

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 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, June 9, 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; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Mark Sroufe, Superintendent of Parks; Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, 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

Ms. Jean Carter, Member, (Helping Our People Economically) H.O.P.E. Board of Directors.
Ms. Pat Gallagher, Centennial Project Chair for the West Sedgwick County Sunrise Rotary Club

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. Ashok Aurora, of the Hindu Community.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, May 26, 2004

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2004.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the minutes for May 26th. 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 26, 2004.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, before we proceed, I think we all realize that this past Saturday former President Ronald Reagan passed away. He will certainly be remember as a president who has changed political life in America and for many of us who now live in this country.

And in watching on the television and reading some new reports just the last couple of days, you know, I’m reminded of some of the attributes that President Reagan brought to this country and to the presidency, but a couple of those were . . . and I think we can remember these, was his continuous optimism, nothing was beyond his reach. He believed a lot of things were possible and would forge ahead. He did give the people of the United States a real feeling of pride in America, I think, that still exists today and of course he was known as the ‘great communicator’ and he could persuade and communicate with people in a great manner, maybe not any like him that at least we’ve known in modern times.

So if it would be appropriate, I would like to ask those here to stand if they feel it appropriate in their own way, then observe a moment of silence in honor this morning of former President Ronald Reagan. So, if you would please stand. (*Commission observed a moment of silence*)

Now Commissioners, before we proceed, as you all know also, that Friday has been declared a National Day of Mourning and there are a number of government agencies around the community and the state have decided to close. The State of Kansas and the courts this morning announced that they are going to close. So I believe we need to have that discussion.”

MOTION

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Chairman Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda item discussing our operations on Friday.

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, hearing that discussion, are there comments? Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Now that’s pretty good, I didn’t even have my light turned on and you just assumed I was going to have a comment. Yeah, county business doesn’t stop. It’s a 24/7 business and depending on what we decide here, if we decide to, in keeping with what the President is called a National Day of Mourning, if we make a decision to close officially, I think the public needs to know that that doesn’t mean that the Sheriff’s Department is closed, that the Fire Department is closed, that those employees that are called upon to be on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year will be on duty.

There’s an election that we have to canvass, so the Commissioners are going to be there at the Election Office Friday. I personally feel that we should give serious consideration to the President’s calling for a national day of mourning. I don’t know that that’s ever been done before, but to keep our place open, especially since the State, the courts, the City of Wichita, a lot of other counties are deciding to honor this request, I would be supportive of us honoring this request and closing, officially closing the County business on Friday.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Are there any other comments? Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Mr. Chair, I think the key for me is that we need to be consistent in

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our actions. As we move forward, we need to be sure that we understand the implications of this day with the many other presidents that may pass through and pass on and make sure that we have a policy that's consistent. You know, I don't know what we did when the last president died, which would have been LBJ I believe. I don't think that was a national day of mourning. We have to understand that not all presidents lie in state in the Rotunda. I think only like 12 of the many that have passed on have actually lied in state in the Rotunda, so even the federal government is not consistent in how they handle the death of presidents.

I think we should make sure that whatever we do, we're consistent in our action, not only today but in the future, with any of those other presidents and that we try to transcend any boundaries of partisanship any way to make sure that we're honoring a person that has served his country, has been duly elected, whether you liked what they did in office or not, they did hold the highest office, they were the upholder of the Constitution and our leader in charge of the military, the Commander in Chief. So I hope we just be consistent with our action.

I can certainly support the President's day of mourning, but that does give us a challenge, because county government does go on. I mean, the jail, we're not going to just close down the jail and let everybody out today and not work. There are other things that have to go on, as part of county government. And truthfully, I think the greatest honor we could give to a president is continue to do our jobs well. He was a great public servant and, you know, I would have the tendency to maybe stay open and continue to do the good work of government. You know, Ronald Reagan was a great conservative, and we're going to spend extra money to close down, that's the way it comes out. We're going to have to pay extra money to be able to close down government offices, but I would be very supportive of closing down, honoring the day of mourning that the President issued."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that we have all been through this process, since the president passed away last Saturday, of thinking about what he meant to our country and, out of respect for him and his family, have had thoughts that were honoring to him and I think that, as good citizens, we honor the president during his tenure as president.

I want to do what is the right thing for a good government agency to do during this time of mourning. It has been declared a national day of mourning. I understand that. I also understand

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that a lot of folks who have regular, work-a-day jobs in our community are all going to be at work and I want to do, as a person in county government, what also upholds the attitudes and thoughts and the feelings of our citizens. I come from a small business background and I will assure you that 100% of the people in small business are going to be at work tomorrow [sic] and they will find their own personal way to honor the passing of the president and they will mourn in their own private way.

So I don't know what my rambling is except that I'm sensitive to that. My inclination, coming from that background, is that it's a work day and we should work and mourning is a personal and private thing and we should honor the president in our own way. But this is a government agency. It's different from private enterprise and I can be supportive of our closing down, but in no way do I want to disrespect the hard work of the citizens of our community who are going to be at work tomorrow [sic] for eight hours. That's all I have."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much and I think those are all excellent comments. This was not an easy decision. Excuse me. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I agree with much of what my colleagues have said. You know, county government is different from city government and a lot of other public services, as far as the fact that we are in human services, we are in public safety and we work 24/7 and I'm very proud to be part of an organization like that and I'm very proud of our employees that are dedicated to do that type of work and so I think that's what makes us unique and different.

But from my memory, and you know I haven't been here a lot of years but I know that when this kind of situation comes up, we don't take it lightly. We think and we ponder about whether we should close or not. This seems to be a little bit different situation, at least from my memory. Our state has closed down and we have a Democrat governor and has made that decision. Some of our colleagues of like sized populations in the counties have closed down. The largest city in the state has closed down and so other people are making that decision.

So I think, putting all that together, for me, makes me inclined to say that perhaps we need to be consistent with the other partners we have throughout the state. And so, I appreciate though the comments that everybody has made, especially you Commissioner Norton, about President Reagan being a great conservative. And I think you're right, he would want us to carry on the work of public service. But in this situation, I'd like to be consistent with our colleagues across the state."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much Commissioner, those are excellent remarks. Commissioners, I'm ready for a Motion."

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to honor the President's call for a National Day of Mourning and officially close county business on Friday.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a second. I'd make the comment now or later, Rich I believe it is important that we canvass this Goddard school bond election vote as soon as possible. Even with this motion, we'd still be able to call together a group Friday morning to canvass that vote, would we not?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "Yes, I believe that's correct and the only variable I can think of is if, for some reason, the Election Commissioner wasn't going to be ready until five minutes to ten, but that would be very unlikely and so, as far as your being a Board of Canvassers, there's no reason why you couldn't go ahead and do that."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I mean, I guess maybe I didn't think about that. Mr. Euson, the Election Commission office is a state office, is it not?"

Chairman Winters said, "No."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I mean they're appointed, the Election Commissioner is appointed by the state but that's a County facility. They don't, with their closing, that doesn't affect the Election Commission?"

Mr. Euson said, "The Election Commissioner is appointed by the Secretary of State, but it's really a county function, and so you're able to do . . . if you want to proceed with canvass, I'm sure that the Election Commissioner . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Can that canvass be postponed?"

Mr. Euson said, "It could be, under current statutes, it could be postponed until Monday at noon, if need be."

Chairman Winters said, "Right, but it is a very close vote and I would prefer not to postpone it, but to give them an answer, a final answer on the result of the vote as soon as possible."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guess I was trying to ask does that mean everybody in the

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Election Commission office, would they have to be there?"

Chairman Winters said, "I think the Election Commissioner can make that decision, but that's just one of the complicated issues about closing business that you have to work through, but I think it's important that we canvass those votes Friday morning, let them know what the result of that election was."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I agree."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, so the motion is the courthouse and operations will be closed on Friday, but the intention is we will canvass the votes at 10:00 on Friday morning for the Goddard school board election. Is there 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, "All right, thank you very much Commissioners. The courthouse will be closed on Friday. Commissioners, before we move on, we have an Off Agenda proclamation."

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda proclamation.

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, H.O.P.E., Inc. was originated in 1964 under the auspices of the First United Methodist Church in Sedgwick County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, through the years, H.O.P.E., Inc. has responded to community needs by developing programs for homeless persons, food for the indigent, crisis interventions, AIDS, substance abusers, prison ministries, and resource and affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to develop historical properties in Sedgwick County, H.O.P.E., Inc./ H.O.P.E. Properties I & II L.P. is hosting a Construction Celebration at the historical site, 401 East Third Street, at 11:00 a.m. on June 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Celebration will give recognition to the financial entities, business leaders, city and state collaborators and individuals for their untiring effort toward the Historical Construction of the H.O.P.E. Properties Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2004 as

‘H.O.P.E. Inc./ H.O.P.E. Properties I & II L.P. Historical Restoration Day’

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to participate in this eventful celebration.

Dated June 9th, 2004.

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the proclamation.

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, “And we have Jean Carter and others here. Please introduce yourselves and welcome to our Commission meeting.”

Ms. Jean Carter, Member, H.O.P.E. Board of Directors, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thanks on behalf of the H.O.P.E. Board of Directors and those who are involved. We have our president, Pastor Hayes. We have our chief advisor, Lola Foreman and I’m sure that, if you’ll participate, you’ll see that what we’re doing in the City will not only benefit the City of Wichita, but the surrounding areas and the communities within there.

I want to give a special thanks though to Commissioner McGinn. She’s always there and looking at the individuals in the community, from which ever direction they come from and I want to say a special thanks and thank each and every one of you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. We have a couple of comments. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. Jean, could you just share a few of the things that your group has been active in our community about, because you guys are all over the place and I just think it’s important. I mean, you’re in the paper about some different things you’re doing, but why don’t you share a few of the highlights.”

Ms. Carter said, “We have a prison ministry, that is our latest, that is growing pretty rapidly. And within that prison ministry we have a program called COIP, which is Children of Imprisoned Parents, working with those individuals on a prevention measure, so that they do not repeat the process of their parents. That in working with those individuals that are reentering into the society, working with those individuals that are coming back in, to make sure that they’re ready to go back into the community. We just can’t take individuals from the penitentiary and then put them in the community and expect them to function. So we do have a job bank and we’re very happy that the business leaders of the city are working with us in order to employ those individuals and then get them ready to go back into the community.

The other program that we have that we’re very proud of is our affordable housing. Individuals can

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come in through our housing and they come in homeless and then go out as homeowners, and so we're very happy about that program, it's been very successful.

We also have community service hours that are performed through our organization, and at this point for this year, 2004 we've got 3,800 community service hours that have been done in this particular project. Last year, we had 6,900 hours. So we're working with those individuals, they come through and do their practicum, the social workers come through, so they have a wide variety.

We also have a new program, we have been appointed and we're very glad to have that appointment, as the regional endowment of the arts and that means that, for this region, covering a seven state area, that we are able now for national television, and we just found out we're going to be broadcasted in Europe and Japan for new talent. So if you have individuals out there that are writers or singers, have them come and see us."

Commissioner McGinn said, "All right. Well, I think some other commissioners have some comments, but I just want to say thank you to what all your organization does.

We just finished the reentry task force book about . . . study about trying to figure out how do we reintegrate past offenders back into the community and you've just identified some of the areas that we're certainly going to be working on, as government. But as I share with everybody, government, you know we have limited resources and we cannot do it by ourselves and it takes organizations like yours that we can run parallel with and to make a broader difference and a bigger difference. But you know, like I said, government can't do it alone and we have to have organizations like yours to help us tackle that issue. And I just want to say thank you, because I know that so many are volunteers working for this organization and they're doing it because their heart tells them to and they want to make a difference in our community.

So anyway, thank you very much and best of luck on your event next week too."

Ms. Carter said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "We have one other question. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well just a . . . I probably heard it and then it went . . . which is not too bad for me, but what is H.O.P.E. an acronym for? What does that stand for?"

Ms. Carter said, "Helping Our People Economically, because we're a non-profit."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Now, if someone would like to have some more information or

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hopefully want to make a donation or something, what number would they call?"

Ms. Carter said, "316-618-8652 and we're located at 2137 North Battin."

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

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you all for being here. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

A. SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH WEST SEDGWICK COUNTY-SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB TO ESTABLISH, PLAN, SITE, INSTALL AND CONSTRUCT A "BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND" WITHIN A 20,000 SQUARE FOOT AREA IN SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK.**

Mr. Mark Sroufe, Superintendent of Parks, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today to request your approval for an agreement between the Wichita Rotary Club and Sedgwick County to replace and construct a new playground at Sedgwick County Park. We have representatives from the Rotary Club. They have a short presentation that they would like to do. With no further ado, I would like to introduce Pat Gallagher, with the Wichita Rotary Club and she'll give the presentation."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Welcome, Pat."

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Ms. Pat Gallagher, Centennial Project Chair for the West Sedgwick County Sunrise Rotary Club, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And today, really I hope will culminate probably at least a year of work on this particular project. We're delighted to be here this morning. We have a very brief video that sort of gives you an overview of what a 'boundless playground' is."

Commission is shown video of a boundless playground project.

Thank you. I think that does a great job of giving you an overview of what this playground can do

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for Sedgwick County. There are so many children here who don't have the opportunity or the ability actually to climb and swing and slide and we want to provide that opportunity for them and I think, working together with Sedgwick County, we can do that."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well, thank you very much Pat. I have a couple of questions, and would you please introduce your other rotary folks that are here."

Ms. Gallagher said, "Absolutely. Rea Lennons is here today. She is the co-chair of the Centennial Project, and our landscape architect Steve Parry."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you and I guess the question I have for you . . . or the two thoughts are one, from our park staff, do we have proper space and plenty of space to do this kind of project? And then, for you is just the quality of the project and I see with Steve Perry, landscape architect, I would think that any quality kinds of issues will probably be addressed and the quality in the video was certainly there. Do you intend on having that same kind of quality equipment and landscaping and place something that we'll be proud of, not only as Sedgwick County, but just as citizens that go there?"

Ms. Gallagher said, "Absolutely. Mark, you may want to chime in here, but about a year ago we did go out and look at the site in Sedgwick County Park and Steve Perry was with us that day and he was able to envision a magnificent site that will be a little opposite where the current playground is that will be coming down and also the ability to build in some amenities that will be useful for the parents who are there. I think . . . and the site itself, Mark, is what about a quarter . . . half an acre?"

Chairman Winters said, "Mark, what do you think about site-wise, plenty of space, plenty of room, good project?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "The area which we're offering is located at the north end of the park, between the tennis court and the north restroom. There's currently a playground in that area. It is well aged. It needs to be replaced and this is an excellent opportunity for us to upgrade this playground and, yes there is plenty of room in that area."

Chairman Winters said, "And Pat, this is again a playground for all, so it's not something that all kids can't enjoy?"

Ms. Gallagher said, "Absolutely. ADA requirements are that playgrounds be 50% accessible."

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That does not necessarily mean that they are totally integrated play, it simply means that the children can access the playground. The boundless playgrounds are designed to be probably 70-80% accessible and integrated, which means those children can actually get on equipment that are especially designed for them and they also develop particular areas of play for children who may have specific disabilities, perhaps an autistic child or a developmentally or cognitively challenged child will have an opportunity to play in an environment where they are comfortable.

And we have probably about five or six committees that have been developed within our club, one of which will be targeted towards equipment and there are a number of companies throughout the United States that we'll be interacting with to make sure that the equipment is quality."

Chairman Winters said, "And I believe you do have a fundraising effort component to this. If everything went according to your plan and, with having this site nailed down and you can really get to work, when would you anticipate that your fundraising efforts would be completed and you could start the actual construction?"

Ms. Gallagher said, "We anticipate kicking off fundraising probably by the end of this month, and we would hope to be into the construction phase next April. We'll have a series of designing activities throughout the next probably six months, and we want to have the playground up and running by the first of July next year, which is actually the Rotary International Centennial Celebration."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. Well we have another question. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, you pretty much asked all the ones I was going to ask, but that was the main question, was it going to be as big and grand as what we saw on the video, and it sounds like it is."

Ms. Gallagher said, "It will be a good sized playground. Probably not quite as large as the one you saw in the video, which was a project put together by six rotary clubs, so you can imagine that they had probably a lot more resources than we may have to work with."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, and then the other thing, the fact that it's designed for all kids and so, you know, you may have a child with a disability, but they've got a friend that doesn't have one and so everybody can go and play together. So, that's great, I've never seen anything like that."

Ms. Gallagher said, "That's definitely the plus here, because so many families may have one disabled child, and two abled children, and they've never had the opportunity to go together and

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play as a family in a playground.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. Pat, I can’t think of a better use of 20,000 square feet of worn out ground, to improve it and make it into something like this. It improves the quality of life for all kids, those with disabilities and those without.

I have one question though and I don’t know if you answer it or maybe Rich does, but do the children that this type of facility going to attract, does that present to us any additional liability exposure that we would have otherwise, from any other park apparatus? Or is that an issue that we need to consider?”

Ms. Gallagher said, “Well, I know that our club has to provide liability insurance up and to the point where the playground has passed its final inspection and then I would imagine that that’s part of the county’s continuing liability coverage.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, so we don’t have any greater exposure then, Mr. Euson?”

Mr. Euson said, “We have several provisions in the agreement that call for indemnities and protection to the taxpayers for any activities that occur on this, just as we do for any improvements that any other group might make at the parks.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, very good. I just know I have six grandsons and I know they find ways to fall off and hurt themselves and do things and so that’s where the question came from.”

Ms. Gallagher said, “Well, we’ll look forward to having them at our park, because we’ll have that nice, soft surface for them to fall on.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well I’ll tell you, make your stuff real sturdy.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Because the Unruhs are coming.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “It’s a great idea. I’m proud and some of the comments that Commissioner McGinn made at the last presentation with H.O.P.E. I think is appropriate here, that

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this is a great way for a private and public cooperation to get together for the improvement of the quality of life in our community.”

Ms. Gallagher said, “Absolutely, I agree.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Good idea. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, just to comment to Pat, too bad we didn’t have that at Ms. Mary’s in Fort Scott. Pat and I went to kindergarten together in Fort Scott and it’s just too bad we didn’t have that quality of playground. I think we were just kicked out on the street and told to play stickball or something.”

Ms. Gallagher said, “I don’t think we had a playground.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That’s what I mean. That’s all I have, thanks.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, you’ve heard this report. Are you ready to take an action on this agenda item?”

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.

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, “Pat, thank you. Rita, Steve, thanks for being here as backup. Thank you very much. Next item.”

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2. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS HUMANE SOCIETY FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK OCTOBER 2, 2004 TO HOLD A RUN/RACE EVENT, "WOOFSTOCK."

Mr. Sroufe said, "We're here to request approval of a second year agreement for the use of Sedgwick County Park for the woof-fest. This is a good event that supports the Kansas Humane Society. It's located in the central part of the park. The event will be an excellent way for people to come out with their dogs. There will be informational booths, they can purchase things and it's all toward the benefit for the Humane Society. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Commissioners, questions of Mark on Woofstock 2004? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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, "Do any of the dogs ever get unruly?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "Not that I'm aware of."

Chairman Winters said, "Good, thank you. Next item."

B. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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1. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH SECURITY TRANSPORT, INC. TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS.

Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agreement provides for the secure transportation of psychiatric patients between Via Christi or court hearings and the state hospital for continued treatment. The amendment before you expands the expenditure cap of this agreement by \$400, bringing the maximum to \$30,200. This amount is based on the utilization of these services for this past year.

It was suggested that I mention that these changes . . . or the changes made to purchasing policies recently will mean that small adjustments to agreements such as this will no longer need to come before the commission as agenda items in the future when these changes are implemented. We ask that you approve the amendment to the contract and I’d be happy to answer any questions that you might have about this.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING OF A “YOUTH MATTERS” PREVENTION PROGRAM,

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TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS.

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care, (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “Annually, the State of Kansas receives some federal funds specifically for local juvenile crime prevention activities. One of the ways that the state passes through these dollars to local units or government or through the Title V grants. So the Title V grants are available to local units of government for juvenile crime prevention planning and programming consistent with our community crime prevention plan.

The Mental Health Association approached the county desiring to apply for the Title V grants to support their Pathways program. Pathways targets youth whose parents use or abuse alcohol or illegal substances. The program currently operates in several schools. The Juvenile Justice Authority grant would allow them to expand to provide services on-site at addiction treatment facilities. They are looking at Parallax, Options, Women’s Recovery Center. So while the parents are there, in classes, receiving addiction treatment services, the kids would attend a class through the Mental Health Association’s Pathways program.

The grant would allow them to purchase the ‘Youth Matters’ curriculum, which is a science based program consistent with the Communities that Care crime prevention model. Last week, Team Justice did review this grant application and signed a letter of support, indicating that the program was consistent with the community plan. The way it would operate is that the county is the applicant, so we would submit the application to the state juvenile justice authority. If the grant was awarded, the Mental Health Association would prepare the reports, submit the reports to the county, and then the county would submit the reports to the juvenile justice authority. There is no direct cost to the County. The matching funds are provided by the Mental Health Association. The county would get like 1.17% of the grant award to maintain for administration costs.

The recommended action is to approve the grant application, authorize the chairman to sign all necessary documents, to include the grant award agreement, containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application. I’m available for questions. We also have Teresa Lovelady with the Mental Health Association available if you have any program specific questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, questions, comments? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman

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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 Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Jeannette. Thanks Teresa, for being here. Next item."

C. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2004.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of June 3rd resulted in two items for consideration today.

**1) PAGING SERVER & LICENSE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: SYSTEMS & SECURITY**

The first item, the paging server and license for the voiceover IP phones. Recommend the negotiated price from Flair DataSystems Incorporated in the amount of \$27,030.25.

**2) SUNCREST 2ND ADDITION PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

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The second item, Suncrest 2nd Addition paving and drainage improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from APAC Kansas in the amount of \$180,277.85.

Be happy to answer questions and recommend approval.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, are there questions for Iris?”

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
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much, Iris. Next item.”

CONSENT AGENDA

D. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Letter of notification to terminate lease for space used by the Health Department for the Teen Health Center at 436 West 15th Street in Wichita.**
- 2. Order dated June 2, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 3. Payroll Check Register of June 4, 2004.**
- 4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 2 – June 8, 2004.**

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Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend for you approval this morning the consent agenda items 2, 3 and 4 but not number 1. We'd just like to have that deleted from the consent agenda."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Wait a minute, we're taking . . . Okay, we're taking that one off. Okay."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, is there a motion to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of item 1?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the revised consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Are we deferring?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes. We'll bring that back for your consideration at a later point."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. 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, "Commissioners, we do have a Fire agenda today, so at this time I will recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at

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9:50 a.m. and returned at 11:12 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, is there other community business that we need to discuss? Commissioner Norton."

E. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "The first thing is we had a workshop yesterday on the future of the Fire District #1. I think we had great dialogues. We had a consultant from MGT come in and give us kind of a briefing on what they had worked on and the information that they have gathered and I think we've got some pretty major decisions that we're going to have to make in the next six months about the future of the Fire District and I think some of them are going to be very confounding and hard to make, but I think we're going to have to do it to be sure that the Fire District #1 is viable and has a great mission for the citizens of Sedgwick County over the next 20, 30 years. Just kind of an update for the community, since not everybody could be here at the workshop."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well, Saturday kicked off Multi-cultural Week here in our community and Cowtown is sponsoring that, so they're having activities all week long out there. So encourage people if they'd like to go out and do something at Cowtown, there's a lot of events going on.

And then Saturday I also went to the Newton Airport. They had a D-Day celebration. It was their 60th anniversary and they had a lot of the old planes there and a lot of history being presented and a very nice event.

And then . . . what did I do next? A.C.T.S. on Truancy sponsored a Latino health summit with a bunch of teenaged kids from our community, but also Salina and came down and talked about some of the health issues that they have, as teenagers, and what they can do to encourage their friends to have, you know, good public wellness in their community and what kind of activities are good as well. And so it was just great. I had a chance to speak to them a little bit, but it was great to see that so many kids came out, spent their Saturday that way in trying to make a difference in their community.

And then the next thing I did Saturday was the Health and Wellness Center had a first time barbeque fundraiser and that was quite an event. And I was supposed to be a judge and I thought I was supposed to be there at 1 and found out the judging started at 10, so then I ended up handing

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out certificates, but what I missed was eating all this great barbeque. And they have four different categories and maybe some of you have been around these barbeque events. This was the first time for me, and it was a great fundraiser for the Health and Wellness Center and they're going to continue to do it again, but they also were certified, I didn't know about this, but there is a certification process and if you're certified, the winner gets to go on to the Kansas City area, which is the regional and then on to the national finals.

And so Council Member Carl Brewer was there. It was his whole outfit, he's really into this big time. I did not know. I thought it was just a bunch of people with some barbeque grills, but we've got motor homes that move in and all kinds of things, so this is big business. But it was a great event and it was great to see the community out at that and it was great to see that the Health and Wellness Center, who does provide a lot of good services to our community, is out there trying to figure out fundraising ideas to get people to participate and continue to fund the good work that they do. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, any other comments? Any other business to come before the Board?"

Commissioner Norton said, "We have four gorillas at the Zoo now. Is that correct, Mr. Unruh?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yes, we do. Two to come."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So there will be six?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "We're going to have six all together, by the time it's over and everybody can still save July 23rd for the grand opening of the Downing Gorilla Forest and we've said before and we continue to say it's a great exhibit, so plan to attend."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, if there's nothing else to come before this Board, this meeting is adjourned."

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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