

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 30, 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 30, 2004 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Denver Bland, Right-of-Way Agent, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Jo El Schlegel, Office Assistant, Treasurer's Office; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Monica Cissell, Program Manager, Department on Aging; Mr. Ted Jobst, Director, Integrated Family Health, Health Department; Ms. Sandra Reichenberger, WIC Program Manager; Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention; Ms. Linda Kissire, Chief Deputy Register of Deeds; 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. Will Carpenter, Commissioner, Butler County.

INVOCATION

The Clerk requested a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, June 16, 2004

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2004.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2004.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

RETIREMENTS

A. PRESENTATION OF CLOCKS FOR RETIREMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004.

1. RAMONA L. BEARD, BOOKKEEPER, TREASURER'S OFFICE, 9 YEARS OF SERVICE

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We had three retirements to celebrate on the agenda today. The first employee, Ramona Beard, will not be able to be with us, but she is a bookkeeper in the County Treasurer's Office. She will retire July 1, 2004 after nine years of service.

2. DENVER BLAND, RIGHT OF WAY AGENT, PUBLIC WORKS, 23 YEARS OF SERVICE

The next retirement we have on the agenda is Denver Bland. Denver, would you come forward. Denver Bland, the right-of-way agent for Public Works, will retire July 1, after 23 years of service. Denver has been in Public Works for a long time, but he has a long history with Sedgwick County

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and just some facts that you might not know is that Denver actually worked in the County for the Sheriff's Department between 1952 and 1959.

Denver was the last Sheriff to actually live in the Munger Building, and so be proud of that. And he actually worked for the Sheriff Department between 1952 and 1963."

Chairman Winters said, "Well Denver, we have a certificate outlining your latest employment with Sedgwick County, so we'll give that to you. We also have this clock that we would like to give you, as a token of appreciation for the years of service to Sedgwick County. But I think it is very unique that Denver stretches back over two terms, first with the Sheriff's Department starting in 1952. Is that right?"

Mr. Denver Bland, Right-of-Way Agent, Public Works Department, said, "That's right."

Chairman Winters said, "1952. Some of us were not very old in 1952."

Mr. Bland said, "That's for sure."

Chairman Winters said, "At least one commissioner was not even born in 1952, so we do appreciate all of that service over the years to Sedgwick County, both in the Sheriff's Department and all the work that you've done there, and then most recently at the Bureau of Public Works. And we appreciate your wife and other friends being here today to help celebrate this retirement. The Commissioners again want to say thank you for many years, over 34 years, of work for Sedgwick County. We appreciate all of that very, very much. Would you like to make a comment? You said, you told me, what, you where going to make a two-hour little . . ."

Mr. Bland said, "Well, I had thought about it but I think I won't bore you that long. But I did enjoy two careers with Sedgwick County. I had an 18-year break, but I had an enjoyable 18 years. I was in Colorado and I was overseas, but I came back in 1981. But now that I'm retiring, my wife and I are going to take an extended trip throughout the western United States and then, after that, we're just going to enjoy each day, one day at a time, because that's the only day we're going to have that day and we're going to enjoy it. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Norton said, "Before Denver sits down, are you going to still make it to the parades, Denver? Because occasionally I need a ride, down in Haysville, you know."

Mr. Bland said, "I certainly am. That white Mustang is primed and ready to go. In fact, we're going to Hutchinson Saturday for the parade."

Commissioner Norton said, "You're not going to be in Haysville this year."

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Mr. Bland said, "Yeah, we'll be in Haysville this year too."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, good."

Mr. Bland said, "And we're going to be in Emporia on the 31st of July for the East/ West Shrine Parade and ballgame. Thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, just so you know, Denver makes it around the county and obviously other places with his white Mustang as a Shriner and really does a lot of community service work, along with the work he's done with Sedgwick County. So he's been very appreciated and I look forward to seeing you at those events."

3. **JO EL SCHLEGEL, OFFICE ASSISTANT, TREASURER'S OFFICE, 26 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Ms. Templin said, "Commissioners, we would also like to recognize Jo El Schlegel today, who is Office Assistant in the County Treasurer's Office. Jo El will retire July 1, after 26 years of service."

Chairman Winters said, "Jo El, again the Board of County Commissioners want to thank you for all of your service to this county. We have this certificate and we also have this clock, as a token of appreciation from the citizens of Sedgwick County for all of the work that you do. Those who work in the Treasurer's Office probably have opportunities to see more of our citizens than most any other office in the courthouse. So we appreciate very much all of the work, over these past 20-some years and we wish you the very best in the future. Would you like to make just a comment or so?"

Ms. Jo El Schlegel, Office Assistant, Treasurer's Office, said, "I just want to say that I have enjoyed my time with the County and I've had the privilege of working with some wonderful people and I will miss them."

Chair Pro Tem Unruh said, "Well, congratulations to you both this morning. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please."

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NEW BUSINESS

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN K-254 CORRIDOR STUDY COALITION AND CONTINGENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you today a formal request for participation in the K-254 Coalition. The coalition is organizing for the purposes of undertaking programs to promote the growth and development of the K-254 corridor between Wichita and Haverhill Road in El Dorado. Potential members include the counties of Butler and Sedgwick, the cities of Bel Aire, Benton, El Dorado, Kechi, Towanda and Wichita.

Today, we have representatives from Butler County. We have Commissioner Will Carpenter and County Administrator Will Johnson here to talk to you about the coalition. Once membership has been formally decided, you will see again an inter-local agreement presented to you for your consideration. Approval of this agreement of participation today allocates \$22,500 in dues and fees that would go towards conducting a study of the 254 corridor.”

Chairman Winters said, “Yes, come over to the microphone. We would like to acknowledge and welcome Will Carpenter, Butler County Commissioner, to our meeting and Will Johnson, the County Manager from Butler County are also with us this morning. Welcome to both of you.”

Mr. Will Carpenter, Butler County Commissioner, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’re excited to work with Sedgwick County on this 254 corridor. All of our folks are onboard and we are ready to go, so I don’t know. Any questions about that?”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, I think it started out, I mean, to be I think a very good project and you could almost say we’ve got a three-way partnership going, because Sedgwick County is working with Reno County on kind of a similar study between Wichita and Hutchinson, South Hutch and Maize actually, with the Reno County Commissioners being very involved in that.

So I think we’re continuing to see a bit more regionalism in some of our thought processes and I think that’s going to be very, very good. Can I go to Commissioner Unruh first? Commissioner Unruh.”

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. I just wanted to say publicly thanks to Commissioner Carpenter for his work in Butler County, for getting the other cities onboard with us. I know that you did some extra work in explaining the benefits of it to some of those communities and it’s great that all the cities, both in Butler and Sedgwick County, are all full participants in the study, have given their support to it. And then Butler County’s Commission has agreed, so it’s a unanimous thing for us to work together and see the benefit this study might produce.

I don’t know if you all in Butler happened to see our Commission meeting last week, but we had kind of a marathon debate on a development issue along K-254, so I think it helps emphasize the importance of doing that at this time, getting it done as expeditiously as we can so that we can have the benefit of forward thinking and planning.

But anyway, Will I just wanted to thank you for your work on the Butler County side and Will Johnson, for your leadership on their commission. So I think it’s going to be beneficial to us.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, good. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I just think it’s great that we have county commissioners in aligned counties that want to work with other counties to make sure that good government happens. I mean, the truth is county lines are just dots on a map and you know, when you have transportation linkages and infrastructure linkages, those dotted lines don’t mean much and we have to figure out how government works together. And Commissioner Unruh is right, we’ve already had one challenging kind of development for that corridor and really had no guiding principles to go by. And I’m really hoping that by combining with Butler County in looking at the 254 corridor, we’ll come up with some values and some guiding principles that will make it a little easier to vote on those kind of issues in the future and to drive some stakes into the ground and say, ‘Here’s what the preferred future looks like’ instead of just letting it happen by serendipity. So, I think it’s a great partnership and I’m certainly glad you stopped in and visited today. Come back.”

Mr. Carpenter said, “Thank you. We’re looking forward to working with you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Will, Commissioner Carpenter has been very active in the REAP organization also, and he and I serve on the Economic Development Committee and we appreciate your participation and Butler County’s participation in the events that REAP is trying to take place in.

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We had just an excellent, I thought, economic summit meeting last Friday over at Butler Community College, where they hosted the REAP organization, a large portion of their membership. I don't know that I heard the count, but there had to be 150 people or more there I would think. Spent a morning listening to some presentations from Lieutenant Governor John Moore and Representative Kenny Wilke from Leavenworth County and just had a great meeting. And again, we talked about this regionalism and how regionalism is going to affect the future of economic development and growth issues. So, it was a great, great meeting over in El Dorado last Friday. Commissioner Sciortino, you have a comment?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, just maybe for the public, in case somebody watching the show or in the audience or on our rebroadcast might be interested, can somebody maybe give us an update as to what the time frame is to just roughly when it's going to start, when the public might anticipate a completion, what the ultimate goal is. Irene, if you could jump in or something, just to give the public some input on that."

Ms. Hart said, "Well, judging from the K-96 Coalition and their progress, it should take up to 12 months to get a consultant selected, the work done on a study and a final document produced. The study includes not only looking at existing utilities and drainage basins and traffic patterns, it also involves community meetings to find out what property owners along the route have in mind with the cities and what their futures and their growth areas are. Once you put that all together, sometimes it will take up to a year. Hopefully, we can get it done in less amount of time."

The K-96 Coalition broke a lot of ground for us, identified potential consultants and I think we can probably use the same request for proposal, so we'll push it ahead as quickly as we can, knowing that there is development pressure along that corridor."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. So, if I understand it right, it will give the elected officials that always have the responsibility of approving zone changes or conditional uses, or whatever, kind of a road map or a guideline as to what the people that are directly affected are saying 'This is what our vision for how this corridor should develop'. Is that basically right?"

Ms. Hart said, "It will do that in zoning. It will also assist the municipalities along the corridor in extending utilities, where they plan to run power or water or sewer. If one location is preferable for economic development standpoint, they'll know how to run their lines in that area, if others are for residential."

One of the primary concerns along K-254 is maintaining the high-speed corridor. K-96 is interested

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in economic development. The folks along 254, anecdotally, are talking about making sure that there is rapid transit between El Dorado and the City of Wichita. So, there is two different priorities, but that will come out as we engage stakeholders and property owners and municipalities along, on either side of 254 Highway.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, this might help governmental entities operate more efficiently?”

Ms. Hart said, “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Wow, great idea.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. And I think too, we can remember that as we started the K-96 Corridor study, we really looked at the model that they had completed in Douglas County and Johnson County, with the K-10 Corridor study between Lawrence and Lenexa, which again is high-traffic way, lots of folks, lots of activity taking place and they have completed a similar kind of study. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Just kind of a final thought, as we talk about partnerships, Butler County has also been very advantageous in the talks on the quad-county planning group that we’ve got going with two other counties: Butler County, Reno County, Harvey County and Sedgwick County. And that ongoing relationship certainly makes it easier when you enter into an agreement like the 254 Corridor study, because we already know the principle players, we’ve had dialogue. It’s not like we don’t know who we’re going to be dealing with. We’ve had meetings consistently, over the years, talking about the issues that we need to deal with as counties that butt up against each other. So, just another thought that goes along with REAP.”

Chairman Winters said, “Right, okay. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I just wanted to mention the names of the towns along that corridor. You know, sometimes the smaller communities just don’t get their name mentioned and because they’re full participants, along with the City of Wichita and the City of El Dorado, but Kechi and Bel Aire and Benton and Towanda area also full partners in this effort, along with Butler County and Sedgwick County. So, just wanted to make sure everyone knew who the players were.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, I think we’re ready for a Motion, if you’re ready.”

MOTION

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Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Carpenter, we appreciate your leadership in fostering the relationship between Butler County and Sedgwick County very much and we want you to know, we’ll be glad to work with you in the future and hope this project works out as well as we expect. We appreciate both of you being here today. You’re welcome to stay. All right, thank you very much. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- C. AGREEMENTS (SEVEN) TO PROVIDE SERVICES CONTAINED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN.**
- 1. OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS (DISTRICT ATTORNEY) – TRUANCY PREVENTION**
 - 2. WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – USD 259 – TRUANCY PREVENTION**
 - 3. COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS – TRUANCY PREVENTION**
 - 4. HILLTOP IMPROVEMENT ALLIANCE – TRUANCY PREVENTION**
 - 5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – FAMILY GROUP CONFERCING**

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- 6. FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE – FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY**
- 7. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – DIVERSION/IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION**

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordination, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This past November, you approved our community funding plan grant application for state fiscal year 2005. The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority has now approved that application, so today I am here to request the approval on seven of the ten contracts that will provide for the continuation of existing JJA funded services.

This slide shows you our different prevention programs that are JJA funded. Today I have four of the five contracts for the community truancy immunization project. Those are with the D.A.’s Office, USD 259, Communities in Schools and Hilltop Improvement Alliance.

The fifth partner in this collaborative effort is Wichita A.C.T.S. and we are still in the contract negotiation phase with this agency and hope to bring their contract back in a couple of weeks.

We also have today the Family Group Conferencing contract with the D.A.’s Office and a contract with Family Consultation Service for Functional Family Therapy. The two that are . . . the two programs that are highlighted in yellow, I wanted to put those on there, so you could see our whole continuum of prevention programs, but these two programs went out for competitive bid, so you’ve already approved the service provider and authorized us to enter into a contract with them. Those are the JIAC case management and parent training programs provided by Kansas Children’s Service League.

In the intervention arena, today I have a contract before you with the D.A.’s Office for diversion/immediate intervention program and our other intervention program is detention advocacy service, and that’s a contract with Kansas Legal Services. Again, we’ll bring that contract back in a couple of weeks, with the signatures that we need.

Along with that, we’ll bring one for Wichita State University for professional evaluation services. Again, I did put these on here so that you could see the whole continuum. I’d be happy to give you an overview of any of these programs if you’d like me to. We are asking you to approve these seven contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign. Be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

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

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Chris, I see that we have a lot of programs on here for truancy prevention and I think, as we move forward, truancy continues to be a problem in our community and I think it's important that we have these programs to keep our children in school, because if they don't stay in school it can lead to other problems for our community. And I guess, I've been in discussions with Commissioner Norton about perhaps we need to all sit down, when we have time, with some of these different agencies and maybe a couple of commissioners and talk about the services that they provide to make sure, if they aren't overlapping, that they're coordinating and were as efficient as possible with these dollars, to make sure we can stretch them and go as far as possible, because truancy does continue to be a problem. It will be a problem and just statistics show that kids stay in school, it's only going to be good for our community."

So, I just share that because I think that, with the discussions I've had and it looks like Commissioner Norton wants to make some comments, that maybe we need to just make sure the agencies are hitting, if they have different targets, we want to make sure they're hitting the targeted areas that need to be worked with. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, and that is kind of where I was going with this. We do put a lot of money not only in these funds, but our own prevention funds and to truancy and truancy kinds of programs and I've come to the understanding that it's very, very important, but that we want to make sure that in these tough times we're getting the best bang for the buck we're putting into it and that there's not overlapping services that we're not diminishing the final results because we're focusing two or three programs in one or two or three schools and are not covering maybe some other entities that need help."

Chris, how much money, as those ones that we've re-upped, has the money gone up or down or what's the differences? Do you have that information?"

Ms. Morales said, "Yes. For the prevention programs, the monies stay the same as it currently is. For our intervention and graduated sanctions programs, there was a \$1,000,000 statewide reduction in funds, which amounted to about \$82,000 for our district. So the intervention programs are the two that are listed up at the top, along with the core programs, which are JIAC and the two programs of juvenile field services. So, they did received approximately 8% of that cut."

Commissioner Norton said, "As we . . . I'd be interested to know how many years those numbers

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have actually changed. You know, if we stay with the same numbers too many years in a row, that tells me that programs are not growing or we're not forcing them to grow, because somebody has to get better and maybe somebody doesn't supply the service. And if we just keep funding them at the same level, it almost becomes an entitlement, number one, but number two, maybe we're not challenging them to raise the bar if we just keep giving them the same money every year. Now maybe that's not the case, but I worry about that. I worry about that in our prevention funds and I worry about it in the Justice funds too that we just keep funding at the same levels every year and don't challenge people to do things differently. And send a message that, you know, these aren't entitlements. They're not going to last forever. You may drop out of the system at some point, because something new and better, evidence based may come up. Just a thought that I think we need to keep considering."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well Chris, along with the comments that have just been made on coordination and efficiency, there are programs that measure the outcome and the effectiveness of these programs. I mean, we quantify our effort here to some degree. I mean, can you speak to that?"

Ms. Morales said, "Yes, we do. All of the programs do have measurable outcomes. We also have an added value in that Dr. Craig, with Wichita State University, provides an independent evaluation of these programs every year. She started that effort for state fiscal year 2004 and she actually hopes that the report will be published in September. So we can ask her to include some of funding trend information in that as well."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well, I think that's helpful for our citizens to know that we are on top of it. We're measuring what we're doing and even if there might be some overlap, at least someone is being held accountable. So, thank you. That's all I have, Chairman."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, on Dr. Moreland's report, does she also provide us recommendations as to whether we should continue funding, or we should continue funding if they do this? I mean, does she make those kind of . . . because that would be an immeasurable help to us."

Ms. Morales said, "Yes, that is a part of her report."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Look forward to seeing that."

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Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much Commissioners. I appreciate the discussion. I think it again exemplifies how intense we all are about these prevention issues. I mean, we've never had discussion about prevention in which the commissioners intensity and wanting this to do better. One of the things I think we need to remember is that before 1998-99, there was no prevention money. There was no prevention money from Sedgwick County. There was no prevention money from the state. So we're, in a sense, we're in new territory but I commend all of us for wanting it to be the very most productive that it can be. We're going to spend prevention dollars. We just have to know that they're being spent properly and we're getting the most bang for the buck. And so, I would . . . you know we did have this expert in, and we met out at the Metroplex. We continue to learn things, but I think you're right, that commissioners need to stay engaged and they need to work with providers and staff. Commissioner Norton, last comment."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I think you're very right, Chairman. You know, we're just now coming out of the infancy of these programs, but I really think we're starting to transition into maturity. Maybe it's the teenage years of trying to figure out what these programs are used for, and we have to stay engaged. I think everybody knows that you nurture a lot during infancy and some times, as they mature, you take your eye off the ball and you know what happens to teenagers when you take the eye off the ball. So we need to really be thinking that this is starting to mature, it's taking on a different light and we probably need to be even more engaged than we were when it was new and fresh and everybody was challenged to do good on it. That's all I have."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, is there a motion to approve these seven agreements?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Winters said, “Chris, very good job. Next item.”

D. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDING FUNDING FOR A PERMANENCY COUNCIL COORDINATOR POSITION TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF THE PERMANENCY PLANNING AND COORDINATING COUNCIL.

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This contract with Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services provides funding for one very important staff position to support the operation of the Permanency Planning and Coordinating Council. The original contract was established in May of 2000, between SRS and Sedgwick County to provide a program designed to accelerate permanency for youth in the foster care system and to promote ongoing improvement in the Child in Need of Care system, as it functions here in the 18th Judicial District.

The position funded by the contract serves as the permanency council coordinator. In this contract, SRS is responsible for the salary and benefits for the position and the County is responsible for the provision of office supplies and any other business related expenses. The maximum amount under this contract payable to the County from SRS is \$56,921. I am requesting that you approve this contract and authorize the Chair to sign and I’d be happy to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Larry. I have a couple. This person has been doing this since 2000?”

Mr. Ternes said, “That’s correct.”

Chairman Winters said, “And who is this person?”

Mr. Ternes said, “The person’s name is Dawn Befort.”

Chairman Winters said, “And where is that person housed in the office?”

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Mr. Ternes said, "She actually is housed in the Juvenile District Court building."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. And from your perspective, this program is working as it should, working well?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Very well, Mr. Chairman. As a matter of fact, I supervise this position and I'm constantly aware what function it serves and how well it serves the community."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, very good. Commissioner Unruh has a question or comment?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Larry, who comprises this council?"

Mr. Ternes said, "The Permanency Council actually is comprised of the four juvenile judges, Debbie Donaldson who is here today from Division of Human Services. We have the Chief of the Juvenile District Attorney's Office and another member from the District Attorney's Office and I don't want to forget anybody, the Wichita SRS Area Director, Mr. Blomendahl."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And I don't want to show my ignorance here, but permanency in respect to what? I mean, in placement or keeping the kids out of jail or keeping them in a home?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Right, this project is a data-driven project. It's critical because in years gone by, the community at large, SRS in particular, and as we are, the stakeholders involved in this project have worked together to try to create more permanency for children. There just hasn't been a whole lot of data available to us to know exactly what needs to be done. There has been a position as a matter of fact, that SRS also provided that a supplemental was requested for that is seated right outside of my office and this position specifically provides that kind of data to the players involved in the whole system to know exactly what areas need to be addressed to enhance permanency for children and there are a whole lot of offshoots that have come as a result of the work that this project has supplied for the county and for the state, for that matter."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I had, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. And I believe, in one of our budget hearings, Judge Burgess spoke to this issue and I think Dawn was in the room when he was talking about this issue. All right, Commissioners, you've heard Larry's presentation. What's the will of the Board on this contract?"

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Contract 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, “Thank you very much, Larry. Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE

E. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH JOB READINESS TRAINING, INC. ADJUSTING COMPENSATION FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES TO YOUTH.

Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “The contract with Job Readiness Training educates youth with serious emotional disturbances in those skills that they will need to be successful, as they prepare to enter the workforce.

They do this through the delivery of psycho-social services to youth age 13 and older. All of these medically necessary services are approved through the COMCARE Family and Children Community Services plan of care process. The number of youth served through FCCS has grown approximately 48% from 2002 to 2003 but the contract cap for JRT has not increased to the same amount. The substantial increase in youth served has resulted in a significant increase in the number of youth involved in this program to where they currently have almost 170 youth enrolled and about 85 youth served on average every month.

This amendment will just cover the costs of services to youth through the end of the fiscal year 2004. We would ask that you approve the amendment to the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign and I’d be happy to answer any question that you might have.”

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

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "What was the amount of money that we paid last year? I know we added \$95,000. What was it?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "This brings this particular amount up to \$520,000 for this agreement. I'd have to check to see the total amount, Commissioner, for the total year."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Wait a minute, this program for psycho-social services, if we approve the \$95,000, it will bring the amount that we pay for psycho-social services to \$520,000 annually?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "That brings this agreement cap to \$520,000. I'd have to check to see, for the total amount, to confirm that total."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, wait a minute. We have an agreement with Job Readiness Training. How much does the present agreement, right now before this \$95,000, for psycho-social services? Do you know that number? Is that the 520 that you were talking about?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "The agreement that I have in front of me shows that we looked at this back in, it looks like the end of last year in December, excuse me, and we increased that to a maximum of \$520,000 at that time. So we created a maximum of 520 at that time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and now we're going to add another 95 to it? Okay, and back when we looked at it, back last year, how much did we add to bring it to 520?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "I don't have that number in front of me, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, I think it would be very helpful for us to know how much we increased it last year and how much we're increasing it this year and exactly what are those services used for. Is that a psychologist hourly rate or what?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "Commissioner, this covers the staff time and it's actually . . . it compensates for the delivery of services to the youth that are receiving the psycho-social services. The process that occurs is these youth are involved in psycho-social groups, JRT submits a bill to us, we compensate them for those services and then Medicaid or another provider, we turn around and bill them for those services."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But I mean, are they charging us on a per hour basis?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "Yes, on a per hour basis, just for those services that are delivered."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "So this \$95,000, does that mean is it broken down that they've increased their hourly rate of the services that they're charging us?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "No, the amount that is charged per hour has remained consistent through the course of this agreement."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do you know what the hourly rate is?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "Yes. That . . . we reimburse them at \$19.25 per hour."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. So that's for another 4,950 hours?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "Yes, sir. That covers approximately one month of services for about 85 youth that are served on average per month, who receive on average about 50 hours per month, per youth."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, all right. Well I would like to get a feel for how much of an acceleration this service is costing the taxpayers, if you could find that out for me, I'd like to know that."

Mr. Pletcher said, "Well, I'd be happy to provide that information. In that this is something that is a fee for service and is medically driven, it is not something that is a grant. It is something that is a fee for service that we turn around and we bill Medicaid for the service."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that, but I also understand the taxpayers pay for Medicaid too. There's no free lunch."

Mr. Pletcher said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. The clients that we offer these services to, I mean they go through some sort of evaluation that makes them qualified to receive these? Is that . . .?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "Yes."

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. So, I guess my point is that it’s a demand driven service and 48% growth in these last few years and we’re going through a qualification process would imply that the need is definitely there. It’s just whether or not the taxpayer has to pay for it, but the need is there. That’s my only comment. So, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Would you like to have this deferred until you get that information or are you ready to move forward and then get that information?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I just think that we . . . for me it would be helpful to know exactly how much cost is going on on this thing. But I’m not, unless you all are comfortable with holding off for a week . . .”

Chairman Winters said, “Well I think I’m comfortable with moving forward, but we might want Tom or Debbie and Marilyn to visit with you. Because I remember we had this same discussion the last time we had contracts similar to this with Job Readiness Training. And so we went through this same process and I can’t remember the answer.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I mean for example it says here that the cap hasn’t been raised from 2002 to 2003, but it was raised apparently in 2004 or . . .”

Mr. Pletcher said, “In 2003, it appears that it was adjusted in 2003.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. Anyway, I would like to move that we defer this for a week.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, we have a motion to defer for a week. Is there a second? Is there a reason, Tom do you know, will a week delay on this cause any problems, grant-wise, money-wise?”

Mr. Pletcher said, “I believe if it was deferred a week I don’t think that would be any hardship.”

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer Item E for one week.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, “We have a motion and a second to defer for one week. I’d just ask Debbie and Marilyn to dig out their notes from the last time they came around and talked to us about this to explain how this all works. Any other discussion on this vote, motion to defer for one week? 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, “Thanks. Thanks, Tom. We’ll see you next week. Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING

F. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL SERVICE BUREAU REALLOCATING EXISTING BUDGET LINE ITEMS.

Ms. Monica Cissell, Program Manager, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I have a modification of a 2004 mill levy contract for Medical Services Bureau. And this modified contract will reallocate the existing budget line items to enable Medical Services Bureau to better meet the needs of their clients.

The reallocation will allow Medical Services Bureau to purchase more medications and Diabetic supplies for their older adults, that are not available through the non-profit pharmacy. The recommended action is to approve the modified contract and authorize the Chairman to sign and I would certainly be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Monica, this is no additional cost. This is just removing budget line item dollars?”

Ms. Cissell said, “It’s actually adjusting two budget line items to allow them to purchase more

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medical supplies and more prescriptions and Diabetic supplies that are not covered under the non-profit pharmacy.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Commissioners, questions?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Let me just ask, how do we . . . adjust upward I assume, two line items?”

Ms. Cissell said, “The non-profit pharmacy will be increased to . . . let’s see. Yes, there are two line items which will be adjusted. One will be increased, it was at \$15,000 and it will be increased to \$25,629.56 to allow MSB to purchase more of the supplies that aren’t covered under the non-profit pharmacy. And the non-profit pharmacy funds, which they purchase prescriptions with and Diabetic supplies, that line item will be decreased to \$4,370.44 because it seemed that the need for the items which they could not purchase through the non-profit pharmacy were necessary. There was more of a need for those.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So is the decrease an equal amount to the increase in the other one?”

Ms. Cissell said, “Uh, is the decrease an equal amount . . .?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “It says no additional funding, so I have to assume if you increase this ‘x’ you had to decrease this ‘y’ and it was equal.”

Ms. Cissell said, “Exactly, yes. The two line items were both \$15,000 originally.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So they were offsetting.”

Ms. Cissell said, “Yes. Sorry.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, any other questions? Seeing none, we’re prepared for a motion. Anybody want to . . .”

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Modification of Contract 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, "Thanks, Monica. Next item."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR PROVISION OF A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

Mr. Ted Jobst, Director, Integrated Family Health, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're bringing before you this morning an agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for our 2005 WIC project, which exceeds \$1,225,000 and has an assigned caseload of 12,325 clients. Although there is an increase in this funding from our 2004 level, our current caseload in May was 14,194 clients and we've already exceeded by 5% the assigned caseload for this project.

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And as far as the overall WIC program, we're operating at a capacity of 115% of our assigned caseload. The WIC program growth over the past year exceeded 23% and at this rate of growth, we estimate that in the year 2006 we will serve 19,000 clients in the year, 2008- 24,000 clients. WIC works with over 41 vendors in Sedgwick County who accept the WIC voucher checks. These include Walmart, Dillons, Food 4 Less, Leeker's and other independent chains in the smaller Sedgwick County communities. And the estimated amount of WIC dollars in the local economy exceeds 8.9 million dollars annually.

I want to also acknowledge, represent this to you this morning, the fine work that Sandy Reichenberger, our program manager, continues to accomplish with this program. It continues to grow almost exponentially and she does a fine job of managing that program. We seek your approval for this agreement and be glad to answer any questions you may have."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Are there questions? Yes, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think I ask this every time we do this, but what is the potential? We continue to grow it, but there continues to be people that are on waiting lists that don't gain access to WIC programs. So what is the new potential? I mean, we just continue to raise the numbers on this."

Mr. Jobst said, "Well, I think you're correct in saying that. I think the need, especially in times . . . these have been difficult times economically, and so I think some of it is reflected in the fact that more clients have sought WIC services. But this is a program the potential of which, in coming years, as far as what the total number may be, is not something that I have a handle on, as far as how far it could grow, say past 2008, which is the estimate that I brought you this morning.

We continue to receive increased funding for the program, matching a caseload, as I mentioned a moment ago, that usually is below what we're actually serving at the time, which just means that our staff works very hard in providing the services that we provide to that additional caseload. We do have a delay time of entering the program of about six weeks, but otherwise we are serving clients very efficiently and with the new software program that was introduced this year with this program, we're able to serve clients even more easily for their schedules, in that they do not have to come in for WIC vouchers as often, for their voucher checks as often and it has allowed the paperwork situation with staff to be decreased, which allows again more efficiency for what we're doing with the client."

Commissioner Norton said, "Now, this was originally a Department of Agriculture, federal program. Is it still wrapped up in that, or has it jettisoned off into other areas?"

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Mr. Jobst said, "Let me introduce Sandy, to answer that question for you."

Ms. Sandra Reichenberger, WIC Program Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, WIC is a department out of the United States Department of Agriculture, but it is a federally funded program and the dollars are . . . each state has an agency that then passes those federal dollars down into the local communities."

Commissioner Norton said, "As you continue to grow, do the federal dollars grow to meet the need, or is there a cap?"

Ms. Reichenberger said, "WIC, the most recent national WIC newsletter that came out says that we're in funding trouble because our caseload keeps growing. Of course, the milk and egg and dairy product prices keep increasing. The formula companies recently introduced a formula with this new lipal fatty acid in it and that costs more. So all those costs are impacting the dollars that are available to come down into the state levels."

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

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Are there other . . . Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I just . . . a comment, not really a question. I don't know whether to be just really happy that our county can be involved in providing this service for so many of our needy constituents or whether to be saddened by the fact that nearly 5% of the population in Sedgwick County are in need of these, qualifies for these services. I don't know what my point is, but I mean 24,000 in a couple of years is a lot of folks that have needs. So I'm really happy that you all are working hard to provide the services and hopefully the economy of our county can improve to the point that the need for your services will go away. That probably won't happen but it's good work that you're doing, but it does provide a point of pride and also a point of concern. So, . . .but good work, that's my comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL CONSULTING SERVICES.

Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have a contract here that is a renewable contract that we've almost always have, I can't say that, but with KU Med School that provides the services of Dr. Garold Minns to provide medical consultation for our TB program. The contract is listed as an infectious disease contract because he is an infectious disease specialist. We do use him for consultation on rare occasions about other infectious diseases beside Tuberculosis, rabies questions, SARS, West Nile Virus once in a while, so forth. But you can be assured that he spends most of his time with Tuberculosis. He sees the patients, he writes medical orders for their treatment, he reviews their x-rays and so forth and that's what this contract covers.

The contract is an increase from last year's contract, because quite frankly they were giving away a

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lot of their services and a lot of their x-rays that we were actually paying less than their costs for the x-rays that we were getting over there from our TB cases. So we've raised it, we've used the difference in the money for this year's contract out of bio-terrorism funds and we're told that yes, it's legal this year but don't plan on that ever again. We're going to try to take money, move it around out of other funds for next year's grant, I mean, next year's grant will be more, but this year is our incremental step in increasing the partnership in a financial way with KU, which seems to be the only fair way to do it. In fact, we've got so many TB situations, both in cases . . . in positive contacts and in suspected cases right now is tremendously raising the cost to do business. The cost of the x-rays comes straight out of this, and that's a per person kind of a cost. Do you have questions?"

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. Commissioners, are there questions or comments on this item? Seeing none, 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.

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, "Cindy, thank you very much. Next item."

H. ADJUSTMENT TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE

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ONE FISCAL ASSOCIATE POSITION, BAND 216.

Ms. Linda Kissire, Chief Deputy Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are requesting this position due to the increase in recording that our office has experienced over the last year. I believe this is primarily due to interest rates being at an all time low. Currently, mortgage interest rates for a 15-year loan run between 5.25 and five and a half percent, and for a 30-year mortgage rate 5.75 and 6.125. As you’re aware, property sales and purchases continue to impact this office. We have archiving duties that are not being met. We have one staff member that was added to our staffing table several years ago to do the archiving duties and currently we have pulled that person from that task so that they can assist in the daily operations of the office.

Also, Bill and I assist every day in the processing of documents and other areas of the office, based on the workload. We have supervisors that can’t fulfill supervisory responsibilities because they’re also assisting in the processing of the documents. With the addition of this person, we feel that we will be able to fulfill the statutory requirements of the office, process the documents in a timelier manner and also have the documents out on the Internet a little quicker for the public to be able to view. I do appreciate your consideration in this matter of adding the additional staff person to our staffing table and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the adjustment to the Register of Deeds Staffing Table.

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, “Thanks, Linda. Next item.”

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I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2004.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the 24th resulted in two items for consideration today.

**1) STREET IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: DEBT FINANCE**

The first item, street improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from APAC Kansas in the amount of \$142,870.45.

**2) VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES/
FIRE DISTRICT #1
FUNDING: EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM (GRANT/ COUNTY FUNDED)**

The second item, vehicle exhaust removal system for Facility Project Services and the Fire District. Recommend the proposal from Nederman Incorporated, option two, to execute a contract for a negotiated cost of \$214,214 for the initial purchase and first-year maintenance and support. And an additional three years of maintenance and support at a cost of \$4,240 per year for a total four-year cost of \$226,934.

Be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these item."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've heard Iris's report on the work of the Board of Bids and Contracts. Does anyone have a question or comment on any of these items? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh Aye

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 634-36; 63rd Street South and 159th Street East. CIP# R-275. District #5.
- b. Two Temporary Construction Easements on the Sedgwick County Cowskin Creek Project. District #2.

2. Agreement with Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. for bankruptcy settlement.

3. Notice of Termination of Lease for space used by the Health Department for the Teen Health Center at 436 West 15th Street, Wichita.

4. Sponsorship in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2004 Wichita Aviation Festival.

5. Sponsorship in the amount of \$15,000 for the Preferred Health Systems Wichita Open golf tournament.

6. 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:

Mumma Homestead Addition

7. Budget Adjustment Request.

8. Order dated June 23, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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9. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 23 – 29, 2004.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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, is there ‘Other’ business? We do need, Commissioners, today to have a rather lengthy Executive Session, probably at least 40 minutes or so, so if there’s no other regular business, perhaps we should take our other community business at this point in time and then we’ll recess into Executive Session. Commissioners, do you have any other discussions of other opportunities? Commissioner McGinn.”

K. OTHER

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. Well, 4th of July weekend, lots of fun activities going

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on in the area, small towns as well as some of our museum attractions. And on July 3rd at 10:00 is the Park City festival that they're having. They're going to have a parade at 10:00 and then from there on there's all kinds of activities in the park and a fireworks show, so I would encourage anybody in the Park City area or even anywhere in Sedgwick County to attend Park City's festival.

And then, on July 4th is the annual 4th of July Pancake Feed in Riverside Park and it's a wonderful event for that area, but they end up having lots of people from all over the county go there as well, and it goes to the Riverside Citizens' Association and they use it for things like buying bicycles for police officers and all kinds of things that are neighborhood related activities.

And then of course, Old Cowtown Museum is having their Old Sedgwick County Fair Days or not fair days, Old Fashion 4th of July this weekend and so there will be activities both Saturday and Sunday. So, I'm sure other commissioners have other things to share but there's plenty to do in Sedgwick County this weekend. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I just want to comment on the Kechi Parade last weekend. We had a great time there. Mayor Ed Parker bought our breakfast. Commissioner McGinn was there and we had . . . it was a fun time and they had a lot of activities for folks. I think it was very well attended and very successful.

Also want to just mention, give you another reminded that it's only three weeks until the Downing Gorilla Forest is open and you've probably seen around town some billboards with big gorillas looking over the edge of them trying to promote that. That's a great idea and it's a great exhibit and they're about ready to let people come see and you will enjoy it. So, put it down on your calendar."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yes, just to maybe be a little more helpful to the citizens, so they don't have to drive all the way to Park City if they want to see a 4th of July event. Derby, Kansas has a fantastic 4th of July celebration at what used to be the old high school, but the middle school football stadium and it's very well attended and they have a parade and stuff like that. So there's

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just a lot of things and I was kind of joking a little bit there with Commissioner McGinn. But if you wanted to get out with your family this weekend, you can't listen to your teenager that says, 'There's nothing to do, Dad' because there is a lot to do this weekend and it's all good, wholesome entertainment. So that's all I have."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I guess I'd be remiss to say that there aren't parades in other parts of the south side."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Where at?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, there's one in Haysville and it's interesting to watch all the political types run from parade to parade, because they stagger them. You know, 9:00 in Haysville, 10:00 in Derby, 11:00 somewhere else and everybody has to try to run to get into those parade. So it will be a good time on the 3rd and then in Haysville the fireworks will be actually the 4th of July but the parade will be on Saturday. And at 5:00 they have what's called Pig Out in the Park and they roast two or three pigs and very, very inexpensive meal. I think 3.50-\$4.00 for a plate of barbeque. It comes out of an open pit and everything, pretty good.

My final comment would be that, you know, 4th of July is a time for family and fun and fireworks and as our constituents around the county use fireworks, we hope that they'll be safe and smart about how they do it. If you've got young kids that are starting to experience that, be sure to give them plenty of supervision so they can enjoy the 4th of July and all that comes with it, but that they'll be safe and that property will be safe and human life will be safe as they enjoy Independence Day. That's all I've got."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, there's two other events, moving back to the north. The City of Sedgwick, which is my home community, is also having fireworks at their high school that evening, and so lots of activities in the park before that. And then also, Newton is having their Chisholm Trail Days as well, so lots going on.

But the only other thing I wanted to share was every week Dave gives us an update about the gorilla attraction and I'm just worried that the week before, we're going to have a gorilla in here. So, you are getting just a little too excited about this for me."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "That's a great idea, we might try to do that, but do you know how powerful those animals are."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I don't want them here."

Chairman Winters said, "We were talking about somebody dressed up in a gorilla suit."

Commissioner Norton said, "I volunteer Dave Unruh to dress up in the gorilla suit."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I have eaten monkey food, you know, so I might qualify."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I challenge him."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Commissioner McGinn, did you have anything else?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "That's it. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "I couple of quick thing. Again, in the western part of the county, Garden Plain and Mount Hope both have 4th of July celebrations and parades, so check those areas out if you're interested in attending those. And then the following week, the Sedgwick County Fair starts in Cheney, with the big parade being on the evening of July the 8th, a week from this coming Thursday, then the following weekend. And I just encourage anybody that wants to take in a really great small town fair, the Sedgwick County Fair out at Cheney is something that you should put on your calendar.

Commissioners, I wanted to bring up one thing I should have brought up last week, but on June 17th, so a couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend a reception sponsored by Breakthrough Club and COMCARE of Sedgwick County which they titled Paving the Road to Recovery. And it was recognizing some businesses and educational institutions that assist with consumers at COMCARE and the Breakthrough Club. And they made an award presentation to Pizza Hut Café and Butler Community College, Inter-Faith Ministries and the Art of Learning Center.

And I thought it was pretty remarkable that in 2003 the consumers that Breakthrough Club and COMCARE work with, 144 of those consumers are now in school getting some kind of an education and over 230 of the consumers are employed, with an estimated in 2003 earning wages of

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almost \$780,000. So I think it's important to recognize that Breakthrough Club and COMCARE of Sedgwick County are doing a lot to assist their consumers in continuing an education and getting employment, which are two things that really give an individual some self-worth and pride in their lives. So, Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just wanted to expand on that a bit, because I have a friend, a close friend of the family that is a consumer and a member of the Breakthrough Club and he's now gainfully employed and I can't tell you the pride that he has. And he even came up to me about two weeks ago complaining about his taxes, which I mean, I guess that means he's getting close to being normal. But it's really heartening to see what they do there, because they take a person and actually make them a functioning member, albeit with some continued assistance, but a functioning, tax paying member of society and it's a great program. Thanks."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Well, Commissioners, that concludes our regular business at today's meeting. We do need to have a rather lengthy Executive Session."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 40 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/ client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:53 a.m.

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, "We are adjourned into Executive Session."

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The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. and returned at 11:19 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call back to order the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners June 30th, 2004. Madam Clerk, let the record show that there was no binding action taken and we are back in our regular meeting room. Is there other business to come before this Board? Mr. Euson?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "Yes. Commissioners, while we were in Executive Session we talked about several cases. One of them was a Worker's Compensation case involving Kimberly Wilson Crawford and it's our recommendation that you accept the settlement in this case for \$55,000, which would close all issues relating to future medical payments and review and modification of the award. So, we would ask for your approve at this time."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the settlement agreement, as presented by the County Counselor and authorize the Chairman to sign it and any related documents necessary to affect the settlement.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a motion and a second and this again was a Workman's Compensation case."

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, that is correct."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Commissioners, are there other questions or comments about this case. Seeing none, Madam Clerk call the roll."

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, is there any other business to come before this board? Then we are adjourned. Thank you."

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L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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