

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 17, 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 17, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Paul Taylor, Director, Storm Water Management; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Ed Randels, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department of Aging; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Michael Hauschild, Member, Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center Advisory Board.

Dr. Ron Morford, Member, Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center Advisory Board.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by John Shallenberger, Pastor, Derby Church of the Nazarene.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**      Regular Meeting August 27, 2003

The clerk reported that All Commissioners were present at the Regular meeting of August 27, 2003.

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioners you have the minutes before you, what's the will of the board?"

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### MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2003.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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

### DONATION

#### **A. DONATION BY AN ANONYMOUS DONOR OF FOUR X-BOX GAME SYSTEMS AND CONTROLLERS, VALUED AT \$1,530, TO BE USED AT THE JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH.**

**Mr. Mark Masterson**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to ask that you accept this generous donation of four brand new X Box electronic game systems for use by the boys at the Boys Ranch on weekends as an activity and during leisure time. As you know the Boys Ranch is operated by the Department of Corrections located behind the dam at Lake Afton, the ranch is a residential program that provides education and rehabilitative programming to male juvenile offenders between the ages of 13 and 18. The donation as she said was made anonymously and if the donor is watching this morning I'd like to thank them for their generosity on behalf of the Boys Ranch and the department. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Are we watching what kind of games they're playing, I mean are we controlling that?"

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**Mr. Masterson** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Sports."

**Mr. Masterson** said "Not only the games, it came with one game per unit and yes we are monitoring that and then using it as a leisure activity on the weekend for those that have had positive behavior during the week for a period of time."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay. So not just any game will get to be used."

**Mr. Masterson** said, "No. And it's not used all the time, it's as a scheduled activity."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

**B. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) APPOINTING MICHAEL HAUSCHILD AND RON MORFORD, M.D. (ATLARGE APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK**

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**COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Mr. Ed Randels**, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This a resolution, pursuant to the resolution on the Forensic Science Center Advisory Board. There are two at- large appointments. Those appointments are before you today. One of those appointments is to be a local law enforcement official from a second or third class city and the other one is to be an appointment from outside the county of one of the customers of the Forensic Science Center. So today before you we have recommended two people, Michael Hauschild is the Derby Police Chief and he is being reappointed, or recommended for his reappointment for two years to this board and the new appointment Dr. Ron Morford from Newton who’s the Harvey Coroner is here also today. Both of these gentlemen are here and willing to serve in this position and it’s recommended that you approve the two resolutions.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, “And I see the Chief and the doc both here so we’ll ask them to come forward and Don Brace is here to swear them in.”

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

*“I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of Sedgwick*

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*County Regional Forensic Science Center Advisory Board, so help me God.”*

**Mr. Michael Hauschild and Dr. Ron Morford**, Members, Regional Forensic Science Center Advisory Board said, “I do.”

**Mr. Brace** said, “Congratulations.”

**Mr. Hauschild** said, “It is a pleasure to continue to serve our community. I was visiting with Dr. Dudley, it’s not the first time I’ve been doing this since ’94, since the building wasn’t there, and it has been a great growth for the community, a great asset for law enforcement and the entire criminal justice system. I thank you for your support for that.”

**Dr. Morford** said, “Says there’s a five minute speaking limit, so I’ll simply say thank you for the opportunity to participate and already participating in the meetings just as a visitor but it’s an honor to do that and my pleasure. Thank You.

**Chairman Norton** said, “Thank you for serving, we appreciate it. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, I’d just like to make a quick comment, I think our advisory board really does help us in a lot of places, and particularly here as we go around the state and some new terms out there are Centers for Excellence and I think of our Forensic Science Center and the Commissioners are very proud of that facility and we think that they do work in this community above and beyond. And so when folks like you step up and agree to participate and help us be the eyes and ears of helping folks like Dr. Dudley and her staff make that the best it can possibly be, I too was here before that building was there and it was a woeful state of affairs and we really do have just an excellent facility and appreciate the folks from surrounding counties taking an interest in helping the facility because it really is a regional kind of effort here and we hope it can be a service to lots of folks, but that is one of the things that I think the Commissioner’s are very very proud of that operation. So thanks again for your willingness to participate as citizens trying to help it be the best it can possibly be.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Just to dovetail a little bit on what Tom said I think really important that people understand that this is a Regional Forensic Center and as government money gets tighter and we have to look at more collaborations and partnerships and regionalization I think it’s very important to look at the models that really do it right. And our Forensic Science Center, Dr. Dudley, and her staff and the advisory board have proved that regionalization, collaboration,

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partnerships can be done very economically and good for more than one jurisdiction and we certainly thank Dr. Morford for being on the board and giving us that regional approach that ideas that come from not just Sedgwick County but other entities so thank you for being here today.”

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **C. PRESENTATION REGARDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 DISASTER SIMULATION.**

**Mr. Randy Duncan**, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “For the record, Randy Duncan I have the privilege to serve you as you Emergency Management Director. Also this last week we were involved in a simulation of our capabilities to deal with various types of emergencies, you may recall this because we actually came up and interrupted your meeting last week to let you know what was going on with that.

So I’m here to do a follow up this morning to kind of let you know what happened as a result of that and I’ll start out by going over the goals and objectives of what we were hoping to achieve in terms of this simulation and they are really pretty simple to work with and exercise several of our specialty teams for example the SWAT team jointly made up of the Wichita Police Department and the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s office, the hazardous materials team jointly made up of Sedgwick County Fire and Wichita Fire and the Bomb Squad as well as the civil support team, in addition to that Metropolitan Medical Response System also used this as an opportunity to retest once again their capability to distribute medications to folks who might be impacted by a bio incident. Also we had a couple of secondary goals and objectives which were to take a look at a special technology our amateur radio operators have been utilizing called fast scan television and to test a computer based emergency log system inside our emergency operations center. Particularly with regard to the fast scan television thing we’re very, very excited about that. Our amateur radio operators are now able to go out and provide live video from the scene of an emergency directly back to the emergency operations center so were very excited about that.

To give you an idea of what the exact scenario was, what was going on in this series of simulations we had a simulated release of a biological weapon of mass destruction at the Valley Center High School. We also had some Valley Center students who were at the Coliseum practicing for a concert that evening and at the Coliseum scene we had several simulated explosive devices that were present. One of them detonated, resulting in some casualties and it also released a chemical weapon of mass destruction. The other device was a so called dirty bomb or a radiological dispersal

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device. We had two bad guys, so to speak, who sought shelter in a Coliseum facility and in the process of doing that they trapped an innocent employee with them, which resulted in a hostage situation needing the assistance of the SWAT team. I think I'll have some special announcements regarding the bad guys before our presentation is terminated. Anyway we also had a trailer that was setup and utilized by the bad guys to create their chemical weapon of mass destruction. It was parked in the parking lot out at the Kansas Coliseum. So we had a whole array of complex problems that required the use of these specialized teams, including calling in and working with the Civil Support Team out of the National Guard in Topeka.

So basically, here's a look at the beginning of the exercise. Here you see a group of victims that are awaiting their first briefing as to what's going to happen. We owe a special vote of thanks to folks from North High School, Bethel Life School, various individuals from around the county the young Marines group, the Cowley County Community College Emergency Technician Class, the Butler County Community College Emergency Medical Technician class and the rookie class from the Wichita Fire Department, who all simulated victims all together, I think, in the neighborhood, I think, about 250 people participated in the exercise so it was indeed a large scale event, a full scale exercise as we call it.

One of the things that was quite unique about this particular exercise was we actually went and put part of our victims through the decontamination procedure and although it looks like several of the victims appear to be having a great deal of fun here, that's not the usual reaction when we get involved in decontamination issues, but we thought we would show you kind of how that operated. We also, as I mentioned earlier, involved the Metropolitan Medical Response System folks and here you see a picture of some employees from Sedgwick County who are in the process of drawing up simulated medication to distribute to folks who have been impacted by the bio portion of the exercise. I understand that the medications we issued were Kool-Aid and Skittles so we kind of had an opportunity to test out the different types for the different maladies and for those that had sensitivities or so on.

But lest you think we enjoyed the entire experience way too much, I do want to emphasize that there were a number of policy related issues that came up and had this been a real incident, I'm sure there would be even more, but had this been a real incident these are some of the things that we would have come to the Board of County Commissioners, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners specifically, to talk about policy related issues. First and foremost it would be our declaration of disaster emergency which you see the citation there in the Kansas Statutes that allows that to happen, the importance of that is a couple items; number one is it sends a little red flag up

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the pole to the State of Kansas saying hey there's a problem in Sedgwick County that may need some additional assets and number two, and I think very very important for us as local responders it raises our liability protection in terms of responding to the emergency. Had this been an ongoing situation, that would have extended over several days. For example, similar to the tornado in '99, we'd probably have a policy level issue of curfew to deal with that would have involved discussion with the BoCC.

We would have had a great deal of extensive discussion about public and emergency information; there would have been a very, very key role for the public information officer to play here and of course the ultimate policy guidance for that would come from the Manager and the BoCC as to how that would be handled. Also there's a political role for the BoCC here in terms of assisting and making requests to higher levels of government for help. The process actually becomes dual as politically elected officials for the County you would talk to the politically elected official at the State level, the Governor, where we would be talking with that is Sedgwick County Emergency Management would be talking with for example the Kansas division of Emergency Management; so there's kind of a two lane process that requires both the political and bureaucratic side to function properly and over and above anything else the BoCC has the ultimate policy responsibility for making sure the public is aware and that our local government is responding effectively to that emergency and we would be giving you the best advice to follow that we as professionals know how to ensure that that would happen. So those are just a very, very brief look at some of the policy levels issues that might be involved.

I have here a picture of the successful conclusion of the exercise and I think you'll notice two individuals who are seated on the ground here. These are the bad guys who were involved in the exercise, our terrorists, and I understand that they actually made bond and there's a rumor that they may be present at this meeting this morning. We're keeping a very close eye out for them because we don't want them to conduct any additional terrorist activities while they're present, so I would urge the BoCC to exercise the appropriate caution if they see these individuals. That concludes my report on our exercise and I'd be happy to answer any questions that you all might have at the current time."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well thank you for that report Randy it looks like it was very successful. I was just looking at your list of policy items and if I recall when we had the south Wichita-Haysville tornado we went through every one of those already, I mean, so we've had that in place so it's just kind of a nice reminder of those are the kind of things we'll have to face."

**Mr. Duncan** said, "You know that, and I'm glad you brought that up, that's a very important observation one of the very basic issues of our planning for emergencies is we don't have to do

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planning over and over for various types of emergencies because there are certain things that are standard, you might say, that don't really vary because of the type of emergency that caused them and some of these policy issues fall in that realm. I'm very pleased that you've recognized that.

**Chairman Norton** said, "I don't see any other discussion; I've just got a couple things. First of all, Commissioner Unruh and I made it downstairs to actually participate for a little while at the Emergency Operations Center and we got kind of first hand hear the chatter that was going on there when we got there. There were emergency management people there but the Sheriff was also there the Chief of Police had been there and left. It was pretty active there, relatively close to what it would have been in the real event I mean there was people coming and going and working on the different parts of it. The thing that struck me though was that the County Commissioner's were not as engaged in this as maybe they would be in a real life situation and I urged Randy at that time to create a table top situation where we could be engaged, go to Emergency Management, show up from where ever we are in the county that day and actually go through some scenarios of how we'll deal with the policy decisions.

I've got to tell you having been through this kind of crisis you know you really need to be able to sit down and process as a group how your going to make those decisions. You need to have a protocol all the time on who's going to be in charge of it's going to be the Chairman, the individual that's district has the event in it, if the Chair is out of town, or out of place or effected by it who takes over. I mean we need to get some of those things ironed out as a policy making board, so I would urge us to put together some kind of table top situation that we could be involved in making some of those tough decisions and not just leave it to Emergency Management. We've got great police and fire, locally we have a wonderful Emergency Management 911 dispatch situation but the truth is, on the firing line, are the policy makers when you have those kind of emergencies, we need to be more engaged.

The second thing is I think we need to really continue to talk about crisis management training for all elected officials in the county. We've had two of those, I'm promoting that we have another, either later this year or the first of next year, because there are still elected officials in our county that have not gone through crisis management training and I personally think it's an abomination, because if it is not a bio-terrorism thing, if it's not a train derailment, it's going to be a natural disaster or something else and there's never enough training for those things. As elected officials, you get elected thinking your going to ride in the back of convertibles and wave at people, you know. You're occasionally going to fix a water bill but the truth is you need to be prepared for these things that really call in to good management techniques in a crisis or disaster.

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The last thing I'll talk about is the First Responder center that will go with the National Guard I think it's imperative that we keep that on the table, keep talking about how we build a capacity of our First Responders and the training they get, not just on the things they do every day, but on crisis management because our world is different today than it was. And yes, those kids were having fun getting hosed down because they got exposed to Sarin, but you know if that really happens in your community Sarin is a really ugly ugly element and we need to be prepared and make sure that all elected officials know that too and our First Responders.

Thank you Randy I appreciate it. Any other comments? ”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Yeah I have another Comment.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Well I go back to the list of policy things and Commissioner Norton you weren't here when...you were down in the tornado and we had a number of meetings that we met as a group to make those policy decisions and we knew it was an emergency and we knew we had to throw everything off our schedules to make those meetings. My question is also Randy, and you may have said this at the very beginning, how did we engage the smaller communities or did we? You know I heard you say Police Chief Williams came in for a little bit and you know I know that they would be very much involved because of the population base, but what did we do for some of the smaller communities?”

**Mr. Duncan** said, “This particular scenario did not feature as much involvement by some of the smaller communities as others that we have done and we try to mix that up from time to time because we try not to get stuck on any one particular combination. One of the things that helps us achieve that is we have an exercise design committee headed up by Deputy Director Jack Kegley and the small communities have representatives that sit on that exercise design committee so that they can say our community needs to have this facet, this goal or objective tested in the process of the simulation. And so while this particular one on the 10<sup>th</sup> didn't figure a great deal of involvement we did involve of course Valley Center and Park City and the communities immediately around the Coliseum there so they did have a role that they played there. For example, Derby wasn't as involved in this particular one cause it didn't involve their area, but when ever we

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are in their area they do participate with us, and they are strong supporters. All the communities are.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “And that’s probably better to have a few at a time anyway to give them a little more personal attention, that kind of thing.”

**Mr. Duncan** said, “Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “I think Carolyn brings up a very important thing there. You know one of the policy decisions would be the toughest is what you do with the parents that are trying to get to the Coliseum to get these 250 kids, you know, and I don’t know if you discussed all that but the traffic control and the people trying to get there to pick up their kids that have been exposed to this would be the biggest constituent taxpayer policy you’d have to deal with, I’d almost bet you, in that whole thing. And I don’t know if you’ve worked on kind of issues but engaging the communities is going to be important.”

**Mr. Duncan** said, “We did simulate traffic control, but I think your right. There’s a certain element in a real emergency that would increase over and above and I think we saw that, of course, in the ’99 tornado where not only was the issue the access by property owners into their property. But what really complicated things was in essence site seers and I think we’ll have a whole magnitude of problem to deal with related to that as well.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Sounds like a great situation you handled it wonderfully and we’ll hopefully do this again soon.”

**Mr. Duncan** said, “Oh yes, and thank you all for your support.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Okay thanks Randy. Do I have a motion to receive and file?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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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."

**D. CONTRACT MODIFICATION REQUEST NUMBER ONE WITH  
GOSSEN LIVINGSTON ARCHITECTURE PROVIDING A FEE ADJUSTMENT  
FOR DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE JUVENILE COMPLEX.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm filling in for Stephanie Knebel. This is a contract modification with Gossen Livingston for \$615,530. The reason we're asking for this increase and the reason we need it is that in 1999 we had done some preliminary planning for the Juvenile Complex. We hired a professional who was expert in giving us some ideas about how large it should be and how many beds and also gave us a number that he thought it was going to take to build that complex. He was off by \$10,000,000.00 and once we, after we received his number and brought it to you in a CIP project, made it part of the budget process, had it budgeted for \$18,000,000. We then went out and hired Gossen Livingston to do the actual design of not only the Juvenile Detention Facility but for the court building and the DA facilities. You will recall that there are three components to that project.

The Juvenile Detention Facility, as it was being designed it became real clear to Gossen Livingston that the numbers were not going to work that it was really a \$28,000,000 project they thought, and that's their estimate, \$28,500,000. And so we did the typical sticker shock routine, grasped our chest and gasped for air, asked them in several meetings to go over the details, went over the details of this process to make sure we were on track and then tried to determine how to proceed from this point. How we're proceeding is that the design for the Juvenile Detention Facility is done. It's on the street. People are in the process of figuring out how much the bids will be and those bids will be returned soon and be brought to you. It's time now to do the design for the other two phases and so we are asking that we change Gossen Livingston's contract to include this continuation with the 7% architectural fee and if the estimates are correct that will mean an increase of \$615,530. The

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contract will not exceed that. I would be happy to try to answer any questions you would have, and I would recommend that you approve it.

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay I see no lights."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I have a question."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thanks. Bill, would you walk us through? I understand the fellow that we had contracted with at first just grossly underestimated the cost of the project."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And I know it's common that the architects get a percentage of the total project as their design, but is it gonna cost Gossen Livingston \$600,000 more to design the project? I mean they knew what the project was when... I guess answer that question."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I can't answer how much more it's gonna cost them to design, but based on the 7% figure and based on the intricacies of the project, that means that it's larger and more difficult, I think, that it will cost them a lot more than what they had originally estimated."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well the only thing that I'm a little bit cautious of is because of an error, are we handing Gossen Livingston just a big windfall because their agreement says 7% and they've already got this designed or their ready to go, then all of a sudden they get \$600,000 more for something that they were quite comfortable with the amount...And I don't know where I'm going with that."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Point well taken. In our discussions with Gossen Livingston we asked those kind of questions; you've already bid the project why are you asking for more money? Didn't you understand...and the answers we kept getting back are in fact it's more complicated, the dollar figures are not just because the project is larger in size but the whole estimates were wrong and they bid their design on a much smaller estimated project. The dollar increase and the end product really requires them to do much more design work."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, let me ask the big question because you're our resident expert here. Are you comfortable that this is a legitimate fee that we're paying to Gossen they really need the extra \$600,000."

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes sir." "

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And are...will do the job for us properly."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes sir. I wouldn't be here recommending it if I didn't believe it."

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

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. I'm comfortable with the fact that 7% fee or whatever it is is standard and that's what it takes to do a project and that's what the market will support. My question is was there a substantial change in the scope of the project from when the original estimator or consultant was in here to what we're doing now that made a 50% difference in the bid or did this man, person, group just totally blow it?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We think he just totally blew it. And the numbers he gave us were pretty accurate per cost per room, but he forgot boilers, and he forgot the cost of hallways and he forgot the design of cafeteria, so it was a whole bunch of stuff and he had tunnel vision and he did what he thought he was asked to, gave us a number, but it did not include all the stuff it takes to run a facility."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "So the basic footprint and scope of the project is still the same."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, pretty much."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "I suggest we don't use that guy anymore."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Well we have not and the whole process is different now, if you recall...you may not recall, currently we have what we term as an on call architect and so it is...we've just changed that recently and we used those folks to help with original estimates before we were doing it based on our experience and based on I don't know what we were basing it on, but it wasn't a process that was healthy and where we've gotten in trouble...this administration has gotten in trouble with this Board of County Commissioners is on those basic estimates have been not particularly good. So we've changed that process I'm hopeful that this will be the last one we see under the old process because this kind of stuff really...although it's understandable, it's not a good thing. It's a bad thing."

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, well I'm glad we've changed the process and we won't be faced with this again. That's all I had."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you, I don't want to muddy it any more than it already is, I'm going to be supportive of this but it seems to me like too we started this project thinking about the detention aspect of it. Then we started thinking about it, then we started thinking about the Courtroom aspect and then we started thinking about the DA's presence in the Juvenile Facility and so I'm not exactly sure we were thinking about all of those at the very beginning. And so, but I think what were working at now is gonna be a solution for all three of those. Is that not correct?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "That is correct."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "The detention will be..."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Detention is designed and on the streets now."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "And the courts that are located in that building are going to be adequate."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "The courts and the DA design are this contract. That's what were approving today."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Right. And the District Attorney's facilities are woefully inadequate. I mean they're stacked on top of each other and so this is gonna solve the District Attorney's office space requirements."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes sir."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank You."

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

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the contract modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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**Chairman Norton** said, "I guess just a comment. We've had three or four of these on my watch and I hope you're right, Mr. Buchanan that we don't have to deal with these overruns and lack of oversight again because we've got some other major projects, including a Jail coming before us. We certainly don't think we want this to happen again."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd be happy to bring you the list of the twenty-one that were successful also."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay you always have to package it for us don't you? Thank you. Clerk call the roll."

**VOTE**

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

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Thank you."

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

**E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

**1. CONTRACTS (12) WITH HOME HEALTH AGENCIES TO PROVIDE ATTENDANT CARE, HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND RESPITE CARE TO RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OLDER.**

- **AFFORD-A-CARE, INC.**
- **ASSOCIATED HOME CARE**
- **CARE 2000**
- **BLESSED HOME HEALTH CARE**

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- **HOME HEALTHCARE CONNECTION**
- **KELLY HOME CARE**
- **LOVING HEARTS HOME CARE**
- **MEDICALODGE HOME CARE**
- **PROACTIVE HOME HEALTHCARE**
- **RIGHT AT HOME**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC.**
- **SAINT RAPHAEL HOME CARE, INC.**

**Ms Annette Graham**, Director, Department of Aging, greeted the commissioners and said, “As a Central Plains Area Agency on Aging we administer programs under the older Americans Act in the tri- county area: Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County. Under the Older Americans Act, part 3B, we provide in-home services to individuals age 60 and over who are in need of services and these services allow them to remain in the community rather than having to go to a Nursing Home.

On July 23, 2003 we brought before you and you approved that fiscal year 2004 area plan. These are the contracts for the vendors that provide that service in the tri-county area and that new fiscal year begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. These providers receive for homemaker services \$12 per hour attendant care and respite care receive \$13 per hour. The vendors that we have agreements for that we bring before you today are Afford-A-Care, Inc., Associated Home Care, Care 2000, Blessed Home Health Care, Home Healthcare Connection, Kelly Home Care, Loving Hearts Home Care, Medicalodge Home Care, Proactive Home Healthcare, Right at Home, Senior Services, Inc., Saint Raphael Home Care, Inc. I would request that you approve the 2004 vendor contracts and authorize the Chairperson to sign.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Annette, I see no questions, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the contracts 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 Annette and Commissioner Winters has a question."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I have a question. Annette, could you just briefly describe if people are hearing us making these contracts with these people if they have a family member or know someone that may qualify for services provided by one of these folks, how would they determine if they or one of their family members may be eligible?"

**Ms. Graham** said, "They can call our office to receive that information and find out what services are available and to talk about that possibility, and they can call at 660-7298."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Alright, well I think it's important for people to know. I know a lot of times you just don't know where to start calling and if you have a senior that needs assistance then certainly our Department on Aging would be one of the first places to call. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Let me ask."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Could you expand on that just a little bit on that, Annette, because we have the media here and maybe they...this might be a story for them. Example, a couple has a parent at the home that they are trying to care for and it's pretty stressful and they would love to have an evening out on their own just to kind of recharge their generators. What has to be in place for when they make the call, 'yes we'll have somebody at your home this Friday between the hours of eight in the evening and eleven in the evening so you and your wife can go out and enjoy an evening away from that responsibility', what has to be in place? I mean what qualifies that person to be able to take advantage of that service?"

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**Ms. Graham** said, “Well the first call would be to make a call to that number at 660-7298 and that way they would be talking to our intake person our intake staff person, to find out what their situation is, what their income levels are, what they’re needs are, what the person needs assistance with, if there’s family members, if there’s caregivers where they live. We have a variety of different programs and a variety of different funding sources, so each one of those varies as to the eligibility, but that’s what they will look at, income, functional levels, amount of supports they have, if there’s caregivers involved, where they live, what county they live in, what resources are available so they would ask those kind of questions and then they would gather that information and then assign a case manager to go out and do a visit to gather some information and to complete the uniform assessment instrument depending on which program, which goes into a lot of detail about the functional levels of the individual needing the care.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay. If somebody’s wanting to do this and they’ve never applied for these services it isn’t a very good idea to have them call on Wednesday thinking that they can have somebody out at their house Friday. About how much lead time if they’re a first time caller should they expect before?”

**Ms. Graham** said, “Probably at least two weeks or more because we have to do the assessment and then they have to find, put together a plan of care which means they have to find a provider, work with the provider and get that all arranged and set up.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay. And do we have adequate, cause I’ve got a sense there’s probably more need out in the community than we have funds available, are people ever having to be put on a waiting list waiting for funds to be available? Or what’s the expectation that if I were to call today and I qualify do I get it or am I put on a waiting list?”

**Ms. Graham** said, “It depends on which services that the individual is applying for or would be appropriate for under our Senior Care Act, we currently have openings and are able to provide services. Under the Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver there is currently a waiting list, a state wide waiting list. Under Older American’s Act were not putting on individuals were not putting on individuals under the 3B program under the meals programs. There are services available under the caregiver program so it depends. Some programs to have waiting lists.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Alright I’d love to be able, could you maybe call after the meeting

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where I could maybe sit and visit with you cause I get a lot of these questions when I'm down in Derby on Friday and I'd like to be a little bit more up on that. Maybe you could share with me where's the waiting list, what's available. That would help me."

**Ms. Graham** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thank you Annette. Next item."

**2. CONTRACT WITH MT. HOPE HOME HEALTH TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT, ATTENDANT CARE, HOMEMAKER SERVICES, RESPITE CARE AND PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE INSTALLATION AND MONITORING TO RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OLDER.**

**Ms. Graham** said, "The Senior Care Act is a state funded in home program that provides services to individuals age 60 and over once again in the tri-county area of Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County. This program also allows individuals to remain in their homes rather than have to seek out nursing home care and the services that are provided are attendant care, homemaker, respite care personal emergency. These services are offered via a network of providers in the tri-county area and these are once again a vendor. They're reimbursed at a fee for service level.

This is an additional contract we've already presented. The majority of the contracts this was one with Mt. Hope Health Care and it was one that did not get in and so we're doing this so we can make sure that were able to provide services in that area. I did need to point out that there is a typo on page 48 of your backup. This is in regards to the required liability limits. It reads \$600,000 but in parenthesis it shows \$200,000. That is a typo and it should read \$600,000 in the parenthesis. This is a required liability limit that is required by the State of Kansas through the Kansas Department on Aging. I'd be happy to answer any questions and would request that you approve the Senior Care Act vendor contract and authorize the Chair to sign."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the contract with Mt. Home Health 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	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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

### 3. **PRESENTATION OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRANT AWARD COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION FUND GRANTS.**

**Ms. Jeannette Livingston**, Contract Administrator, COMCARE greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're in the process currently of changing the administrative fiscal year's for the Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention Grants. We're moving from a calendar year to a July to June fiscal year. Part of that the plan was to extend the current grant contracts through June 30, 2004, however when the budget was adopted for 2004 in August it contained significantly less than was available for grants for 2003, about \$160,000 less. It necessitated some difficult choices. We convened the Sedgwick County Grant Award Committee to review the current grant recipients, look at the impact of potential cuts on the programs and to make recommendations on what contracts to continue to fund.

The committee considered three criteria in looking at the programs whether they were evidence based, whether the programs were meeting their outcomes, as well as whether they were targeting juvenile populations consistent with Juvenile Justice research. In order to meet the budget constraints the committee recommended to extend eleven of the thirteen program grants. The two programs that were not recommended for continued funding were the YMCA Black Achievers Program and Family Consultation Services Expect Respect Program. The remaining shortage for 2004 would be covered through carryover from 2003. The recommended action is for the Commission to approve the recommendation and authorize contract extensions to be developed with the recommended agencies. I'm available for questions and I also know we have some agency

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representatives in the audience today including KANSEL, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, the YMCA, Episcopal Social Services, Wichita Acts, Boys & Girls Club and Communities in Schools.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Okay, Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thanks. Jeannette, I’ve two charts in front of me, one received a couple days ago that has two recommendations; a recommendation number one and a recommendation number two; and then the one in the back up material just has one recommendation.”

**Ms. Livingston** said “Well we weren’t physically sure if it was possible to keep carryover from one year to another so we clarified that with finance and the County Manager to be sure that was even possible. So since we found out it was possible we eliminated. The other recommendation was to adjust the remaining shortage after reducing the number of contracts would be covered through an across the board reduction, but since we found out it was possible to do carryover, that was the committee’s recommendation.

**Commissioner Winters** said, “So then we don’t need to do that 3.5% cost reduction across the board.”

**Ms. Livingston** said, “Correct, If we can maintain our carryover from 2003 to 2004 which is the committees recommendation we would not have to do an across the board reduction.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right, how about then the contingency money that we visited about a couple times, do we still have that in limbo or...”

**Ms. Livingston** said, “That’s for 2004, the contingency?”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Yeah.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “What we saved from the budget.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “It’s still hanging there.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “And that’s about, what, \$30,000?”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thirty some thousand. Yeah, \$36,000.”

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thirty-seven five."

**Ms. Livingston** said, "Yeah the committee did not address the contingency since that's the County Commission's contingency fund. They did not include a recommendation for those funds."

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "Other questions?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Not right now."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. Does this adjustment then with having to do the painful job having to eliminating two services, does this leave the rest of those prevention services at the '03 adjusted budget?"

**Ms. Livingston** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay. That's all I had."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I think the committee has done a good job. We did spend some time at one of our staff meetings discussing the issue, thought we had a good discussion. One of the things I was not clear on was really why we were going to change the funding cycle from mid-year to mid-year. A calendar year seemed pretty understandable to me. But when we talked about this now really more closely, coordinating with school time frames of when schools are in session, any school based programs are, I think, going to be much better off knowing that you're in for a certain school term, instead of beginning and ending programs perhaps or trying to get goals and objectives at mid-year instead of trying to really look at what the goals and objectives are for the entire year.

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I would like to just take the opportunity to thank those people that participate in the prevention funds who are here today, take this opportunity to say thank you. We really do appreciate what you do for the community and we get very frustrated and tense. You could probably tell that a couple items back when we were talking about juvenile detention facilities, one of the reasons that were trying to do what we're trying to do with you all is to try to someday get ahead of the curve on young people being trouble with law enforcement and not staying in the norms of society and you all do a terrific job. We wish that there was a lot more that we could fund in these programs, but I want to assure you that the Board of County Commissioner's takes these prevention funds very, very seriously. And as you go through your programs with your agencies or your organizations, don't hesitate to talk to us about ideas or problems or new ways of thinking about things because we want to know about it want to understand prevention more and hopefully we can. We can do better jobs but you all are, I think, doing very good work and we appreciate it a lot. From the County Commissioner's perspective were sorry that we had to make the cuts in really what was a pretty lean time anyway but we cut things all over the county and so we appreciate your ability to keep on working. So thanks, Mr. Chairman."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman I agree with everything Commissioner Winters has said. I think about these funding programs and when they got started it was Commissioner Winters was the only one on the bench at the time and that was to try to stop our youth going into the Juvenile Detention Center and I think that that, I think it is working. I mean, we still have that flow coming in but it's also because our society's changing and so we're not getting ahead of it yet, but it's my hope that we can and I believe that we are making an impact."

I think it is unfortunate that we had to cut two programs. I think they were two very good programs in our community but as we listen to the consultant that came last year, some of his comments and where we needed to focus the outcomes, the age of the child and where you can make the most difference, we had to come back and you know when we started this nobody got any of these funds five or six years ago and so then we started this application process and so we started seeing some of the programs that were in our community already and we got to take a look, through our committee find out what programs are working and what programs are being successful. After listening to the consultant's report we come back to where we've gotta focus on where can we be most successful, the age of that child, and turning them around with the limited amount of dollars that we have.

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And as Commissioner Sciortino says many times, you know we don't want to be a mile wide and an inch deep and not be doing a thorough or in depth job and I think that this was probably the best way to go in funding those programs that can go a little bit deeper. And again, not to say that the other programs that were cut weren't good programs it's just that they were different age category, maybe a different mission, maybe private business can pick up in those area's so that those can continue to go on. The other thing is just the funding cycle. I'm glad we're changing that I've been an advocate for changing that. For a couple years now because it just makes more sense and were measuring our outcomes that these are tied in with school years and when we look at the programs that we have, so much of it is tied in with what's going on in our school systems as well. Thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "I see no other discussion. I just have a couple things. I think the important thing to note is that we didn't move in to this by just taking a staff recommendation and voting on it today. We did take two or three sessions of our staff meeting and have had quite a few discussions about policy decisions in general when it comes to these kind of funding things. In fact, I think Deb Donaldson brought about five different scenarios to us that we discussed in great detail as a Commission on what our future policy decisions and this tough budget time. But for the future and you know do we continue to always try and fund everybody at the highest level or are there times when were gonna have to re-look at everyone, make sure that they're still serving the public that they initially contracted for and in tough budget times have to make some pretty tough decisions.

I see this as only an in-flight correction. You know, we've gone along for five or six years and now we're going to have to make some in-flight corrections to be sure that we keep our policy in line with the money that we have and make good decisions and we were hopefully gonna do that today as we go through this process. The final thing is that it sends to non-profits and not that they need this message but there are no entitlements. It just doesn't last forever just because you think that it has to when money is tight and this year we do these corrections we look at it and we felt pretty compelled as a policy decision that it wasn't a good idea to cut everybody 10%, maybe jeopardize every program somehow and make them ineffective, but to try to keep people at their level and pick the one or two or three that just didn't deliver exactly what our vision was. Doesn't mean they are bad programs, doesn't mean the people didn't administer them in a perfect manner, but they just

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didn't quite fit into the box with the money that we had. I applaud the Commission for taking very proactive steps instead of waiting until today to look at the information. We've really tried to do it not only bottom side up looking at all the entities, but topside down looking at our own policies of how we deal with prevention funds. I think we've done a pretty job with that. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said "You just took the words out of my mouth so I don't have anything to say."

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "I don't want them. I'll give them back to you."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'll just . . . that's exactly what I wanted to say. I wanted to compliment staff, I wanted to compliment us because the easy road would have been okay 10% cut across the board everybody stays the same. I don't want to make anybody upset, don't ruffle the waters etcetera and maybe putting one program in jeopardy. They'll still try to do it but they didn't really have sufficient funds and you know we made the tough decisions. We're going to try to continue to fund at a proper and functional level and a couple had to drop off the board and that's tough but I really think that's what we were elected to do and I also thank staff because were the ones that get lobbied maybe as much as we do, if not more so, for looking at this from a real pragmatic point of view what will work, so that we can achieve the goal that we're trying to do and give Mark Masterson ten extra beds next month because there aren't that many young people getting put into his facility. Thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "I see no other lights flashing. What's the will of the board?"

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the recommendation from the grant awards committee and authorize the extension of current contracts with recommended agencies.

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 Jeannette, great job. I appreciate it.”

**F. PUBLIC WORKS.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH BAUGHMAN COMPANY, P.A. FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHITWOOD ESTATES ADDITION. DISTRICT #2.**

**Mr. David Spears, P.E.**, Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item F1 is an agreement between Sedgwick County and Baughman Company to provide drainage analysis and recommendations to resolve flooding in the area of Chitwood Estates, 47<sup>th</sup> street South and Meridian, at a cost of \$2,400.00. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to Sign.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “What’s the intersection again?”

**Mr. Spears** said, “Its near 47<sup>th</sup> street south and Meridian.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Any discussion? I just have a comment and this may not be pertinent but I’ve talked to the Manager about it. My son now is an engineer at Baughman Company and I want to be sure that as I vote on things because Baughman Company is an engineering company we use quite often but the public knows that I probably will still vote because I don’t think he would work on this project. I just want to make sure it’s a matter of public record that one of my sons is now working for Baughman as an engineer and could work on some county projects from time to time. Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Well I just have another question. Is this to fix a drainage problem within a development?”

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**Mr. Spears** said, "Commissioner Paul Taylor is here this morning with our Storm Water Management Department and for these detailed questions like that I'll let him address that."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Detailed."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Real detailed."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I think it was yes or no."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "That's a lot of detail for Spears to handle though."

**Commissioner McGinn** said "Yeah."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Yes."

**Mr. Paul Taylor**, Director, Storm Water Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's within the development but also around the area. It is generally one of those very flat areas in southwest Wichita."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay. Well, what I'm trying to understand, is it the developers responsibility or is it the county's responsibility to fix a drainage problem within a developed area?"

**Mr. Taylor** said, "Part of this. Probably the first solution is going to be outside of the developed area, just south of it, but some of it may go into the developed area too."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So is the developer participating in this as well? I don't know anything about this addition, I don't know if it's old or new or what and I'm just trying to understand what our practice is here, fixing problems within a development. So I don't understand that."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well I was just...my only comment would be and you could either acknowledge or not that a lot of times the county road and a county ditch is the first source of what you need to make sure you've got a handle on and I don't know if that's what this is going to be looking at or not."

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**Mr. Taylor** said, "Yes, It's one piece. But most of it is outside of the county road, I don't know the age of the development. As you know, I haven't worked here that long. I've been down there... I'd say it's been there several years. Sometimes when these developments take place it's hard to get the drainage done that we all would like to see done. There are some places in town that are very difficult to develop."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay well I'm just, it's a policy question I'm trying to understand. Is this a common practice that we go in and spend money to fix a problem that perhaps a developer created? That's all I want to understand."

**Mr. Spears** said, "This is not to say were going to do something inside the development, I think we're going to look mainly at the county on the outside of the development. No, we usually don't do anything inside developments. This is to look at what needs to be done. It's not saying were gonna to do anything. This is to design or give us an analysis and recommendation as to what should be done. We don't have to do anything. Nothing's been done down there for years."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "But we're spending money to go see if we need to do something."

**Mr. Spears** said, "That's right. Commissioners we now have a drainage department. When it rains we get several complaints and all of these there's about six items on here today, and these are the hot spots of complaints that we get. If it's your desire not to approve this we don't have a problem with it."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I'm just trying to learn what we've done in the past and if were staying consistent with what we've done in the past and not getting into... you know this whole storm water scenario has been an issue for me for many years and we've started doing the backyard drainage thing and it was because of what we had was one plat developed and they did their drainage plan with no acknowledgement to. Across the street there was another plat and how all that drainage all fit together and so I'm still just trying to put a stop to the bleeding and so I'm just trying to understand if we're going in and fixing an old problem or if this is a common practice that we do."

**Mr. Spears** said, "We have not worked in subdivisions before okay. We've not corrected problems

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in them. We work on county public right-of-way or with in easements. Our stream maintenance crew, if we get easements to clean out creeks we'll do that. Perhaps there's a creek that comes here that needs to be cleaned out, something like that, then we would do that. I would be the first one to probably say that within the subdivision, if there's work to be done in there, we would tell the homeowners association and they should do that, not the county but maybe there needs to be something done outside of the subdivision maybe that's causing their problem."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Yeah."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "And that's what I need to understand."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Right and like I said I don't know all the details of this but obviously we're getting a lot of complaints and I think we need to see what the problem is and how to address it."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, if I might jump in here, I've got some other lights but I think your exactly right Commissioner McGinn. One of the problems is it's hard to tell if the addition creates the County's problem or the County's problem exacerbates the addition's problem, and I think that's what this study will say and if it becomes the addition, the developer's problem or the people that live there very similar to what we did down south on the one drainage problem the big one we did, we did the stuff in the...to get the water out of the general area but when it came to the ditches, the roads, the drainage with in the neighborhoods we put a price tag on it. We had the study, we showed them what it was, and the community down there elected not to spend the money and we said fine."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, that's helpful."

**Chairman Norton** said, "As a Commissioner I put...we went to four or five meetings. Paul was there, David was there and I just told them this is your problem in your neighborhoods and your developer kind of put you into this. Your township has a part of it and we'll fix the bigger issue that will save a big general area but we're not going to affect your drainage ditches and how you built the pads of your homes and all of that. I think that gets the core of what your talking about."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay that's helpful, I just didn't want a developer coming and asking us to fix a problem within their own development. So all right, thank you."

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

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thanks. David that's what...were all kind of on the same page here. This says to provide assistance with drainage improvement, but is this going to be a study to determine is the county the cause of the problem in the community or it's the community that caused their own problem? Is it a study or what does assistance mean?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "To provide a drainage analysis and recommendations to us."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay so that's gonna let us know yes the county because of this ditch and this thing here that's causing problems with Chitwood addition or whatever."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Right."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay all right. Well I think that's good. Okay."

**Chairman Norton** said, "One final comment. A couple of these are in district two, a couple in district three, but I think we've already started to see that we've got some drainage issues probably in every district and with some of the major water we've had recently I don't think this is going to go away. There could be a time that we need to have a policy discussion, a workshop and maybe really define what our role is going to be on drainage, I mean there are some huge problems and unfortunately a lot of them are in my district, but I think Tom's got some along the Ninnenscah basin. Commissioner McGinn, didn't you have some this last big rain where there was some flooding and everything?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Oh, yeah. We've got the two rivers coming through."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Right so, we've got to kind of figure that out to be sure we know what our policy is that really guides Paul and Dave as they plow through these so there is a bigger discussion to be had later. I'm in support of looking at these things, because I think we have an obligation to get ahead of the curve on drainage because we've been for many many years, we've just allowed things to happen and ultimately the government pays the price for it, through the constituents. I see no other comments. What is the will of the board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to

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sign.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

2. **AGREEMENTS (THREE) WITH GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT.**
  - **79<sup>th</sup> STREET SOUTH BETWEEN MERIDIAN AND WEST STREET; DISTRICT #2**

**Mr. Spears** said, “ Mr. Chairman, Commissioners if it’s okay I’d like to take each one of these separate there’s three in here and we’ll just call F2a; F2b; F2c. They’re all with Geotechnical services. So F2a, in the first agreement Geotechnical Services will provide a preliminary jurisdictional wetland identification, a delineation so that we may obtain any necessary permits from the Corps of Engineers for a drainage project on 79<sup>th</sup> Street South, between Meridian and West Street, at a cost of \$3,290. I’d recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “I can describe this one a little bit. This is along 79<sup>th</sup> street between Meridian and West Street where the development is just exploding and there’s a low spot in the road and we’re getting ready to put a cold mix over that and it doesn’t make sense to do that without making sure that the drainage flows properly through that area, because it goes across the dirt road right now and if it stays low and we haven’t got the drainage, Geotechnical doing cold mix on the road does not make sense. So I think this is important and that is a heavily traveled area and it’s becoming more so every day and I think the drainage is going to be an issue for years to come and this will help exacerbate that.”

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**MOTION**

Chairman Norton moved to accept the recommendation on F2a.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Norton** said, “Other discussion Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “No. You just dropped the ‘s’ and just say approve the agreement.

**Commissioner Winters** said, “We want to make it clear, crystal clear.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Crystal clear, okay.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “I have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Clerk call the roll.”

**VOTE**

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

• **BENTLEY BRIDGE OVER THE ARKANSAS RIVER; DISTRICT #3**

**Mr. Spears** said, “The second agreement again with Geotechnical Services is for the same preliminary services to lay the groundwork for the Bentley Bridge over the Arkansas River to be protected from severe erosion at a cost of \$5,380.00. I’ll give you a little bit of background on this.

Probably for ten years we’ve been trying to get a permit to go in there with our stream maintenance crew and correct the banks. As you know a stream or in this case the Arkansas River doesn’t stay within its banks. It erodes. It is affecting the abutment of one of our bridges. It’s a very . . . it’s moving to be a critical situation and we’ve worked with the Corps of Engineers for ten years. We’re not really getting too far and so this is another piece of the puzzle that might help us go on

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down the road a little bit but it's really important that we do this."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "So David if I'm... To restate that, if we do this study, that will perhaps give us the ability to get the permit to get in the Arkansas River to work on these bridge abutments."

**Mr. Spears** said, "That is our hope."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman I'd move that we... do you have a question?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Do you have an idea of how much time that will be from the time we get this done?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "Do you have any idea, Paul? How long that would take?"

**Mr. Taylor** said, "Very few months for the study."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, then how long does it take for the state to get back, any idea?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "Well no I'll tell you whatever I told you wouldn't be right because like I say we've been trying to get something done for ten years on this."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Well, I think this is critical."

**Mr. Spears** said, "We do to."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "And we need to stay on top of this because I mean I've been aware of it ever since I got on the bench and I know we've even looked at drainage studies in Tom's area in the Cowskin and there's some potential things that we can do to help relieve some of the big massive floods that happen and this is another key to it and we can't even get in there and clean something out."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Well you know... I mean to us it just makes common sense to protect the abutment of the bridge if you don't and the river keeps moving there, I mean the bridge could wash out."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "You'd have to build a new bridge. Yes."

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**Mr. Spears** said, "And then you're looking at millions of dollars to replace a bridge but we won't have a problem doing that. They will give us a permit to do that. It's unfortunate that we can't get a permit just to fix."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Right. All right."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Why can't we just do it and let them sue us for doing what's right?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "You could do that."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I mean I'm more serious than just jesting here. That's the right thing to do. It's critical. To hell with them, let's just do it and let them take . . . I don't know what recourse . . . What are they going to do, have us undo it? I mean."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "No I think we..."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, okay. I know it sounds radical."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "We need to make sure the engineers continue to get the permit that he needs to work on all waterways."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I guess, Dave, on't let us get busy with other things and Paul when this is done it sounds like it's gonna be done about the time that Topeka's in session and we're up there. Maybe we can visit with people as well. Thank you."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve F2b working on the study on Bentley Bridge.

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

• **151<sup>ST</sup> STREET WEST OVER THE NINNESCAH RIVER DISTRICT #3**

**Mr. Spears** said, “The third and final agreement is similar to F2b except it’s for the bridge on 151<sup>st</sup> Street West over the Ninnescah River and the cost on this is \$2,730.00. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve F2c.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “I have a question.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Okay Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “I don’t want to let this one go. These are cost wise very small dollar wise, why don’t we use a negative option you send them a letter. You give them all the details and we intend to start this project on so-and-so unless we hear something in opposition from you. I mean, I don’t know but there comes a time that you know it’s ridiculous.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Well I think your changing State Statutes though when you do that. Well on some at least.”

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I know were in violation of State Statute. Well, okay that's enough."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Certainly there's a huge issue here. We've had this problem with some other bridges where we've asked for permits and two or three years go by before we hear about it. Dave has brought that to our attention I know three or four times since I've been a Commissioner. I don't know what the solution is. Certainly eliminating some of the bureaucracy at the state level is part of it. It doesn't make sense to me that we have licensed certified engineers designing bridges and taking care of these problems and if there's going to be a liability it falls on the county anyway."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "That's right."

**Chairman Norton** said, "For them to have to permit and charge us with all the bureaucracy doesn't make sense but that's the way of government sometimes. Is that the last of that discussion. Okay, next item."

### 3. **AGREEMENT WITH CERTIFIED ENGINEERING DESIGN, P.A. TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS OF CEDAR LAKE ROAD. DISTRICT #3**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item F3 is an agreement between Sedgwick County and Certified Engineering Design for drainage improvements in the vicinity of Cedar Lake Road located southwest of 231<sup>st</sup> Street West and 39<sup>th</sup> Street South, which is MacArthur. Certified Engineering Design will provide a drainage study to determine the cause of and solution for flooding in this area at a cost of \$4,500. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign."

### **MOTION**

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

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

- 4. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND BRULINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE (BNSF) RAILROAD FOR UTILITY RELOCATION IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECT 821-J, K; BRIDGE ON BROADWAY OVER BNSF RAILROAD AT 45<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH. CIP# B-310. DISTRICT #4,**

**Mr. Spears**, said, "Item F4 is a three party agreement between KDOT, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Company and Sedgwick County for utility relocation work in preparation for the Bridge project on Broadway over the BNSF railroad near 45<sup>th</sup> street north, designated as B-310 in the Capital Improvement Program. In order to accommodate the Bridge project, the BNSF will need to remove an existing pole line for signal and communication facilities and replace it with buried cable. The total cost of this utility relocation work is \$36,383. KDOT will pay for 80% of the relocation and Sedgwick County will pay 20%, or \$7,276.60. 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 Winters seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "Anything else Dave or are you done?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "I'm done."

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

### **G. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT**

#### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Report this morning is on the month of August where we had over 40,500 people come through our doors and revenues were in excess of \$210,000. Once again the US Weapons Gun and Knife show we had almost 4,000 people in attendance. You realize we do seven gun and knife shows a year. Probably 50-60,000 people attend those events. We had World Wrestling Entertainment return to Wichita 4,600 people in attendance for that. That's usually a very popular event. Unfortunately, this was not a nationally televised show, but we are working on another one in the spring. Recurring event Palomino Horse show, this is one of our annual events. These are just magnificent animals, just absolutely beautiful.

Highlight of the month was the Ringling Brothers Barnum Bailey Circus. Now it's not so much the circus performance, it's all the things that add to the event experience. This is just part of the three ring adventure where people can actually go down on to the floor and talk to the performers whether they be jugglers or the trapeze artists and you can see how many people took advantage of that get down and actually can juggle and actually talk to the performers and another part of the event is behind the stage where they can actually go back and see the animals and see how they're cared for and learn something about where the animals come from and how they react and a little bit about the animal physiology. Ringling Brothers takes very, very much pride in how well they treat

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their performers and that's including the four-legged ones. The last time the circus performed here was in 2000. They grossed \$280,000.00 had 21,000 come to the show. They took a couple years off because of declining attendances this year we had over 30,000 and the gross was \$435,000, so it definitely paid to take a couple years off, let the market recover come back in and really have a very, very good outing for the week.

Coming up we have Junior Livestock show 19th-22<sup>nd</sup>, Shocker Auction, which has become an annual event for us. We did it for the first time last year. October 4<sup>th</sup> Chisholm Trail Gun Show; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Disney on Ice featuring all the princesses from the Disney cartoons; Belle from Sleeping Beauty and Mulan and the Little Mermaid and that's selling very, very well. Of course the Thunder Hockey season opens Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> and we're currently working with the Thunder on remodeling the dressing room. They're putting some new carpeting in. We've got some new graphics for the ice this year. We're looking for a very positive opener and a very positive season. We've got some really strong players signed and I think it's going to be a very good season. If there's any questions, Commissioners, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

**Chairman Norton** said, "How does the Little Mermaid skate?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "She skates on her fins."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "She skates on her what?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "On her fins."

**Chairman Norton** said, "I knew somebody would want to know that. That's why I asked that question. I see no other questions. What is the will of the board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

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

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

**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF September 11, 2003.**

**Mr. Jerry Phipps**, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Bids and Contracts and there are two items for your consideration."

**1) JAIL PIPING MODIFICATIONS–FACILITIES MAINTENANCE  
FUNDING: DETENTION MAINTENANCE**

Item one is jail piping modifications for Facilities Maintenance. It was moved to accept the low bid from Mechanical Systems, Inc. for \$38,800.00.

**2) SYSTEMS FURNITURE-HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: WIC GRANT**

Item two, systems furniture for the Health Department. It's moved to accept a quote from John A. Marshall for \$57,250.44.

I'll be happy to take questions. I recommend the approval of minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Bids and Contracts."

**Chairman Norton** said, "I see no questions. John A. Marshall is the company that took over Goldsmiths. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Phipps** said, "That is correct."

**Chairman Norton** said, "And they assumed the State contract?"

**Mr. Phipps** said, "Yes."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**K. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 634-8, stream maintenance on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South between 379<sup>th</sup> and 395<sup>th</sup> Streets West. District #3**
- 2. Agreement with U.S. Marshal providing on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 3. Addendum to Agreement with GTL, Incorporated d/b/a Link to Life to include HIPAA related assurances.**
- 4. Notice of Non-residential planned Unit Development related to juvenile complex improvements.**

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**5. Establishment of change fund in the amount of \$50 for the Division of Information and Operations.**

**6. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

Applicant Name

Business Name

Edward P. Caillet

White Horse Steakhouse

Judith A. Einhellig

Renaissance Public Shelter #4

**7. Payroll Check Register of September 12, 2003.**

**8. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of September 10 – 16, 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 Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh      Aye

Commissioner Thomas Winters      Aye

Commissioner Carolyn McGinn      Aye

Commissioner Ben Sciortino      Aye

Chairman Tim Norton      Aye

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**Chairman Norton** said “Is there anything else to come before us today, Commissioners?”

### **J. OTHER**

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Well I have something. Are we on ‘other’ other?”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Commissioner Unruh. Were on ‘other’ other.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Okay.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “I just want to share with you that I attended the platform committee of the Kansas Association of Counties yesterday along with Mike Pepoon, who’s our Director of Governmental Relations and we have just about got to the point, we’re ready to finalize that document for county issues with respect to the legislature next year and the two items that we were particularly interested in that we tried to put forward, were able to put in the platform. So I think it was a successful effort and just a for your information.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Okay. Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just some upcoming activities for this weekend. Valley Center is having their fall festival and their parade starts at 10 and they’ll have all kinds of rides and lots to do and crafts and those kinds of things; and Sedgwick is having their fall festival also the same weekend and their parade starts at 9:30 and have similar activities as well so I’m sure there’ll be plenty of food.

The other thing I just wanted to mention, last week we had a ribbon cutting for the Ark Valley Lodge and if... I want to share with the community that that building is open to the public and it’s a very special building about history and our community that is one of the last buildings that remain from the Black business district here in Wichita, Kansas Urban Renewal basically tore down that whole district, and so I think it’s a significant piece of our history that we’ve restored. And during the ribbon cutting we thanked the committee and they were very beneficial in helping us decide exactly how we were going to put that whole thing together, the Ark Valley Lodge Masons for the information that they gave us and some of the artifacts that you’ll see in there and the

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Commissioners that had the will to move this project forward.

One person I failed to thank was a person that helped put this whole thing together and package it and the reason I failed to thank her is because she was supposed to be there but she went home sick that day and that's Kathy Sexton. She worked very hard to make sure all of the staff had everything in place that we needed to have for display and also to put on the whole celebration, but also worked with many of the people from the Ark Valley Lodge and also the individuals that wrote down some of the history so that we could have that there available for people to see. It was a great event and I want to thank all of you for attending and the other people from the public and again I invite the public to stop by whenever they are in the neighborhood"

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well and to ducktail with that, not only are there some artifacts and some old documents but there's part of the Gordon Parks Collection there, some of these famous photographs that he's had in *Life* magazine and you may want to comment on that."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Yeah, we did purchase a while back some Gordon Parks' pictures and part of that two was, is a transition to what we hope that the Kansas African Museum will be able to accomplish someday and that is Gordon Parks has committed to certain pieces to go into that museum at someday in the future, and I think that's great for Wichita, Kansas since Gordon Parks is a native of Kansas and anyway, there beautiful pictures in there and again I invite the public to go in and see and thank you Kathy for putting all that together."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did attend the ALARM meeting which, Saturday, last Saturday which you all know is the Association of Rural Mayors and Council folks met and had a good meeting. The new planning director, John Schlegel, was there at the program getting to know the smaller communities and did a good job of representing the planning department.

Might mention that this coming Saturday Chairman Norton and myself will be in Topeka with some other county folks attending a Health and Human Services summit that's being co-hosted by the Kansas Association of Counties and some of the Governor's best teams, as they really try to look at Health and Human Services, which counties are certainly deeply involved in. So this I think is going to be a meeting that has a county flavor to it and I look forward to hopefully bringing the Sedgwick County perspective to this group in Topeka on this coming Friday. That's it for me."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Just to dovetail on Commissioner Winters talking about Human Services

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forum this has been in the works for about six months. It was an offshoot from the best teams as we started having discussions on how to reinvent government and services and how do we skinny up the bureaucracy at the state level to put money into where the rubber hits the road, which is at the county level where constituents actually touch the services, and I'm hopeful that we'll have 25 county commissioners at this forum that have been invited throughout the state. All the department heads of the Human Service organization some non-profits some City folks will be there and I'm hoping that we'll come to some conclusions on how we can take care of Health and Human Services issues in the State with limited resources and probably too much bureaucracy. Just a few notes. On Tuesday, we had a Fire workshop, no Monday. Was it Monday?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Monday."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Monday we had a Fire workshop to discuss the future of Fire District #1. I think it was some rousing discussion I think we got into some deep provocative problems that will face us in the next 20-30 years. It's another one of those chances for the Commissioners to work on policy decisions that will have far reaching implications and not just deal with it once a year when there's a Budget crisis or whatever but to set in motion the future of the Fire District and I felt real comfortable. We had great dialogue, good information on the table and hopefully in the next few months we'll make some pretty strong recommendations on what we want to do with the Fire District's future."

The Aviation Festival kicks off Friday. We will have a Chalet Friday night, Saturday and Sunday the big Gala is Saturday night at Jabara Airport. It's a little bit of a downer that the Thunderbirds won't be at the event, but it looks like it's gonna be a great event for the future of aviation and Sedgwick County and I would urge the public to stop by and enjoy. It looks like there's going to be huge crowds and beautiful weather."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Tim you might share that at the Gala is the opportunity for everybody to buy the planes that are going to be auctioned off, so."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, we ah..."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Since you bought the first one you might just share that a little bit, all the beautiful planes we've seen around the city. People can have an opportunity to buy those."

**Chairman Norton** said, "And at some point if you've got a little extra money and want to own a plane and have it either in you front yard or in front of your business I think there's 32 planes, 31 or 32 planes that are available and certainly I think you can go on a website and see what the planes look like if you're interested in buying one, but the Aviation Festival is kind of the fall River

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Festival and hopefully it will turn into a wonderful event every year.

October 7<sup>th</sup>, Deb Miller with KDOT will be here and touring the county. I've urged all Commissioner's to come up with projects in their district, that we can talk to Deb Miller about and advocate for Sedgwick County. There's limited resources in the State. Sedgwick County is one of the big players and we deserve our share of the infrastructure and KDOT's not only recognizing that we are a big entity but some of their money and this is our chance to do that.

And then finally we attended the Quad-County meeting and that was on Tuesday."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Monday."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Monday."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Where's this week gone? Quad-county is a collaboration of four different counties Reno, Harvey, Butler and Sedgwick. We meet with the elected officials and try to decide on those things that we have common ground to work on. And the good news is, some of the things that have come out of this, the corridor studies that were doing that are going to enhance the collaboration efforts of the four counties and I think that's all I've got. Anything else to come before us today? If not, were adjourned."

### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**TIM NORTON**, Chairman

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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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