

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**April 21, 2004**

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, April 21, 2004 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Caroline Hosford, Environmental Training Specialist, Environmental Resources; Ms. Jan Kennedy, Treasurer; Mr. Dave Thompson, Executive Officer, Sheriff's Office; Mr. Ron Holt, Director, Division of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Sonja Armbruster, Communication and Grant Writing Coordinator, Health Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ron Holt, Director, Division of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation; Ms. Debra Donaldson, Director, Human Services; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Department; Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer; Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Charles Steiner, Director, Wichita Art Museum.

Mr. Brian Walker, Executive Director, Kansas Food Bank.

Mr. J.V. Lentell, Vice Chairman of Intrust Bank, former Chairman of Kansas Food Bank,

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by, Commissioner Dave Unruh.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, April 7, 2004

The clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2004.

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7th, 2004.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22, 2004 AS "EARTH DAY."**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation for your consideration.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day will be celebrated in 2004 by more than 5,000 different community organizations representing 184 countries around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, local government should strive to be a role model for the communities it serves by exemplifying leadership in the conservation of natural resources and waste reduction practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County continues to educate citizens about the importance of environmental stewardship through the promotion of recycling, reduction and reuse opportunities; and

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**WHEREAS**, more than 150,000 pounds of recyclable materials, including paper, cardboard, aluminum, plastic, printer cartridges, motor oil, tires, hazardous waste and more were diverted from landfills through Sedgwick County's internal recycling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the principle to reduce, reuse and recycle is a responsibility which every human being shares, and through voluntary actions like recycling, each of us can join in building a productive land in harmony with nature.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 22, 2004 as

**“EARTH DAY”**

in Sedgwick County, encouraging residents, businesses and institutions to use the day to celebrate the Earth, while making a commitment to undertake programs and projects that will enhance our natural environment.

Dated April 21, 2004.

Commissioners, that's the proclamation, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Here to accept the proclamation is Caroline Hosford. Caroline."

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**Ms. Caroline Hosford**, Chair, Waste Minimization Team, member of the Waste Minimization Team, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’d like to thank you very much for this proclamation for Earth Day. We’re proud of what we’ve done internally as far as trying to minimize our waste. We also want to let the citizens know and remind them that Sedgwick County is sponsoring an Earth Day event beginning tomorrow through Saturday of this week and also next week Thursday through Saturday, a waste tire collection program where we are trying to roundup all the waste and discarded tires that we can find in our County. It’s a free program to Sedgwick County residents and people can take those tires to either the west Public Works yard at 47<sup>th</sup> South and West Street or the north yard on 37<sup>th</sup> North between Webb and Greenwich Road. We think it’s a good program to try to get these tires out of our environment. We know that when it rains, this rain collects in tires and can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which then has the potential to cause West Nile Virus so we hope that we’re trying to sort of hit two birds with one stone here and get rid of these tires so we want to let everyone know about it and hope they will take advantage of this program.

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you very much Caroline. Are there any community activities happening tomorrow for Earth Day?”

**Ms. Hosford** said, “There are some activities happening I believe at the Sedgwick County Zoo as well.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay thank you very much. Commissioner McGinn, do you have other comments?”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Well, I just wanted to comment on the Earth Day activities. That’s an event that started maybe six or eight years and it has really grown and blossomed and it’s an excellent opportunity for people to see what every entity in Sedgwick County is doing from agriculture to small business, from government minimization of waste and those kinds of things and so, everybody I’ve talked to that’s been out there has just really enjoyed it and learned something from that and so I just think that’s an excellent program. And then the other thing on the waste tire cleanup, I just want to say I’m glad Sedgwick County stepped up to do this. It is very important to not have tires out there, especially when it rains, because of the West Nile Virus and those kinds of things.

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I'm a little disappointed at one time this was a state program and we had a successful roundup what, three or four years ago and their part was generated by a fee that we pay when we take our tires in and as I kept trying to tell folks there that this was a successful program and there are dollars there next thing I knew the dollars were removed and spent and so I really think it's important that we use designated fee dollars to do these kinds of things. I think it's great that Sedgwick County's taken the lead in this and I hope this program continues to grow and is successful. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, this is kind of difficult for me whenever it comes to complimenting McGinn, but I have to do it because this was a project that you ramroded us through the first time and then persistently persuaded us to continue it even though we lost the federal dollars because I don't know for sure, had you not taken the lead on this, we would have collectively decided 'Hey, this is a good deal' and to go forward, so I wanted to compliment you for your stick-to-itiveness and I think the end result is we did do what the Earth Day proponents are hoping we did. We took an eyesore that turned out to be a potential health problem with the collection of stagnate water and what have you and are finding a safe, sound method of disposal, so you're to be complimented and that hurt for me to say that publicly."

**Commission McGinn** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. All right thank you very much Caroline, we appreciate all your work. Next item."

### **CITIZEN INQUIRY**

#### **B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING "13<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT."**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Is Jerry Edson here? Mr. Edson."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I don't see him."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I don't see him either. Just for comment this is a time that we do allow citizens that wish to address the Board of County Commissioners the opportunity to do that. They need to contact the Manager's office ten days before our meeting to get on the agenda, but we welcome citizen inquiry. Madam Clerk call the next item."

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**PRESENTATION**

**C. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE WICHITA ART MUSEUM.**

**POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Charles Steiner**, Director, Wichita Art Museum, greeted the Commissioner's and said, "I came here today to thank the County of Sedgwick officially for their generous gift toward the capital project of the Wichita Art Museum, turn down the lights please. The county underwrote the capital project to the tune of a million dollars over five years and those payments are just ending this year and I just want you to know that the trustees of Wichita Art Museum, Inc., the staff and the whole museum community appreciate your generosity very, very much.

The museum, just to summarize for you, was expanded from about 81,000 square feet to 115,000 square feet, gallery space was expanded and there were a number of visitor amenities added including 100 parking spaces, meeting rooms, the great hall, a new restaurant that was not in the basement but was upstairs with a river view, and a number of other items and resources for the general public, not to mention the landscaping that Mr. Eck was responsible for, and I think most of us agree if not all of us agree that the new building is a great success, we'll be getting into that a little bit more.

I also wanted to just point out to everyone here who hasn't been in the Art Museum some of the treasures that are in the Wichita Art Museum collection. I was interviewed recently by the *Wichita Business Journal*, and I guess you're going to read about that on Friday, but the *Business Journal* asked me what I thought the state of culture was in the area and first of all I defined culture, because I wasn't sure what they meant, as a sort of marriage between the intellectual and the aesthetic and I said naturally that I thought the aesthetic was a little tiny bit ahead of the intellectual in Sedgwick County because of the quality of our collection.

The first work in our collection that I'd like to point out to you has particular resonance locally. It is Bruce Moore, *St. Francis*, it was made in 1936 and it was given in honor of L.W. Clapp who is the founder of Wichita's park system, specifically Riverside Park. It's a work that we especially value in the museum. Maybe it doesn't have the national prominence of some of the other works of art in the collection that I'll be showing you, but it's one that I think we all are especially protective of in the art museum and I hope that all of you can come to realize it's value as well.

This is perhaps the most famous work of art in the collection, Mary Cassatt's, *Mother and Child*.

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Just before I moved to Wichita and before I made my appointment clear, a friend of mine who was a curator at the Brooklyn Museum, who was overseeing a survey of Mary Cassatt's works said to me that she had gone through the entire exhibition and her favorite Mary Cassatt painting in the exhibition was this one here from Sedgwick County from the Wichita Art Museum, so that's a compliment I think that can't be underscored too much.

This is another internationally known work Edward Hopper. It's been requested by the Taton London recently, which we turned down because it's on exhibition right now at the museum, but it's also been requested by a German museum that's taking the Tate's show in the fall and I hope we can accommodate them. When these works of art go, the Mary Cassatt or some of the others, they become ambassadors for the area, because the label next to them says, 'Courtesy of the Wichita Art Museum' and people know that if they want to see the painting again they have to come to our area to visit.

These are works of art from the 18<sup>th</sup> century John Singleton Copley, probably a name that you recognize was painted around the time of the revolutionary war, just before in fact. *Mr. And Mrs. James Otis*, Mary Eileen Otis and James Otis, Copely and the Otis' were on the opposite sides of the revolutionary war and just before the war Copely went back to Britain, so one of the interesting things about these paintings and the collection at the museum is that you can not only enjoy sort of the aesthetic view of the collection but you can use them as teaching tools to children to teach American history.

This is Jacob Lawrence, *Concert*, from the Roland P. Murdock Collection which is the founding collection of the museum. Most of you probably know that the collection was the vision of Louise Murdock who was the widow of the business manager of the *Wichita Eagle* and when she died she left money for the City of Wichita to have a collection and she stipulated that her then young, capable Elizabeth Stubblefield soon to be Elizabeth Novice do the purchasing. Mrs. Novice was quite an ornery character and way ahead of her time and one of things that she wanted to make sure of was that art and artists weren't defined in the conventional sense of the word and she went out of her way to make sure that the collection represented not only white, male artists but artists from other spheres of our community as well African-American, Jews, Asian-Americans, women, so the collection is quite eclectic. So if we, right now, in our interests in being broad minded were to go out and try and purchase a Jacob Lawrence or Horace Pippin or Ben Shawn we probably couldn't afford it but thankfully for Mrs. Novice's foresight we have an astounding broad collection from an astounding broad community of artists.

This is a new addition to our collection; this is a Steuben *Green Jade Vase*, designed by Fredrick Carter in the Indian pattern circa 1925. I always tell people that, before he came to Wichita, I

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imagine Steuben to be like the little chatzkies on my grandmother's television set. But in fact Steuben has an art history that rivals Tiffany, started around the same time as Tiffany, but they ran into some marketing problems around 1930, so what they did to set themselves apart from Tiffany was to invent a clear glass with incised patterns, and they'd hire real artists to do or famous artists to do patterns on the glass. Matice, for example, John Stewart Curry, both of those men were hired to do designs on clear Steuben glass. The late F. Price Cozman who was an urologist here in town left a trust to promote Steuben glass here in Wichita, and fortunately had the foresight to identify the Wichita Art Museum as the beneficiary of that trust, so we have been for the last five years adding works of art Steuben glass and we've set aside a separate gallery the F. Price Cozman gallery to show these works of art.

One of the things the Museum can do besides collect works of art for the next generation of Sedgwick County citizens is to act as a repository or a place where other opportunities can be taken advantage of. This is Helen Frankenthaler's *Multi-Colored Tapestry*, which was made in 1974 for the Bank of America building on Douglas Street. It's 42 feet long, Helen Frankenthaler is probably the foremost living American female artist right now. It's owned by Bank of America, Bank of America of course wanted to move it to another bank as soon as the current Bank of America decided to renovate, and I made a play for it and was told that, you know, we were too small potatoes for them, and I said, but where are you going to find a 42 foot wall, and Bank of America said don't worry we've got London, we've got New York, so the next thing I knew after the kind of nasty put down I got a call from Bank of America in North Carolina to tell me well, they'd gone over to London and they'd measured the wall and the wall wasn't 42 feet long, so they guessed I could keep it until they had a bank with a wall long enough. But it's really an astounding beautiful piece and I think most people including me when they first see it think it's a painting, but we have it displayed so that members of the public can go up very closely and see that it's woven, each one of those is woven, the wool was dyed and it's been woven to look like a painting and I just think it's one of the most remarkable pieces in the whole Wichita Art Museum exhibition right now.

This is a little bit of publicity that came across my desk the other day, many of you know that we have a large Orthodox community in Kansas and in Sedgwick County and for that reason we broke away from our American art tradition, and took a collection of Russian icons from Northern Italy right outside of Pisa and I took it because the price was right. It was already in the United States at the American Bible Society in New York and they really pushed me hard to take it, primarily because I'd worked with one of the organizers of the exhibition at my previous job about 15 years ago.

I expected to try and find some resonance with our community but I didn't expect any international recognition, so I was especially pleased and Commissioner's you'll be getting copies, a packet of publicity, copies of the publicity with the relevant Kansas references highlighted, but we did get

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publicity in the Pisa newspaper and the two other newspapers outside of Pisa and this is a nice photograph of our Museum that appeared in the Poccioli newspaper or magazine whatever it is, and I just think it's fun and it also demonstrates that the Art Museum can be used as a vehicle to promote tourism and to bring recognition from a long way away from Sedgwick County.

This is the *Meyer May House*, Grand Rapids, MI., which at first call you would say doesn't have much to do Sedgwick County or Wichita, but in fact were going to have a big exhibition called Light Screens, the leaded glass of Frank Lloyd Wright opening on November 14<sup>th</sup> and going through January 30, and we are thrilled because the we've been able to use the exhibition, as an impetus to organize a kind of Frank Lloyd Wright festival here in Sedgwick County. Many of our sister non-profits are joining us in doing programs around the theme of Frank Lloyd Wright and what I find when these things happen is that there is kind of a cult of people who are particularly interested in early American abstract artists or Frank Lloyd Wright or whatever it is and suddenly they kind of descend upon you, especially if there's enough to do so we think instead of going to visit grandma, that we hope that grandma and the relatives and the friends will come to visit Sedgwick County over Thanksgiving and Christmas and January for our various programs. The light screens is an anachronism for stained glass. Frank Lloyd Wright also worked with Tiffany, another one who rivaled Tiffany in his designs of stained glass and the exhibition is going to highlight the three major periods of Frank Lloyd Wright stained glass and it will be a series of stained glass windows. Some 45 windows and then some complementary material as well, but other non-profits including ones for which Sedgwick County is especially active like Cowtown and Botanica are also doing programs, so we hope that this will bring in a lot of visitors and a fair amount of income not only to the non-profits but also to the area businesses.

There's a couple of slides of our visitors. I want to just give you some rough statistics. We estimate that 85,000 people will have gone through the Wichita Art Museum in the first 12 months of it's reopening, that's June 1, 2003 to May 30, 2004. Included in that group were 104 social service agencies. Social service agency groups are 1,282 people this year we estimate public and private school tours to be 63 groups or 1,899 people.

I'm especially protective of the social service groups, because I started out my career after school as a struggling artist working for social service agencies and I worked for very fine social service agencies as there are here, but it's not enough for people who are disabled and especially people who are dependent on others for care, to just eat and sleep. They need to get up, they need to have a

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life, they need to have something to look forward to and one of the things that the Wichita Art Museum can offer them is a purpose and meaning in life and especially on our free Saturday's we get an enormous number of groups, unscheduled, that just wander in looking for something to do with the Wichita Art Museum, and I think that's an extremely important purpose of the Wichita Art Museum to serve that particular group of visitors and citizens.

Technology, I just wanted to point out that this is our interactive area. We have a new philosophy toward interactive galleries. A lot of you remember the basement space for children down stairs that was kind of isolated and kind of a dumping ground for children. You now have an interactive space for children on our main floor called the 'living room'. Every year were going to have a different artist do an installation there and we'll have interactive activities around the exterior of the installation. We currently have an installation by an Oklahoma artist, Sonni Mercer. Our next installation is going to be on artist books, will feature a dozen artists including several from Sedgwick County. The living room is designed not only for children but for children and adults, so parents and children can look at the art together and do activities together. Adults without children are welcome to come in and they'll feel comfortable, and children are welcome there, so we feel that this is a major improvement in the capital project.

And finally I wanted to conclude with our Dale Chihuly, *Wichita Art Museum Confetti Chandelier*, already our confetti chandelier and our ceiling by Dale Chihuly have become must-see for tourists and for locals here in Wichita. We frequently get people just to come see that and nothing else, and with that I just want to also summarize what our budget is, because people always ask what our budget is. Our general operating budget this year is \$2.64 million. We anticipate bringing that down to \$2.3 million next year and our city support is \$1.28 million and our projected City support is probably slightly lower. Does anybody have any questions?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Yes. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "How are you making up your shortage for this year if Wichita is giving \$1.28 and you've got \$2.64? Where's the \$1.3 coming from?"

**Mr. Steiner** said, "We have earned income and we also have grants coming in, gifts."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "What was the City of Wichita support in 2003, do you know?"

**Mr. Steiner** said, "It was about the same thing."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. And what?"

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**Mr. Steiner** said, "The cut has come that we anticipate the state has not come though as much as I think the city would have hoped, so we anticipate a cut next year."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So is the state funding, is that where they're getting their money from? The state or is that . . .?"

**Mr. Steiner** said, "That's what they tell me."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So they're getting the funds from the State and passing it through to you?"

**Mr. Steiner** said, "What we try and do is raise \$500,000 a year from private sources, and then we try and earn about \$500,000 as well."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I was trying where the City was coming up with their money, because I know they have a fiscal imbalance too."

**Mr. Steiner** said, "They may also be coming up with it from the sort of tax base, and so forth I don't really know."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Ah, thank you. Charles, I just want to thank you for the presentation this morning. I think the presentation you made is a great example of the wonderful collection that we have out there and anytime we get a chance to publicize it and let people know about it. I think it's a good thing, because it's an excellent collection of art we have at the Wichita Art Museum and you're doing a good job as a curator, cultivating that. So I just want to say I appreciate it."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "The involvement of the County Commission in the renovation of the Art Museum happened before I came on board. But I just want to say that I'm proud of the Commission for doing that. I think that this cultural component of our community is very important so I think it was a good thing for us to do, what we do from here on under this current reality, I don't know, but I'm proud of the Commission for doing that, and I'm really proud of our art museum."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright thank you. Commissioner Norton."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well just to comment, if they haven't been to the Art Museum recently, you haven't seen the Art Museum, because it's so beautiful and so different than the other inclinations we've had over the years and you added on two or three different times over the years, I believe, have you not? From the original gallery."

**Mr. Steiner** said, "Oh, you mean we've built on?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Yes."

**Mr. Steiner** said, "Yes, we built on in 1952, I believe, and they had two wings and I believe they tore down the two wings, then they built on in 1977, and then again in this finished addition 2003."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, it's a beautiful facility. When you talk Museums along the river, we've built such a wonderful corridor there with Exploration Place and the Indian Center and Museum and Botanica and Cowtown, and of course the Art Museum is kind of the center piece of that whole area, so we're very proud of it as a community and you continue to do great work. Thanks for the report."

**Mr. Steiner** said, "Thank you very much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright Charles, well thank you again on my behalf. We appreciate the opportunity to celebrate the completion and the new opening. I think we all were pleased to have been a small part of that. We know it was a big project."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Small but Critical."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Small but critical, but I think everyone is extremely pleased with the result. We appreciate you being here today. We appreciate the contact you've made with each of us over the past few weeks and months talking about the Art Museum and the future of the Art Museum and so again we're pleased that you were here today and we receive your thank you graciously and we will certainly give consideration of what the Art Museum means to the community in the future. So thanks very much for your presentation."

**Mr. Steiner** said, "Just in closing, if I could just reiterate Commissioner Norton's encouragement for people to visit the Art Museum, especially the Frank Lloyd Wright festival, but before that as well."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners do we have a motion to receive and file this report?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you again Charles. Next item."

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **D. TREASURER'S OFFICE.**

##### **1. RESOLUTION EXTENDING COURTHOUSE CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS TO 6:00 PM ON MAY 10, 2004 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CITIZENS TO MAKE TAX PAYMENTS.**

**Mrs. Jan Kennedy**, Treasurer, Greeted the commissioners and said, "In the legislative session a year ago the house passed and the senate confirmed house bill 2397 which accelerated the second half payment date from June the 20<sup>th</sup> to May the 10<sup>th</sup>, so it's considerably shorter than it has been and this May the 10<sup>th</sup> will be our first iteration of that change. Although it is a permanent change, it's not just for now, it's forever, so we wanted to try to do. Something to help our citizens get a little extra, in terms of being able to make that earlier payment.

We have then partnered with DIO and Security to provide main entrance security for an additional hour on May 10<sup>th</sup> so that we can offer the citizens who wish to come to the courthouse to pay their taxes an additional hour that day. We believe it demonstrates Sedgwick County's commitment to

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customer service, as well as our willingness to adapt to changing needs. We'll give them that one last chance on May 10<sup>th</sup>, between 5:00 and 6:00. We will include this information in our reminder ad, as well as in news releases to publicize it as much as possible, and we'll have it on the website. Are there any questions?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Norton do you have a question or is your light still on?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "It's still on, but I will take the time."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think it's the...I'll take it, it's free, I'll take it."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Just leave his light on permanently."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think it's wonderful that we are trying to accommodate our citizens. So often people get caught up in their jobs or caught up in things and aren't serviced properly by County government entities or other government entities and this is just another way to maybe make it a little easier for folks that are working people to get by the Courthouse and take care of their business. So I think it's wonderful."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh      Aye

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

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

**2. E-CHECK ENHANCEMENT ALLOWING SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER FEES FOR PAYING TAG RENEWALS VIA THE INTERNET.**

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "In October of 2003 the State of Kansas Department of Revenue rolled out Internet renewals for our automobiles. That means you don't have to mail your renewal, you don't have to come into a tag office, you can do it at home in your pajamas. We had some press conference relating to the pajamas, and this has been well received. While it started off relatively slowly, we've seen 500 and 600 percent increases in the number of people the following year and we think it will continue to grow even more. One of the holdups and complaints and often comments that were given by citizens including our own Commissioner Sciortino, was that the service charge or the convenience fee that was charged by the people who did the back room for the credit card, Official Payments Corporation, was a little high. It usually ran between 2.5 and 3 percent of the gross value of the renewal cost.

We have been after the Department of Revenue for sometime to try and come up with some other alternatives that would be less overwhelming monetary for the citizens to use, so they have finally managed to do that and it will roll out hopefully tomorrow, that is the roll out date that I was told last and that is an e-check option. This is being done through accesskansas rather than the Official Payments Corporation and this will allow the citizens, for however many cars they renew online and whatever the total dollar charge is, to pay a one time \$3.00 convenience fee for the e-check. We think that this will exponentially increase the number of citizens in Sedgwick County who make use of this option.

You still have to meet the requirements, the vehicle has to be currently registered, you have to have a registration renewal PIN which is provided on the notices that are provided from KDOR, your address needs to be current on the renewal notice and the vehicle has to be insured by a participating insurance company, so that the insurance is part of the vehicle record, and then you

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have to have a valid Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover credit card, but if you choose the e-check option you don't even have to worry about having valid credit cards. So we're hoping people really do this and I hope that you will help us publicize the fact that tomorrow you can renew any number of vehicles online if they qualify for a grand total of \$3.00. Are there any questions?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "No Jan, I don't see any."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I have one."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Jan let's make it clear to the public I have five cars, if I get on the Internet and I register all five cars at the same time it's still only \$3.00, right?"

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "You got it, perfect."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I don't have five cars, but I just wanted to make that as a..."

**Mrs. Kennedy** said, "Well sometimes if you have one really special it's the same as having five."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. I don't think we need to take official action on this, this is more of a FYI, receive and file. So Commissioners is there a motion to receive and file?"

**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 Tim Norton	Aye

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

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

**3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TREASURER'S OFFICE STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE REALLOCATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE TAX AND AUTO LICENSE DEPARTMENTS.**

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "Commissioners our Human Resources assisted us and performed a compensation and classification study for both the tag office and the Treasurer's office in the courthouse. We have also coordinated with the budget department and we are requesting a reclassification of eight positions in the tax department and 13 positions in the auto license department. The 2004 budget impact will be funded from salary savings, and the 2005 budget impact we have funded from our target budgets. These reclassification commission recommendations underscore both our changing business environment and our core business areas. In auto license we've been challenged to meet increasing demands with the same number of employees. Some jobs have changed dramatically, so much that the reclassification is needed to recognize that the job requirements and to compensate our people fairly.

We handle more than 700,000 transactions a year in an ever more complex maize of rules from the Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles. In our call center we ask for approval to reclassify our information specialists because they now provide service for both tax and auto license inquiries and are projected to probably handle close to 180,000 calls per year. Last year, we received over 166,000 calls. Reclassification provides a fair banding and compensation compared with other departments within the county, as well as our local and competing market for good people that we want to retain. Our courthouse tax staff has been challenged to meet increasing volume demands of about 5 percent a year with fewer and fewer full time employees.

We've advanced our technology and improved the processes, but we've also challenged our employees to learn more and take more responsibilities. Once again, reclassification becomes a way to recognize the increased responsibilities of the people.

While our Internet and lock box operations do help lessen front counter crunches, we have provided better service to our customers, but those kind of improvements have increased the load on our accounting team from what was 2 ½ people to 4 people, as we do more credit card business and more Internet business there's more reconciliation on the back end. We believe that if you approve these reclassifications it will demonstrate Sedgwick County's commitment to

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our employees and the work that they perform. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Jan. Mr. Manager, I would assume, I see that Jane and Jo from Human Resources are in the room. Just for comment, we don’t routinely just do classification changes. I mean, there is a process that is gone through from beginning to end studying functions, studying jobs, comparing. Can you just speak to that and has this gone through all of that process.”

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioner’s and said, “Yes it has. A request can come in several different ways for reclassification but at some point the yes or no switch gets turned on by either Jo Templin, the Human Resources Director, or myself, and if it’s turned on to review the positions then Jane Morales does that through a series of questionnaires, site visits, looking at the operations and she then makes a recommendation. That recommendation is reviewed by Jo Templin and either is approved or not approved and then it is sent to me.

In the meantime, while that’s occurring the department is then required to not only use current resources to fund the position but also for the next year’s budget commit that there will be no request for supplemental. There will be no request for salary for that position, so if the division director, in this case the elected official believes it’s essential for their operations, it’s incumbent upon them to increase the individual salaries with the same resources that they had and figure it out some other way and this has happened in this process.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “And this has gone through all of those requests and met all those requirements?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Yes sir.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well, I think my question has been answered, but Bill I’ll ask, I’ll ask it just to make sure. I was getting a little bit confused about someone coming and asking us to approve a 2005 budget request and we had . . . This thing has got an echo, I don’t know.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “He’s still ringing.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “. . .2005 budget request when we haven’t even gone through it but I think you answered that it’s appropriate at this time to do that?”

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Departments, division directors and elected officials have submitted their 2005 budgets, in this case the Treasurer has submitted her budget with the salary increases in the target we had given her, so she has made it work."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, but now, does that mean then, if we're looking at our budget for 2005, and I know that the words have been used fiscal imbalance, we can't go back to Jan and say look we really got it worse here than we had anticipated, we couldn't request..."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Sure."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "We could not only request, could we just arbitrarily say I'm sorry, we got to cut this or that, so that's still a flexible?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "All that the Treasurer has done in this case is found a way with, in the resources she was given this year, in which the resources that we said if the financial plan works out the way we think it's gonna work out the resources that she'll be given next year that she's figured out a way to do this."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "But it hasn't limited..."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "All bets are off if we say financial plan is different and we have less money than we thought."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Got it, okay, I just wanted to know. Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right thank you. Commissioners, Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I was just looking at it. Do you have people that are already slotted in these positions and will they automatically move up into the next reclassification position?"

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "Yes, all of the reclassifications are current employees."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. Because it looks like the job titles are changing in some cases."

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "Yes."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "And there's more than just incremental changes in the salary, some of them. Most of them are very small, but some of them are quite significant. It looks like it changes a complete job title, is that correct?"

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "Yes. And that's a reflection, through the study that Human Resources did and Jane Morales, that the complexity and the duties that these people are currently performing are the equivalent of those other jobs. This is just a belated recognition that they're doing more than they were targeted to do by their classification."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I know it's gone through several filters. It just seems like, particularly on bookkeeper and fiscal assistant, there's three positions and they are all at different levels and they are all going to come up to the same level and that would indicate that maybe those people were performing different duties at different levels and with different expertise and now they'll be in a job all equal, and I just want to be sure you've thought through all that."

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "They were already performing those services for us. We were not recognizing it in our pay."

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

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "Or in the classification the responsibilities that they were undertaking."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Good. That's all I have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "There are no questions. We're ready for a motion."

### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the adjustments to the Treasurer's Office staffing table.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Jan."

**Ms. Kennedy** said, "Thank you Commissioners and thank you on behalf of the staff, and you don't have to wait until May 10<sup>th</sup> to pay your taxes."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Pay early, pay often. Alright next item please."

**E. GRANT APPLICATIONS (TWO) FOR 2005 FEDERAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL FUNDS.**

**1. OPERATION SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD: TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FOR SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT.**

**Mr. Dave Thompson**, Executive Officer, Sheriff, greeted the commissioners and said, "This is an annual grant opportunity that provides 75% federal funding with 25% local match. The first grant request is for training equipment for our community liaison unit. The goal is to increase their ability to be a crime prevention resource. In 2003, there were 371 burglaries reported in the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County. The training our deputies will receive is referred to as crime prevention through environmental design. It allows us to show people how to keep their homes and businesses safer, beyond the basic security checks normally done by law enforcement. The program focuses on how to keep security through landscaping, entrance and exit considerations and natural surveillance techniques. If you have any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Dave, I don't see any. Commissioners are there questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing

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substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. SUICIDE WATCH VIDEO SURVEILLANCE: EQUIPMENT TO ENHANCE SURVEILLANCE CAPACITY.**

**Mr. Thompson** said, "In November of 2003, at the request of the Sheriff's Office, the National Institute of Corrections came and audited the inmate medical services at the detention facility. One of the recommendations was for us to look at increasing our staff's ability to more closely monitor inmates that have been placed on a suicide watch. Currently these are restricted to a 15-minute physical watch. The addition of video equipment will allow us to have a more constant view of an inmate's behavior from their workstation. Fourteen cells will be set up with the ability to monitor the inmate remotely. The detention facility averages 13 inmates at any given time that are considered at high risk for attempting suicide or other bodily harm to themselves. There were 32 reports of attempted suicide in the detention facility in 2003 and the last suicide in the detention facility was in 2000. The equipment requested will allow detention and medical staff to be more proactive. Any questions?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners are there questions of Dave?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing

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substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Dave, I hope we're successful on these two grants. Thanks. Next item."

**F. DIVISION OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH MID-CONTINENT R/C MODEL BOAT RACING FOR USE OF TOM SCOTT LAKE AT SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK MAY 8-9 AND JULY 17-18, 2004 TO HOLD RACES, AND FOR USE ON VARIOUS OTHER DATES FOR PRACTICE AND HOBBY RUNS.**

**Mr. Ron Holt**, Director, Division of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation, greeted the Commissioner's and said, "The Mid-Continent Remote Control Boat Racing group has been holding model boat racing contests at Sedgwick County Park for many years. And what we're doing now is providing a one-year agreement with two races and then offering four consecutive years renewable, unless the agreements terminated under section 16 of the agreement. The two racing dates for this year will be May 8-9<sup>th</sup> and again July 17-18<sup>th</sup> and arrangements for those specific dates and practice times and all will be coordinated with the park superintendent. We would present this item for your consideration, ask that you approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner's questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman

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to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK JUNE 5, 2004 TO HOLD A DUATHLON AND A 5K RUN.**

**Mr. Holt** said, "This is an agreement with the Wichita Bar Association for a duathlon and 5k race to be held Saturday, June 5. This is again an annual event that we've had for sometime now. The association agrees to coordinate with the County Sheriff's Reserve with regard to traffic upon the County's roadways and for such purposes. We would ask approval of this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, questions?"

**MOTION**

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**3. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS PROVIDING CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY LAKES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

**Mr. Holt** said, "Sedgwick County has been enrolled in the Community Lakes Assistance Program through the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks since 1977. The initial memorandum of understanding was adopted in October of 1977. That was amended again in November of 1993. The memorandum of understanding outlines the responsibility of the Department of Wildlife and Parks for managing fisheries across Kansas and in providing technical assistance to local units who manage recreation facilities for fishing and boating.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has a great opportunity. They indicate to us they get additional funding through the federal government and to do so we needed to enter into a new agreement with them that would specifically focus on what our responsibilities were in light on the new grant opportunities and what their responsibilities would be. Again, the same program just more opportunities for additional grants to upgrade and maintain our lakes at Sedgwick County Park and Lake Afton Park. We would ask the commission to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Ron. Next item."

### **DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **G. FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500 TO UNITED WAY, TO BE USED FOR AN EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS.**

**Ms. Debra Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item involves an overflow shelter which provides shelter for individuals who would otherwise not have shelter options during the coldest months of the year which are December, January and February. Three hundred and four people were served in these facilities last year. This has been a partnership, in terms of supporting that between Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita and the United Way. Our current provider has indicated that they will not be doing this next year and so we are recommending that we go out for a request for proposal, and the United Way has stepped forward and said they are willing to handle that process.

So this particular agenda item transfers \$12,500 to the United Way, which the City has already approved from their side to do, and they will issue the Request For Proposal and we believe we will have a couple of proposals from individuals who have already indicated an interest. I'd be glad to answer any questions and would recommend you approval."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "This money is to fund the development of an RFP, is that?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "No, this is the money that will back up the RFP."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "That will implement whatever provider or whatever. Okay. I understand. Thank you."

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**Ms. Donaldson** said, "This is the money for the proposal."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright. Thank you."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Wait a minute."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "For the overflow shelter."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "The money we approved previously."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "This is the money that will be used to house people in an overflow shelter whenever somebody submits a proposal says yes, I'll house X for Y?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright, other questions or comments?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the funding to United Way.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh      Aye

Commissioner Tim Norton          Aye

Commissioner Carolyn McGinn      Aye

Commissioner Ben Sciortino        Aye

Chairman Thomas Winters          Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Debbie. Next item."

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**H. GRANT APPLICATION TO UNITED METHODIST HEALTH MINISTRY FOR FUNDING OF AN ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE.**

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I thought I'd introduce this topic for a couple reasons; one is that Sonja Armbruster will talk about this program that we are about to begin and I think it's important for a couple reasons, but first I want to tell you that in a causal conversation with the people at the Methodist..."

**Ms. Armbruster**, Communication and Grant Writing Coordinator, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "United Methodist Health Ministry."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "United Methodist Health Ministry Sonja discovered that they had a deadline for submittal of a grant and she came to us and said it's got to be in in a couple days, and so I'm here asking for forgiveness and mercy because we've already submitted the application to meet the deadline. I wasn't terribly concerned about it, since we weren't obligating ourselves to any employees, but we are asking you to prove it after the fact."

The reason this is important is because when we all attended the health assembly, the Sedgwick County Assembly with Wichita State about the prescription for healthy families. One of the things that was overwhelming in the information that came out of there was educating the public about health issues and the whole issue in this area about poor oral health. There's lots of conversation about whether there should be fluoride in the water or not. Well, we don't own a water system and that's an issue for people who own water systems. Sedgwick County's not going to carry the banner for fluoride in the water, but there is a way in which we can talk to citizens in and around this area about the importance of oral health and what happens when you don't do it, and I think that's an effort that the Health Department will embrace and needs to continue to go out of our way to assure that folks understand that issue, so Sonja's going to tell what we're about to do."

## **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Armbruster** said, "I just wanted to paint a little bit of a picture what the kinds of problems that we're facing in our community. Every year, the schools are required to provide free dental exams to children and our Dental Director from the Sedgwick County Health Department sees about 7,000 children each year, so not all of them but many of the children in this district. And

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her results show that 17% of the children that she sees in Clearwater have untreated decay. Not meaning that they have a cavity that's filled, but she can just look in their mouth with a tongue depressor and say yes you have a cavity that needs dental attention medical attention. So 17% of those children and 47% of the students in Wichita schools that she sees have untreated decay. I don't think we'd let 47% of our children walk around with broken bones, but we will let them walk around with this kind of decay in their mouth that causes pain and results in pretty major negative effects in their life. So this is an important concern. What are the differences between Clearwater and Wichita? Well, economically they are different. The poverty level is significantly different, but also Clearwater has fluoridated water.

Additionally, a typical day at the Health Department as a volunteer dentist serving for a few hours, three or four hours, two weeks ago, our volunteer dentist saw five children. Of those five children, he extracted nine teeth and three of those teeth were permanent teeth, and we know that when children loose their teeth it affects their self-esteem. They don't smile, they have negative impacts that affect all of their academic life and then their life as a citizen in our community, so we know that this is an important issue that we need to address.

Additionally, there was a research study done in Sedgwick County done by the Kansas Health Institute in the year 2000 and this is the research brief. They went into dental offices where children actually do receive dental care and they reviewed 463 charts and they found that 75% of the children in Wichita have cavities, nearly five each and in fluoridated communities the difference is that they have .5 to 1.5 cavities, so there's a huge difference in fluoridated communities versus non-fluoridated and we have to deal with the realities of our community, even though the CDC has been recommending fluoridation of the water supply and that it's one of the top 10 achievements of the twentieth century.

We also are concerned about the needs of the poor since we serve a lot of those folks at the Health Department and the research from a variety of different places including the NHA's survey shows that the poor have much greater need in dental care, that 29% of poor children have dental cavities by the age of four. That's so early, so we have this important initiative, we've got to do something about it. So, we found out there was a grant application opportunity at the United Methodist Health Ministries fund and I spoke with our president and we discussed opportunities that we have in Sedgwick County to increase our outreach and oral health issues.

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We requested \$37,818.00 for two purposes; the first is support for a clinician conference. We'd like to host an clinician conference for dental hygienists, dentists, physicians and nurses in our community. We have support from the Medical Society of Sedgwick County and the University of Kansas School of Medicine provided letters of support for this application because they would like to address this issue in response to the Health Assembly. So why would we need to be about educating the docs? We need to educate them because we know that the best health education that happens, the greatest compliance is when a patient receives it chair-side, when their nurse, when their doctor says you should do something they are more likely to comply.

In addition to that though, we requested funding for materials to be used in education for toothbrushes and toothpaste for bottled fluoridated water for a variety of opportunities so that when we go see these 7,000 children we put something in their hand that reminds them they need to take care of their teeth. When our 13,000 WIC clients come every month we can talk to them and provide increased outreach and services through what we already do. The key message that we hope to promote is that people should brush twice a day with a fluoridated toothpaste and that they should floss daily and avoid the sugary snacks and sodas and that they should see their dentist every six months and should drink fluoridated water and our overall goal is that the Health Department will be able to provide education and improve oral health behaviors in our community. Even if we don't receive funding, this is an important issue that we will strive to use media advocacy to increase the level of awareness and improve oral health in our community. And we would ask that you approve grant application. I'm happy to answer your questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Sonja, good presentation. Commissioners? Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. On the statistic you gave about how many of the children were in our health clinic for dental care was that an average, I mean each day that we're open we have five children and do nine extractions? Or was that just a snapshot of one day?"

**Ms. Armbruster** said, "That was just a snapshot of one day. Our clinic sees about 775 children. The children that are seen at the Sedgwick County Health Department do not have health insurance through any other means. If they have Medicaid or something like that we try to help them get to a dentist who will take Medicaid clients, although we also know that 80% of children on Medicaid do not seek regular dental attention. But our children come for cleanings and that sort of thing but we don't have a dentist every day, so that doesn't happen every day, but that's a typical day when we have a dentist available to see the children."

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Well that’s just deplorable that we have a situation like that when with fluoridated water we can take a giant step into helping those kids with their oral health. It’s exasperating to me, maybe not to all the Commissioners.”

**Ms. Armbnruster** said, “I appreciate that, I agree.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “So anyway I’m in favor of this, Sonja, I appreciate the presentation.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “I’m certainly going to support this. I grew up in the industry actually and worked in a dental lab and had to make teeth for those who didn’t take care of their teeth, and it’s so important and people don’t realize how important dental healthcare is for the rest of your body. It’s just one element that affects everything and so it’s such an important thing for people to understand. Don’t take your teeth for granted, they have to be taken care of. And I just wanted to add one thing that I don’t think people really realize is, especially little children, they’ll see the decay on the tiny baby teeth and think that ‘Well, when that tooth pops out we’re okay, we’ve got a brand new tooth coming in’. The unfortunate thing is that that decay goes on down to the permanent tooth and sometimes you can even have decay in the permanent tooth before it even has an opportunity to grow properly. So I’m glad to see that were doing this. I think this is part of our healthy initiative our healthy communities and so I’m certainly going to approve this.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well it’s good to have a daughter of a dentist on the bench here to explain these things to us. I’m excited that we’re starting to take action from the Health Assembly. You know, we defined some pretty critical issues for our community based on that assembly and the surveys that we got back prior to that and we know that dental health affects our general health and this is just the tip of the iceberg of some of the issues that we need to take on in a very broad based comprehensive look at the health of our community.

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So, I'll be very supportive but as we move forward we know we're going to have to do much more on dental health and oral health and our community. This is just scraping the surface for young folks and we've got so much more to do. Obviously, the fluoride issue will be a huge debate in the community, but there are so many other levels we can work on. If we never get into that debate, there's so much else that we can do and I hope we're dedicated to continuing to push that at all levels through the public health system, so I'll be very supportive. Thanks Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Any other questions or comments? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Mrs. Armbruster** said, "Thank you very much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you both. Next item."

**I. FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 TO KANSAS FOOD BANK, TO BE USED FOR THE BUILDING CAMPAIGN.**

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Have we got somebody here who wants to speak for the Kansas Food Bank? It looks like all the heavy arterially to me."

**Mr. J.V. Lentell**, Vice Chairman of Intrust Bank, former Chairman of Kansas Food Bank, greeted the Commissioner's and said, "The food bank is celebrating it's 20<sup>th</sup> year in existence in Wichita and we serve about 128,000 Kansans in 86 counties each month and it's astounding the needs that are out there and that are growing the way they are, and the food bank has frankly outgrown it's present building. Before I go any further, I do want to introduce our executive director Brian Walker, who's here doing an outstanding job, and our current chairman Kenny Dunnan, and Mr. Cuba and Mr. Sheldon, I believe, and I don't know if we have any others or not, are in support of this issue and hard working board members.

Several years ago, the Food Bank Board determined that we were in a outdated building and had outgrown it tremendously and the first question we get is why are we building a new one, and we have looked hard at existing buildings. I personally have looked at several throughout the last four or five years and each time we find one there are problems of either the floor's not heavy enough to support it or the ceiling's not high enough or it's going to cost more to remodel it. So we have purchased the ground and paid for it on East Douglas, next to the interstate, right across from the Bulger Cadillac previous location. The previous building has been torn down and the land has been prepared and all that's paid for.

We are trying to raise about \$4.5 million for this building project here in Wichita, we have a campaign more than that for outside counties, but this is just for Sedgwick County. Most of our requests obviously are in Sedgwick County and the services we provide, we provide food for about 400 agencies and we've had tremendous support from this Commission and from the City and the public sector throughout the years and I want to thank you in advance for what we hope you'll do and what you've done in the past. So, we'll be happy to try to answer any questions. I think it's important to know that we have a \$775,000 challenge grant from Maybe Foundation and with that challenge we need to raise about \$3.25 million additional, and we are well on the way of doing that. We have about \$2 million in solid commitments on the books. We have another \$1 million or so that are not so solid, but we are well on the way to raising this money and we hope to have it completed before the end of the year.

So the request to you all and this is rather short and sweet , but if you have questions, we'll try to answer. It's for \$250,000 paid over three years and we would hope that you would approve that, beginning the payments this year. I think you all are aware of what the Food Bank does, our annual budget is in the area of \$700,000, as far as actual food that we get. We get most of our food through Second Harvest, which is a clearinghouse, nationally, that serves about 200 food banks across the nation. So we put out millions of pounds of food a year that we don't have to pay for, that comes through this organization. It's a great organization and one that I've

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supported for many years, as I know many of you have and that's kind of our story in a nutshell. And any of our associates here would help me answer questions if there are any, but we really appreciate your interest in this project."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I'm going to be supportive, but I got to tell you, I'll be glad when there's a day when we knock the building down and say that we don't have to ever do this again. It is amazing to me in a country of such abundance that we still have people that can't put food on the table and kids that go hungry every night, and every time I see the staggering numbers in our nation of children and families that can't provide nutritional ingredients for their family, it just is staggering and I can't believe that a county of such great wealth and abundance has to have these kinds of programs. Now having said that, I'm going to be supportive of what you're doing because you do great work, but it is just sad that we have to have these kinds of programs in our community, when we have such great wealth."

**Mr. Lentell** said, "Well put."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "That's all I have Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Certainly I'm going to be supportive of this and have been a supporter of the Kansas Food Bank for a long time, and in fact was privileged to have served on Board in the mid '80's toward the beginning. I was in the trucking business at that time and Virginia White needed a trucker with a truck, so she recruited me and I spent a short time on that board and participated again. And I believe it was in 1993 that Billy McCray, then Commissioner, and myself kind of helped with the final payoff of the mortgage note at the present facility and I believe we held a mortgage burning ceremony right there in the middle of the warehouse. And so Sedgwick County, over the years I think, has played a role in the Food Bank and I think again this new project is going to serve a tremendous amount of people here in Sedgwick County, but really all over a larger part of the state.

So, I'm going to be supportive of this request and hope we can move forward and have a great facility, but as Commissioner Norton indicated I hope there's someday when we really don't need a facility this large. Commissioners are there any other comments?"

### **MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to approve the funding to Kansas Food Bank.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you all very much for your work with the organization. Next item.”

### **J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2004.**

**Mr. Jerry Phipps**, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioner’s and said, “You have the Minutes of the April 15 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts’ and there are four items for your consideration.

#### **1) 905 N. MAIN PARKING LOT - FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item one, 905 N. Main parking lot for Facility Project Services. It was recommended to take the low bid from Ritchie Paving for \$30,247.00.

#### **2) RE-ROOF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM - FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item two, re-roof African-American Museum for Facility Project Services. It was moved to accept the low bid including alternate one from Roof Mechanics \$41,400.00.

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**3) ASPHALT SURFACE REJUVENATION – PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item three, asphalt surface rejuvenation for Public Works Department. It was moved to reject the bid received and re-bid at a later date, reason being over the engineer's estimate.

**4) MENTORING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRAINING – HUMAN  
RESOURCES  
FUNDING: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Item four, Mentoring program development training for Human Resources. It was moved to accept the proposal from DRI Consulting to execute a contract for not to exceed a cost of \$53,120.00.

I'd be happy to take questions or recommend approval of minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright, Jerry. Yes, we do have a question. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just for the record, where is 905 N. Main? I mean what is that facility on the paving?"

**Mr. Phipps** said, "It's where the Community Corrections Department is."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And then on item number 3, we've rejected that bid. It says we've sent it out to 15 vendors, but am I not correct that Cutler is the only vendor that really does that process, that rejuvenation process?"

**Mr. Phipps** said, "David Spears is here to address that question, and yes."

**Mr. David Spears, P.E.**, Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioner's and said, "That's almost true. There are other companies throughout the United States that do it, but they are sort of regionalized and they don't really cross into the other one's region. This is a recycling type of a project and we do this with the curb and gutter roads, because you can't continue to overlay above the curb and gutter. The height gets too high so you need to recycle and keep it the level of the gutter and that's what the problem is. I guess I would have to say, as we say in the engineering business, we've got to go back to the drawing board on this one."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. Well, obviously they know we feel the price was too high and were not going to take it so."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "They'll have to sharpen their pencil a little bit next time we re-bid it, is that correct?"

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Norton, do you have . . .?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I did have one more. As we move forward on our mentoring program, I think that's critically important to the future of our organization. If you know anything about organizational behavior, it's very important that those that have the intellectual knowledge and the history of your organization, that they share it with those in the organization that are coming up through the ranks so that you build that organizational history and that organizational capacity and you do that through a mentoring program. You can have bosses, but bosses are too close to the actual supervision of the technical side of doing your job and aren't particularly as close to giving you the kinds of suggestions in your career that will move you to the next level and that's what mentors do and I think that's why we're developing a mentoring program.

I understand that we'll start out with a consultant that will mentor our biggest group of senior managers and then hopefully, as they learn the mentoring process, that will precipitate through the organization and we won't need a consultant, but will take it on in house. But you really have to start somewhere and with a good consultant to give us guidance at the senior executive level hopefully will permeate through the whole organization in the years to come. I just wanted to be sure the public knew that. That's all I have Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "David, just real briefly I don't know if you need to try to explain this publicly to me, but I'd like to have you walk me through that item three again. If indeed, from a practical point of view, nobody else will bid on this item and we need the item, what real leverage do we have over the guy to lower his prices? He could say 'Here, take it or leave it'. Is there somebody else that will come? You just said that they won't. Rejecting it seems to me not to have too many bullets in the gun."

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**Mr. Spears** said, “Well, there’s a couple of items in the bid and one of them is we had several manholes that have to be adjusted, and there’s different ways to do that and the bid on those manholes was rather high we thought. Another item is there has to be some extra milling done and were looking back at that to see if it did have to be done and possibly it did not have to be and we’re looking at that, so there’s a few things we may be able to adjust and hopefully come back within the budget.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Now the question that I have is how do we get into a position, this is a bad position, if these companies have colluded and figured out how to have defacto monopolies, I think that’s against federal law or something. You can’t just say, ‘I’m sorry this is my district and you can’t move into it’. It’s a little dangerous because then we don’t have the negotiating.”

**Mr. Spears** said, “I’m just sort of generalizing. I think they will cross the boundaries if the job is large enough.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, that’s enough. We don’t have to get into it, but I was just questioning. That’s all I had, thanks.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Any other questions or comments about the Bid Board? If not what’s the will of the board?”

### MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Jerry. Commissioner’s there’s no Fire District and we...next item. I guess we have another item”

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**K. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Agreement with City of Goddard providing on-line access to Sedgwick County’s electronic data.**
- 2. Agreement changing the Chief Elected Officials Agreement regarding Local Elected Officials Board adopted October 9, 2003 to incorporate changes to how a participating party can terminate the agreement and how property acquired under the agreement will be disposed of upon termination of the agreement.**
- 3. Assignment of Contract to provide mosquito surveillance, collection and testing from Dr. Tom Janousek to Francis Okeke.**
- 4. Termination of an existing agreement with Gold Star Medical Transports to provide assisted transportation for the elderly and for the disabled as a vendor for the Sedgwick County Transportation Brokerage.**
- 5. Ratification and confirmation of the actions of the Sedgwick County Board of Canvassers’ meeting of April 9, 2004.**
- 6. Order dated April 14, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 14 – 20, 2004.**

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V04010	\$231.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.
V04011	\$328.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.

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V04012	\$316.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.
V04013	\$244.00	Butler	Savannah Park Apts.
V04014	\$500.00	5	David Rinke
V04015	\$298.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.
V04016	\$286.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.
V04017	\$291.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.
V04018	\$158.00	Butler	Brookside Cottages
V04019	\$216.00	Butler	Savannah Park Apts.
V04020	\$475.00	Harvey	David Burkett
V04021	\$425.00	Butler	Alvin Wilson
V04022	\$412.00	2	Samuel Valdez
V04023	\$678.00	5	Kemp Properties
V04025	\$237.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.

- 9. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V94034	\$325.00	\$363.00
V03036	\$219.00	\$217.00
V03134	\$700.00	\$700.00
V020030	\$317.00	\$285.00
V01083	\$498.00	\$316.00
V020027	\$505.00	\$480.00
V03037	\$189.00	\$174.00
V01087	\$481.00	\$481.00
V03033	\$565.00	\$541.00
V98022	\$565.00	\$565.00
V01086	\$435.00	\$436.00
V03041	\$625.00	\$700.00
V03042	\$331.00	\$300.00
V01081	\$478.00	\$482.00
V01085	\$490.00	\$490.00
V01095	\$283.00	\$247.00
V020028	\$183.00	\$291.00

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V99029	\$313.00	\$315.00
V020030	\$240.00	\$33.00
V20128	\$339.00	\$356.00
V99022	\$124.00	\$139.00
V2045	\$162.00	\$177.00
V99021	\$133.00	\$148.00
V010126	\$224.00	\$239.00
V010147	\$82.00	\$232.00
V99036	\$201.00	\$216.00
V01060	\$392.00	\$615.00
V010111	\$565.00	\$700.00
V010101	\$460.00	\$416.00
V020021	\$325.00	\$302.00
V94081	\$298.00	\$273.00
V01041	\$534.00	\$493.00
V03075	\$275.00	\$275.00
V01032	\$141.00	\$375.00
V01058	\$156.00	\$171.00
V03077	\$509.00	\$218.00
V03086	\$163.00	\$380.00

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Mr. Chairman, this is my most important event of the day. You’ve got the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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### VOTE

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay, now we have no Fire District meeting and we do not have an executive session today so, is there other business?”

### **K. OTHER**

**Chairman Winters** said, “I guess I’d begin by saying that we had a good event out at the zoo last Saturday. The Links for Life 5k and shorter runs I believe a total of 800 folks ended up registering for the races and with the other parents that were there was probably over 1,000 people. It was a beautiful morning and it was really, I think, came off very well. And trying to promote and educate people to become aware of the signs and the risk factors associated with suicide and to bring that to the public’s attention, so it was a great day out at the zoo. Everything went off very well. The race organizers did a excellent job of having many various distance of races for all ages could participate, including a walk and so it was a really good event at the zoo and I see Debbie Donaldson is here and Debbie, you can relay to all of those that were involved that from our perspective, it was certainly a good event. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well the first think I’d like to talk about is we did participate in the KANSEL trivia challenge on Friday night and I hate to report that Sedgwick County finished second to the Eagle team, but for two years we were number one, and I felt that it was just one of those things where maybe we needed to step down and let the media have their day in the sun. They just don’t get much press coverage themselves, so I thought it was a pretty magnameous gesture on our part, but we did have a good time. It raised a lot of money for KANSEL. I think there was 18 teams of eight and a lot of other spectators. It was good food, good times and certainly some of the questions were trivial.

I would like to also acknowledge that we had a couple of runners at the Links for Life, Manager

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Buchanan actually ran the 5k and I'm proud to say that I sit next to a Commissioner who ran the 5k, and actually ran it and finished it. She looked like she was about to pass out, but she did it and I'm very proud of her."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "It's a jog that you could have walked along the side, that's how fast my run is. Anyway, I made it."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, you did it and I'm very proud of you, Commissioner McGinn. On Saturday I also participated in the Goodwill telethon. They raised a lot of money for Goodwill and it's a great organization in our community and then finally that evening I wrapped up with the Cattlemen's Ball and that was also a great evening for the American Cancer Society, raised a lot of money.

I would like to say that this Friday night that I will be at the Haysville library at midnight. They have a readathon and for 15 years I've read at midnight at the Haysville library. I start out with a selection of Edgar Allen Poe, and read the *Raven* at midnight and then if anybody knows that it starts out 'Once upon a midnight dreary' so that was my selection. This year I've also invited quite a few people in my community for a chili feed, just to stop in the library, you know, suffer through a little indigestion with my reading, a little indigestion with my chili, but support the Haysville library. If anybody in the audience would like to stop by and hear a little Edgar Allen Poe, I'd be glad to have them at the Haysville library, as they do their readathon and their fundraiser."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "You can accommodate all three of the people in the audience, do you think?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, there's a huge television audience and I would...I have sent the invitations to the Commissioners. They're welcome if they don't have anything to do at 15 until 12 on a Friday night stop by."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I have something to do that night."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. I just want to publicly acknowledge the skill and the expertise and the capability of our Communications Director, sat in a seminar last Friday that she directed. She's left the room, she's not going to hear this, but she did a great job and Commissioners and Department heads from across the state were there to learn some techniques in communication and they were all very envious of the asset that we have in Kristi Zukovich and they are envious of our ability to have that resource. Not everybody has a staff as large as

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ours, but she did a great job and was very helpful and so maybe she's watching somewhere.

And then lastly I just want to say I was also out at the Link for Life and I was just thankful that as our Chairman was starting the races and showing these four and five year olds how to stretch to the left and stretch right, twist a little, I thought he was going to hurt himself, but he did a great job so, that's all I have."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Let me just say something."

**Chairman Winters** said, "It's not your turn."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "She was done, she going to talk too?"

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. Well I just wanted to say to, I thought that Link for Life program was great and the people that worked in the background to put that on that was a huge success for a first time event. It was very well attended and whoever was putting it together knew exactly what they were doing. So I think there's a great future for that. I had two lifetime milestones in my life that day. I ran three miles. I've never done that in my life. I do want to know who put up the three good runners. Somebody met me at the zoo gate at about a half mile out, about the point I was ready to start walking, and said 'Hey we're bringing you in'.

And I thought, you know, kept looking at my heart rate monitor and that was running at a higher rate than I was used to but anyway, I don't know who they were, but it forced me to finish that at a little faster pace than I had desired.

And then the other thing is that I helped with our after-prom for Sedgwick High school and stayed up 25 hours and so I've already shared to Commissioner Norton I will not be there at midnight this weekend. I've done that and I've served my time. And that's about it, other than hopefully our team for KANSEL trivia will get back on track. It was the first year I was not in attendance and it was the first year that we lost and I don't know what participants were different but anyway, I understand it was at least close and you're right Commissioner Norton, maybe we needed to let the Eagle have one time at least in a few years. That's all I had thank you."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Let the record show that Josh McGinn was not also there."

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Which was a huge factor.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Yeah.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Finally, I get to say something? Okay, lets be nice Commissioner Norton, try to challenge you on wordsmithing and the eloquence in which you try to convey to the newspaper people. The bottom line was they cheated better than we did, and with McGinn on board next year, that’s going to be impossible to do.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “I think it was a pretty fair race. We just came in two points short. Is there anything else to come before the board? This meeting is adjourned.”

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
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