

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 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, November 19, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Karen McNally, Director, Community Support Services; Ms. Terry Anderson, Manager, Community Support Services, COMCARE; Mr. Bob W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information and Operations; Mr. John Rogers, Manager Geographic Information Services; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Ken Springer, Farm Family Chairman, Kiwanis Club.
Mr. Terry Somers, Mayor, City of Mount Hope.
Ms. Terry Cassady, City of Wichita, Manager's Office.
Mr. Larry Henry, Maintenance Engineer, City of Wichita Public Works Department.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Greg Brandvold of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Derby.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, November 5, 2003

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2003.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 21-27, 2003 AS "NATIONAL FARM CITY WEEK."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, I'd like to read the following proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of this community and area is dependent upon cooperation between two great elements of our society, farmers and urban people; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International Farm City Week provides an unparalleled opportunity for farm and city residents to become reacquainted; and

WHEREAS, Kent and Rebecca Ott both of Mulvane, Kansas are being honored as the Kiwanis Club of Wichita (Downtown) Outstanding Farm Family in Sedgwick County for 2003; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 21-27, 2003 as

‘NATIONAL FARM CITY WEEK’

in Sedgwick County, and encourage all citizens to participate in this worthwhile project to assure a successful Farm City Week in the County.

Dated November 19, 2003.

What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “And Ken Springer is here today to accept that, the Farm Family Chair of the Kiwanis Club.”

Mr. Ken Springer, Chair, Farm Family, Kiwanis Club, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We certainly appreciate your recognition of agriculture as a vital and necessary industry to Sedgwick County. We thank you for your acknowledgement of the proclamation and we look forward to celebrating and giving this to Kent and Rebecca Ott this Friday on behalf of the County Commissioners. Thank you.”

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Chairman Norton said, "Certainly, Kent and Rebecca are very worthwhile, their family has been a cornerstone of the farming community on the south side of Sedgwick County for many, many years and I think you made a very good choice. So we appreciate the chance to be able to participate."

Mr. Springer said, "Yes, and it's to be noted that our Downtown Kiwanis Club, over 50 years, has given this recognition and many, many years ago Kent's father Charles was also acknowledged as a Sedgwick County Farm Family of the Year award recipient."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you very much for being here today, we appreciate it. Clerk, call the next item."

AWARD

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

B. RECOGNITION OF 1, 2, 3 FOR LIFE, A NATIONAL AWARD WINNING PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY COMCARE'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For seven years, the Eli Lily Company has given awards that honor the mental health community and their achievements in helping those with serious mental illness reintegrate back into the community. Twenty-three awards were given this last year in a national meeting in Atlanta. For the first time, they also gave awards to consumers who had done some outstanding things. Three of the awards did go to outstanding Kansas programs and I'm proud to say that COMCARE was a first place winner in the 1, 2, 3 for Life program that was created by Terry Anderson, who is an Advanced Nurse Practitioner in our Community Support Services program. Terry has devoted most of her career to helping individuals that have severe and persistent mental illnesses.

At this time, I will ask Karen McNally, who is the director of the Community Support program, to come up and just briefly describe the 1, 2, 3 for Life program and to introduce you to Terry so that you can acknowledge her achievement."

Ms. Karen McNally, Director, Community Support Services, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm going to place this where hopefully you all can see it and without dropping it across the podium. I'm Karen McNally from COMCARE's Community Support Services and want to tell you how excited we were to be able to accept this award in Atlanta last week, along with the \$5,000 that accompanied the trophy that we can use to enhance the program.

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1, 2, 3 for Life stands for one walk, two fruits, three vegetables a day for life, for the rest of your life, for a longer life, for a healthier life. It's designed to encourage both consumers and providers to work together to keep track of their progress and to support one another and that's the beauty is in its simplicity.

The thing is, people with serious mental illness have a life expectancy fully 20 years less than the general population and in fact, this morning before I left my office to come here I was informed that another of the people that COMCARE has served has died in the last couple of days. And like so many of the others, he was in his early fifties. The medical conditions of heart disease, hypertension and diabetes are on the rise among the people we serve and they're taking their toll and our hope is that the health promotion of 1, 2, 3 for Life, while a small initiative, can be some small part of the measure that begins to tackle that.

We want to acknowledge that we had partnered in the development of the 1, 2, 3 for Life program. They were the University of Kansas Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health and the Kansas State Research and Extension Office of Community Health and the Eli Lilly Company who provided an education grant to get the start-up materials for this, with some particular recognition to a local representative, Irena Goldsmith, who really brought everybody to the table.

At this time, I'd like to turn the microphone over to Terry Anderson to talk a little bit about why this is particularly important from the Eli Lilly recognition."

Ms. Terry Anderson, Manager, Community Support Services, COMCARE, greeted and the Commissioners and said, "Mainly, I just wanted to say out loud that the folks that we work with, the adults we work with at CSS have so many unmet health needs and I think it is great that COMCARE is starting to recognize that it's not just mental illness that we work with, or the fact that someone doesn't have a home, which is important, or a job or education, but that the physiology of not only the mental illness but how that mental illness impacts ones physical health is so essential. The day before we went to Atlanta, I had a client, received a call from a daughter who had lost her mother to breast cancer that wasn't caught until it was way too late. Those sorts of calls, unfortunately, I receive pretty often. I have clients with blood sugars over 200 routinely every week in my office.

And what's neat about this program, I hope, is that it's easy and the clients, a lot of them seem to have really got into it as well as the staff. I mean, we all know, myself included, that obesity, blood

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sugars, diabetes are so much on the rise. So, I really appreciate working for a program that recognizes that. It was a clinical medicine award, which is really a new thing that recognizes wellness in a mental health system that goes beyond mental health wellness. Thank you for your time.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you.”

Ms. McNally said, “Do you have any questions for us?”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I noticed you brought the trophy but you didn’t bring the \$5,000. What’s the deal?”

Ms. McNally said, “That one has been budgeted and deposited.”

Chairman Norton said, “That’s probably a good thing. Thank you very much Karen and Terry. I see no lights flashing. What is the will of the Board? We don’t have to receive and file. Thank you very much. Next item.”

PRESENTATION

C. PRESENTATION REGARDING CITY OF MOUNT HOPE, KANSAS.

Chairman Norton said, “And as we’re getting organized here, I might preface this that we’ve had I think five communities so far, this should be our sixth that have come forward in our effort to showcase the communities of Sedgwick County. We realize that we are 19 communities that fall within . . . or 20 communities that fall within Sedgwick County and our effort to be good leaders and the idea that we’re all in the same boat, we’ve tried to help showcase the small communities and today we have Terry Somers, the Mayor of Mount Hope with us. So, welcome.”

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Terry Somers, Mayor, City of Mount Hope, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I want to thank you for this opportunity to present our community to you this morning. It is indeed a privilege and we are honored to have received an invitation to this meeting.

A little bit about Mount Hope, we’re located out in the northwest corner of the county. It’s kind of a unique situation, we’re just two miles south of the Harvey County line and we’re just two miles

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east of the Reno County line. Our establishment was back in 1887, however if you go back a few years and look at it, you'll find that the township, Greeley Township which we're a part of, was established in 1872 and Mount Hope actually was kind of a village that provided the services for the township. There were many businesses, if you look back in the history, many businesses were up and thriving from this period in the late 1870s and the early 1880s. In fact, I think our bank out there possibly was established in 1885 and we finally incorporated in 1887.

And so, another interesting piece of trivia that we found is that it said that the earlier travelers and settlers saw this area as rich, black land watered by the Arkansas River and that's one of the statements that was made. Another interesting statement that was made that I thought was interesting, it said it's an area where there was not a tree except those that lined, the Cottonwoods trees that lined the Arkansas River. So that's kind of the description of the area you might say, because in going back to our rich agricultural beginning if you will.

Some benefits that we feel like we have out there in Mount Hope, we're only roughly 20 minutes from the city limits of both Hutchinson and Wichita. We're a very quiet small town atmosphere and we have very safe neighborhoods. We're so safe, as a matter of fact, if you go over there and might be driving around at 9:00 or 9:30 or even 10:00 or later at times, especially in the summertime, you'll find people walking the perimeter of our community. We have a two-mile route, so to speak, around town and so people get their two miles a day in by doing that. So it's that safe, at this point, and we like that quiet small-town approach.

What's it take to have a great city? We're not trying to blow our horn here, so to speak, but we've listed the council members and myself as mayor. We've also included our staff members that you can see are up there. The main issue is what does it take to have a great city. As far as the council members and myself, these are volunteers. And by that I mean our council and the mayor position does not receive any compensation for the service that they give. So it's a true public service, if you will, out there in the small community. So our staff members, as you can see, were six. We have a city clerk, an assistant city clerk, Barb McGuire my technical assistant this morning and the creator of this presentation, appreciate that. We have a city superintendent and a maintenance person out there as well and a police chief and a sergeant, so we have six personnel in our community.

As far as goals are concerned, we see some things in some different areas. We're looking at some growth. We know that with the new four-lane highway, that there's that potential is happening and

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so . . . but it creates some issues for us. In the 2000 census, our population was approximately 830. We've stayed about that level for the last couple of years. Interesting sideline, 260 of those residents are under 18 years of age and about 185 or so are over the age of 60, so there's a pretty good mix in terms of population ages right now. We have 301 households and 73% of those in our community are owner occupied, so that leaves about 27% in rental type property. Of that 27%, we have a significant amount of people that rent in an apartment complex out near our nursing center that's owned by Mount Hope Development.

As far as business is concerned, it's always a concern, one of our goals is to create a . . . have a population base so we can have a restaurant. We've had restaurant facilities which have been very inconsistent. A gas station, other kinds of industry so that we can, in fact, grow and of course we're excited about the potential of the K-96 Corridor project as well that hasn't been implemented at this point. We want to try to continue to grow and we're, in a small community it's difficult and stressful at times that we have to maintain and upgrade our infrastructure, but that has to be ongoing. The other side of this, the other part of that is our recreation facilities. We feel like that's a part of the community and trying to keep our cohesiveness, and so we're constantly involved in trying to maintain those services as well.

One other note pertaining to facilities, we have various volunteers and all of these kinds of organizations are very, very strong on the volunteer structure. We also have a Friday night group that uses our school and they have an activity for the young kids, we're talking elementary school aged kids, where the kids could come in and have a play night or a play evening and they attract as many as 60 or 70 or 80 kids on a Friday evening. So again, that's all volunteer commitment and we're very, very pleased about that.

One of the things pertaining to our community is how do we grow and what steps do we take to grow and there's an inset of a piece of property that's been preliminarily approved for industrial, I-1 District now and so there's a potential maybe for some businesses to look at us and it should fit in very well with the 96 Corridor Project, as we continue with that.

As far as our utilities are concerned, we own our electric, all of our electric lines north to 109th Street. From the center of our community, 109th Street is one mile north, so we purchase our electricity wholesale and sell it, that's a revenue source for us, so we have that. We have a lagoon system, an evaporative type of lagoon system for our sewer and our water service, we have enough capacity at this point in time in both the water and the sewer for about 2,500 residences. The other thing that previous councils have seen the need to expand and they have moved these utilities north of K-96 highway, so we have been preparing for some type of growth for the future.

The services that we provide, as I say we provide all the electric, water and sewer as well as trash, by way of a franchise with Waste Connections. We have cellular phone services as well. Sprint has a tower out there on top of a water tower. There's just been another tower put up by Nextel to the

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west of Mount Hope out in the township. We also have a classic cable franchise there. We also have high-speed Internet. Now that high-speed Internet is a radio frequency kind of Internet, and there's a tower on top of our local elevator that will allow people to have high-speed Internet access.

We feel like our utilities are priced very competitively, as you can see here. We just gave you a broad base of what our utility services are out there. As you can see our water is \$15, plus 90 cents per 1,000 after 3,000 gallons. Our electric is a tiered rate of \$8 base up to 11 cents a kilowatt hour. We have our trash and then our sewer, as well as you can see there. So all that is billed through the city and so there's one bill for each particular customer for all those entities.

The logo that you see at the top center of the slide is created by an elementary student, Lacy Young. She was a student in our new grade school in 2002. And as we created this logo, she took some unique features about Mount Hope and put them into this depiction. As you can see, our farmers' coop elevator there, with the wheat and the combine in the background, gives us a representative of our agricultural heritage that's out there. Another item to the right of . . . between the sunflowers you find a statue of a soldier. This soldier statue goes back a number of years and was given to the community and was in our local cemetery for a number of years was being damaged, so a few years ago they repaired it, restored it. It's now standing in our new public library.

So again, our heritage again for our community effort and our services of our people to our country. Our Mount Hope Elementary Grade School, which actually began and first used it in I believe it's 1996-97 school year, it was about a three and a half million dollar project that the community voted on. We're a K-8 grade school there at Mount Hope Elementary. We feed into Haven High School, the Haven Unified School District. Mount Hope's water tower, of course everybody sees the water tower, that's a recognition for those who have lived there for years. Even when I go to my small hometown, you see the water tower, it brings a different kind of connotation. And obviously a sunflower being the state flower as part of this seal. So that's our city logo that was created again by an elementary . . . designed by an elementary student here.

We offer several things we think are pretty unique, we think, for a small community. We have a local swimming pool that was established, I believe, in the mid '80s, about 1986 and of course our city park, which we have facilities down there. Of course we have a post office, two churches, a

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Methodist and a Federated church, a Federated church is a non-denominational church. We have several clubs that you can be a part of. Our local city police, we have volunteer EMS service, as well as a volunteer fire department that is part of a fire district that takes in not only Greeley Township but a part of a township to the north of us. And of course, we're very proud of our Mount Hope Elementary School, which is at or has exceeded in the standards of excellence for the last few years.

The services that we offer, we have a grocery store. To the south there, we have a nursing center. It's a 52-bed center and also we have an apartment complex out there that is associated with the nursing center of about 32 units. Brand new public library that was established, as I said, in approximately 1996 and then of course, with the local billing for all utilities, we feel like that we have some things to offer our community.

Along with that, we have several businesses that are out there, and not necessarily all of these are within the city limits of Mount Hope, but they're certainly part of the overall economy, Mount Hope Dental Clinic, our Clarion Newspaper, which covers an area and not just Mount Hope. Of course our 1st National Bank, we have an insurance agency, of course the coop. We have Howard's Incorporated and Howard's Auto Parts, an auto parts store, 96 Agra Sales and Mount Hope Trucking, which are very much a part of our community. And then you can see how there's a scissor shop, an upholstery shop, we have an antique market there, we have a plumbing, mortuary, A-1 Trucking, which is a rims and tires type of sales and service and the karate. And I'd also say that just this fall, a new preschool and daycare center was established.

Now what do we have going on in a small community? This is just a representation of the kinds of activities that we have and I must also emphasize again the kinds of things that you see on this particular slide are represented, you know, for the . . . virtually, every one of these are a result of volunteer labor, volunteer people that become involved and get involved in the various kinds of activities that we have. Celebrate the 4th is a major activity every 4th of July and we spend, with a parade, with various kinds of activities, from a mini-tractor pull for the young people, to auctions to just having a really good time with a fireworks display at the end. We have bingo every Saturday night.

We have various kinds of summer programs that you can see, from swimming to things for the youth. The library is very active in the summertime. In fact, just to give you an idea, in one month, I believe it was in the month of June over 1,100 books were checked out and circulated in one month in our small library, again because of our library board and the commitment that we have to

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our education. We provide a Santa Day, which is coming up as you see, Easter egg hunt, swimming lessons and aerobics and so again, we feel like that we have, for a small community, we have a lot of things to offer.

Just to give you a little bit of a representation of our community, a few pictures, a few slides of our downtown and you can see, in the upper left-hand corner there, is a picture of our new library. To your left, I guess, our brand new library there. We have a picture of the hotel at the top center, our grocery store to the right. We have a karate school in the center and then we have pictures going north to south of Main Street in our local community.

So again, we thank you for this opportunity to give you a brief picture of our community of Mount Hope. Our city offices are located at 112 West Main in Mount Hope, you have our phone number right there and we certainly appreciate this particular opportunity and again our logo presented and Barb McGuire of course created this little presentation for us today. And again, thank you very much for this opportunity to present a little bit about Mount Hope, Kansas.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I think Commissioner Winters would like to talk. I tell you, if I was going to move from Haysville, you put on a pretty provocative reason why I might want to move to Mount Hope, that’s awesome. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I just wanted to say thank you, Mayor Somers, we appreciate very much you being here. And Barb, thanks for putting together the slide presentation, that was very good. I think you made a representative presentation of your community. We are involved and Mount Hope is involved in the K-96 Corridor Study, which I think has opportunities for each of those communities along the route, along with Sedgwick County and Reno County and we appreciate . . . Mount Hope is kind of centralized and has become the meeting place of that group, so we appreciate your allowing us to do that. But again, it was an excellent presentation.

Mr. Chairman, I would thank you also for having initiated this procedure. I think it does give everyone an opportunity to get to know the smaller towns a bit more and for any other small communities that have not made presentations and might see this or the re-broadcast, we would encourage you to think about how you could present your city. But you all did an excellent job and we really appreciate your being here.”

Mr. Somers said, “Thank you, we appreciate the privilege.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you very much, Mayor. We need to receive and file.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (TWO) REGARDING WHETHER CITY OF WICHITA (CITY) HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLANS PREPARED FOR ANNEXATIONS.

1. ANNEXATION EFFECTIVE JULY 17, 1998, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF HARRY STREET AND EAST OF WEBB ROAD.

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's a required public hearing under the statute. Five years after an annexation where cities had to prepare a service plan, the Board of County Commissioners has to hold a hearing to determine if the services that have been set out in the service plan have been provided according to the schedule in the service plan.

As you can see by the map on the screen, this area is in the neighborhood of Harry Street and Webb Road. The purpose of the hearing is to have evidence received by both the city and any residents that want to speak to the nature of the services provided and whether they've met their intentions under the service plan.

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The City is here to present any evidence that they have. The service plan is at page 31 . . . or the service plan schedule is at page 31 of your backup if you want to be referring to that. Having said that, I would recommend that you open the public hearing, receive any evidence and after that is done, close the hearing and then make the finding whether or not they've provided the services as they said they would in the service plan."

Chairman Norton said, "Any comments from Commissioners before we open the public hearing? At this point, I'll open the public hearing and accept public comment. Is there anyone here that would like to speak to this topic of annexation? I see Terry Cassidy is here, so Terry, we'll let you speak."

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Terry Cassidy, City of Wichita Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The city believes it to be 100% in compliance with the service requirements of the service extension plan for this particular annexation. I do have a written report to provide to the commissioners and would be happy to make a presentation of those services if you would like."

Chairman Norton said, "Do we need to take the full report or can we just have that submitted. Let's see if there's anyone else maybe that would like to speak, pro or con."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Can I ask Terry a question before we . . . Terry, while you're up at the podium, going back to see the timing and finance of these services, has the city met all these timing things, like the widening of the road was supposed to be in the year 2000, that's completed and all of these are done?"

Ms. Cassidy said, "All of these things are done. For example, if you're looking at the local street improvements that have to do with widening Harry from Webb to Greenwich and Webb from Harry to Pawnee, that work on Harry, from Webb to Greenwich, was done in '01 it was completed."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's what I meant. When it says here 'upon petition' but the ones that give a time that it was done, it was done . . . those are all completed now."

Ms. Cassidy said, "Yes, we believe that to be the case and in fact, the report that you're receiving right now is a replica of the timetable and the service extension plan. I've added one additional column to that, which is the last column which is called 'action' and that's where we have captured for you the services that have been provided, the timing of those services and exactly the status of each of those requirements."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks."

Chairman Norton said, "At this time, let me see if there's anyone else that would like to speak to this before we maybe have to go into the complete thing. Is there anyone else that would like to speak, pro or con, on this particular issue of annexation? Okay, we'll come back to Terry. At this point, Commissioners, do we need a full report?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I don't think so. We are just talking about D-1, is that correct?"

Chairman Norton said, "D-1 is all we're talking about now. Well, at this point I'll close the public hearing and we'll limit any dialogue to the bench and, understandably, we might call the City and Terry back to the podium if we have questions. Commissioners, what is the will of the board?"

I do have one question. When you look at the proposed annexation area, it looks like it includes part of Harry Street. Is that correct?"

Ms. Cassidy said, "That's correct and as you see from the drawing up on the screen, it includes a portion of Harry, as identified here east of Webb Road."

Chairman Norton said, "As you go further west, is that part of Harry Street already in the city limits?"

Ms. Cassidy said, "Yes, I believe that it is."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Going further east, is Harry in or outside? Do you know?"

Ms. Cassidy said, "I think I'm going to ask Larry Henry to address that. He provides the maintenance services in this area."

Mr. Larry Henry, Maintenance Engineer, City of Wichita Department of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Harry Street, east of this segment of this map, was subsequently annexed into the City. It is now in the City, but at the time this was annexed it was not. So, yes it is now under city maintenance obligation."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Well, one of the things that we continue to talk about is annexation that leave the roads out, as we push the boundaries out into the County and one of my values is to continue to ask the question, 'Why do we annex land and not take the roads' and this is a great example of we're starting to move towards taking the road with it, so I'm very happy that that's included. That's really all I had. Any other questions of the City?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to find that the City has extended services as provided for in the service plan.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

- 2. ANNEXATION EFFECTIVE JULY 23, 1998, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE RAINBOW LAKES ADDITION AND LOCATED NORTH AND SOUTH OF CENTRAL ON THE EAST SIDE OF 135TH STREET WEST.**

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Parnacott said, "I'll incorporate my general remarks previously on the nature of this public hearing, that it's required. This particular annexation is in the area of Central and East 135th Street West, referred to as the Rainbow Lakes Addition. Same recommendation here, that you would open the public hearing, consider any evidence from the City and anybody else that might want to speak, then close the public hearing and make the requisite finding."

Chairman Norton said, "Any comments from the bench before I open the public hearing. I see none. We'll now open the public hearing, accept public comment. Is there anyone that would like to speak?"

Ms. Cassady said, "The City of Wichita believes it to be in compliance with the requirements, as laid out in the service extension plan for this particular annexation. I'll be happy to respond to any questions."

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Chairman Norton said, "I see none at this time. Before we move forward . . ."

Ms. Cassady said, "Chairman Norton, I might mention, for the record, the Commissioners also received a copy of the City's report for this particular annexation."

Chairman Norton said, "At this point, why don't I see if there's anyone else that would like to speak to this issue and then we'll come back to the City. Is there anyone else who would like to speak pro or con on the annex issue before us? Okay, I see none. At this point, I'll close the public hearing accepting public comment and limit the comments to the bench. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm going to be abstaining on this vote. I live in this area that has been annexed and so when it becomes Motion time or vote time I'm going to abstain."

Chairman Norton said, "Speak now or forever hold your peace, Tom."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm going to forever hold my peace."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, that's one of your options. Okay, any discussion, comments, questions of Terry? At this point, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to find that the City has extended services as provided for in the service plan.

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

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Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to take a moment to show our appreciation for I count over 10 senior staff people from the City of Wichita, we appreciate very much your wanting to provide us all the information that's required in these kinds of hearings. And we do, you know just in taking a look at who is here, you begin to think about how many times we have interaction between our staff and the City staff and with this many senior staff people from the City here, we certainly want to take the time to say we appreciate the service you give to places like this that have been annexed and the services that you provide to the citizens. So, we appreciate all your work."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, and certainly as the City pushes the boundaries and grows, those common areas kind of where the County hits the City are real important to make sure there's a continuum of service and it's hard to do sometimes, it's hard to make sure that the citizens are well served by the County, but also well served by the City as they push their growth boundary and we appreciate you taking it so serious to make sure that those things happen."

As I know in Haysville, annexations can be very contentious sometimes and people don't always want it to happen and part of making it more palatable is that the services get delivered like people say they are. It's when they derail and you say you're going to give them one thing and you give them something else or at a different timetable that people really get pretty tired of annexation talk, so we appreciate it coming to us this way. Anything else?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "Two housekeeping details, I skipped over an item on my checklist. We did provide the required notice by statute, which was by mail to each individual resident in the area and we will prepare resolutions formalizing these findings for next week's consent agenda."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, thank you, Bob. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

E. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) REGARDING ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS.

- 1. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING ROAD IN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO**

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PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you is a resolution that declares that it's necessary to construct a project that is in our CIP, the widening of Central to four lanes between 143rd Street East and 159th Street East and the resolution goes on to provide for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to pay three and a half million dollars of the cost of that project. Those bonds are scheduled to be sold in 2004 and we are asking for your approval of the resolution at this time, so that we can proceed with some of the activity that's necessary leading up to discussion of that project in advance of the bond sale.

The debt service on this three and a half million dollars worth of bonds we estimate to be about \$267,000. We may chose to repay that debt service with dedicated sales tax or with property taxes. If we chose to use property taxes, it would require a tax rate of .086 mills with the current assessed values to cover that much debt service. The issuance of these bonds would be within the existing limits that are contained in the County's debt policy. The issuance of the bonds would be subject to a protest period of 90 days and that protest period will be initiated following the advertisement of the resolution that we're asking you to approve twice in the Daily Reporter.

With that, I will note that in the audience we have Joe Norton, the County's bond counsel, who can speak to any questions that you may have about the content of the resolution itself, and if you have no questions for either Joe or I, then I would recommend your approval of the resolution as presented."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no lights flashing right now, so I see no questions. I know this is in Commissioner Unruh's district. Any comments, questions, Dave?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "I think this is a great project and we've been waiting for Central to be widened."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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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. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING BRIDGE IN THE COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF.

Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, this item does exactly the same sort of activity for a project that's in the CIP, the replacement of a bridge on 167th Street West, between 77th Street North and 85th Street North. The estimated cost of the project is \$500,000 and you have on your agenda later today an item pertaining to the budget for that project, the Capital Improvement budget for that project to increase it from the original amount. We've determined, with some recent bids, that it's reasonable to think that the project is going to come in a little bit more expensive than originally planned.

This resolution contemplates that higher amount and it asks for authorization to issue \$500,000 worth of bonds. Again, they are scheduled to be issued in 2004. We're asking for your approval of the resolution at this time to allow us to proceed with activities on the project in advance of the bond sale.

The debt service on these bonds, this half million dollars worth of bonds, we estimate to be about \$38,000 and again, the choice that will be made in the annual budget process is to repay that with either sales tax or property taxes. If we chose property taxes, at the current assessed values, it would require a tax rate of .012 mills. Again, this project like the other one is within the limits contained within the current debt policy. These will be General Obligation Bonds of the County. They do not require a protest period and so, with your action on this resolution, we will be authorized to proceed with the issuance of those bonds later in 2004.

Again, Joe Norton is in the audience if you have questions about the resolution and if you have no questions, I recommend your approval."

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Chairman Norton said, "I see nothing. I know this is in Commissioner Winters' district. You might want to described it."

Commissioner Winters said, "I would just say this is a worthy project, Mr. Chairman."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. PRESENTATION REGARDING INTERNATIONAL GIS DAY.

Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Two of the most important technologies for local area government these days is the Internet and Geographical Information Systems. So since today is November 19th, International GIS Day, we welcome the opportunity to kind of bring you up to date as to how we're combining these two technologies and to give you a little presentation on GIS' use and their website.

To make the presentation is John Rogers, the Manager of our GIS area. He started out . . . He's been with GIS since its very inception and kind of worked his way up through the ranks and is now the manager."

Mr. John Rogers, Manager, Geographic Information Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to extend to you a very happy GIS Day."

Chairman Norton said, "I didn't know we were celebrating today, but I'm pretty tickled. Don't

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we get hats and party favors or anything?”

Mr. Rogers said, “That comes after the meeting. GIS Day is a day in which the international community takes a day to celebrate its accomplishments and share with others the innovative ways in which geographic information systems have been able to improve the way in which we view our community. And so today I’d like to take the opportunity to show you how Sedgwick County has utilized the Internet to create maps and data and allow County staff to view a variety of different layers, over 80 map layers and combine that with the Internet technology to let the public in on it as well.

The first part of the presentation concerns the interactive maps.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “John. Excuse me, John, if I was out there watching on TV, is this what it’s going to look like. It’s not. This is a whole different . . . some of the things you guys just pull up from your office.”

Mr. Rogers said, “Correct. The interactive map services are a way of providing clients the ability to view and query GIS information from the desktop, via the Internet. One way we provide interactive maps is a section we call Make Your Own Maps. We give the user a convenient way to browse maps the way they want to. They can pan, they can zoom, they can select a particular area of interest and zoom into it.

In this section, users find interactive versions of electronic road atlas, an election’s map and a zoning map. The road atlas provides the ability to find street addresses, intersections. It can also help you find parks, schools, golf courses and a variety of other features. It’s a great tool for folks who are new to the county and visitors as well.

To assist the Election Commissioner in communicating precinct and voter information, we constructed an interactive election map. Not only can you print county-wide maps of the six different districts, categories of elected officials, you can locate particular precincts by township, section, address, intersection or by precinct number. We have links between the Election Commissioner’s website and these maps.

The third map in the section is zoning. It was developed in conjunction with Metropolitan Area Planning and it serves to provide property and zoning information to county staff, particularly Code Enforcement and to the development community as well. This would include engineers, land

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planners and developers.

A great feature of the interactive maps is that, again, it combines maps and data and so you can display the associated information about the map features, in this case precincts, by clicking on the feature and displaying the information behind it. And so, what you have is a printable pop-up window with all the information. So you can either look at the information or you can print it off for later use.

Another feature of the interactive map technology are tools that allow us to tailor a particular map service for a departmental need. In this case, the Metropolitan Medical Response map you see was created to allow citizens to get on the Internet and find out where they may need to go in the case of a chemical or a biological incident.

Another example of our ability to tailor the map to the needs of the department, the Treasurer was needing to relate an address with a tax unit, and so we were able to create this so that they could enter an address and derive the associated tax unit with it. In summary, the interactive maps gives every citizen and business an easy way to get the location information that's important to them.

The next section we have are printable maps. What we have here is we wanted to address the need for hard copy maps for the community and the difficulty in creating the maps can be derived from a number of different devices: computers, printers. And so, what we wanted to do was offered upwards of 200 maps available that can be printed at various sizes at any printer and computer.

The first section are a collection of special purpose maps. Printable maps include such things as zip codes, census maps, fire district maps, even a map of the courthouse campus. We also provide a variety of city and county maps. By clicking on a particular city, you can get a map of either a particular city in Sedgwick County, or a county-wide map as well.

The third website feature is the ability to download raw data. In this example, developers can come to our website and this service allows for our data to be downloaded to a users PC or server and accommodate the ongoing need for up-to-date parcel data necessary for land development.

On a broader scale, we've also provided for the download of GIS data layers. We have customers interested in GIS raw data layers that don't necessarily reside in Sedgwick County. For example, architects and engineers from other state's performing development services here in the County or City. This service enables them to download the raw data layers and we don't really have to prepare the data or ship it out, they just come to the website and download it.

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We also participate in contributing to national data sales and one example of that would be the Census Bureau or the United State Geographical Survey. They utilize local data sets to improve their own.

And finally, we offer the download of various images. As you can see here, we offer plat maps, aerial photos, the quarter section maps from the County Clerk and 1997 aerial photos. This is an example of one of the plats you can download and this is one of the aerial photos. This is one of our most popular.

So the results of our efforts, the GIS website is becoming an integral component of many of the business practices throughout the community. The availability of this kind of information on the Internet provides County staff and businesses access to geographic information 24 hours a day, pretty much without leaving the office. It's allowed us to take staff that were dedicated to customer service activities and reallocate them to maintaining and developing the data that drives these kind of applications.

So that's the presentation. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "It looks like to me they have almost as many downloads as they have visits to the website."

Mr. Rogers said, "It's provided a way for folks to get this information without coming to the courthouse."

Chairman Norton said, "That's pretty interesting. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I guess I didn't make my question clear at the beginning, which was people can access all of this, what you just showed us today. Is that correct?"

Mr. Rogers said, "That's true. All this is available now."

Commissioner McGinn said, "What you showed us is what they'll see when they go to the website."

Mr. Rogers said, "Correct."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think I know the answer to this, but I just want to do it for the record. There's no charge for anybody that's accessing this, is that correct?"

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Mr. Rogers said, "Completely no charge, that's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So all of these items that someone could use in their business or just use for information about this area if they're thinking about moving here, this is just available as a service from Sedgwick County."

Mr. Rogers said, "Correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Well it seems like this should almost be part of the geographic . . . geography class in 5th grade. I can't believe a teacher wouldn't love to have this to have her kids cruising through and seeing all the combinations of why geography is important."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I can't figure out how come our Manager hasn't figured out how to charge for it."

Chairman Norton said, "I think the taxpayers pay for it somehow. Okay, I see no other lights. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, we certainly appreciate it. You guys did a great job with this and I'm sure there's more in the future. Next item."

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G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING

1. ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE AGREEMENT FROM GOLD STAR TRANSPORTS, INC. TO GOLD STAR MEDICAL TRANSPORTS.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On April 30th of this year, the Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with Gold Star Medical Transports incorporated for them to be a provider for our transportation brokerage service. Gold Star is now a sole proprietorship and wishes to assigned all rights and obligations under the contract to the company. There will be no other changes in the terms and conditions of the contract. The existing contract requires approval of any assignment by the Board of County Commissioners. Would request that you approve the assignment and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Just a brief question of Mr. Euson. Any technical or legal differences between having an agreement with a corporation as opposed to having an agreement with a private sole proprietorship business, anything we need to concern ourselves with?”

Mr. Euson said, “No, you’re really just going from one legal entity to another and it’s perfectly appropriate to approve the assignment.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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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. Thanks, Annette."

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

- 2. LETTER OF INTENT WITH KANSAS STATEWIDE HOMELESS COALITION (KSHC) PROVIDING A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH COMCARE, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF KSHC'S HOMELESS OUTREACH PROJECTS AND EVALUATION GRANT APPLICATION.**

Ms. Cook said, "The situation involving this letter of intent changed really dramatically yesterday afternoon and we no longer need to enter into this agreement and I am recommending that we indefinitely defer this item."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to indefinitely defer Item G-2.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH HEARTLAND SHARE FOR COMCARE TO BECOME A FOOD PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION SITE.

Ms. Cook said, "Heartland Share program is a non-profit food program that began in Topeka in 1991 and one of the major goals of the program was to promote self-esteem and self-respect and dignity among those individuals who utilize that program. Currently, there are more than 375 distribution sites throughout Kansas and Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska.

Through the program, individuals basically volunteer two hours of their time and in exchange for that it makes them eligible to receive this box of food, which includes meats and vegetables and fruit and other food items for \$17.50. As a distribution site, COMCARE's responsibility would be to provide the space the day that the truck comes to unload the food. We would collect a 50 cent handling fee per package or per box and it would be our obligation to maintain and submit monthly reports to the Heartland Share program.

The program volunteers who will be primarily consumers in our Community Support Services program, would help unload the truck when it arrives, package up the food, help individuals carry food to their cars or whatever transportation they are taking.

We feel that providing the space for this project and maintaining the records would enable a number of our consumers who are often on fixed incomes another opportunity and a less expensive opportunity to purchase food and it would also cause them to have less dependence on case managers, who sometimes have to help them with those daily activities. We are requesting that you approve this agreement."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I see no questions. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "What are the volume of folks . . . what's the number of folks using it, the volume of food packages that we distribute?"

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Ms. Cook said, “We don’t know at this point. I don’t really have even an estimate of what they’re doing at other sites. I do know that a number of our consumers do make use of community pantries and other resources that are available to them, so I think that they are well acquainted with our program. I think there will be a high usage of that.

I’d also say in addition to that that 50 cents handling sounds like a very minimal amount of money, but what we intend to do with that is put that money . . . we have one staff person that will just take the money in and do the reports and we will put the 50 cents that we get on each one of those into a flex fund and so if we have a consumer, for instance, who has the two hours to donate but doesn’t have the \$17.50 for the box, we would make it available for that. So, I don’t think we have an estimate of the volume yet, but we’re hoping it will be high.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, all right. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well it seems like it’s a pretty integrated program, where you can not only get some volunteer work and actually be integrated into work into the community, but also the food that they need at a low price, great program. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

Commissioner McGinn left at 10:11 a.m.

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4. AGREEMENT WITH SUMNER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE AFTER-HOURS MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, “Each community mental health center, to maintain our license, must provide 24-hour, seven day a week crisis services. Sumner County has done what Butler County has done and that is they have elected to contract with COMCARE’s Crisis Program to provide those services for them. We’ve been doing this for a couple of years and it’s gone really very well. Primarily, people call in our crisis number and we have a line designated for that, but Sumner residents are close enough that at times they drive in and we do have the ability to see them face-to-face as well.

And we also provide some consultation in situations that can get out of hand to the local resources, the law enforcement individuals and the individuals at the mental health center in Sumner County to keep them apprised of the situation and we do send a report each day that indicates who called in and the nature of that call and the disposition of that call. We’re requesting that you approve this agreement.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

5. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH ROBERT MCINTYRE, MD

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PROVIDING INCREASED HOURS OF PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, “This is an amendment to a contract with Dr. Robert McIntyre who is a psychiatrist that’s working with us part time to add some hours to the professional service agreement that we already have with him. He’s picking up ten additional hours between now and the end of the year. We’re going to use those hours to help cover the loss of one Advanced Nurse Practitioner we incurred several months ago and whose clients we are still trying to make sure he sees and others see. And then we did have a recent decrease in the number of hours of another psychiatrist on our contract who maxed out his hours, so Dr. McIntyre agreed to pick up those four hours each week until the end of the year. We’ve been very pleased with his work and we’re requesting that you approve the amendment to his agreement.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Amendment to Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES.

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- 1. CONTRACTS (TWO) FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES AT 706 AND 718 SOUTH KANSAS COURT ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS AT THE JUVENILE COMPLEX.**
- 1. LARRY AND VICKEY LANGLEY**
- 2. ROBERT AND MARCIA MULLEN**

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The agenda item before you requests your approval for the purchases of two separate properties related to the construction of the new juvenile detention facility. Both of these agreements provide willing sellers and the expenditure totals \$148,000 and will be paid for from the Juvenile Detention bond issue. I recommend approval and am available for questions."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

Commissioner McGinn returned at 10:15 a.m.

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2. MODIFICATION TO AGREEMENT, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH LAW/KINGDON, INC. ASSOCIATED WITH A DESIGN CHANGE FOR THE ARKANSAS VALLEY LODGE REHABILITATION PROJECT.

Ms. Knebel said, “Jim Osterlund is out with the flu today and I am stepping in his place to present this agenda item to you. If you would remember, when we first contracted with Law Kingdon to do their design work on the Ark Valley Lodge, we thought we were going to be constructing and renovating that building to be a three-story building. When we went through initial review phases with the State Historic Preservation Office, we found that assumption was incorrect and worked with them for approval to rehab the building as you see it today, which is a two-story building with a one-story addition to it.

Because of that change, because of additional design fees and additional work needed on Law Kingdon, this contract amendment requests your approval to increase their contract fee by \$17,000. There is money available from the approved project budget to pay for this change. I recommend your approval and am available for questions.”

Chairman Norton said, “Questions from the Commission. I would entertain a Motion.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

3. MODIFICATION TO AGREEMENT, REQUEST NUMBER ONE, WITH MCCLUGGAGE VAN SICKLE AND PERRY ASSOCIATED WITH THE COURTHOUSE 5TH FLOOR REMODEL PROJECT.

Ms. Knebel said, "This contract modification request deals with a contract increase for the work that we did on the fifth floor of this building with McCluggage Van Sickle and Perry. Toward the end of the project, there was some additional design changes and floor layout changes made that we were able to accommodate. This contract modification deals with the increased engineering fees and architectural fees associated with those changes. The cost of this modification is \$12,895. There is money available within the existing approved budget to pay for this. I recommend your approval and am available for questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm going to be supportive of this, but I think it would be important to note that these changes came about from the request from the District Court judges themselves, as they saw this project unfolding, and they were interested in making some modifications and I think our staff worked very hard with the architects and others to make these come about. So I guess, at the request of the District Court, we made these changes and I'm going to be supportive but I think it is interesting to note that they had some new ideas and we did the best we could to accommodate them."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, and I think, if you know the history of how much trouble we had getting the fifth floor . . . getting everybody together to understand what we're going to do on the fifth floor, it's important to note that we tried to make sure that the end product was what everybody

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wanted to see, instead of saving \$12,000 and then having people grouse about ‘Well, we could have made a few changes and it really would have been perfect’. I think we went ahead and did that and I applaud our staff for moving that way. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Stephanie. Next item.”

I. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Report on the operations at the Kansas Coliseum for the month of October. Frankly, we had a pretty good month this October, nearly 74,000 people through the doors, 14 events, 36 performances. It was a \$200,000 month for us.

Starting off, Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Show, nearly 5,300 people in attendance for that. We do two of those a year and we do four other gun shows. We do almost 70,000 people a year with the

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guns shows that we present.

Disney on Ice, what a fabulous performance this year, what a great turnout too. Every one of our family shows have done just incredibly well this year, all the attendances are up, all the revenues are up, it's just been a good year for the family show for us. And very well presented, nobody does a better show than Disney, it's just incredible. Of course we had all the favorites were in. The theme was princesses and all the little girls that came to the show were dressed up like princesses and it was really a fun thing to watch.

We had a new event, the Rubbermaid Factory Direct sale. We had 15,000 people show up out there to buy coolers and deck chests. You could get coolers like that for two dollars. It was incredible. I made the mistake of telling my wife about it. We're going to visit our daughter next week in Cincinnati for Thanksgiving and I have no idea how I'm going to tie everything on top of that car that we bought. But it was a lot of fun. Nothing in our house is ever going to get warm or cold, because we have a cooler for it.

Wheatland Poppin' Johnnies, which is a recurring show for us every year, nearly 13,500 people came to see that this year. Of course you know that's the big John Deere tractor and it was just a great event.

In the sports zone the Thunder opened up their season, we had four games, over 14,000 people attended those.

Coming up, we've got the Trans-Siberian Orchestra tomorrow evening and that is Christmas Eve and Other Stories, musically and visually that's going to be a fantastic show. Just want to remind everybody that tickets are still on sale and it's going to be a great show.

We have the 3rd Annual Turkey Classic coming up over the weekend, with the go-cart races in the arena building. Again we have, at the end of the month, U.S. Weapons comes in with another gun and knife show and of course we have plenty of Thunder hockey through November and December.

We start into our regular schedule come January, with Sesame Street Live and the monster trucks and the rodeo, Sport Boat and Travel Show, which incidentally is celebrating its 50th year this year. So we're looking for a pretty good season. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Norton said, "I see none. The will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BRIDGE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BRIDGES WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS; AND RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS DESIGNATIONS OF BRIDGE WEIGHT POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BRIDGES WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY. ALL DISTRICTS.**

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item J-1, this resolution updates the bridge weight posting requirements for all County maintained bridges. The basic changes are a direct result of the construction of new bridges in 2003. We have a total of 653 bridges of which 138 are posted, four are closed and 511 are open.

Open load limit bridges are defined as those bridges that can handle any Kansas legal load. As far as posted bridges are concerned, in 1985 we had 318 and as of this date we have 134, which is a significant reduction over a time period of 18 years. As a matter of information, this year we constructed two new bridges by contract, one federal aid project, and another ten with our bridge crew.

This resolution designates bridge weight posting requirements for all of our bridges in accordance

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with procedures outlined by the Kansas Department of Transportation; therefore, we will remain eligible for federal funds. I recommend that you adopt the resolution.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I see no lights flashing. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FORM 1309, AUTHORITY TO AWARD CONTRACT COMMITMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS, FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 821-J, K, BRIDGE ON BROADWAY OVER THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE (BNSF) RAILROAD AT 45TH STREET NORTH. CIP# B-310. DISTRICT #4.**

Mr. Spears said, “Item J-2 is the authority to award contract commitment of County funds, Form 1309, for the Kansas Department of Transportation. This is for the bridge project located on Broadway over the BNSF Railroad at 45th Street North, designated as B-310 in the Capital Improvement Program. The low bidder was Dondlinger and Sons Construction at \$5,258,056.92. Item L-1 on the Consent Agenda is a CIP amendment, which moves the project from 2004 to 2003.

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So I'll just tell you that we're ahead of schedule and under budget on this.

Sedgwick County's share will be 20% of construction, plus a small percentage for construction engineering, totaling \$1,097,432.81. I recommend that you approve Form 1309 and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve KDOT Form 1309 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "You say . . . what's our portion of this again?"

Mr. Spears said, "Our portion is \$1,097,432.81. Then we will get part of that back during inspection, because they pay us back to do the inspection."

Chairman Norton said, "And the rest of its all Kansas Department . . . is it federal?"

Mr. Spears said, "Eighty percent is federal, so basically, you're looking at \$4,000,000 fed, \$1,000,000 county."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, I think the public needs to . . . I didn't catch it all, I wanted to be sure we went over it again. Okay, next item."

3. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE

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AND FINAL, WITH CUTLER PAVING, INC. FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 2003 ASPHALT SURFACE REJUVENATION. CIP# R-175A. DISTRICTS #1, #2, #4 AND #5.

Mr. Spears said, "Item J-3 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final for the Sedgwick County 2003 Asphalt Surface Rejuvenation project designated as R-175A in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized out. There will be a net increase of \$13,489.85, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. The City of Haysville will pay for \$4,643.50 of this increase. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "Discussion, questions? Will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2003.

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Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of November 13th resulted in two items for consideration today.

1) **JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY- FACILITY PROJECTS**
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The first item, Juvenile Detention Facility for Facility Project Services, the recommendation is the low bid from Coonrod and Associates, including alternates 1, 2, 3, 4a, 5a, 6a and 7, for a total of \$16,212,000.

2) **CHANGE ORDER**
REHABILITATION OF ARK VALLEY LODGE- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The second item is a change order for the rehabilitation of the Ark Valley Lodge for Facility Project Services. The recommendation is to acknowledge a change order with Alcon Construction for a net decrease in the contract of \$17,130.

Before I ask for approval of these items, I would like to make a few comments regarding the Juvenile Detention Facility bid and the recommendation. If you look at the table for Item 1, you'll see that the bids received were very, very close in dollars and there was some disparity in the number of days bid for completion. The vendors were told that time is not an issue for this project and this is because it actually costs the County more to house juveniles here than it does to send them outside the area. Now, one of the main reasons for that is because we don't send problem or special needs children outside the area, we keep them here. We do provide a higher level of services for kids and we recognize the need to keep them closer to home, but those benefits weren't quantifiable here.

The bid documents contain some liquidated damage language, at a rate of \$3,500 a day. The reason for that number was to hold vendors to the time that they had committed to in the bid. We did that so the County could coordinate planning of the start up of the operation. We'll need to add and

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train additional staff and we'll also need to cancel contracts with outside providers. If the vendor fails to meet this commitment to time, then the impact to the County ends up being re-planning, it ends up being . . . having idle staff with nothing to do and we end up having to renegotiate some of those contracts, so we're trying to avoid that.

There's also been some discussion about add alternates. This project was bid as a base scope of work, 92 beds, and 7 add alternates. Add alternate is standard industry methodology that's used in bidding practices to allow the owners some flexibility. We put them in regularly in all of our documents and vendors are used to seeing add alternates in our documents. All of those items are needed for this project, okay. Due to budget constraints and due to a concern that these bids would come in over budget, we added several. What this does is gives us the flexibility to be able to sacrifice those, had these bids exceeded the budget. And the other thing that does is it prevents us from having to reject bids and redo the bidding process.

Coonrod and Associates is being recommended because their bid is \$43,700 lower than the next bid and the number of days they have submitted, 720, falls within the architect's estimate for the time it should take to complete this project. I'd be happy to answer any questions and do recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Iris, I don't know if you tried to anticipate every question I would have and then come up with an answer before I could show how smart I was to ask the question, but I think you did. The thing I'm happy with is this isn't something brand new, these add alternates, that's kind of a normal method. Did I understand you right that one of the reasons entities such as ourselves break out a bid process with these is that, say for example, a modification comes in and it's . . . I'm just going to pick one, \$22,000 above, we would have then the flexibility of dropping alternate 5a, which is \$22,000, without having to try to figure out what we need to do."

Ms. Baker said, "Right."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, all right. I have no other questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. The alternates, when they're offered, are they all prioritized? I mean, is it understood that should we not want an alternate, number seven comes off first, number six comes off?"

Ms. Baker said, "No. We do give ourselves the flexibility in the bidding document to pick the alternates we wanted. In this particular case, alternate one is an additional housing unit, 16 additional beds. When you get into 4, 5 and 6 you have 'a's and 'b's. This is additional work that's needed, for example 4a is powder coating the doors, 'a' includes the cost for the additional housing units if we take that alternate 'b' excludes the cost if we don't take that alternate, but it's still an additional piece of work that needs to be done."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. I understand. And you stated that the issue of time of completion was clearly stated at the beginning of the process. That it was not a critical issue for us."

Ms. Baker said, "Yes, that's correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And is it commonly assumed though, that as the bids come back, assumed or stated, that as the bids come back that they are . . . that we're going to do as much as we can in the budget or is that just totally our option? I guess what I'm asking is that everybody who has bid knows that as we bid these alternates, they have a critical importance as much as the base bid is kind of what I'm asking."

Ms. Baker said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So is that known or stated?"

Ms. Baker said, "It's known."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I have for right now."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Well I guess my frustration here has just . . . over the fact that this has become such a complicated issue. And I understand that we have done bids by having alternates in the past, although I'm not sure I'm familiar with one that has had so many alternates and we really have seven here with three of them having two, so we've really got ten different combinations of putting this whole deal together. I mean, there's several ways that the

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thing could be selected, select this one, not select that one, select this one, not select that one. I realize that the budget question was a problem, but on the other hand, I think that if we need all of these alternates that we should just have had the bid and vote the thing the way that we thought we were going to need it. And then if we were over budget, and again, I don't know if this is the best method, but if you have a base bid and you have someone who is then the low bidder, then you have a starting place of selecting that low bid and either subtracting off or trying to figure out if there's some way to get back in the realm of your budget.

But I think this is . . . we've gone from what, in the past, has been a relatively simple process and the answer is pretty simple. We've got this price, they've come in the days and Commissioners, here's the low bid. I think here's a case where we've got a low base bid, then we've got all of these alternates. We have another bid that is going to take at least some months longer to complete. I understand the fact that we can house some of these juveniles out of county cheaper, but we've got at least \$100,000 a month price tag on this out of county housing, so I think we've taken something that should have been fairly simple and we wrote a very complicated Request For Proposal and now we've got a very complicated, to me, solution. So I think we've got, at least for me, something that I'm just not clear about. That's it."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well, I think Commissioner Sciortino and Commissioner Unruh pretty much asked the questions I have but just looking at this from an historical perspective, we started this five years ago and we talked about a variety of ways we were going to solve a problem that we had in this Juvenile Detention Facility and we came up with all different kinds of ideas as commissioners. And then I think back three years ago almost, we predicted at the County level we were going to have perhaps a budget crisis here and so, as we moved forward, we were being very cautious and I look at this as part of that.

We knew we had to build a juvenile detention facility. We knew what else we wanted if we could get there, but we also had to be in a position to move forward and also make cuts if we didn't have the money. And so I feel very comfortable with this process, especially as the questions were answered for Commissioner Unruh and Commissioner Sciortino about times and days and things like that. And so, I don't see this as a convoluted mess, I see it as it was a way for us to move forward and give us an opportunity to cut some things if we had to if the bid came over. So, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I've got two things. One, I would hope that we could do some of this bidding, more of this type of thing in the future because the way we've done business in the past, here comes a change order, we just say 'Okay, we'll just pay the extra \$20,000 or

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\$30,000', if I understand this correctly, this gives us the ability to say, 'Okay, we'll give you that for this and then we're going to drop this' which might make . . . I don't know for sure, the bidder or the person doing the job kind of think 'Well, wait a minute, I'd prefer doing this because there's a higher profit margin', I don't know what, but it does give us the flexibility to make adjustments and still be within the budgeted amount.

One thing I think, because I asked this question of a couple of other staff members that I think the public needs to know, because this is a big question. If you can house these juvenile offenders some place else cheaper, why are you building a big facility that's going to cost more and this person was talking to me and said, 'Did you factor in also the cost of servicing the bond money that you're going to have to make to do it' which would make it even more expensive. And the question that I was asked was why are you doing it at all. Well, that's an excellent question and the answer I got is that the availability of beds outside of Sedgwick County is rapidly filling up and in the very near future they, number one, probably won't be available or their value, supply and demand, will increase and I think what we're doing is very insightful because we're building not only just for today, but planning for the future. And that was the reason I was given and I just thought the public would like to hear that, because on the surface, the uninformed person would think, 'Well, gee that's illogical, why are you doing something that costs more when you get done'. So, that's all I have. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I guess I would agree with Commissioner Winters that this has become complicated and convoluted. I understand that in this sort of contractual negotiation it sort of leaves the leverage on our side to do with the money that we have and the projects that we want to do we can prioritize our alternatives. I just . . . I mean, it would surely be easier for us if we had a complete package, a complete package, one bid, one number to deal with, we wouldn't have to deal with the issues of accumulating alternatives. So, on projects where we can do that, I sure wish we could, but I understand the budget problem that we've had, I understand where this is a very reasonable, correct way to do it and this has been our standard procedure. This is not a deviation from previous practice. So, I'm comfortable with that. It would sure be nice if we could simplify it and one of the reasons to do that is just to maintain the confidence of the contractors and the people who are bidding on this that we're trying to do a fully open, straightforward bid process in order to get our projects accomplished. So I guess that's a lot of words to say that I'm comfortable that the process was handled in accordance with our standard procedure and that, although it seems . . . I don't know, awkward might be the right term, that we've arrived at the right conclusions here and

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so I'm going to be supportive of the recommendation.

In response to Commissioner Sciortino's comments though, I'd like to say that there are a lot of . . . in this type of area of service to our community, there's a lot of intangibles besides just finances that go into the decision to keep a detention facility here. There's greater opportunities to reintegrate these youngsters back in the community, they're closer to family, they're closer to church and there's a lot of those sort of things that make it reasonable to have that facility, rather than the economic basis of sending them out of county, so that's a response also to that constituent question. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I guess just one last thought and I think both the contractor that's being recommended by the Board of Bids and Contracts and the next low, dollar-wise, I think are both very good, reliable folks and I'm sure could do this project. I think it is, in one sense, amazing that on an over \$16,000,000 project we're only . . . the next lowest to the proposed Coonrod, the next lowest is just \$43,000 off, but they can do the job in less time and I think that three months has value and so I think that has complicated this bid. So, I guess my vote is just going to be on the fact that I think that that time issue, even though . . . and I realize that in the process supposedly time was not a factor, but my common sense tells me that time is a factor and if it wasn't a factor, we should just scoot the whole process out and make it take three years to build the facility instead of two, if we're saving money. So, I think it's just become too complicated for me."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I see no other lights. Just a couple of comments from me, one thing I thought that was real interesting is that if you looked at the eight people that bid it, it was awful close, from the very just the minimum bid down to the final bid, there's not a spits bit of difference when you talk about a project this big and that many days of every company. And as I read the names of the companies, these are all companies that I have great faith in in our community. I think we all know that the economics of the times, and we've said it on other projects, have brought to the table some folks that have never bid on projects for us because times are tough, economics make it imperative that people seek jobs to keep their people working, so it is a very competitive nature that we find ourselves in and the bids were close.

I'm with Tom on the fact that I have a hard time computing what days are worth and whether, if they were not that important, why did we even put it on there. If we just said you were going to complete in 720 days, that what our thing is, can you do that, good, that's all we care about. If it goes up to the last day, we don't care. That's not a bid concern of mine, but as I try to enter that into the mix, since we've been challenged to do that, I look at some other bids that are pretty close

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that I'd have to calculate the days difference for them too, for every bid and I don't know that I can do that. Certainly, we've been challenged by one company to do that, but if you look at all of the companies and tried to figure out the formula for what days are worth, and how you figure that backwards, I don't know that I'm smart enough to do that. It would take me a little more time. I took trigonometry but I didn't do very well in it, so I'm thinking that I would have a hard time figuring out what the basis of making a decision based on that is.

It is tough economic times. The dollars do matter, whether it's \$40,000 or \$400,000. I think our citizens are telling us, whispering in our ears, spend our taxpayers' money wisely because we know you need to do these things, but we want you to be sure that you're smart with how you spend the money.

I could probably move forward today. If it's the will of the board, however, to take a little time, step back and reevaluate that, that is okay with me also. I'd like to hear more discussion on that or hear a Motion, one way or the other."

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, "I have a Motion and a Second. Any other discussion?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, again I'll just restate that I believe that time does have value and so I'm going to vote 'no' on this Motion."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Any other comments, discussion? Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	No
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Iris. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Amendment to the 2003 Capital Improvement Program to include CIP# B-310, bridge construction over the BNSF railroad on North Broadway.**
- 2. Continuation of full-time Chief Investigator position, B322, on the District Attorney's Staffing Table.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of November 12 – 18, 2003.**

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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

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Chairman Tim Norton

Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Next item. Oh, 'Other', anything else to come before us today? Commissioner Unruh."

M. OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well we had a relatively short meeting so we have a lot of time to talk about 'Other' today, right?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, you got an hour."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I just like you to know that I had a great opportunity to speak to the Southeast Optimists' Club just after last week's meeting, had a great time, well received, and tried to let those folks know what we're doing in the County.

And Sunday afternoon my wife and I had the privilege to be at the ribbon cutting of the Victory House, which is the new location for Victory in the Valley and Congressman Tiahrt and State Senator Wagle were there and so that was an honor to be part of that. They're doing a great service to our community for those folks who are cancer patients and survivors of cancer.

Monday night, my wife and I had the opportunity to go to the Sedgwick County Zoo and we were able to observe the AI procedure for Cynda, the 7,700 pound elephant. If all goes well, in three months we'll find out if she's pregnant and if it goes well, in 22 months we'll have us a new little baby elephant, which is actually a very rare occurrence. But the zoo is an interesting place, let's just leave it at that."

Chairman Norton said, "I'm sure AI is Artificial Intelligence, right?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm sure the procedure was interesting but you don't have to go into any details, okay."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, that is also very interesting, but I won't go there right now."

Chairman Norton said, "Maybe we can do an Around the County on that sometime."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Maybe. Well, then last night we had the first meeting of folks who

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were involved in the K-254 coalition study and folks from Towanda and Benton, El Dorado, Butler County, Sedgwick County, Kechi and Bel Aire were all there and I think that got off to a good start. Then I think you all will mention that we've got the Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Overland Park this weekend, we'll be there and I'm going to Saturday Night Fever tonight. So that's my life for the last week or so."

Chairman Norton said, "Great. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Last Thursday evening, I attended the Extension Council's annual meeting out at the Extension Service Center in the 4-H hall and this is their newly elected board and as they chose their executive committee to work through the year. One of the things that you had to do was work for your dinner a bit, and so they had kind of a fun little procedure of a sheet to fill out and go to each one of the agents and find out the factoids that they were handing out. And so, I won't share all of them with you but there's two I want to share with you, well actually maybe three I want to share with you.

The first one comes from Janelle Smith, who works with seniors and during a six month reporting period, the senior Health Insurance Counseling of Kansas served 1,700 Medicare folks and saved them \$175,000, those 1,700 people they served. From Beth Dresher, 16,000 children will be exposed to 4-H in school and after school and summer school programs every year. And from Steve Westphal, 83% of Sedgwick County land is farmed, 83%."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So we don't have to worry about eroding farmland anymore in our . . . we have plenty of farmland."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I don't know if I agree with that number."

Commissioner Winters said, "Eighty-three percent? Well, Steve had the number and I'll be glad to get you the rest of it because he had projected out over 20 years, at the present rate of growth, there will still be over 450,000 acres of farm ground in Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That includes a little backyard . . . like my little tomato plants."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just say, based on looking at where all the cities are, and you look at the land mass."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, we'll have to get the number from Steve."

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Chairman Norton said, "But if you took it from the idea that Sedgwick County unincorporated, I would say that's probably true, outside the city limits of Wichita, probably 83% is farm. If you include the City of Wichita, I'd have a hard time with that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, we'll get that clarified. We're still a very diverse community, any way you look at it, because we do have rural and urban."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Boy, but we believe in public debate, by golly."

Chairman Norton said, "Is there anything else? We met yesterday on the health summit and we continue to move that forward. I think we had about 30 people . . . the assembly, not summit, Health Assembly, that will be in March. I think we had over 30 people at the table yesterday discussing what this should look like, what information we hope to get out of it, what decisions we think we could make from bringing all these folks together. Bill, do you have any comments on that? Okay.

The other thing I went to yesterday for about five hours was the Health Foundation has a collaborative leadership seminar or workshop they do every year and I engaged in that for five hours and I came out of there with two conclusions. Number one, it was nice to go and renew my ideas about how we facilitate, convene and collaborate with our constituents, with other government leaders, with business partners because collaborative leadership, I really think, is at the hallmark of how you get government to work.

That was my first conclusion to be renewed. My second one was, way to go County Commissioners. I am so proud to work with this group, because as they posted things on the board, and I wasn't much in the dialogue, they almost described exactly the way we're running the County right now and that's engaging people, talking with people, partnering, bringing them to the table, understanding their issues, continuing the dialogue and the debate and the discussion and the discernment of tough issues and it brought back to me that good government can happen if you have a collaborative partnership attitude. And I applaud my colleagues for allowing the County to have that, because it was renewing to see that and this was a world-renown individual that was teaching the class and he almost described exactly the way Sedgwick County runs right now, so I was real proud to be part of that.

Anything else to come before us today? We're adjourned."

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

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BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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