

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 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, May 12, 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; Dr. Doren Frederickson, Health Officer, Health Department; Mr. Bill Farney, Interim Director, Health Department; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Mr. Joe L. Norton, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE; Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department; Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Dave Rush, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. John Roth, President, Wichita Convention and Tourism Bureau.
Mr. Tom Smith, Department of Finance, City of Wichita.
Ms. Mildred Edwards, Research Director, WSU Kids Training Team.
Ms. Stacy Rucker, State Training Coordinator, Kids Training Team.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Sherdeill H. Breathett Sr., Associate Pastor of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 28, 2004

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Unruh was absent at the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2004.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2004.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 8-16, 2004 AS "NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Wichita is vital to our economic stability and growth and it contributes substantially to Wichita's cultural and social well-being, and

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WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry significantly enhances our personal growth and education, while promoting intercultural understanding and appreciation of Wichita's history, geography and culture;

WHEREAS, travel and tourism is one of America's largest service exports providing a trade surplus of \$5.5 billion last year. It is one of the nation's largest employers with a total of 17 million jobs, that is one in every eight people; and

WHEREAS, without the tax revenue generated by tourism, each U.S. household would pay \$884 more in annual taxes; and

WHEREAS, spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averages \$1.4 billion a day, \$60 million an hour, \$1 million a minute and \$17,000 a second; and

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry supports the vital interests of Sedgwick County, contributing to our employment, economic prosperity, international trade relations, peace, understanding and goodwill.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 8-16, 2004 as

“NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and encourage citizens to become tourists in their own communities and across the State of Kansas.

Dated May 12, 2004.

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And we’re very fortunate, in this community, to have John Roth working every day, all day on convention and tourism issues and a great board to assist him. So John, welcome.”

Mr. John Roth, President, Wichita Convention and Tourism Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Sedgwick County Commission. I am John Roth and certainly I do work hard every day, but I would tell you there’s several of my team members here with me and they really are the hard workers. I just show up. But I’d also like for them to stand or join me as well up here.

We have just a small token that we’d like to share with each of you also recognizing this as National Tourism Week, but just a little token also to kind of show you all the things that help us make Wichita and Sedgwick County an easy sell.

But I’d just like to quickly say we thank you for this wonderful proclamation and this is the fact that, all across the world, that communities like ours celebrate national tourism week and it really recognizes the economic impact that tourism has on a local economy. Certainly, groups like the Women’s International Bowling Congress or the women bowlers that we’ve been so fortunate to have this year make us realize the economic impact. But however, there are a lot of smaller groups on the year to year basis that come to our community and we certain appreciate all that they do as well in terms of our economic impact in our local community, and I’d like to say thank you to each of you for your partnership in tourism and all that you do with some of your wonderful attractions and contributions to our efforts. And specifically to Commissioner McGinn and Ron Holt, your director for serving on our board and helping us with our leadership in driving tourism in this local area, so thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right John, thank you very much. And are these staff members that are with you here? Why don’t you just introduce your staff. We appreciate the work they do.”

Mr. Roth said, “I’ll start to my right here, Michelle Evans is our Director of Destination Sales.

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Tiffany Challison is our Communications Director. Olivia Reynolds is our Vice President of Sales and Marketing and Craig Simon is our Director of Membership and Development.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, very good. Well thank you all for the work you do in the community and thanks for the little token. All right, Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “The lights are shut off.”

Chairman Winters said, “I had them shut off.”

Commissioner Norton said, “The power of the Chair.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I didn’t think we were going to let John leave without having any comments up here. So anyway, thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to say thank you to John Roth and the entire staff at the Convention and Visitors Bureau. You guys are out there on the street, pounding the streets trying to bring people in here. And if the folks that are in our viewing audience listen at the beginning, when Kristi announces kind of what’s on the agenda and what’s going on in the community, every week she has something to share that’s going on in the community. So I have a hard time believing those folks that say there’s nothing to do. And it’s not just the Wichita community, it’s Sedgwick County and it’s our surrounding counties. There’s many activities going on in this whole region and plenty to do.

And then the other thing, I just want to share how so important it is to have tourism in our community. You know we think about the challenges that government has to provide public services and human services and those kinds of things and much of the burden comes on property taxes. And if we ever want to get away from that, one key element is tourism, bringing other people into our community and through those dollars providing the services to our community. Let the people from the outside come in, and we have a lot to offer here I think, with our museums, with our cultural attractions and those kinds of things. And so my hat’s off to all of you for all the work you do and also to Ron Holt, who works for us here at Sedgwick County. He has the Department of Fun, so to speak is what we call it here in Sedgwick County and we keep him very, very busy. It’s amazing how many things that we’re doing here involved at Sedgwick County to provide those entertainment opportunities but to make our community a better place to live. And so, thank you all for being here today.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, certainly you know, I’m very supportive of everything that you

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do to try to bring people to our community. You know, Kansas is kind of one of those Plains states in the middle of the country and sometimes plain is good. You know, we . . . It's a great place to raise families, a great place to do business and people need to know that. And one way to shout that is through the Convention/ Visitors Bureau to let them know that this is a great place, there is a lot to do here. It's a hidden jewel of the Plains, as I call it and you do so well to promote that for us, so we really appreciate all that you do in our group."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Unruh, do you have a comment?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, it's not my light but I'm happy to get to give one. I'm very appreciative of the work you do and you know, this is a wonderful place. And Commissioner Norton, Commissioner McGinn said if very well, we're thankful for your efforts."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much John for you and your staff being here. Next item."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 10-16, 2004 AS "COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 44 million Americans, equal to the combined population of 24 states, do not have health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, eight out of ten people who are uninsured are in working families; and

WHEREAS, there are 8.5 million children in America without health coverage; and

WHEREAS, uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who are covered, and suffer needlessly because they go without the health care they need; and

WHEREAS, with health care costs climbing rapidly, employers and working families in our community are finding it harder to afford coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Health Department provides safety net care for thousands of uninsured Sedgwick County residents each year; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2004 as

“COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America’s greatest problems.

Dated May 12, 2004.

Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board with this proclamation?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And here to accept the proclamation are Dr. Doren Frederickson and Bill Farney of the Health Department.”

Dr. Doren Frederickson, Health Officer, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’d like to thank the Board for this proclamation and just point out, this is part of a national

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movement actually, funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at the national level and United Methodist Health Ministry Fund here in Hutchinson, Kansas to bring attention to the 317,000 uninsured Kansans and 75,000 uninsured children in Kansas and to their needs. You've alluded to the importance . . . the difficulties for employers and the overall social problems related to no insurance. With this recent recession, many Kansans are one job loss, one job change or family emergency away from losing health insurance or from bankruptcy if something happens.

And so I'd like to thank you for your support of Cover the Uninsured Week and turn it over to Bill Farney."

Mr. Bill Farney, Interim Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to echo what Dr. Frederickson has said about the support for the uninsured and I'd like to mention just a couple of things that are going on in the community this week. Three of them are educational/ informational types of meetings and conferences and the fourth is a health fair at the Center for Health and Wellness.

Right now, at WSU, is a small business seminar in which the small businesses are educated on some of the health insurance options that are available to them. Tomorrow is a press conference that includes United Methodist Health Ministries Fund, Via Christi and the Kansas Hospital Association. This is 1:30 to 3:00 and it is primarily reporting the results of a national survey of the uninsured. That is 1:30 to 3:00 at the St. Joseph Campus.

On Friday is a meeting of the Inter-Faith Ministries at the Hotel at Old Town, and that is 7:00 to 8:30 and again, that includes leaders in the Sedgwick County community. On Friday . . . Excuse me, later on this afternoon, from noon until six, is a health fair at the Center for Health and Wellness, 2707 East 21st Street and that is a clinic in which there are some free health screenings being conducted, Diabetes detection and this includes the six safety net partners in the community. These are: Sedgwick County Health Department, Center for Health and Wellness, Good Samaritan, Hunter Health Clinic, Grace Med and Guadalupe. So a lot of things going on in the community this week on this topic."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. Commissioner Norton has a comment."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well it's staggering to me that 317,000 Kansans are without insurance and one of the things that we learned out of our Health Assembly was how critical this issue is. And it's not an issue that is being reversed in our society. It's an issue that continues to grow and at staggering numbers, as the economy doesn't turn around, as jobs are outsourced, as

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companies find ways to cut costs, as small businesses totally drop out of providing any care for their individuals and for people that just don't have jobs that particularly access any kind of insurance. That movement towards non-employment based insurance is going to be a critical issue in our country in the next ten to fifteen years, if it hasn't already started to reach critical mass right now.

And I think it's very sad that we have to have a proclamation that talks about covering the uninsured. Somehow, the kind of dialogue we had at the Health Assembly needs to be at the forefront of what we do for our community. And it seems like it's one of those hidden things that we have a hard time talking about. It is expensive. It gets to be a quagmire of government and business and individual agendas that don't allow us to take care of all of our citizens. And maybe, hopefully, next year we'll have a proclamation that says we covered the uninsured. A little bit different play on this. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I would just like to make a comment about I know first hand the importance of this, of being involved in small business for all of my life and actively now for the last 40 years, I know how difficult it is to solve the dilemma of providing health care for your workers and at the same time, trying to keep your doors open because it has become just an unbearable problem.

When we figure that eight out of ten people uninsured come from working families, we know that the issue has reached the critical level already. So I'm supportive of the resolution and I'm just hopeful that, in the near future, we can find some way to solve the problem. And I appreciate what you all are doing through our Sedgwick County Health Department. I know that we're doing as much as we can do. There's more to be done and we're going to continue to try to find ways to serve our citizens in Sedgwick County. So thanks for what you're doing and let's figure a way to do more."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Because of the lack of health insurance out there, I think people do need to have these opportunities to have these health screenings, so that they can get more on the preventative side instead of on the cost side as they catch things later. You had mentioned the Health and Wellness screening that's today, is that what you said? This afternoon. There's also McAdams Neighborhood Association is having one on the 15th at the

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Phyllis Wheatley Community Center and they're having their first annual McAdams Community Fair, and they are also going to be doing some health screenings and those kinds of things too.

So if you can't make the one this afternoon, I think you might be able to get in on that. But these are great opportunities for those that don't have insurance to kind of find out where they are as far as, I don't know, the Diabetes screening, maybe cholesterol and those kinds of things and then maybe they can change some things on their own, through their diet, and prevent some of these things from happening. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you both for the work you do for Sedgwick County and for the citizens of the County. We appreciate it very much. Commissioners, we have an Off Agenda proclamation."

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda proclamation.

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation for the Young at Art Day for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the WSU Kids Training Team Annual Calendar and Art Show provides a venue for Kansas children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) to display and celebrate their artistic efforts; and

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WHEREAS, the vision was that if kids had a place to see their efforts shine, they might benefit and be inspired to continue on their path of growth and healing; and

WHEREAS, over 100 children with SED from more than 15 Kansas Mental Health Center have submitted artwork to be displayed at the upcoming art show; and

WHEREAS, this is the fifth year for the annual Art Show which began in 1999 with approximately fifty pieces of art; and

WHEREAS, the WSU Kids Training Team and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services are committed to serving children with SED, and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, do hereby proclaim the day of May 16, 2004 as

‘Young At Art Day’

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to join with the WSU Kids Training Team, to celebrate the artistic efforts of children with serious emotional disturbance.

Dated May 12, 2004.

Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And I believe we have Stacy Rucker here, state training coordinator for Kids Training Team and someone else whose name I don’t know.”

Ms. Mildred Edwards, Research Director, WSU Kids Training Team, greeted the Commissioners and said, “And again I’m joined by Stacy Rucker who is our state training coordinator. We’d like to thank the Board of Commissioners for hearing and learning more about the Kids Training Team and our upcoming Young at Art Day.

What I’ve provided for you, in your offices, and this will be available to you is one of our calendars. This is again our fifth year and this is an award winning calendar that features the art of some of the youth in our community that are suffering from serious emotional disturbance. The art show on Sunday will feature over, as the proclamation states, 100 pieces of arts from over 15 mental health centers throughout the State of Kansas. So we invite you all to come out and we also have a button for you that represents the Young at Art program. Ms. Rucker will tell you more about the Kids Training Team and what we do in the State of Kansas.”

Ms. Stacy Rucker, State Training Coordinator, Kids Training Team, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The state has contracted with us to provide training for the emotionally disturbed population, as far as the providers who work with them. We would also like to thank Marilyn Cook as part of COMCARE, because they were instrumental in getting the first ever art show started, which has now began a major statewide operation, I guess you would say. And we also hope to take this art on to a statewide association conference in Olathe in September and also it will also be published in the calendar too.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Now, if folks wanted to take advantage of this and see this art, where is the location that you all will have this on display?”

Ms. Edwards said, “We’ll be at Durksen Fine Arts Center on the campus of Wichita State University. We’ll be hosting our art show in conjunction with a . . . I think it’s an auto show that will be held on campus as well, a car show. And our event will be held from 9 to 4, right in the rotunda of Durksen Fine Arts Center. So again, we invite you out to take a look at some of the art that we’ll have on display.”

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Chairman Winters said, "All right."

Ms. Edwards said, "Hopefully, some of our artists will be present as well."

Chairman Winters said, "Well very good. I think it sounds like a worthwhile project and with five years of history, that's saying that it must be successful and the young people hopefully learn a great deal and as you say, perhaps begin to grow and heal and all of that. Sedgwick County certainly has a huge commitment to any kind of mental illness that folks have, children and/or adults, and so we appreciate all the work that you and your group are doing in this area. And we wish you the best of success and having a great show on Sunday. All right, thank you folks. Madam Clerk, next item."

PUBLIC HEARING

B. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPLE AMOUNT OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick and Shawnee County have successfully co-issued the Kansas Local Government Home Ownership Program, or as we commonly call it the Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bond program, for low and moderate income home buyers throughout the State of Kansas for over twenty years. We have cooperation agreements with 103 counties and 270 cities.

Currently, about \$2,000,000 is used each week for participants, as they buy a house, and the average house costs \$67,000 dollars. They get a 4% cash grant, 4% of the mortgage amount, for down payment and closing costs.

This last February, the IRS raised the purchase price limits across the state for existing and new housing. The increased purchase price limits will allow us to do two things with this program for the 2004-A program. First, low and moderate income families living in high-cost areas, like Johnson County, can buy housing that will accommodate their family's needs. Second, because of

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the anticipated increase in loan volume, we are going to be able to eliminate the lender commitment fee that was an upfront fee lenders paid to secure a block of the allocation. That fee was always returned to them, as they sold their loans to the master servicer, but we believe it was a barrier to some smaller lenders.

These public hearings are required by the IRS. The IRS governs these programs, before the issuance of private activity bonds. This hearing will cover the issuance of up to \$200,000,000 in single-family mortgage revenue bonds issued in one or more series by Sedgwick and Shawnee County. So if you don't have any question, maybe this is the time to open the public hearing."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, I don't see any questions. At this time, I would open the public hearing to accept comment from the public on our Item #B. Is there anyone in the public, in the meeting room that would like to address the commission on our Item #B, the issuance of the single-family mortgage revenue bonds? Again, is there anyone in the audience? Seeing no one, we'll close the public meeting. Brad, what do we need to do next?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Just accept that and then we'll go on to the resolution, the next item."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item."

NEW BUSINESS

C. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, 2004 SERIES A, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS.**

Mr. Snapp said, "This resolution will allow Sedgwick and Shawnee Counties to co-issue up to \$75,000,000 in single-family mortgage revenue bonds for the 2004-A program. In the past, a program this size would serve over 1,000 homebuyers, but with the increase in purchase price limits, it will just be something we need to watch and we've got quite a bit of money to work with. So if you don't have any questions, or if you have any questions I'll try to answer them."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, it looks like we do have one. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, Mr. Chairman. Brad, I'm just a little confused. The item right before us, we had a public hearing about issuing \$200,000,000 and then this one is 75. Are

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these two tied together? They're two separate items or what's the difference?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Well, they're tied together in that the \$200,000,000 . . . we're likely to issue another, possibly a 2004-B series of \$75,000,000 again."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so this is . . ."

Mr. Snapp said, "So the public hearing will cover . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So this is \$75,000,000 now we're going to issue of the \$200,000,000 that we just . . . Okay, got it."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, any other questions or comments? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Brad, you'd talked about the limits being doubled. What is the amount that's allowed for . . .?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Well, they vary for different MSA areas, but our limit is about \$230,000 for a house. Now, you know most buyers aren't going to qualify for a house that large, but if you look like do an Internet search for housing in Johnson County, three bedroom, two bath, you know those are very expensive houses compared to our market, so that will just help those higher end markets."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, well I understand. Well this just kind of makes available a family that has larger requirements because of the size of their family, now they can avail themselves of this program."

Mr. Snapp said, "We used to have quite a few calls from people frustrated in the high-cost areas, and before the limits changed, they were \$125,000 for a house in Johnson County area, that was a pretty small house, people just . . . it would accommodate a lot of their family needs."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, I understand. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks. Brad, just in case someone listening is now hearing that there's going to be money available to give assistance. I'm sure there's qualifications and income, but could you give a phone number that if anybody listening is interested in finding out more about this program, who to call and get that information?"

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Mr. Snapp said, "I'm glad you brought that up. The home buyer, for the person interested in learning more about the program, the best place to look is on our website. It's www.sedgwickcounty.org/housing. There's a good description of the program there. There's maps they can open up to see all the target areas throughout the state, all the purchase price and income limits are listed there. If there are lenders that are interested in getting into the program, I would invite them to call either Chuck Boule with George K. Baum and his number is 264-9351. They are the underwriter for the bond program, and they'll send invitation documents to those lenders and tell them what they need and what's required. Also, if lenders want to know what's required as far as documentation, they can call Ransom Housing Compliance. Their number is 269-2231 and they can also call our office, the Housing Department, at 383-7148."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. Now again, if an individual wants to have information, what number could they call?"

Mr. Snapp said, "That would be the 383-7148."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great, thanks. Just in case they don't have a computer or don't have access and they just want to call. Okay great, thanks."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much and I would acknowledge that Charles Boule with George K. Baum is here today, if anybody should have any questions of him. Are there any other questions or comments? If not Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Brad. Next item.”

2. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS AND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #259 FOR A REVISED NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’ve all been frustrated when we try to find information about different government programs and services and we’ve had to go to different offices and found out there’s different regulations to learn and we’ve had difficulty trying to get that information. In this case, if you’re interested in neighborhood revitalization within the City of Wichita, you’ll find that they’ve put all the programs into one neighborhood revitalization plan. That way, if you need any information regarding neighborhood revitalization, there’s one place to go.

Today, even though there’s a number of programs contained in this plan, today we’re concerned only with one of programs, and that’s the one authorized under the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act. In Sedgwick County, the neighborhood revitalization act programs are currently operating in three communities: Haysville, Sedgwick and the City of Wichita. Today, what you’ll have for consideration is a renewal for another five years of the current program that’s here within the City of Wichita. Today, we have Tom Smith, City of Wichita Finance Department, who will present some information for you and be able to answer questions about the actual program operation.”

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Tom Smith, Finance Department, City of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The item before you today is a renewal or continuation of the tax rebate program provided pursuant to state law. The Sedgwick County Commission approved the original neighborhood revitalization plan on March 11, 1998 and it is now time to renew that program if we wish to continue it for an additional five-year period.

The neighborhood revitalization plan is required by state law in order to create a incremental tax rebate program, intended to encourage the reinvestment and improvement of blighted and declining areas of the city. The neighborhood revitalization plan provides for tax rebates for the increased additional property taxes actually paid by persons renovating or constructing new homes or buildings within the neighborhood revitalization area. The tax rebates typically carry a term not to

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exceed five years. On your chart in front of you, on the screen you can see that for single-family it's 95%, the maximum building permit value there's no limit. Primarily, that's because the target area is primarily the core area and we're wanting to encourage infill housing in the core area of the city. And multi-family at 75%, five years, we cap the maximum amount of \$500,000 for the building permit value for multi-family. For commercial and industrial, it's 75% and we cap that at \$250,000 of the building permit value. For historic properties it's 95% and there's no limit. That's because we want to encourage the renovation of historic structures throughout Wichita.

This is the neighborhood revitalization area within Wichita. The dark blue areas are the boundaries. There's a fairly large area in the core part of Wichita. Then there are two smaller neighborhood revitalization areas around the Hilltop area and then in the Planeview area.

The neighborhood revitalization plan is designed to focus resources, grant programs, loan programs and tax rebates within blighted areas as an inducement for homeowners and businesses to reinvest in these areas of Wichita. The neighborhood revitalization plan is designed to stabilize the neighborhoods by rehabilitating homes, by providing incentives for affordable housing, to encourage property owners and businesses to improve the property, encourage downtown housing, encourage new infill housing and eventually increase the property tax base in these areas.

The neighborhood revitalization plan that's before you today was developed in cooperation with Sedgwick County staff. In addition, we also met with Sedgwick County Legal staff and Sedgwick County staff from the Appraiser's Office and there were several minor corrections that were made in the plan and those have been included. Fundamentally, the plan before you today is simply a continuation of the program that you approved in 1998, with some slight boundary changes based on the new 2000 census data.

The City Council approved the neighborhood revitalization plan and the inter-local agreement yesterday on May 11, 2004. We plan to present this to the school board on June 11, 2004. Under state law, all three governing bodies must approve the plan and execute the inter-local agreement.

Staff today recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve the plan, approve the inter-local agreement and authorize the Commissioners to sign. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer those."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you Tom. We do have a couple of questions. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah Tom, just . . . sometimes I've got to be responded to slowly, but just to clarify anything, five years ago we established this and let's say a person built a new single-family home five years ago. That person got a 95% rebate of the new assessed value of the

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home. By renewing this, does that person that built a home five years ago get an additional five years rebate?"

Mr. Smith said, "No sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, this is just to encourage . . . to continue to encourage people to invest, but once I invest, the maximum I can get for a single-family home is five years."

Mr. Smith said, "Correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, got it. Thanks."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Were all the thresholds five years?"

Mr. Smith said, "Yes sir."

Commissioner Norton said, "And was there a dollar amount that you had to invest over and above the incremental?"

Mr. Smith said, "Yes. The minimum investment to be eligible to apply is \$10,000."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's residential. Is that commercial too?"

Mr. Smith said, "That's for any of them, because anything below \$10,000 doesn't really generate enough increase in value to generate a rebate."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Over the five years, how many instances have we had of people applying and using the neighborhood revitalization and how many dollars has that kept off the tax rolls but that has been put into infrastructure? Do you have that number?"

Mr. Smith said, "I can tell you, over the last year, we processed about 60 applications. That's about average per year of all the applications and we pay out approximately \$55,000 in rebates per year. Our projection for the next five-year period for the Sedgwick County portion of the rebates is approximately \$182,000."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. School district participates also?"

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Mr. Smith said, "The school district could be somewhat higher, because of the mill levy rate for them, as well the city is about \$202,000."

Commissioner Norton said, "How do we advertise this to the general public for those areas? You know, this is one of those ideas that I think has gained legs through the legislature probably eight, nine years ago and across the state has not been used very adequately in my mind and we need to get the word out that this is pretty powerful for people that want to revitalize areas and in a lot of cases, it's not blighted areas, it's just putting money into infrastructure to make an area better or to improve housing or commercial values. And five years, I think the threshold can go up as high as fifteen years, so five years is a pretty small window for us to start recouping our tax base, given that it could be fifteen to twenty years. So, how do we advertise this? How do we get the word out, because 16 a year just doesn't sound like very many?"

Mr. Smith said, "No, sixty per year."

Commissioner Norton said, "Oh I'm sorry, sixty. Even sixty to me doesn't sound like a lot."

Mr. Smith said, "Yes, it has slowly grown over time and it continues to grow. Our marketing includes the city's website. We advertise it through our neighborhood city halls. We advertise it through our housing services program. We market it directly to the Realtor community. We also market it with our Community Housing Development organization and they've really stepped up to the mark here in about the last 12 months in utilizing this program. We're now starting to see new single-family infill developments where every one of the single-family homes are applying for a tax rebate. That's something that we haven't seen in the previous five years."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, this is one of those legislative items that, with people griping about government putting tax money into buildings and infrastructure, this is a chance for every citizen to take advantage of that and to improve their property, to improve their small business, to make their neighborhoods better. So there is kind of an idea that government shouldn't put money into entities, tax money into it, but this allows every citizen to take advantage of that and to improve their property."

Mr. Smith said, "That's correct. There are no income limits or special qualifying. You provide the building permit. If it's within the area, you automatically qualify."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, just to kind of move on what Tim is saying, I understand it’s on the website and we have it posted in the . . . but that’s kind of a . . . more of a passive form of marketing. Have we thought about going out and conducting seminars with the, I would assume the home remodelers have an association, the Wichita Area Builders Association and actually asking to attend their meeting and make a presentation and let them know what’s available? I would think a home remodeler could use that as a . . . I don’t want to say gimmick, but as a hook to try to, if they’re sending out flyers, you know, ‘You could have your new roof on your house and look at the rebate’ and aggressively or actively market this to the folks.”

Mr. Smith said, “I agree with you and I think that’s something that we could ask our housing services department to do. I would tell you that periodically we do and have done direct mailings to every property owner within that area and we’ve done that twice now. It’s fairly expensive to do a mass mailing to everyone.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. Well, if you would like to have any assistance, you might want to call, I don’t know, Kristi Zukovich. I mean, we can make like a little AV presentation packet or something and then set up times . . . well, I’m not saying we, you, I mean, but set up times that you could go out and make a little presentation. That wouldn’t cost a lot, other than time to get out there. But I think the concept is good and I agree, unfortunately I think it’s being underutilized but this is one of the best ways I’ve seen lately as to how to reverse the deterioration in neighborhoods and I encourage you to do whatever you can to make it successful.”

Mr. Smith said, “Thank you and we’ll follow up on your recommendation.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right Commissioners, any other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Plan; and approve the Agreement and authorize the Commissioners to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino 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 very much, Tom and Irene. Next item.”

3. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS.

Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The item that you have before you today is a resolution change that addresses how we license our private wastewater installers. Approximately two and a half years ago, we started the regulation of installation of these systems and the licensing program. In that time frame, we have learned that with the new technology that’s out there, that we need to modify the way we license and how we do our business, basically.

The changes that we have are we would require an additional license for the advanced treatment type systems and there would be continuing education requirements for the installers who install not only the septic, lagoons but also for the advance treatment type systems. There is also a fee increase in there for the advanced treatment system that does not affect the standard lagoon or standard septic system.

All of these changes have been reviewed with our respective boards. Our wastewater installers board has reviewed. In fact, many of these changes were requested through the board members themselves. The plumbers associations have looked at this and our plumbers trade board has reviewed it and agreed to it, and also the Wichita Area Builders Association, it has been presented to them and they have no problems with it. So I’ll be glad to answer any additional questions that you’d have at this time.”

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Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, do you have any questions or comments of Glen?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

D. STATEMENT OF COSTS AND ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY; AND PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the first step in the process, you may be familiar with, spread special assessments for public improvement projects initiated by the County previously. This year, there are three projects fitting in that category: Hidden Estates Addition drainage, Deer Lake Estates 2nd Addition streets and phase two of street improvement to Savannah at Castle Rock Ranch 9th Addition. The recommended action is to approve the statements of cost, the proposed assessment roll and establish

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May 26th at 9 a.m. for a public hearing, at which time the affected property owners may appear before the Commission and address any questions or comments they may have to you.

Hidden Estates Addition is a project area located near the Sedgwick/ Butler County line, between 31st Street and 39th Street South, as depicted on the screen before you. The plat map for the projects is depicted here and outlined in the red area. There are 20 lots within the benefit district. The proposal is to assess each lot equally.

The next project is Deer Lakes Estates 2nd Addition. This is located just southeast of the intersection of K-15 and 47th Street South, the red circle. The plat map again is a residential area, which is proposed to be assessed equally per lot.

The third project is Savannah at Castle Rock Ranch 9th Addition, again east of 143rd Street, north of 13th Street East. The benefit district is depicted in the red area. All property are to be proposed assessed equally, except for the four lots which are located right this lower area here. Those are proposed to be assessed one-half of the regular lot, because they have previously been assessed for a portion of the cost of this street that came in here. This was in the petition that had authorize the improvements.

I might add that each of these projects was initiated by a petition signed by the property owners proposed to be assessed. The Bureau of Public Works and the Finance Department has prepared this preliminary statement of costs for each of the projects. The key lines here are the total assessments, that's the amount proposed to be assessed for each property or lot within the benefit district. The assessment per lot, again equally for the first two projects and this is the incremental cost for most of the lots in the third project.

The time schedule proposed for this project is, assuming you take action today, is to hold the meeting for the public hearing on May 26th, consider the assessment resolution at that point in time.

If you take action today, there will be a mailed and published notice of this hearing. Each of the affected property owners will receive a letter indicating the amount of their proposed assessment and the date and time of the public hearing. At the conclusion of the May 26th hearing, the assessment resolution will be presented for your consideration. If it is adopted, again notices will be sent out to the affected property owners and giving them a period in which they can pre-pay these special assessments. If those assessments are not prepaid, then the county will sell general obligation bonds later this summer, during the week of July 26th to spread these projects over a 15-

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year period, with interest at the rate the county gets on its bond issue, with the closing to be in mid-August.

Again, the recommended action is to approve the statement of cost, assessment roll, and set the date and time for the public hearing. Mr. Weber from Public Works is here and he and I would be attempting to answer any questions you may have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much Joe. You may have said this, but are these basically new additions? They’re not existing neighborhoods, are they?”

Mr. Norton said, “Well, some of these projects have been continuations. For example, Savannah at Castle Rock 9th, this is new construction in an area, this is the 9th phase of that project. The other projects are new construction areas, which have been petitioned by these property owners.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, very good. Pretty straight forward I think, Commissioners. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Was Savannah at Castle Rock where we had some other controversy about streets and assessments going through, or was that an area just close to there?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “It’s very close, but it’s a different development.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. I just knew we had some problems in there with streets and assessments. It’s a whole different . . .”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I different project, yes.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Any other questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve Statement of Costs, Assessment Roll and Notice of Public Hearing; establish May 26, 2004 at 9:00 AM as the date and time for a public hearing; and authorize a notice of such public hearing to be published and mailed as required by law.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Joe. Next item.”

E. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

1. CHARTER RESOLUTION REPEALING CHARTER RESOLUTION NUMBER 55 AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROCUREMENT POLICY.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In 1995, the County first chartered out of the state laws that govern county procurement and the County did that by adopting Charter Resolution number 50. In 1991, that resolution was amended by Charter Resolution number 55. What you have before you is a proposed revision of that. This resolution would replace Charter 55. The changes that we are proposing to Charter 55 are for the most part mere clarification of Charter 55. They are intended to resolve questions and confusion that has arisen about various interpretations. We are not proposing to change what the County does in procurement with most of the changes that are in this resolution, but rather we’re attempting simply to make sure that everybody understands what the rules are.

Among those changes are a provision that explicitly gives the County’s purchasing director authority to make emergency purchases. There is language concerning the purchase of insurance that is intended to address uncertainty that has arisen about whether or not insurance purchases are covered under the section concerning professional services. The definitions of professional services and of legal services are made more precise, to eliminate any confusion about when requirements for competition may be waived.

There is new language authorizing the purchasing director to make purchases using Internet based auction services, which occasionally are referred to as reverse auctions. This is a technology that has been used successfully by businesses and governments around the country, including a number of governments here in Sedgwick County, but it’s been unclear whether or not our charter

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resolution would permit it, and so we are including language that explicitly authorizes the purchasing director to do so.

There are two substantive changes in this resolution. The first of those is a new section that authorizes county staff, under certain conditions and following certain procedures, to amend contracts up to certain limits. There are provisions in the proposed resolution that establish controls over staff's ability to do that, so they can't abuse the privilege and there are provisions requiring notification of both the County Manager and you whenever a contract is amended.

There also is new language that is language that didn't appear in Charter 55, authorizing the County Manager to execute contracts up to \$10,000. That language is essentially the same as language that had appeared in Charter 50. It had been taken out of Charter 55 because at the time we thought it was unnecessary, but since then there have been questions arise about what the County Manager's authority is and so, to avoid any confusion, we're putting the language back in or we're proposing to put the language back in.

This is a charter resolution, and so it is subject to a 60-day protest period. Once the resolution is adopted, if it's adopted today, it will be advertised for two consecutive weeks in the daily reporter and it will take effect following the 60-day period that commences after the second of those advertisements, if a valid petition has not been filed with the County Clerk at that time.

I'll be happy to answer any questions about what's before you. If you have no questions, I recommend your approval of the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. I have a couple of quick questions. Chris, part of this I believe was patterned after Johnson County process and I think we learned some pluses from them and have looked at their similar charter ordinance that pertains to procurement and that's where we got some of these ideas."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, in particular pertaining to contract amendments, yes. The existing charter resolution has always been silent as to the process for amending contracts, and so we've taken the position that that means any contract amendment must come to the County Commissioners for approval. As a practical matter, on some projects under some circumstances, that causes delays in projects and it causes actions to be brought to the Commission that the Commission really doesn't want to mess with for small, technical amendments.

And so we looked around and David Spears actually found language that is in a policy, a resolution adopted by Johnson County and that has been used successfully by them for about 10 years, and so we're plagiarizing much of their language and incorporating it in this proposal."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Second question, Rich Euson, you've reviewed this

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and from your standpoint, this is acceptable in clarifying language that's going to be helpful?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, said, "Yes, we did approve it as to form and I did send Commissioners a note regarding one slight revision that I recommended to Section IX, which would further clarify the County Counselor's authority to enter into contracts and I would still recommend that you pass this resolution, subject to that recommended change in the wording."

Chairman Winters said, "Is that change in the wording in what we're . . . If we take the recommended action, is that included in there?"

Mr. Euson said, "It is not in the recommended action, because it came after this appeared on the agenda."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, so we do need to make that clarification then, if we choose to do that."

Mr. Euson said, "If you choose to do that, yes."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. What is the clarification though that we're talking about here?"

Chairman Winters said, "I believe in the prior resolution, any hiring of outside legal counsel has gone through Rich Euson's Legal Department. Is that correct? Maybe that's not correct."

Mr. Euson said, "That is correct."

Chairman Winters said, "And that's the way that you suggest that we continue. And I believe I saw a note from the Manager who said, I thought he said, that that was his intension also."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "It was never my intent to hire any legal staff unless directed by the County Counselor."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Well, I have another question. This new resolution doesn't in any way eliminate any checks and balances that already exist in our purchasing processes."

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Mr. Chronis said, "No, sir."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. It just makes us more efficient, more responsive just to the ongoing day to day business."

Mr. Chronis said, "I believe so. It will eliminate some confusion. It will provide for some greater efficiency and, in fact, it does add some checks and balances over certain aspects of procurement."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, very good. Thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well, wait just a second before you make a Motion. We just need to then make sure we're clear that as who has authority to hire legal counsel, and that remains with the Legal Department unless directed by the Board of County Commissioners."

Mr. Buchanan said, "You can always change that policy. That's pretty inherent."

Chairman Winters said, "That that's the intent."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes. The County Counselor hires all the legal staff, yes or all the outside legal . . ."

Chairman Winters said, "Outside legal counsel."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Here's a way to maybe get it. I'd like to maybe try that I would make the Motion, as recommended by legal counsel. Would that be a sufficient Motion that would get your concerns into the . . ."

Mr. Euson said, "I think that would be fine, yes."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Charter Resolution as amended or recommended by County Counselor.

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, “Thank you, Chris. You have another item? Then I won’t say thank you yet then. Next item.”

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE COSTS.

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioners, this resolution declares the County’s intent to make improvements to the courthouse and I’ll explain in just a minute what that means. And also it authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in an estimated amount of \$8,950,000 to pay the cost of the project and associated financing costs.

You may recall that, I believe about a year ago or maybe a little longer than that, the County adopted a charter resolution defining ‘courthouse’ for purposes of debt issuance and the definition that you adopted provides that the County courthouse is this building and any buildings that the County owns that serve a governmental purpose that are located within three blocks of this building. And that allows us to construct any projects within that jurisdiction, within that territory using general obligation bonds and that’s what we’re proposing to do with this resolution.

The specific improvements are the facility that we’ve referred to as 9-1-1 facility that is planned for construction about a block north of here on Main, between Main Street and Market Street. As you know, that facility will serve a joint purpose. It will provide space and equipment for the County’s Emergency Communications Center, the 9-1-1 facility, and additionally it will provide for a new Emergency Operations Center and office space for the County’s Emergency Management staff. The total costs of that project is estimated to be a little bit over \$10,000,000.

The County has a dedicated funding stream, the 9-1-1 Telephone Surcharge, that can be used to pay for the portion of that building that will house and equipment the emergency telephone operations. That revenue source, however, cannot be used to pay for the portion of the building that will not be used for the Emergency Telephone System, that instead will be used for the Emergency Management Service.

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And so, the plan of finance for this project calls for the proceeds of this bond issue and about one and a half million dollars of accumulated telephone surcharges to be used to pay for the project, and for the bonds to be repaid by a combination of telephone surcharges and property tax levies. We estimate that the surcharge, the telephone surcharge will be able to pay for about two-thirds of the total annual debt service, which we estimate will be \$655,000. The balance of that \$655,000 will necessarily be paid with County property taxes or other general County revenues, and if it's a property tax, then at the current assessed values, that would require a tax rate of approximately .068 mill. That is less than 7/10th of one mill to repay this debt.

These bonds will be subject to the County's adopted debt policy, which establishes a series of limitations, or benchmarks that limit the amount of debt that the County can issue and the issuance of these bonds will not cause any of those ceilings to be exceeded. If there are no questions, I recommend your approval of this resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, are there questions or comments concerning this resolution?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Charter Resolution.

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, Chris. Next item."

Commissioner McGinn left the meeting room at 10:11 a.m.

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F. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

1. AGREEMENT WITH COWLEY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER (CMHC) FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES TO CMHC EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you an agreement that maybe should have been referred to as professional courtesy agreement with Cowley County Mental Health and Counseling Center in Winfield. They have a similar agreement with Sumner Community Mental Health Center as well and what this essentially does is that we agree to do one consultation with their staff who need or may need mental health services at no charge, and then if we assess them to need some on-going care, they would use whatever insurance they would have, or if they’re residents of Sedgwick County and I imagine those are the ones that would be more inclined to come to us within Sumner, they would be eligible for our sliding scale. So, it’s a matter of having an opportunity for their mental health center staff to not have to go to their own center should they need mental health services. Be happy to answer any questions that you have on this.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioners, any questions, comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Next item."

2. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO EXTEND THE 2003 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004.

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The contract amendment will extend the 2003 Community Crime Prevention grant for Catholic Charities through June 30th. They receive a grant for their Family Advocate program, which works with families served through the homeless shelter to insure continued stability and improved outcomes for children.

Extending the grants was actually approved back in September for the 2003 grant applications and most of the grant amendments were approved back in December. We had a couple of stragglers that just now we've got ready for the agenda. Catholic Charities took longer because we added a new outcome for 2004, recommended by our external evaluator. The external evaluator wanted to see if families served through this had reduced incidents of child abuse/ neglect reports. Obviously, those are highly confidential information and it took a significant amount of time to be able to work out a system where they could confidentially assess whether families that were served through that program did or did not have abuse or neglect reports on their children. So all that is in place now and I would recommend approving the agreement and authorizing the Chairman to sign."

Commissioner McGinn returned at 10:14 a.m.

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a Second. And Jeannette, on this item and the next item, really the basics are we're just getting them on the time frame with Juvenile Justice Authority grant systems, so our plan and theirs are going to be in sync with each other, time-wise."

Ms. Livingston said, "Correct, absolutely correct."

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Chairman Winters said, "All right we have a Motion and a Second. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote please."

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. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO EXTEND THE 2003 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004.

Ms. Livingston said, "This is absolutely the same reasoning behind extending this grant. Mental Health Association receives a Community Crime Prevention grant for their Conflict Resolution Skill Building program that works with preschoolers. This amendment had some budget issues that needed to be worked out. They had some staff changes and that's some of the reasons why it took as long as it did to get this one fixed to where we can have a budget we both agree on. The recommended action is to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Amendment to Agreement 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
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Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And Jeannette, I would share with the Commissioners that Jeannette accompanied me last Thursday to the Kansas County Commissioners Association, where we did a little short presentation on our prevention funds and our partnering with community agencies and Jeannette did a great job and had a good Powerpoint. And so I thank you for making that trip up to Salina.”

Ms. Livingston said, “Well thank you. It was very informational and I was really glad to see the interest among the county commissioners.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Next item.”

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 1. GRANT APPLICATION TO HOFFMAN LAROCHE, INC. FOR FUNDING OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR A HEPATITIS C SUPPORT GROUP AND HEPATITIS C PATIENTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County Health Department coordinates a Hepatitis C support group that meets on a monthly basis. The grant funds requested would be used to purchase educational

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materials for the Hepatitis C support group and the Hepatitis C patients that live in Sedgwick County.

The support group increases awareness and knowledge about the disease in a variety of settings, such as schools, universities and drug centers, hoping to reduce its transmission and spread in Sedgwick County. Our recommended action is to approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioners, you have questions or comments of Pam? 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 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

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

- 2. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, THROUGH THE BUREAU OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND DISEASE PREVENTION, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2003 ELECTRONIC IMMUNIZATION DATA QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT.**

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Ms. Martin said, “KDHE, through the Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, has awarded the Sedgwick County Health Department \$12,500. This incentive award is based on previously established performance criteria from our 2003 electronic immunization data system and its interfacing capabilities with the Immunization Registry. Our recommended action is to approve the acceptance of this award.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioners?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Accept the Grant Award.

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, “Next item.”

3. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A CLINICAL ROTATION SITE FOR KUSM-W RESIDENTS THROUGH A CHILDREN’S PRIMARY CARE CLINIC.

Ms. Martin said, “The partnership with the Kansas University School of Medicine/ Wichita began in 1990, with the establishment of the Children’s Primary Care Clinic at the Sedgwick County Health Department. This clinic provides a clinical rotation site for the residents in the Kansas University School of Medicine/ Wichita’s Community Medicine program. The community benefits from having a walk-in, evening primary care clinic for children who may otherwise seek services at a local emergency room. Our recommended action is to approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

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Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve had an opportunity to hear Pam again.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Agreement 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, “Pam, that was way too easy.”

Ms. Martin said, “Thank you. I like it.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Thank you both for being here. Next item.”

H. ADJUSTMENT TO THE FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER STAFFING TABLE TO DELETE ONE PART-TIME FORENSIC CHEMIST II POSITION, B-322; DELETE ONE FORENSIC CHEMIST I POSITION, B-321; INCLUDE ONE FULL-TIME FORENSIC CHEMIST II POSITION, B-322; AND INCLUDE ONE PART-TIME FORENSIC CHEMIST I POSITION, B-321.

Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you, you have a request to modify our staffing table at the center. A lot of changes were read off in the item, but the bottom line is there will be no changes in the head count. All we’re doing is converting one part-time position to a full-time position, converting a full-time position to a part-time position.

This will give us basically a net savings of about \$6,500 for this fiscal year and I would like to

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recommend that you approve this modification and I stand ready to answer any questions for you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Dr. Rohrig. I think you answered the big question, saving money. All right, do we have any questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the adjustment to the Forensic Science Center Staffing Table.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And also, I just want to compliment you Doctor and the entire department. This is rather rare that you would make adjustments that would indicate a net savings and compliment you on the effort.”

Dr. Rohrig said, “Thank you, sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, we have a Motion and a Second. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote.”

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 very much, Tim. Next item.”

I. KANSAS COLISEUM.

1. AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY ACADEMY FOR RENTAL OF PORTABLE BLEACHERS.

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Mr. Dave Rush, Assistant Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a standard rental agreement that we do for outside people that want to lease our bleachers. I recommend that you approve it.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Commissioners, you’ve heard that. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

2. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Rush said, “This last month, in March, we had a pretty good month. We had 75,477 in attendance and 16 events and 31 individual performances, with a net revenue of \$270,000.

The Sunflower Cluster Dog Show, which is one of the largest dog shows in this part of the nation, we had 23,600 in attendance. Those were two-legged attendance, not the dogs.

The Alan Jackson/ Martina McBride was a big success. We basically sold out, 9,006 in attendance and it was well received concert.

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Stealth season, as far as I know right now we're still undefeated. It's the first time since we've had the Stealth that they've opened up a season like this. I think they've still got a couple of more road games before they come back home, but they're undefeated, and we had 2,263 in attendance for that one.

Shrine Circus, we had 18,895 in attendance for that. It was really a good circus this year.

And World Wrestling Federation, we had 3,236 attendance for that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is that lady wrestlers? No seriously, do we have lady wrestlers in this thing?"

Mr. Rush said, "Oh, yes, yes, yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm going to start going to those things."

Mr. Rush said, "Most definitely. And in the sports zone, you've got 5,912 in attendance for the two Thunder games and the 6,742 on the three Stealth games.

Now we're going to get into the graduation central that we do every year and then the Mid-American Flea Market coming up and I know it's your favorite, I know you've all got your tickets ready to go to the Kid Rock. Some more . . . Derby graduation, and then on the 29th the Stealth will be back home again, undefeated again we hope at that time. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thanks for the report John. Not John . . . Dave. Commissioners, you have questions or comments about the Coliseum report? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh Aye

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Dave. Next item."

J. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE PAYNE TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed, within a platted residential subdivision in accordance with our county standards, that the road is then assigned to the township road system.

In this particular case Four Oaks Street, which is located in the Four Oaks Addition, will become the responsibility of Payne Township. The Payne Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the county commission agenda by a letter dated April 1. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Tim, is Payne Township in your district?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No, I don't think so, no."

Commissioner Unruh said, "It's in my district. I notice it says 3 here."

Chairman Winters said, "It says 3 here but it's not in District 3, it's in District 1. Okay. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Jim. Next item."

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 6, 2004.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of May 6th resulted in five items for your consideration today.

1) BM-1 OVERLAYS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX

First item is BM-1 overlays for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Cornejo and Sons in the amount of \$889,271.01.

2) AB-3 ROCK- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIAL

Item two, AB-3 rock for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Southwest Butler Quarry in the amount of \$54,000.

3) COMPUTER PROJECT MANAGEMENT- COMCARE
FUNDING: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY II GRANT

Item three, computer project management services for COMCARE. Recommend the proposal to execute a one-year contract, with two one-year options to renew with Change Works for a not to exceed cost of \$50,000.

4) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE ADMINISTRATION

Item four, membership renewal with COMCARE. Recommend the expenditure with the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas Incorporated for \$35,863.86.

5) SYSTEMS FURNITURE- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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And item five, systems furniture for Facility Project Services. Recommend the quote from John A. Marshall in the amount of \$58,660.07.

Be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Commissioners, questions or comments? Iris, the John Marshall, is that a buy on a state contract?”

Ms. Baker said, “State contract, correct.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “I think Marilyn is here and maybe she can answer. It seems like 35, almost \$36,000 is pretty pricey and I think we had this discussion last year on the annual membership. Is there a national organization also that we belong to?”

Ms. Cook said, “There is. This . . . the way they figure out the dues in the State of Kansas is based on the population, the size of your center and our total budget and this is the maximum. There are several centers in the state, Johnson County being another one, that are at this.

We do feel it’s critical to be part of this association and it has certainly paid for itself over and over again in terms of having the ability, in legislative sessions, to make sure we maintain the money we get from the state. But we do also belong to a national organization as well, which I think is \$1,000.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It just seems, based on KAC dues and other things that we belong to, pretty pricey kind of a membership. Just a comment, I’ll be supportive.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is this a state association?”

Ms. Cook said, “Yes. There are 29 mental health centers in the state and this association puts on conferences for community mental health centers each year, one a year, and we alternate between here and Kansas City. They also help us with lobbying efforts.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “With that amount of money that we’re putting in, do we have membership on their board, on their executive committee, so we have some control of their expenses or some approval of their budgets?”

Ms. Cook said, “We do. I am the member that represents Sedgwick County and COMCARE. I also, they include me in a lot of extra activities, given the fact that we are paying a lot of money to this. For instance, I am helping them, along with four other mental health center directors, negotiate our state contract this year so we have a lot of involvement.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, that’s good. So we’ll just use you as our little . . . make sure the dollars and cents are being spent wisely, because that is an expensive item.”

Ms. Cook said, “Absolutely.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Great. That’s all.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Any other questions or comments? Any other questions or comments?”

MOTION

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

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

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Chairman Thomas Winters Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Iris. Thank you, Marilyn. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Order dated May 5, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 2. Payroll Check Register of May 7, 2004.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 5 – 11, 2004.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

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, "Commissioners, I do not believe we need an Executive Session or we have no other business. Is there any other business of community discussion you'd like to visit about? Commissioner Norton."

M. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "You alluded to it a little bit, Mr. Chair, but we were in Salina this last

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week for the Kansas County Commissioners Association annual meeting. I think we had some great dialogue about reinventing and reforming county government and what that looks like for the next twenty years. We did have four commissioners participate in not only the overall session, but in individual breakout groups and panel discussions, so I was pretty pleased with our participation. We did have the largest crowd of county commissioners assembled in several years. We had over 150 county commissioners assembling to discuss the issues of counties and local governments in these economic times.

The last thing I've got is that the River Festival is winding up and it looks like it's going to be a banner year. Some great events coming up: the Cajun Food Fest, the Ice Cream Social and then of course the bathtub races and the fireworks of the river. So, hopefully the weather will stay nice and people can continue to participate. The good news is that, if you follow the River Festival, one of the things that has always been a problem or has been in a few years is finding funding and one of their big funding mechanisms is selling buttons and it looks like they're actually going to sell out of buttons this year and that's really good news. That as the community wraps around that and it takes a little pressure off of other entities to sponsor. Every individual that buys a button becomes a mini-sponsor. So, that's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last Saturday, I attended the Sedgwick County Association of Cities and it was in the City of Sedgwick and well attended once again. I didn't get to stay for all of it, because I had to go to another event, but Irene Hart was there representing the county and she e-mailed and briefed us on the rest of that meeting. Also, the . . . again, Kristi talked about the Women of the West Fest. That's an event that started last year, I believe, by the director, Jan McKay and it's a great event. I think that we often talk about cowboys and those kinds of things and we never talk about the women and the pioneer days and those kinds of things. And so I think that's a great event that's going to continue to grow.

And then, again I'll say, this Saturday is McAdams Neighborhood Association and the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center are sponsoring their first annual McAdams Community Fair held on Saturday from 10:00 to 3:00 at 1005 North Matthewson. So, we talked a lot about people that are uninsured and here's an opportunity for you to go get more information on how to do some preventative health things.

And then the last thing, Monday I have the opportunity to go to the Brown versus Topeka Board of Education event and I'm looking forward to that. I think that's a great national event that, I guess we're going to have lots of high-power people there, the President and some others. But anyway, I think that's just a nice opportunity and I think it's a great thing that that's happened in Kansas and it says a lot for Kansas in making change across the nation. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, just to comment on the River Festival, my wife and daughter and I made the annual sojourn down to the book and art fair and had a beautiful time and spent some money. I got another hat that makes 42 the number of hats I have. The food was great. Like I said earlier, a little pricey, but I had my big old drumstick that I have every year and just kind of a neat little outing and it was very well attended and I enjoyed myself."

The Manager and I attended a Fair Fares board meeting yesterday and as far as I know we're now on the board and I think our input will help maybe get them directed a little bit as to how can they really promote additional ridership. That's the key, so that eventually Wichita or other entities won't be always asked for subsidies. I mean, how can we figure out, creatively, to get people to ride Air Tran in sufficient numbers that might even encourage them to expand and make Wichita a mini-hub. So looking forward to serving on that board."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Unruh, any comments?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I would be happy to make a comment. I didn't turn my light on, but I will. I will just say that I was really encouraged, impressed, whatever the right word is for our participation in the Kansas County Commissioners Association. Two of the urban counties that are classed urban counties were not present and I thought Sedgwick County's presence was very strong and showed some leadership and I believe we are looked to by the other counties across the state for leadership and help and support. And we were willing to provide some of our resources and leadership and it makes me proud to be from Sedgwick County and proud to be part of this board. So congratulations to you and to your leadership, Commissioner Norton, as chairman this year."

Another thing I might say is that the County Clerks and Elected Officials are having their meeting, their conference here in the City of Wichita, begins today and we will be able to participate in greeting them and I know our Clerk is out there today participating in those activities. So, we're busy. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Just a couple of quick items. Earlier this week,

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Monday and Tuesday there were several meetings out at Mount Hope working on the K-96 corridor study. And so Commissioners, that project is moving forward and I'm still enthusiastic that we're going to have a good planning document coming out of that event and I believe something that will really help us, as we look at the comprehensive plan for that northwest part of the county. So I think that's moving right along.

An update on the Community-wide Vision project, a person with national stature has been selected to help our community. The individual is Henry Luke and he has helped Jacksonville, Florida and several others as they do community planning for the future of both quality of life issues and economic development prospects and all the things that communities and regions need to think about long-term, so you'll be hearing much more about that as that progresses, but we're well on the way.

All right, if there are no other questions or comments, this meeting is adjourned."

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

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