

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 26, 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 26, 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; Mr. Joe L. Norton, Gilmore & Bell, PC, Bond Counsel; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management Department; Major Robert Hinshaw, Sheriff's Office; Mr. Ted Jobst, Director, Integrated Family Health, Health Department; Mr. Ray Vail, Director of Finance, Department on Aging; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Jerry Edson, 5811 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street W, Clearwater, Ks.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Scott Goltl of Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, May 12, 2004

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2004.

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

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2004.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Joe L. Norton**, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Also with me is Jim Weber, from the Sedgwick County Public Works. As you may recall, two weeks ago, this body received statements of final costs for three special assessment projects and set this date and time for a public hearing for each of those projects. They are: Hidden Estates Addition drainage, Deer Lakes Estates street improvements and Savanna at Castle Rock 9<sup>th</sup> Addition, Phase II street improvements.

Hidden Estates Addition is located on 159<sup>th</sup> Street East and between 31<sup>st</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Street, as indicated by the red circle. This is a description of the benefit district. The proposed method of assessment for these costs is equally per lot.

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The second project is Deer Lakes Estates Addition street. This is a project located between Oliver and K-15, just south of 47<sup>th</sup> Street South. Again, the map of the proposed benefit district. The proposed method of assessment is equally per lot.

The third and final project is Savanna at Castle Rock Ranch 9<sup>th</sup> Addition Phase II streets. Again, this is an area north of 13<sup>th</sup> and east of 143<sup>rd</sup> Street East, in the eastern portion of the County. This is a description of the benefit district, outlined in red. The method of assessment is equally per lot. However, there are four lots in the lower portion of the benefit district that receive one half of the assessment, because they were previously assessed for a portion of the costs of this street, which is outside the boundaries of this benefit district. Each of the projects were initiated by petition, signed by 100% of the owners of property within the proposed benefit district.

On the screen before you now, the Public Works and Department of Finance statements of final costs. The first two projects, Hidden Estates drainage and Deer Lakes Estates street are identical to those numbers which you saw two weeks ago. They results in the Hidden Estates project and the total project cost in the bold, total assessment line of \$234,663.21, which if spread equally among the 12 parcels, would be \$11,733.16 in principle amount, or if spread over 15 years at 6%, approximately \$100 per month.

The second project, Deer Lakes Estates street, again the total cost approximately \$73,158, spread among the 11 lots, about \$6,651 per lot, or if spread over 15 years at 6%, about \$55 per month.

The third project needs a little explanation. The total cost of the projects are \$239,006.32. What we failed to inform you about last week was a portion of these project costs were assessed last year, during this process, during the summer of 2003 in the amount of \$181,435.64. Since that time, additional project costs have come in to complete the project in the amount of \$57,570.68. That results in an additional assessment above and beyond last year's of about \$1,693.26 or about \$15 per month.

Each of the owners of property in the Savanna Castle Rock Ranch Estates benefit district were sent a second notice, late last week, clarifying the information about the supplemental assessment and there may be some confusion there or questions that result today for the hearing.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commission will consider a resolution which would levy these assessments. If so, then the property owners would receive a subsequent mailed notice indicating they have until date certain, which I believe is June 28<sup>th</sup>, in which to prepay these assessments in cash. If those amounts are not paid, they will then be spread at the rate the County receives as General Obligation Bonds over a period of 15 annual assessments.

Mr. Weber and I are here to address any questions you may have prior to opening the public hearing

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and of course during that hearing process also.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. We do have a couple of questions prior to opening the public hearing. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Joe, a couple of things. Now, if I took . . . what is the difference. Will somebody turn down the lights again? I can’t see. What’s the difference between total assessment and base authorization?”

**Mr. Norton** said, “Okay. The base authorization is a number which was contained in each of the petitions that were submitted to authorize these projects, and again that’s a little bit of a strange number because that’s the number that’s in the petition and is subject to an increase of 1% per month from and after the date that the County Commission authorizes the project. So for example, in the Hidden Estates drainage, the 234,663 final cost is slightly less than the 199,547 inflated that 1% per month since the date those projects were authorized. It came up to about \$240,000, something like that.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “So is the base authorization kind of a baseline that they think it’s going to come in at and then once all the figures are in, then you have what the actual assessment . . . sometimes that’s plus, sometimes that’s minus. Is that right?”

**Mr. Norton** said, “That’s the engineer’s estimate at the time the petition was signed.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, got that.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “As you can see, in the other two projects, the actual costs were substantially less.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “I got it, I got it. Now, on the Savanna Castle Rock thing . . . I’m kind of funny. When I say I’ve got it, you can stop selling. I’ve got it. You just subtract the prior assessment from the total assessment, and you’ve listed it as supplemental assessment, but that’s just the difference between the regular assessment and what they discovered had already been assessed?”

**Mr. Norton** said, “That’s correct.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, got it. Thanks.”

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

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Joe, on the Savanna at Castle Rock, the confusion or whatever that's happened there, that's been adequately explained to the citizens? I mean, do we still have questions coming from the citizens about that, or is that pretty much understood?"

**Mr. Norton** said, "I know Mr. Weber has fielded a few phone calls from the developers representing Ms. Stevenson and a couple of other property owners there that kind of brought this to light, and as a result of that, we recommended a second notice go out to explain that to those people. And since that time, I'm not sure any property owners have responded or had any questions. Maybe Jim would be better to answer that question."

**Mr. Jim Weber**, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As far as I'm aware, and there are several people that could have fielded calls, we have not gotten a call from anyone after the second notices went out. I did get an e-mail back from Natalie Stevenson, indicating that she thought the change was in line with what she thought should be happening out there."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay. Well, that's the main question, make sure that everybody understands two assessment notices. So, thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Seeing no other questions, at this time I will open the public hearing and ask if there's anybody here in the meeting who would like to speak to our Item A, public hearing regarding these proposed special assessments? Is there anyone here in the room who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners on Item A? Seeing no one, we will close the public hearing. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments? If not, 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**

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| 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."

**CITIZEN INQUIRY**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Mr. Edson, come forward. This is the time in our meeting we do invite the public that want to address the Board of County Commissioners. If you would contact the County Manager's Office 10 days before our meeting, can get on the agenda to address the Board of County Commissioners. Please state your name and address and you are limited to five minutes."

**Mr. Jerry Edson**, 5811 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street S., Clearwater, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "To the Sedgwick County Commissioners, I'm up here still trying to get the Ohio Township, in Sedgwick County, to repair the bridges and roads to gain ingress and egress to approximately five acres that's denied to me and to get a mailbox at my driveway, which all the residents in the area have.

Now, my past appearances here, I've complained about the mosquito bog holes and Ohio Township did fill in bog hole one, but he's still got about 10 or 12 left to fill in that's in the center of the right-of-way of 111<sup>th</sup> and also Hoover.

At least I've got to acknowledge the Sedgwick County Health Department. To lessen mosquito problems, which the supervisor come out and they about eat him alive while he was out, he acknowledged that we had problems, and so he's committed larvicide briquettes to help control the mosquito problems. We used to have a lot of birds out there but I think the West Nile Virus has taken care of most of those. And he acknowledged that they'd took care of the roads and kept them up and the bridges, wouldn't have such a problem. Therefore, he wouldn't have to be out there throwing them briquettes in the bog holes.

Also must thank the Kansas Attorney General's Office for the files and suggestions that they offered to me on how to take care of my grievances. However, every time I get an answer out of a

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public elected official, I have it seems like a hundred extra questions to ask them, and I never get a satisfactory answer.

And so far, from what I've been studying, I only respect two or three documents and that's the U.S. and Kansas Constitution and the Bible and I've come to conclude that they do have the answers for the citizens of the United States. Now I must ask again for the Sedgwick County and Ohio Township find some way to take care of the roads and bring them up to an all-weather standard to create no grievances in my part. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Edson. Is there a motion to receive and file?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Receive and file.

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**C. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA FOR LEASE OF SPACE USED BY THE RADIO SHOP AT 1905 NORTH MARKET, WICHITA.**

**Mr. Bob Lamkey**, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, “When Emergency Communications was consolidated and became a County function, a handshake agreement was made between the City of Wichita and County staff for use of an empty fire station as a base of operations for the radio shop. The understanding at the time was that since the radio shop would provide services to customers without a labor charge, use of the facility would be free of rent. The County would pay for upkeep and maintenance and general repairs of the facility.

As part of the County’s financial adjustments in 2003 and 2004, two of six positions were eliminated from the radio shop and this would have resulted in truncating of service, particularly to non-public safety customers. The Director of Emergency Communications, in concert and in response to customers, crafted a solution to restore one position, funded by a subscription fee of about \$11 paid by customers for each radio in their inventory. You, in an earlier action late in 2003, restored that position based upon that solution.

The City of Wichita felt that this change in financial relationship merited a re-look at the basis for use of the City Fire Station and so City and County staff satisfactorily negotiated a lease agreement for use of the facility. The fee that the County is and the City supports our exploration and plan and moving the radio shop to the Stillwell complex as a long-term solution of avoiding this expense and putting radio service under a County roof. The monthly rent will be about \$1,140. This is for about 6,800 square feet and it is my recommendation that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign and I stand ready to answer any of your questions.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you Bob. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? I think this is a pretty straightforward deal. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

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sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Bob. Next item.”

**2. RELEASE OF LIABILITY WITH VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO CONDUCT TRAINING AND SIMULATIONS AT A VIA CHRISTI FACILITY.**

**Mr. Randy Duncan**, Director, Emergency Management Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here this morning to ask you to consider authorizing and approving this agreement and allowing the Chairman to sign it on our behalf. The impact of this will be it will allow our Wichita/ Sedgwick County fire reserve volunteers to participate with the Sedgwick County Fire District 1 and Wichita Fire Department in conducting a series of exercises and simulations at a facility that Via Christi is planning on demolishing. I’d be happy to answer any questions that you might have about this proposal.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners, questions or comments? If not . . .Commissioner Unruh.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Well yeah, just information. What kind of simulations are proposed?”

**Mr. Duncan** said, “Okay, thanks for the opportunity to tell you a little bit about that. What’s really going on is our fire departments and our fire reserve folks are going to be doing the things that they

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would normally do in a real fire situation, except this is in a controlled learning situation. Some examples of that might be conducting search and rescue type sweeps through a facility, for a facility that's filled with smoke, and so there's obscured visibility. Or there might be overhaul type operations, which would involve chopping through walls or tearing down ceilings, which is a common practice of the fire department to make sure a fire is really out once it's over and done with. And they get to do this in a facility that's not going to matter if they chop some holes in the wall and get an opportunity to get some very real world experience."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay. Well, thank you for answering the question. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Any other comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Release of Liability and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**D. AGREEMENT WITH HARRY KOURI, JR., D.D.S. TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY INMATES.**

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**Major Robert Hinshaw**, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sheriff Gary Steed extends his regrets for not being here this morning. A conflict in schedule places him at the Wichita Crime Commission's conference, giving a presentation this morning."

The item before you is a renewal of a contract with Dr. Kouri, who is the dentist in the Sedgwick County Jail, providing services to the inmates in our custody. It is an 18-month renewal and the primary reason for doing that is to put it on the same time frame with the medical contracts that expire the end of each year. This will give us more options and place all of our medical services on the same timeline to review and renew as necessary.

It is an increase of approximately \$100 a month over the previous contract, but that is for the entire length of the 18 months. At this time I would ask you to approve it and I'll answer any questions that you may have about it."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Do you all ever . . . I mean, when those contracts are up, do you ever let them out for bid and have other dentists or doctors bid on these services for these inmates and try to pick the cheapest one or anything?"

**Major Hinshaw** said, "In this particular case, what we did is we checked with some of the other counties that surround us and for example, two of the counties that are closest to us, their services equate to approximately \$86 or \$70 per inmate. This contract places it at \$59. You are right, that is an option and with the medical contracts up for renewal, that's one of the things the Sheriff is having us do at this time is research that to see what other law enforcement agencies across the nation are getting for the scope of services and what's out there and then make a decision as to whether or not to put the contracts out for RFP at that time."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Why wouldn't you put it out? I understand checking other agencies and seeing what they pay and what have you, but until you put a contract out for bid, you don't know what the local professional might be willing to bid on it. Is there a downside for putting these professional services out for bid?"

**Major Hinshaw** said, "Not a downside per se, Commissioner. In this particular case, one of the things we looked at was first we wanted to make sure we are getting a good price, that we're being good stewards of the tax dollars that you allocate for us to spend. And in this particular case, it

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seemed to be a good price. Dr. Kouri has been the dentist for several years now. He is familiar with our security policies and the content, if you will, that his patients in the Detention Facility are not your typical people that walk into a dentist office off the streets. There are some security concerns in that respect. But you make a valid point and that is one of the reasons we wanted to make this one an 18-month contract, so it would fall in line with all of our medical services so that we could look at those questions more in depth, especially at the end of this year and then next year.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay. That’s all. Mr. Euson, I just have a question. Legally, can this board enter into an agreement for more than 12 months?”

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, said, “Yes sir, if there’s funds available and I believe funds have been certified for this, so yes you can.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you. That’s all I had.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you. And if I remember correct, on our overall medical contract, in 18 months that entire medical services contract will be up and be reviewed. Is that correct, major?”

**Major Hinshaw** said, “The medical and mental health aspects of that are actually going to be going out or decision made this year, because they expire at the end of this year and Dr. Kouri’s contract will put it on the cycle for next year.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay.”

**Major Hinshaw** said, “So we’ll be looking at this, the medical aspect, over the next few months.”

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well, just I’m a little confused. Why didn’t you just do six months, so it could be up for this cycle this year?”

**Captain Hinshaw** said, “Generally, that was the choice of either six months or 18 months and the way the medical contracts have been handled in past, as you indicated, they have not gone out for

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bid. We want to be able to do the research and since the pharmacy end of it, the amount of money we have to spend on drugs, is astronomical if you will, along with the medical services, we wanted to focus primarily on our medical health and mental health, because from what we've learned across the country and in this area, this dentistry aspect of it seemed to be a real good deal, so this gives us more time to focus on the high dollars problems."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Well I would just encourage you, when next you have an opportunity, just from the perception of the public's point of view, trying to see what's out there in the form of a bidding process might be an option that you want to consider."

**Major Hinshaw** said, "And that's something that the Sheriff has brought to our attention that he wants to focus on."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Are there other questions? Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. I appreciate Commissioner Sciortino's comments but it appears, from what you've said, that we have a very favorable contract and that we're taking advantage of that by leveraging into another year. And so, anyone watching, I want them to know that we didn't do this without thought. I mean, we think it's advantageous for us to do it this way, if I understand your remarks."

**Major Hinshaw** said, "That is correct, Commissioner."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Are there any other questions or comments? Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh 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.

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| 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. Next item."

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

**1. GRANT APPLICATION TO SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF MOBILE CLINIC SERVICES.**

**Mr. Ted Jobst**, Director, Integrated Family Health, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Our mobile clinic has seen a dramatic increase in services over the past three years. Services provided by the mobile clinic include immunizations, blood pressure checks, blood sugar testing, TB skin testing and cholesterol testing.

And we are looking, in this grant application, to be able to do some research to help focus those services more clearly and to be able to reach the citizens of Sedgwick County and look at any access barriers that there may be that would prevent us from doing what we're doing even better. Be glad to answer any questions, if you have them, regarding this grant."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Ted, well maybe you better . . . could you explain a little more about what the mobile clinic is, because I thought we just got rid of our mobile clinic."

**Mr. Jobst** said, "Oh, the van. That van was part of that picture, but for instance, the kinds of things that we can do is send a team of professionals into the field to be able to provide these services that I mentioned a moment ago. We were able to have more than 100 flu shot clinics at locations other than the Sedgwick County Health Department and the main health stations around the city/ county. Last year, we also appeared and are able to focus our services at businesses, schools, community centers, community events such as Derby Days that are coming up. So we can appear in a lot of different venues to provide these services and don't necessary . . . they're not necessarily focused just in that mobile van, that is . . ."

**Chairman Winters** said, "So this mobile means going to some other facility and setting up shop in some facility, temporarily."

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**Mr. Jobst** said, "That's right."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And the mobile transportation really doesn't have anything to do with it."

**Mr. Jobst** said, "As it relates to the van, no."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, all right. Commissioners, any questions or comments? Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, I'd just like to make a comment that it says . . . in our backup that unduplicated client encounters have increased 693%. I mean, that says that's a successful program."

**Mr. Jobst** said, "Yes. And I think certainly that since Sedgwick County has become part of the . . . Sedgwick County Health Department has become part of Sedgwick County, we have seen the opportunity to be able to do more of this and to develop this program even more in the last three years. So this has been a very good thing for both the department, as well as I think people that live in Sedgwick County."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, that's our goal is to enhance and improve that service, so that an indication that something positive is happening. Good."

**Mr. Jobst** said, "Yes, I think so."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, Commissioners, any other questions or comments? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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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**

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| 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 SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER.**

**Mr. Jobst** said, "Commissioners, this is a renewal grant application to SRS, the Addition Prevention Services out of SRS. This is going into the ninth year of a renewal grant application, which is a fee for service contract that allows us to provide services to clients eligible, based on their diagnosis and also other eligibility criteria for these clients. If there's any questions, I can address those."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, questions or comments? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to Accept the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

**F. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO CONTINUE AN IN-HOME SERVICES PROGRAM FOR OLDER RESIDENTS.**

**Mr. Ray Vail**, Director of Finance, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present the fiscal year 2005 Senior Care Act between the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging and the Kansas Department on Aging. The Senior Care Act program provides in-home services to older Kansans 60 years of age and older. This contract has been approved by Legal and Finance and I ask you to approve the contract, authorize the Chair to sign and I'll answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. And Ted, what's the total amount of money we're talking about on this contract?"

**Mr. Vail** said, "A total funding on this would about a million one."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

**MOTION**

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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**

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| 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, Ray. Next item.”

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE**

**G. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR FUNDING OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you a copy of the grant award for \$155,000 from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services, Addition and Prevention Services, or what we call APS for fiscal year 2005, which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. The money is used for individuals who meet federal poverty guidelines and this is the same amount that we’ve received from the state in 2003 and 2004.

Essentially, this funding is used to provide services in three different tracks at our addiction treatment program. This first is a primary treatment program. The second is a track for women. And the third is treatment track for individuals with co-occurring disorders, individuals who have mental illnesses as well as addiction problems.

Last year, Addiction Treatment Services admitted 469 clients into funded services through this money. One hundred and sixty-six of those individuals were admitted into the co-occurring disorders groups we are seeing, in the community, as kind of a specialist in that, given the mental

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health connections and psychiatrists that we have on site there. One hundred and twenty of those 469 went into primary treatment programs and 92 into the women's program, with 91 having other services there.

Clients are surveyed quarterly and the results are reported to the state in a quarterly way. It shows their satisfaction. It also is an opportunity for each of those clients to report on their success, if they're experiencing any family relationship changes in their drug and alcohol use, the state of their emotional and mental health, medical problems that they have that are associated with their drinking and drug use and comments on their employment status. We're recommending that you approve this grant award."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marilyn, with flat funding and so forth, I mean, what is the demand for these services? I mean, can you speak to that? I mean, is demand outstripping the funding?"

**Ms. Cook** said, "Well, the demand has exceeded the funding for many years now. It was about six years ago that the state went from giving all of the publicly funded programs and I think there are 11 of them now in Sedgwick County, grants to do this to an actual contract or grant award, as this is, with very clear limits. What happens is we get paid quarterly and we always exceed the provision of services, as do all of the programs in town, or the majority of programs in town. If there are excess funds, SRS does provide an opportunity to share that with publicly funded programs, but that does not happen very often. So the treatment demands really are great and what we do is continue to look for other grants and opportunities to serve this population and help us to pay for the growing numbers of people that are coming in that have no other payer source."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, I suppose in this fiscal reality, we should be thankful for what we get, but it seems like demand is growing, it would be nice to have that funding enhanced some way but I appreciate what you do with what we have."

**Ms. Cook** said, "We do advocate for that each year. We have good outcomes and we use that to make our plea, but it so far has not gotten us a lot more money."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you. What do we provide, specifically? Can you just kind

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of . . .”

**Ms. Cook** said, “In these different groups?”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well you say additional treatment services, we offer addiction treatment services. What are the services that we offer?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “The services in the primary service track are educational services, actual group and individual treatment for individuals that are either newly diagnosed with a substance abuse problem or have relapses.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Let’s be specific with say an alcohol problem. What do we provide for alcoholics?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “The first thing we would do is bring people in and assess them. Then we would decide whether they needed group or individual treatment or a combination of those things. We would initiate that treatment process, we would monitor their progress. If they’re relapsing, we would look at do they need more frequent intervention with us. Do we need to have a higher intensity of service. Some individuals who come to us on an out-patient basis really do need a residential or in-patient component if they’ve failed at the out-patient component, so that’s always an assessment process that’s going on. We do random UAs on these individuals, so that we know if they are using.

In the women’s track, the groups are a little different in that they are women only in those groups. While addiction is the same for men and women, women have more issues of shame that are associated with their drinking. Women are primarily the caregivers in their families, so they do focus . . . there is a little bit more stigma for a woman to have a drug or an alcohol problem, because of their caregiving responsibilities in this society. And so their groups are a little different in terms of the focus. I think we’ve had a women’s program for a long time, because we’ve found that women who can sit across a group from other women and say ‘She’s pretty sharp and there’s a lot going on with her’, they learn from one another and they feel less stigmatized being in groups by themselves.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, I’ve got that. Now you say that the demand outstrips the funds. Twofold question, how do people get into your program? Are they referred by their physician, or how do they get to COMCARE, knocking on the door, asking for help?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “A number of ways. Some people can be referred by their physician and if they have insurance, we are on a number of insurance panels, so we are able to take insurance. Most of the people that are referred to us are court ordered for treatment and that would be probably the

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most common.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, got that part. Since the demand outstrips the funds, do we just say ‘Sorry, we can’t help you right now’? I mean, how many people are we turning away, on an annual basis, a percentage of the amount of people that apply to us, or are sent to us, what percentage do we have to say ‘I’m sorry, we have to turn you away, we don’t have the funds’?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “I don’t think we turn anyone away. I think that what we do is just not get payment for those services. We do have a sliding scale available, but have not turned people away because they don’t have a payer source attached to that.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “So whose . . . If the demand outstrips the money, whose making up the money, if we don’t turn anybody away?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “We’re making up the money by some cost shifting, I guess, would be the easiest way to answer that. When we see people who have insurance and can pay the full rate, they help us subsidize people who don’t have any insurance. We try, whenever possible, to set up a payment plan. We try to . . .”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “What I’m trying to have you get to, if it’s the truth, is that if we don’t get the money that we actually deserve, our fair share from the state, that burden is placed on the Sedgwick County taxpayers. Is that a true statement?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “Absolutely.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “And could you give to us, take last year as an example, 2003, cause we need some leverage if we’re going to go to Topeka and get somebody to listen to us. Here’s how much money we had to spend last year. You only gave us this much. Our local cost is this much, but when you turned it over to let the community decide, you indicated you were going to fund it. Can you give us those numbers?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “Not off the top of my head.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “No, no, no. Could you get those numbers for us?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “Yes, oh yes, we could get the numbers for you.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Please do, because I’d love to be able to have some ammunition to go to these legislators or legislator want-a-bes and say, ‘Hey, we need our share’. Thanks.”

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**Ms. Cook** said, "That would be great."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments for Marilyn? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to Approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| 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, Marilyn. Next item."

**H. APPLICATION FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) WITH A PROPERTY OVERLAY (PO), LOCATED AT 24401 WEST MACARTHUR ROAD.**

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### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Robert W. Parnacott**, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let me get the map up here on the screen. This is a somewhat unusual situation and we're going to ask you for some authority to proceed in a somewhat unusual fashion. This is a parcel that you can see is an odd shape, with a couple of overlays, one in blue and then this overlay here, that is adjacent to Lake Afton and then right across from the Sheriff's shooting range.

We've had a history with this property since 1985, when county zoning came into being, with the non-conforming use rights that were there. It got litigated all the way up to the court of appeals and then got remanded back to the board of zoning appeals in 1990 and it was resolved that the bulk of the property was subject to non-conforming use rights for recreational vehicle campground. At the same time, the owner applied for a conditional use, which is this little, odd shaped corner or central section. This is an older aerial photo. These recreational vehicles are no longer there and it's pretty much an open area.

Then, in 2002, the owner decided to convert from a recreational camping operation which has some cabins and things down in here, to a group home for boys. That generated a complaint from a local resident that we investigated and determined that the group home for boys change was a less intensive use and was therefore appropriate under the zoning code to switch to a group home for boys, so that was fine.

He has now, it came to our attention last October that up here in this top corner there's a silo that he remodeled into a climbing wall. That is a building code issue for us and we investigated it on a building code basis. We do initiate investigations into building code situations without complaints.

However, on the zoning side, we typically won't go after a zoning case unless there's a complaint filed, and we don't have any zoning complaints associated with this property at this time, but we did investigate and determine that he needed a building permit to do the climbing wall.

Later on, as we were working with him on that process, we determined he had converted the use of a remodeled barn that we thought originally was going to be used as a meeting room for the boys, into a public meeting room with is an auditorium use under the zoning code. So in our opinion, we have enough information to believe that he is outside of his non-conforming use rights for those two uses, the auditorium use and then the recreational outdoor use of the climbing wall that he has opened up to use by the public.

We've been working with him and trying to come up with a solution that's agreeable to both sides and we've decided, under the authority of the statutes in land use law and also the Unified Zoning Code that the County Commissioners or the governing body can initiate the zoning application on

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behalf of the owner, which essentially waives the fee, which makes it more economical for him.

He will cooperate with us through the process and the proposal is to eventually rezone just this blue square shaped area to a 'GC' zoning which will allow the auditorium use, recreational outdoor use and then some restaurant use with the meeting rooms. There will be a property overlay that will restrict it to those uses only and then uses that are Rural Residential in character. He would retain the conditional use for this area, that would stay in place, and then he would retain his non-conforming use rights for the remainder of the property, which is the group home for boys.

So all we asking you today, besides letting you hear what is involved here, is to have some authority to go forward with the process. This would then become a regular zoning case. It will go to the MAPD as an application. They will refer it to the Goddard Planning Commission, since it's in their small city area of influence. It will go through a hearing there, it will come back to MAPC for another hearing, then come to you as a regular zoning case and you would make a determination at that time, based on the facts of the case and the recommendation from the planning commissions. So, having said all that, I can answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you very much Bob. I guess I would just, Commissioners, support this action of Bob as proposing that we take this. This piece of property has such a complicated and long history, since we've had county-wide zoning, that I think this will clear it up and I think the project that has happened on this piece of property is a workable project. There's no problems with it, but if we initiate this, it will clear up all the ambiguities about the past zoning of this property. So, again I'd be glad to answer any questions, but I'm going to be supportive of us moving ahead with this. I think it is a workable project that he's doing out there. We just need to make sure we get everybody on the same page."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, it just cleans up a longstanding kind of glitch."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Authorize staff to initiate the application process.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner David M. Unruh | Aye |
| Commissioner Tim Norton     | Aye |

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

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

**I.      AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION ON SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE 787-Z-1710, BRIDGE ON 263<sup>RD</sup> STREET WEST BETWEEN 79<sup>TH</sup> AND 87<sup>TH</sup> STREETS SOUTH. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item I is an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to do an underwater bridge inspection of a Sedgwick County bridge located on 263<sup>rd</sup> Street West, between 79<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Streets South. That's also known as Viola Road, over the Ninnescah River. The cost will be shared by both parties at an 80/20 split. Sedgwick County's share will be \$800. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Are there any questions or comments? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton 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

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**J.     CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1.     Program line item adjustments, to be submitted to Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority.**
- 2.     Program line item adjustments, to be submitted to Kansas Department of Corrections.**
- 3.     Ratification and confirmation of the actions of the Sedgwick County Board of Canvassers Meeting on Friday, May 7, 2004.**
- 4.     Waiver of policy to adjust compensation of Director, Department of Corrections, to B532-8.**
- 5.     Plat.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2003 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Hidden Creek LLC Addition

- 6.     Order dated May 19, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7.     Payroll Check Register of May 21, 2004**
- 8.     General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 19 – 25, 2004.**

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

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “I don’t believe we need an Executive Session today. We do have a Fire District meeting, but before we adjourn this meeting, let’s take ‘Other’ business. Any other community interest that we need to discuss? Commissioner Norton.”

**K. OTHER**

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well the first one, and Carolyn may want to comment on it, but this last Saturday was the African American Musuem Live History Ball and several of us attended and it was a wonderful evening of great music and good fun and some fundraising for the African American Museum, which we’re very apt to sponsor and help out and continue to support and so a great time and I’ll yield to Carolyn to give more information on that, but I attended with my wife and we had a great time.

The other thing I’d like to talk about is that we are proceeding with some downtown arena meetings and conversations and Tom, you and I have talked about who participates in those arena meetings and I thought maybe we’d just have some dialogue about that as to who participates. We’ve had several commissioners want to be at the table on that and right now you and I are, but if that needs to change, I’m ready to have that dialogue at some point.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Well, I think right now that we need to make sure that since there is a great deal of interest that we need to have Ron Holt and Manager Buchanan both stay connected to the discussions, because I think they’ll, here in this beginning process, will be the one that will filter stuff back to us and get back to us. But I think it is interesting that the community is again wanting to address this issues and I don’t know that I have a great answer to your question yet.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. That’s something I wanted to be sure we’re starting some conversation on and maybe we’ll talk about it in a staff meeting at some point as to where we want to go with the conversation.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Well, I’m sure that all of us will want to keep attuned to what community folks are saying and talking about. Mr. Manager, did you have a comment?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Yes, Mr. Chairman. In answer to Commissioner Norton’s question, I don’t have an answer to the question, but several years ago when we initiated some discussions with the City of Wichita, it was a consultant that came to town from Oklahoma City who was going to help and I believe at that time it was . . . you served on that and Commissioner Sciortino, am I correct?”

**Chairman Winters** said, “I think Ben and I were on that group.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “And so there’s been a . . . those discussions took place over a six to eight month period, where we were pretty intensely negotiating at that point with City of Wichita folks and then it fell apart.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “At that time, Ben and I were the County representatives on the Sports Commission, had brought together a group of folks and if we remember, at the time, the plan was to have it on the ballot and there was a whole procedure going through the process of having that question, concerning a downtown arena, on the ballot. Then the economic woes beset the community after 9/11 and with all of the layoffs and the downturn in the economy, it was pulled off and then that committee kind of dissolved, of which Ben and I were a part, in talking about how the process would unfold. So Ben and I have been involved in that in the past. All right, anything else Commissioner Norton?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, certainly we may not be ready to make that decision and I just wanted to be sure that we had the conversation. I’m sitting on that now, but as I told you the other day, I’m willing to yield that to another commissioner if that’s the makeup of how we’re going to deal with this issue, maybe we talk about that at a staff meeting, but I thought it was appropriate. It’s ramping up pretty fast and we’re starting to get phone calls and there’s articles in the paper and I think we better have some conversation among ourselves to be sure we’ve got the right players at the table and we’re all engaged. That’s all I have. Thanks.”

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Let me just say on that, this is going to be maybe your decision Tom, but I certainly wouldn’t have any hesitancy to jump back into that fray with you, if that’s what you desire.”

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to follow up on Commissioner Norton's comments, the Kansas African American Museum did hold their annual fundraiser, the Museum Ball, and they do an excellent job and this year was one of the best I've seen in a long time. They had the silent auction. This year though, as we were eating supper, Rudy Love sang during that time and then afterwards Aleta Adams was the primary singer and she was just excellent. But they did a great job, the board certainly came together, worked really hard, put this event on and they do a wonderful job. Also, Ann and Gene Garvey were one of the main sponsors of this event this year, and I think that also helped make it be very special. They did an excellent job making great contributions and really trying to get people geared up to do the capital campaign for the new museum.

The other thing I was just going to mention, this weekend is Memorial Day and there's going to be a lot of Memorial Day activities out amongst our communities and I know three that are in my area that I generally try to attend and one of them is in Sedgwick and I can't give you the times of all these, but I know you can try to make them all almost, if you hit the road.

But Sedgwick has an excellent one every year and then Bentley has one over at the Pleasant Valley Church area, which is just east of the City of Bentley and then I know also, up in Harvey County, Halstead has one as well. So if you would like to go out and pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country in the many different wars and certainly the current war that we're in right now, I think this would be a great opportunity for people. And so pick up the local papers or call those communities and I'm sure there's some throughout Sedgwick County as well. Those are just the ones I'm familiar with, but you know, if you have time go pay tribute to our men and women who have served our country."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I know Greenwood Cemetery in Oatville has a Memorial Day service too that's well attended, so I know there are several out there."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to bring you up to date on some of the places I've been representing you all and the Board of County Commissioners here in the last week or so. I was at the dedication of the Intrust Learning Center out at Larksfield Place. It's a new facility that Intrust has provided for geriatric nurse training. The technical college is going to provide the instruction there, but it's a very nice facility and generous of Intrust of provide that for training in our community.

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Got to speak at the Downtown Cosmos and tell those folks how Sedgwick County is working for them, a big group of folks. And then Saturday was at the 30-year anniversary celebration of the Keeper of the Plains out at the big Powwow at the Mid America Indian Center. And by the way, if you don't remember and for our citizens, I'd like you to know that the Keeper of the Plains has been our official seal since 1985, so we have a real connection to that statute at the confluence of the two rivers down there.

I get to speak this afternoon again out at Larksfield Place, at the Older Americans Month recognition program and see what the folks there just want to celebrate the idea that they're 'Aging Well and Living Well' is the theme of that celebration."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "You're speaking or they're recognizing you as an older American."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "I am in the category, so I'm going to talk to myself a little bit I guess. And then Thursday, the Wichita Area Technical College is having their 2004 commencement and I get to speak to that graduating class. So, been having a lot of fun doing that and representing you commissioners.

And then lastly, an early save the date, July 23<sup>rd</sup> the Downing Gorilla Forest is going to open. We've got two gorillas on the grounds out there now and they're getting used to Kansas and it's a great exhibit. These two came from San Francisco. Got two more coming I think in a week from Oklahoma City. We already have our Okapi now, a very rare animal, interesting, beautiful animal on site. We also got an new 13-foot King Cobra out there. Lots to do at the Sedgwick County Zoo, but July 23<sup>rd</sup> is when that exhibit opens and so mark it down."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Now will these be permanent residents, these animals that are coming from Oklahoma and California, whatever, they're going to be permanent?"

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "And we're going to get two more gorillas that will be permanent. Now, they're all guy gorillas and so they'll have to be kind of trading them in and out for purposes of getting more gorillas. But we can't have lady gorillas around guy gorillas, because the guy gorillas go nuts, so they've got to manage that situation."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And the guy gorillas have names. You want to give us the names, so people will be familiar with their names."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "I do have that, thank you. One of them is Shango, of the first two, and the other's name is Barney. So that's the two we have so far."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Country boy and city boy, I would imagine.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Well, thank you very much. I guess the only thing I would acknowledge is again, last Thursday evening, we did have our leadership dinner with the mayors of several of our small communities. We appreciate the staff putting that together. Steve Ruger, an intern here, did a lot of work on putting that together and Steve we appreciate that. Kristi and Andy Schlapp also worked on that, so we appreciate them. I really do, at the meeting Commissioner McGinn acknowledged that that was a project that Commissioner Sciortino started about three years ago and I really think that we’ve probably had more connection with that group of mayors in the last three years than we’ve had in probably the previous six or seven and so I think it is a good opportunity for us to meet the mayors and often the city clerk or managers of the other communities. So it’s a very good, worthwhile project.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “You know, one thing just on that, I don’t know how you all feel but that was the most fantastic meal. I’ve never had a three meat entrée, I mean we had pork, we had beef and we had chicken, I mean and it was all nicely done, small petite pieces of each, but I mean, you could just graze through everything.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Yeah, we’ll give some credit to the Airport Hilton Hotel.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Amen to that. That was great.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Where we held that event and it was excellent.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “You think they’d kind of want to take a contract for downstairs.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, that’s enough. Anything else for the good of the order? This meeting is adjourned.”

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chairman  
Third District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Chair Pro Tem  
First District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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