of his staff and members of our staff and you folks have been involved in the summit which I guess is expected some time in the . . . this Health Summit for Sedgwick County. It's expected some time in hopefully the first quarter of 2004. So I guess what I'm saying is everything that's going on in the Health Department, everything that's going on in the County as it relates to Health Department and human services issues and everything that you folks are doing, in terms of initiatives and the County Managers are integrating rather seamlessly and this phase three of the reorganization is just one more step in all that. So we ask then that you approve our phase three reorganization for the Health Department. Are there any questions?"

**Chairman Norton** said, "I see none at this point. What is the will of the Board? Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "I just want to make a comment that, from my learning and

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understanding about the Health Department, I just want to compliment you on tightening things up and reorganizing the Health Department so that we're better equipped to move forward and to make the inequities in compensation, make those adjustments both internally and with the marketplace and do it budget neutral. That's good work, that's what . . . we're happy to see that happen. So I just want to commend you for what you and your staff have accomplished."

**Mr. Frantz** said, "Well, thank you. I very much appreciate that but I think we all know the facts. The facts are that the County Commission and the County Manager have . . . this has been the direction they've asked us to go and the work has been done by primarily Bill Farney and his staff and the rest of the staff, but I'll take all the credit I can where it's given."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, good."

**Chairman Norton** said, "At this point, I would entertain a Motion, if there's no other discussion."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to Approve the reorganization and related adjustments to the Health Department Staffing Table.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Jerry. Next item."

**Mr. Frantz** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd like Doren, Dr. Frederickson, our Health Officer to stand up here and show you the beautiful vest he got from this MMRS thing that the Manager mentioned earlier."

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**Dr. Doren Frederickson**, Health Officer, Health Department, said, "I've come up from the operations center, where we're practicing going through the drill, working with police, fire, the City of Wichita, the state authorities and the FBI in the event that there was such an occurrence and we're happy to be going through the drill and ironing out all so that we could manage it if something really did happen."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well if this is a fashion show, turn around, what's written on the back."

**Dr. Frederickson** said, "It's got Sedgwick County and it's got little pockets inside too. I can put paper and pencils and so on. Let me know if you would like one."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Don't talk too much more or you're going to move over into geek-dom and we don't want that. Thank you, Dr. Frederickson. Okay, next item."

### 2. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF HEALTHY BABIES, INC. PROGRAM INCENTIVES.

**Mr. Ted Jobst**, Director, Integrated Family Health, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I bring before you this morning a grant application to the Kansas Health Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 to provide client incentives for the clients in our field nursing program called Healthy Babies Inc."

The incentives are meant to provide recognition to clients, as they acquire various achievements and progress through the program and our objective, over a three-year grant period, is to provide a minimum of incentives to 475 clients during that period of time. Be glad to answer any questions that you have."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thanks very much. Ted, are you look . . . I'm going to be supportive of this, no question. But are you looking at this as a way to get new folks to participate in the program or as a thank you for those that you've already got? Talk to me a little bit more about what you're really thinking about here."

**Mr. Jobst** said, "Okay. The incentives are something that we've been using all along and the Kansas Health Foundation has, in the past, provided support for this incentive program. It's meant to provide praise and recognition, as clients move through the program. We currently have a

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waiting list for clients to get in the program, so it's not meant to entice people into the program, as much as it is to encourage them to continue through the program step by step, because we see their participation in the program as not just a one time or two time thing. We're trying to follow clients over a two and three year period to make sure that what is occurring in that family continues to be stable and that all sorts of things occur, not just that the children are getting, for instance, nutrition and care but that the mother, for instance, maybe is completely training and education.

All sorts of kinds of things that occur with that unit, that family unit and these incentives are . . . they're small incentives. I can give you a couple of examples. For instance if a client participates in all the prenatal home visits, we provide them with a jumbo bag of diapers and baby wipes. These are small kinds of recognitions. If a mother graduates from any kind of training or school, whether it be vocational or high school, we provide some free movie tickets. These are small tokens, but they're something that shows that we're doing some recognition and a little bit of praise to the client as they move through, and that's really the intention of it."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. Well, that sounds like a good plan and I'm certainly going to be supportive. Now I guess along the comment line, I'm going to need some help from you or somebody over in your shop. There's a group, the Kansas Association of Childcare Resource and Referral Agency, a state-wide group I guess that's having a conference here in Wichita the 25<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> and their conference is Infants/ Toddlers conference, along with Kansas Parents as Teachers state conference, so they're blending them together.

They've asked me to come and give a welcome of about five to ten minutes and, in that five minutes, I want to pack in there everything we're doing and our commitment as electeds, everything we're doing as electeds and prevention efforts. And I think that the program that you've got, Healthy Babies Inc., is going to fit in to what these folks are talking about and I see in the backup, I think I can get some information there, but I really would like to impress on these folks in just a very short period of time the commitment that we've got through the Health Department on healthy babies through our prevention funds and educational opportunities and where we're headed there and then with our state JJA funds, to really let them know what's happening in Sedgwick County. And so I'm maybe going to call you and have you help me think about how to pack that all up, but I really want them to know how committed we are to this Healthy Babies Inc. and what kind of long term effects it's going to have."

**Mr. Jobst** said, "Look forward to working with you, that's great."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you very much."

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

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**I. AMENDMENT TO THE 2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE CIP# R-296, PAWNEE BIKE PATH.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Pete Giroux**, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we have a request from Public Works for a CIP amendment that will both enhance quality of life as well as safety in Sedgwick County.

Kansas Department of Transportation has notified Public Works that they have selected this project from among submissions from around the state for funding. The project will construct a bike path from Woodlawn, Cessna Park on Woodlawn, under the Kansas Turnpike Bridge, across Pawnee and Rock Road and connect with an existing path on the other side of Rock.

Here's an overhead view. You can see the McConnell runway on the left, lower left and see in red the portion that is proposed. Here's a little larger overview of the metropolitan area, and again the project highlighted in the lower right hand corner.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$422,719 and of that amount, 64% is federal highway funding. Our share will be \$154,000 and that will come from local sales tax Road and Bridge fund.

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Staff and the CIP committee have reviewed the project and recommend approval. Do you have any questions?"

**Chairman Norton** said, "Yes, we do. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Pete, can you go back to the aerial picture. Okay, is the blue line a completed path?"

**Mr. Giroux** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "It is all complete."

**Mr. Giroux** said, "The dark blue is completed path."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "We're just going to hook up to Wichita ones."

**Mr. Giroux** said, "This is an existing path and this portion here has been completed. The light blue is proposed."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "And this is all in their comprehensive bicycle path plan that goes all around the City of Wichita."

**Mr. Giroux** said, "Yes, ma'am."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I just didn't want to put a bridge out that we don't have a path going up to it and it's not going to happen for several years, so I just wanted to make sure."

**Mr. Giroux** said, "It's been a subject of considerable planning."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "All right, thank you."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Pete. Next item."

**J. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH SNODGRASS AND SONS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 831-AA, BB, CC; ROCK ROAD BETWEEN 87<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH AND K-15. CIP# R-243. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item J is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, for the Sedgwick County project on Rock Road between 87<sup>th</sup> Street South and K-15, designated as R-243 in the Capital Improvement program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized out. There will be a net increase of \$54,248.15 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements.

The contract was for approximately 4.7 million dollars, therefore the increase of \$54,000 amounts to approximately 1.2% of the original contract. We originally had a budget of 6.1 million dollars. After figuring in all costs such as right-of-way, utility relocations, railroad flagging and material inspection, we are under the original budget by 1.2 million dollars.

As you may recall, the City of Mulvane is participating in the cost of the project and they will pay for portions of these changes. 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.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “I just have one thing to say to David. This is another example of how, regardless of what the budget is, his department continues to try to bring these projects in under budget and you’re to be complimented on that.”

**Mr. Spears** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “And if you made it out to this project when they had the ribbon cutting, it is an amazing project that is going to really help that south side area between Mulvane and Derby.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well, they’re treating it as the gateway to their community and now we’ve got a four-lane highway all the way from the Sumner/ Sedgwick County line all the way into Wichita and beyond. So, it’s tremendous.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “I have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the roll.”

**VOTE**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**K. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Right-of-Way Easements.**

- a. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 632-23, Stream Maintenance on 55<sup>th</sup> Street South between Webb Road and Greenwich Road. District #5.
- b. One Easement for Drainage and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 618-36, Central between 143<sup>rd</sup> and 159<sup>th</sup> Streets

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East. CIP# R-252. District #1.

2. **Cash Rent Lease with Pauly Acres allowing occupation and use, only for agricultural and related purposes, of recently acquired property adjacent to Lake Afton Park.**
3. **Agreement with RAMSAFE Technologies, LLC for the Emergency Management Department and Health Department to use licensed emergency planning and crisis management software.**
4. **Agreement with Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas providing on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
5. **Order dated September 3, 2003 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **Payroll Check Registers of August 27 and September 5, 2003.**
7. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of September 3 – 9, 2003.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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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, "Is there anything else to come before us today?"

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**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman, we do need to have an executive session, but I don't know if anybody has any local news they want to broadcast."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, I think Commissioner Unruh might have, before we go to executive session."

### L. OTHER

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, I just want to talk about Zoobilee. There were several commissioners out there and Sedgwick County Zoo, once again, put on a great fundraising party I guess is what we'll call it. I think there were a total of like 5,100 people total in attendance out there and it was very successful and some spirited bidding on some of the animals and so that helped contribute to the success of the operation. I'm told that the total amount that they received was towards \$650,000 on this fundraising effort, so it was very successful.

That's how we're able to help do things like tomorrow is a free day at the Zoo and so these things help provide that. But it was supposed to be over at midnight, but I guess some of the folks stayed out there all night long cleaning up and at 8:30 the next morning the Zoo opened as if there was never a party there. So there was no hitch in the operation, so it was a very successful event and I just want to compliment the leadership of the Zoobilee, Sue Pierce and Cheryl Woldford who co-chaired it and Mark Reed, whose kind of the man behind all these operations, but they did a great job, very successful. And those of you who missed it, well put it on the calendar for next year."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, it was worth going out and just seeing Dave Unruh hover around the monkey food."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I was going to ask if he had people food or you showed everybody how to eat monkey food."

**Chairman Norton** said, "He was passing out some kind of trail mix that none of the rest of us would even touch."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, I'm really big on gravel and birdseed. That's good."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Anything else, Commissioner? Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, to a much lesser degree, you know Oaklawn had their block party and I was there. It started out with a parade and wound up with a street dance and fireworks and it was really kind of neat just to see a community just kind of celebrating being a community and I enjoyed myself there and maybe next year there won't be a conflict of dates, because I've been to the Zoobilee. And I think I saved about five pounds not being to the Zoobilee. They put

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me in a tractor and I was in the little shovel part, that's where they wanted me to sit for the parade.

And one other thing too, Commissioner Winters, I understand in Clearwater I didn't realize they had an annual . . . some kind of a charity golf outing and I just want to let you know that I'll try to fund a team for Clearwater next year and we'll come out and see if we can't contribute to them and maybe even bring the trophy home for Clearwater. So, anyway I had a fun time in Oaklawn. That's all."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Is there anything else to come before us today? I see nothing."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 60 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/ client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:15 a.m.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "This meeting is recessed into Executive Session."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m. and returned at 11:35 a.m.**

**Chairman Norton** said, "We're back from our executive session. According to state statute, there was no binding action taken in our executive session today. Is there anything else to come before us? Counselor? We're adjourned."

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**M. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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Second District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chair Pro Tem  
Third District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner  
First District

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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