

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

September 15, 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, September 15, 2004 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Sheriff Gary Steed; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Manager, Health Department; Ms. Annette Graham, Director Department on Aging; Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, Health Department; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services; Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works; 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. Judy Johnston, Member, Daughters of the American Revolution.
Colonel David Kramer, McConnell Air Force Base.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend William Mulford of Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Sciortino was absent.

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 18, 2004
Regular Meeting, August 25, 2004

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2004 and that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2004.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes. What's the will of the Board concerning the August 18th minutes?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 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	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Now the meeting of August 25th. What's the will of the Board on those Minutes?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2004.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2004 AS "CONSTITUTION WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have a couple of proclamations today and I'd like to read the first one of these to you."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a constitution for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support it, preserve it, and defend it against encroachment; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides a historic opportunity for all Americans to learn about and recall achievements of our Founders and to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship, as well as its attendant responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, our independence should be celebrated each year as designated by the President of this great country, in accordance with Public Law 915, designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2004 as

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‘CONSTITUTION WEEK’

in Sedgwick County and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

Dated September the 15th.

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And with us to accept the proclamation is Judy Johnston. Judy, would you like to make a few comments?”

Ms. Judy Johnston, Member, Daughters of the American Revolution, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, we gratefully accept this proclamation declaring September 17th through 23rd Constitution Week.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, well thank you very much and I think it is good for us to be reminded every year to remember this time and to certainly count our blessing, as far as the Constitution is concerned. Madam Clerk, would you read the next item please.”

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2004 AS “SEDGWICK COUNTY’S AVIATION HERITAGE MONTH.”

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Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have a second proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is home to Wichita, known as the Aviation Capital of the World, with its vast aviation history that includes over 100 years of ideas and innovations; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County continues our aviation heritage as being the proud home of four of the world-class leaders in aviation manufacturing including Boeing, Bombardier Learjet, Cessna and Raytheon; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is home to the fine men and women who serve at McConnell Air Force Base, the 22nd Air Refueling Wing of the Air Mobility Command, 931st Air Refueling Group of the Air Force Reserve and the 184th Bomb Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is proud to mark this a very special year for many in our aviation community. Honoring landmark anniversaries include Wichita Boeing Company for its 75th year, Wichita McConnell Air Force Base and Mid-Continent Airport for its 50th year, and MidWest Corporate Aviation at Jbara Airport for its 30th year; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County plans to celebrate during the second annual festival with over 30 high-flying entertainers that will showcase Wichita's aviation heritage Sept. 24-26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick county is honored to be a partner in these fantastic events along with the Arts Council, City of Wichita, Kansas Aviation Museum, Team McConnell, the Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, Harris Media and Wichita Festivals, Inc.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of September 2004 as

'Sedgwick County's Aviation Heritage Month'

and I invite the entire community to attend the celebrations planned as part of Kansas' largest air show- the Wichita Aviation Festival September 24th through the 26th.

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "And we have John D'Angelo here, Janet Wright, Olivia Reynolds, Sharon Watts, Colonel David Kramer and others to accept the . . . one of you chose as a spokesperson and step forward and talk to us about what's going on during the aviation festival."

Colonel David Kramer, McConnell Air Force Base, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I was almost late, so I was voted in. Commissioners, on behalf of the entire team that is going to put together this fantastic event, we just want to thank the council [sic] for the proclamation, invite the entire Wichita area to come out on Friday night to Jabara, do an air show there, and then to McConnell Air Force Base on Saturday and Sunday for our open house. And I again just want to thank everyone for the cooperation. It's going to be a great event. We're building on two wonderful years where we've had great success and we hope this year is even better. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, we're looking forward to the events of that weekend. You always sometimes wonder how those things get pulled off and you think of all the things that still need to be done, but last year's event was terrific and we think it was a great deal of fun, the community enjoyed it. So we are really looking forward to the last weekend in September, is that right? The

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24th, 25th, 26th, so people mark their calendars and I'm certain we're going to be out there. We're going to encourage our employees to be out there and so we're looking for a great weekend."

Colonel Kramer said, "Appreciate it. We'll see you there."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Jessica, thank you for being here today too. All right, next item."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

B. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS AND KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) REGARDING AN INTEGRATED INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to have you recall a presentation I made to you back in March, at which time I gave to you a status report on the combined efforts of county staff, City of Wichita staff, Kansas Department of Transportation and our federal partners in putting together an Intelligent Transportation System for the Wichita metropolitan area."

And at that time, I went through a number of projects that these . . . our partners were working together to move forward and at that time what was missing was all the funding commitments that were needed to move forward with those projects. The item that's before you today is approval of a supplemental agreement that will put that funding in place so that we can move forward with those projects.

I'd like you to recall that back in January of 2002, the original agreement that was put together with KDOT was a commitment of 6.2 million dollars total to the design and implementation of an Intelligent Transportation System. KDOT at that time committed 3.75 million and Wichita and Sedgwick County each committed 1.25 million, which was subsequently then approved as part of each jurisdiction's CIP. The guiding document that we've been working with all these years that lead up to that agreement in 2002 was the Wichita Metropolitan Area ITS strategic development plan.

What you have before you for consideration is how to allocate the additional 5.7 million dollars in additional congressional appropriations that we've been very fortunate to be able to secure over the years. In fiscal year '02, the City of Wichita was able to obtain \$1,000,000. In '03, MAPD was able to secure an additional \$4,000,000 and in '04 Wichita Transit secured an additional .75 million

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dollars.

And what the partners, City of Wichita staff, Sedgwick County staff and KDOT staff have been working on are a number of projects which will move this Intelligent Transportation System forward and those four projects are listed here very briefly. The first one is probably the one that we'll see the most immediate results on and will be the most visible at least in the near future. This is creation of an automatic vehicle location system for Emergency Service vehicles. This will include the installation of mobile data terminals in Emergency Vehicles for police, fire and EMS in both the county and the city, as well as eventually creating a traffic operations center, that these emergency vehicles can then be linked to and have sharing of information.

We would use . . . we are proposing to use \$992,782 of the fiscal year '02 appropriation for this project. A second project is the design and eventual implementation of an advanced transportation management system. And if you'll recall the presentation I made previously, this is the type of system where by camera you monitor what's going on, traffic on the freeway system. That information feeds back to the traffic operation center. If there's a major incident on the freeway system, then that gets communicated to the traveling public by message boards out over the freeway system. We're proposing to allocate \$2,000,000 of the '03 earmark for the initial design and implementation of that system.

The third project would be the design and implementation of a traffic signal system upgrade. Currently, we do not do much in our metropolitan area to synchronize traffic signals and we could do a great deal more to improve traffic flow by doing that. So we proposing that \$1,000,000 of a fiscal year '03 earmark be allocated for start of design and implementation of that type of system. And that again would all be tied, linked back to the Traffic Operations Center.

And then finally, \$1,000,000 of the fiscal year '03 earmark and the \$750,000 '04 appropriation would go to Wichita Transit for a number of projects that they have in mind for improving location finding of buses and providing information on routes about when the buses might be arriving and just improving communications overall between their operations center and the buses.

So those would be the four projects that we're moving forward with this Intelligent Transportation System. And just very briefly, to recap this, what the supplemental agreement that's before you today would do, it would take the fiscal year '02 appropriation of \$992,782 and allocate that to emergency service providers. The '03 allocations would be divided up: \$2,000,000 to the advanced transportation management system and the traffic operations center, \$1,000,000 to the traffic signal

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system upgrade and \$1,000,000 to Wichita Transit. And the '04 allocation would go, in its entirety, to Wichita Transit.

And with that, I'll be glad to take any questions you might have about how we arrived at this particular allocations or about any of the details on these projects that you might have."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. John, the fiscal year '02 allocation, fiscal year '03 allocation, are those monies that are just accumulated and now we're approving projects for them? I mean, I'm a little confused on the timing of this. I mean, this is almost '05."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Yeah, the money was allocated . . . it was appropriated by the congress in those fiscal years and it's just been sitting there unused, while the . . . our combined joint task force of staff, city/ county/ KDOT staff were designing the projects to use these monies for."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, I understand. So this is the plan after all this planning and now we have the resources, it's the plan we want to move forward on."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Right, this is the plan for how to allocate the money that's been made available to us, correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "John, how far does this get us into the total, complete Intelligent Transportation System? This doesn't pay for all of it, obviously. How deep does this get us in there and what do you anticipate the additional money will be to do it all?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well, you're correct in your assessment that we don't have all the money that we would eventually estimate that we'll need for an intelligent transportation system, but this really gets us started and . . . if I can go back . . . you can see from this, the second and third bullets are both designing of systems, so a big part of what we're doing now is trying to get the initial studies done so that we have a better handle on exactly what it is we're going to need financially to do the type of intelligent transportation system that we want.

And that will also . . . these initial design studies will allow us to make some decisions about how deeply we want to get into this. You know, you can get into the tens of millions of dollars with an intelligent transportation system and what we have to do is make some intelligent choices about how far do we want to go with this. You know, what is appropriate for our metropolitan area. Do

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we need the same type of system here that let's say Kansas City metropolitan area needs, or do we need some to modify it to better fit our needs.

So these studies are intended to get us started, to take a look at what our real needs are, versus what we want, how much can we afford and what are we willing to spend.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, it just seems to me that obviously we’re preparing for, down the road, spending a large amount of money to do some of these projects. I mean, this just gets us ramped up to decide what we’re going to do and I think it’s important that the public knows that this is just the tip of the iceberg on intelligent transportation. This doesn’t really get us a whole lot of intelligent transportation. This just plans for what it could look like and what our needs are. Is that correct?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And that three, four, five years from now the big money will hit the table.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Correct, although I would add to that, just for clarification, it will start laying . . . these monies and these projects will start laying the basic framework for it. It’s not that this money all goes just for study and design. We do start spending on hardware and software at this phase.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And that’s good, because so many times we do studies and then they sit on shelves for five, ten years before we do anything and you almost have to redo the study because the technology has passed up the study. So I’m glad that we’re actually spending some of the money for the technology to start the program. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Are there any other questions or comments? Discussion? What’s the will of the Board then?”

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “John, I’m sure you’ll keep us advised, as things proceed, and I think we are interested in seeing how things do proceed.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “I’ll be glad to give a periodic status report, progress.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

**C. GRANT APPLICATION TO KDOT FOR FUNDING OF AN IMPAIRED DRIVING
DETERRENT PROGRAM.**

Sheriff Gary Steed, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here to request approval of yet another Kansas Department of Transportation traffic safety grant. This particular grant is a grant in the amount of \$5,099.51 that we will use to conduct a sobriety checkpoint and saturation patrol campaign over the next year.

It funds overtime for eight deputies and a supervisor and also some road flares that we use in the checkpoints and it’s focused primarily on identifying impaired drivers. It’s the fourth year that we have requested and obtained this grant.

You know, we’ve had a number of serious accidents in Sedgwick County just in the last few days and I think it points out the need for us to continue to focus resources and efforts on traffic safety here in Sedgwick County. And I think this is just one more example of how we’re working to do that. So I would request that you approve this grant and authorize Chairman Winters to sign.”

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Gary, is this . . . this is funded by all KDOT money and no matching money from Sedgwick County?"

Sheriff Steed said, "That's correct."

Chairman Winters said, "Good deal. All right, we have a Motion and a second. Is there any other discussion?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yeah, I have one question. Gary, this is not just for traps, where we go out. It's also for education and so forth. Is that right?"

Sheriff Steed said, "No, this is primarily there would be three DUI checkpoints that we operate and there will be five saturation patrols, when we send deputies out. None of this money is for education. This was all for enforcement purposes and providing overtime and equipment for deputies to go out and do these patrols and these checkpoints."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, any other questions or comments? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

D. RESOLUTION REGULATING THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR PROGRAMS TO WHICH THE COUNTY DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE OR FROM WHICH THE COUNTY DOES NOT RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE PREMIUMS.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This resolution is not new. It has been in place since the 1980s. It was last revised in 1996. The changes that we are requesting to be made to this resolution include section one, the definition of voluntary program and employees eligible to be enrolled. In the previous resolution, there was no clear definition to these two meanings.

In section two, we changed to clarify each program offered to Sedgwick County. In the previous resolution, it did not define each program and was intended and currently used with this resolution.

In section three, we added the current Sedgwick County exempt programs and vendors to the resolution, names of current programs and vendors were changed or updated to specifically identify them by the correct program or vendor name and there were a few that were deleted from the resolution that no longer exist.

In section five, we changed the county controller, duties were taken out and added the director of human resources to take over those accountabilities. I would request that you adopt this revised resolution and would be happy to answer any questions that you have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Jo. Commissioners, are there questions or comments on changing this resolution? Seeing no questions or comments, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS

- 1. RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 7-1999 TO INCREASE FROM THREE TO SIX THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC APPOINTED TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In accordance with state law, the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board was established in January, 1999. As you know, the board serves to help plan and coordinate Juvenile Justice System activity and to advise and make recommendations to this board on programs and funding for various grant programs that make up the Juvenile Justice System.

Last year, state law was amended to allow expansion in the number of voting members of this board by three positions. This is a local decision. The three positions would be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to represent the general public. Currently, the board is composed of 13 voting members. Six members of general public appointments, three by the city, three by the Board of County Commissioners. The remaining seven members are designated by state statute to represent law enforcement, judiciary prosecution, probation, mental health and education.

This action increases the representation from the general public on the board to nine members and increases the size of the board from 13 to 16 members. The advisory board recommends to approve this action. They feel it will benefit the citizens and the board by increasing the community representation and participation in this important work. I ask that you approve the resolution and I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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Chairman Winters said, "Okay. Well, do we have some discussion?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just wondered who pushed forward to expand it and it was the advisory board at their request? Because it sounds like at the state law, it's an option at the local level whether we want to add three more or not and I didn't know who was behind wanting to add the extra three. So it was the advisory board?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yeah, Johnson County, in changing the law, pressed the issue with a bill and the advisory board has considered the issue and recommends it to you."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "And I remember when we first put that board together several years ago. I mean, there are a lot of designated positions that need to be on the board and so you get a board that's got several more designated kind of representatives than general public. And so I think I would agree with the board that getting some more general public folks on there would be good. All right, are there any other questions or comments? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

- 2. REVISION TO THE KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY STATE FISCAL YEAR 2005 FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY TRUANCY IMMUNIZATION PROJECT.**

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Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is a request to amend state fiscal year 2005 funding application for our Community Truancy Immunization project.

This past summer, the commission approved contracts with five different agencies to provide services under this program. Due to low referrals, a mental health services component for targeted students under this program was discontinued. So this left \$59,130 of unallocated funds in this program’s budget.

As we are right in the middle of gathering information on best practices in truancy prevention and system-wide approaches that would impact more kids, Team Justice recommends using the unallocated funds to implement a conference facilitation program that would intervene with elementary students that show early signs of attendance problems.

During August, we approached USD 259 with this idea and received a very positive response, so we went right to work on the design phase. I would like to introduce and point out that Natalie Snyder with USD 259 is in the audience today. She made significant contributions to this program’s design.

This program component will serve 400 elementary students at eight target USD 259 schools. Those target schools are: Minneha, Linwood, Franklin, Pleasant Valley, Dodge, Anderson, Black and Bryant. Attendance problems may include excessive excused absences due to student illnesses. It could include unexcused absences and also excessive suspensions.

School social workers would be the ones to facilitate the attendance conferences and review and confirm the student’s attendance and discuss and determine what are the problems and what can be done to resolve the matters that are causing the student not to attend school.

As a written agreement will be signed at the conference stating what action is going to be implemented to eliminate this problem. Then the school district will use coop interns from Wichita State University to do all the follow up with the students and the families to insure that all the proper steps are being taken to implement the action plan.

The whole idea of this program is to intervene early as to address the root causes for missing school. The overall outcomes for these eight schools are to decrease by 10% the number of students that meet the legal threshold for truancy, to decrease by 20% the number of students that are suspended and also to decrease by 20% the number of students that have greater than 12 days of excused absences due to illness.

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It is possible that this program could be expanded in future years to reach even more elementary schools. Researching ways to implement best practices and truancy continues to be a priority for team justice. As you know, this Friday, September 17th, we do have Heather McGilfrey coming from Colorado to present her latest research on what works from the National Truancy Immunization project.

But today we are asking that you approve the revisions to the community Truancy Immunization project funding application to include this elementary attendance facilitation component. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you very much, Chris, for the presentation. Natalie, maybe I would like to just have you come up and just say something about the partnership here between the school district and Juvenile Justice and I guess the school district's thought process and does this sound like a good deal to you, etcetera?"

Ms. Natalie Snyder, Truancy Grant Supervisor, USD 259, greeted the commissioners and said, "Oh, the school district is really looking forward to this project. We're taking an aggressive stand on truancy where it counts, at the elementary level. I think that this is going to be fantastic. We can intervene early with these families. When you look at two days of unexcused absences, I think it would be awesome if we could break that pattern before it starts, so we won't see the excessive unexcused absences that we do in middle and high school. So we are really looking forward to partnering with the county, as well as Wichita State University for this project."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, mention . . . talk a little bit about Wichita State component and the intern type of work that will be done there."

Ms. Snyder said, "Wichita State University is working with USD 259 and they provide coop interns. These interns are majoring in social science, so they're looking for a position, an internship in their field of study. The interns are going to be responsible for attending the mediation meetings. Once they attend the meetings and they're going to follow up with the parent and with the student and they're going to make a connection with that student. They're going to be in that school at least three times a week, seeing that student and speaking with them.

Also, the coop intern is going to be the go between with teachers and the social worker for the mediation. The teacher cannot participate in the meeting, so the coop intern is going to be bringing the school to ?"

Chairman Winters said, "Well all right, thank you very much. It sounds very good. Commissioner McGinn."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well, I just don't think we can do enough, it seems like, or the need is out there on truancy and I know Commissioner Norton, in the past, has been on Communities in Schools and working with some of their truancy programs. I serve on the ACTS on Truancy, which is a little more harder cases, that serves that area. And so, I mean, more is better and it's so important because unfortunately we have increases cases of truancy in our community.

And I think about that and then I tie that into it's hard for us to see how important that is until we start looking at the types of jobs that are out there and going to be out there and needing students to go through that high school education and even be prepared for so kind of extended education if they can be. Because if you're a high school dropout, the chances are very slim of trying to find a good job to support yourself, your family and that kind of thing. And so, I think this is excellent.

It's unfortunate that we need more programs like this, but we've got to get our hands around this and change the direction that some of our children are taking. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. The question I had, have we had programs like this in elementary schools before, or is this our first venture into the elementary."

Ms. Snyder said, "This is the most aggressive program that we have put into affect in the elementary schools. We've had . . . we had a program where social work interns had worked with some elementary students. However, the caseload that they had was about 10 per student and we only had five social work interns in the schools at a time. We're planning on reaching 400 students with this program."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Well another question, I don't know Chris or whoever wants to ans . . . but are there enforcement, I mean, are there teeth in this thing where, I mean, if we find someone who is a violator and we've talked to them two or three times and we're not getting compliance, what happens next?"

Ms. Snyder said, "What happens is we're hoping to avoid referrals to SRS. When a student is between the ages of 7 and 12 and they miss three consecutive days of unexcused absences in one semester, five cumulative days of unexcused absences or seven days in a year of unexcused absences, then they're referred to SRS.

SRS then opens the case and they have the discretion, if they cannot get compliance with the family, to refer that to court. So one of the goals of this program is to avoid the referrals to SRS to

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keep these kids out of the system.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, good. Thank you. Well, I’m very much in favor of this. We’ve got to keep the kids in school. If they’re not going to school, they can’t read. If they can’t read, they’re out of the game, so I’m very much in favor of it.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I know a lot of the school districts have tightened up their policies on tardiness, absenteeism, truancy. I just went to a parents’ meeting in Haysville and they described all of the new things that they’re doing to keep kids in school: make them show up on time, make sure their absenteeism is documented and taken care of in some manner. I think this is a program that continues to tighten up what we need to be doing.

My concern is that most of the schools are in 259. What are we doing in the outlying areas? Are we hitting some of those schools?”

Ms. Morales said, “Within the Community Truancy Immunization project, we do have a school readiness component that serves all of Sedgwick County and it’s to ensure that kindergarteners are ready . . . or students are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten and Communities in Schools is involved with that program and it does serve all of the county.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Right. Have we done a scan of all the elementary schools around the county to see if any of those should be placed in those high-risk schools? I know like the feeder schools of West High School, the feeder schools of some of the other high schools are where the biggest problems are but I’m afraid that there are probably some suburban schools that have some elementary schools that fall into that too. Have we done that scan to make sure that we’re hitting the most risk appropriate schools?”

Ms. Morales said, “Yes. Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland from Wichita State University just completed her evaluation from state fiscal year 2004 of all of the programs that are JJA funded, as well as the Community Crime Prevention funded. And that is one assessment that she did, is to look at the four different quadrants and to see which areas were most at risk.

We also recently had Rick Cady with Channing Beet here and part of his assessment was to look at do we have the services in the right location to get the greatest impact. So that is something that we have done and taken that into consideration.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Many times, the prevailing attitude is suburban schools don’t have

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those problems and it's always an inner-city, older school, metro-area problem and I just want to be sure that we're not just assuming that. That we are doing a scan that says that that's not the case or is the case. So, sounds like you've done that. Thanks."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you and Commissioner Norton's point was very well made. I think that we are seeing some of these problems in our suburban schools and I want to make sure that I would hope that we're continuing to keep an eye on that as well."

You know the other point I want to make, just real briefly and that has to do with 20 years ago when we talked about truancy we talked about usually the high school teenager that was having trouble in schools or got in the wrong group and dropped out. And we're no longer talking about just that population anymore. When we're talking about our 7 to 12 year olds, it's not that that child doesn't want to go to school. It's because there's a problem in the home.

And so it has changed, the climate has changed. And so when we're going from the 16-plus year old to now having to deal with the 7 to 12 year olds, the way we provide that service or intervene is certainly different, because generally it's something going on with the parents. Their either lack of desire to get the child to school or the fact that they're having too many challenges themselves in trying to promote that positive activity for the child. So, I guess march on and let's continue to do the good work. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you Commissioners. Natalie, could you give us your full name again and what you do with this school district."

Ms. Snyder said, "My name is Natalie Snyder and I'm the truancy grant supervisor for USD 259."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well, we're really pleased that you were here today to share with us the information and we're looking forward to what we hope is a good partnership. I think people sometimes don't get the connection that we do partner with school districts a lot, juvenile justice issues can really bleed over between the county and school district. So we appreciate your being here very much."

Ms. Snyder said, "And I would like to thank the commissioners very much for the time."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, you've heard both Chris and Natalie. What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH USD 259 TO PROVIDE INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS.

Ms. Morales said, "Before you is an amendment to our existing contract with USD 259 Wichita Public Schools. This amendment is necessary to add that elementary attendance conference component that you just approved. This will be added to our existing Community Truancy

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Immunization project grant.

Additional compensation in the amount of \$59,130 will be given to USD 259 to facilitate these attendance conferences. The majority of the plans will be used for supplemental pay for eight Masters level social workers and also compensation for the four coop intern students from Wichita State University.

Another portion of the funds has been set aside for Midland Mediation Services, which is a program under Kansas Legal Services Agency. This is to provide a one-day, very intensive, specialized training in mediation and conference facilitation. This is for the coop interns, the social workers and any other interested school personnel. We are asking you to approve this amendment to our agreement with USD 259 and authorize the Chair to sign. Be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Chris and this runs hand in hand with the action we just had, the previous agenda item.”

Ms. Morales said, “Yes.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, is there any other discussion, Commissioners? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Chris and Natalie, thank you for being with us. Next item."

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

F. MODIFICATION TO AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS TO EXTEND SUPPORT OF A RESEARCH PROJECT.

Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "For Marilyn Cook, who was called out of town due to family illness. The research project Sequence Treatment Alternatives to Relieve Depression, or STARD, is under an NIMH contract with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and COMCARE is one of several research sites across the country. The purpose of this research is to investigate alternatives to the treatment of depression, utilizing existing medications and therapy.

This project has been in process locally for approximately three years and the modification of the agreement before you extends the term of the agreement for an additional two years. We would recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the chairman to sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Tom. This is again just an extension of what we've been doing for two more years. Is that right?"

Mr. Pletcher said, "That's correct."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR DEPARTMENT ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED DEMAND RESPONSE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO CITIZENS RESIDING IN HAYSVILLE, MULVANE, DERBY, BEL AIRE, PARK CITY, KECHI, MAIZE AND VALLEY CENTER.**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The transportation program has been providing services to these nine communities under the rural funded program that receives funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation down to the transportation brokerage. However, due to the 2000 census, there was a realignment of these nine communities and they have now been included in the urbanized area of Wichita, and as such the rural funding will no longer fund them.

These are now funded under urban, through the specialized transportation services and the Wichita Transit, through the City of Wichita, has elected to fund these services and provide these services through the transportation brokerage, so these services areas will now be the responsibility, under the urban area and under the urban funding.

So we will continue to provide this service, however we will now be reimbursed through the City of Wichita and this contract, this agreement with them provides for reimbursement to us for provision of these services. Now, they will be providing reimbursement to us based on our planning administrative costs and these particulars are covered in this contract agreement. And this funding is for up until the end of this calendar year, however it can go back to July 1st, which is when that funding transition actually took place. And any funding that is not utilized in this amount by the end of the year will roll over and we can utilize that for next year, but we do anticipate another

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agreement with them for next year. So, if you have any further questions, I would be happy to answer those. I would recommend you approve and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Will it change the service provided to any of those communities, as it stands right now?”

Ms. Graham said, “We don’t anticipate that it will. It should be about the same level and about the same kind of transportation opportunities.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Because if moved out of rural and into urban, is there a chance at some point that the mix of services will change, because the money at the urban level will change?”

Ms. Graham said, “At this point, we don’t know what that’s going to look like, because the grant amount, the contract amount for this is kind of . . . it was kind of a guess-timate about what that would look like, so the city and the funding they got from the federal government to provide this newly urbanized area, it’s kind of a kind of see how it goes and see if there might be an opportunity for some increased funding and then finding the service providers to provide that transportation in those farther areas of the city . . . well, out in the outer communities is kind of a challenge, but we don’t anticipate much of a change at this point and we just hope that perhaps it would grow some in the future.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I know I attended one of the first meetings when we started talking about this and one of the things that concerned me is that as we move a couple of years out, and there’s more and more pressure to do something in the inner-city downtown of the urban area, that monies will be refocused to take care of that. I mean, when you talk about queue line and all the things they’re trying to do with urban transportation, that the fringes will lose some of this.

Now, right now everybody is playing fair and the money looks like it is equal, the service is the same, but I can see that deteriorating, if there’s some pressure at some point, where the monies don’t come in and who will lose will be the outlying areas where it’s maybe not as high ridership and there’s a push towards the urban, you know the revitalization of the urban area and I just want to be sure that we’re talking about that today, because a couple of years from now, things could change. So, that’s all I’ve got.”

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Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you Commissioner. Are there other questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

2. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO IMPLEMENT A FALLS RELATED INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Ms. Graham said, “The Kansas Senior Injury Prevention program is a demonstration program funded through the Office of Health Promotion and the Kansas Department of Health and

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Environment. We have recently worked with them on the Kansas Senior Fire Prevention and Education program and because that's been such a success, Kansas Department of Health and Environment actually contacted us and required that we apply for this funding.

Well, not exactly that we apply but that we accept it. They had this funding available and so we didn't even apply for this funding. They just granted us the funding and saw this out because it had been so successful, using those previous funds for senior focus services.

The overall purpose of this program, of this grant, is to support the reduction of injury and death due to falls. The Central Plains Area Agency on Aging will work collaboratively with other community partners and organizations to implement initiatives that will address changes in knowledge, attitudes, behaviors and environments in an effort to reduce injury, deaths and hospitalizations due to falls among seniors.

Statistics from the Center for Disease Control show that falls are the leading cause of death from unintentional injury in the home and that 30% of the people age 65 and over are involved in falls each year. Many of these falls for that age group end up with fractures of hips, which oftentimes will lead to premature institutionalization, nursing home and death. So, some of these falls are fatal. Many others just result in institutionalization of seniors and cause loss of mobility or independence.

This is for a \$6,000 grant. There are no matching funds and we would request that you approve the contract and authorize the Chairperson to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a second. Annette, will most of this be educational type work that you'll do or what will actually . . .?"

Ms. Graham said, "It's going to be a combination. It will be education. We'll go out and do presentations. We'll also be able to work with individuals in their homes to kind of access their home environment to look for things that might cause falls. And we'll also be working with WSU, they have a Center for Aging, where they actually do some physical exercise and activities with seniors to help them prevent falls by working on balance and different kind of activities that will strengthen them and make them stronger, so it's a combination of several different kind of initiatives."

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Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you. We have a motion and a second. Commissioners, are there other questions? Seeing none, Madam Clerk would you call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING STAFFING TABLE.

- DELETION AND REALLOCATIONS
- REALLOCATION - COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Ms. Graham said, “In this proposal, we are requesting to delete a case manager position from the staffing table and use the funds from that to reclassify the following three positions: the retired senior volunteer program coordinator, the volunteer coordinator for that program and the minor home repair coordinator.

It has become clear that this positions are not at a competitive salary level, comparable to similar positions in Wichita and Sedgwick County. As you recall, we just took over the operation of the Retired Senior Volunteer program January 1st of this year. At that point in time, it was a brand new program, and as we developed the positions, there was concern even at that time, that these positions were not at a high enough level. And in fact what we have is we have found that definitely they are not at a competitive level and that the type of work that those two positions are conducting and doing for that program are substantially at a higher level than what they are being reimbursed at.

We have the RSVP coordinator that has a Masters Degree and the other individuals has several years of experience doing this kind of thing. They’re doing really independent work. It’s very complicated, complex work, working a lot with community partners, community providers, working with individuals. Also, with the minor home repair program, over the last couple of years, we’ve seen significant changes in the actions and responsibilities of that position and we’ve received the

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fire safety program. We've got the new falls prevention program. We've worked with the Lowe's Hero Program and we're working more and more out in the community, getting more people involved, increasing the numbers of partners, getting more businesses that are involved. We've recently worked extensively with Boeing and their volunteer program to get them more involved, doing these kind of programs and services with seniors in our community doing more work with them. Also some more responsibility as far as financial tracking and the SAP system, so we're wanting to delete that one position and increase those three and upgrade those.

We have also, in this mini-reorganization, proceeded to add a community health nurse position. This community health nurse will assist older adults, caregivers and our staff with senior health issues. This position will provide awareness, education, health screenings and consultation to our network of providers to assist and improve the health of older adults in the tri-county area. This position will be funded by combining 55% of one current case manager position and using 45% of the Medicaid grant funding to help provide that service in the tri-county area.

As we look out over the next several years, what we're seeing is from the year 2000 to 2010 we're going to see a 20% increase in the age 65-plus population in our tri-county area. From 2010 to 2020, we're looking at a 32% increase. We're having some massive shifts in our demographics in our population and we need to work, as a department, to really know that we're providing the best services, but that we're also looking more at prevention. We've got to put more of our focus into disease prevention, health promotion, working with our providers and moving them on in this area and getting more of our services focused in those areas, because we need to impact and make changes before people are needing the more direct services of in-home services and nursing home care.

So this is an effort to kind of follow the national trend, which is putting more and more focus on those health promotion activities, disease prevention and we need to work more, not only with our providers, but with caregivers and with seniors and kind of changing and realigning some of the work that we do and moving more in that direction. And so we'll have to be kind of one of the leaders in that and provide that consultation and information and research and program design and development with our partners in the community. So, we would request that you would approve this reorganization and authorize the Chair to sign and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, we've got a couple of questions. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Not really a question, just a thought about how are you partnering with our public health department on that issue of delivering good health practices to the aged, to seniors, to that population? Because that's an issue that came up during our Health Summit, how our population is aging quickly. It's a new generation of very active seniors that . . . and it is going to be a huge population shift, demographic shift. How are you partnering with our health

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department? I really don't want you to do that out in a silo, when we have so much capacity at the health department to help you with the scanning and the understanding Geriatrics and all of that."

Ms. Graham said, "We do work with them, definitely. We're working with them for the Senior Health Expo, Senior Expo that's coming up, we're partnering with them to do a lot of screening and information at that. We worked with them on getting immunizations out to the senior centers in Sedgwick County, so we worked with them on some other grant proposals, some programs and definitely worked with them and discussed with them.

One of the challenges, I think, that we face is because as a Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, we're tri-county so we have to make our services available not only in Sedgwick County, but in Butler and Harvey, so . . . but certainly in Sedgwick County we are working extensively with them and have developed those relationships over the last year or two, as we work towards and work on grants, work on opportunities, work on immunization projects, health prevention, health promotion, those kind of activities and definitely are very involved with them on those kind of issues."

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess that takes us to the next question. Have we contacted the other two health departments in the other counties and make sure that we've got a relationship with them, since we are serving multiple counties?"

Ms. Graham said, "And the Department on Aging in Butler and Harvey County have those connections certainly with them, so through that, yes we have been working on that with them."

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

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I just want to make a comment that I appreciate that we're implementing a strategy of prevention. If we wait till we just get to the point where we're responding to need, we're going to be overwhelmed, in light of the demographic change. So I think, as we continue to think ahead and think about what's going to be happening in the future and how can we get ahead on those needs, it's going to be helpful and cost effective just in our strategic thinking. So, I just wanted to make that comment, appreciate what you're doing."

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Chairman Winters said, ‘All right, just a couple of quick questions, Annette. The RSVP Program does bring some federal dollars to the table, is that correct?’

Ms. Graham said, “Yes, that was a federal grant, yes.”

Chairman Winters said, “So that’s one of the reasons to keep that thing healthy and going is because it does bring some additional resources to the community.”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes. It’s about \$57,000 I think and it also, at this current time we’re serving about 900 volunteers that work out in the community and serve multiple agencies and really further the activities of these agencies that are involved in all types of activities, not only working with seniors, but working with children, working with the schools, working with the special needs population and we’re certainly working on expanding that as, once again, our population is aging, we’re having more and more pool of volunteers and a pool of volunteers that are interested in doing higher level kind of activities and more diverse kind of opportunities and certainly brings a lot of value to the community and what they can contribute back.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, so I know a couple of years ago we were thinking maybe that the RSV program was even going to go away, but I guess I would take it, by the tone of your enthusiasm, that you think the RSVP program is doing good work and is out in the community doing good things?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes, definitely.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, then it looks like there’s a case manager position going away, being deleted. Are we comfortable that this reorganization is not going to have a gap in case management now?”

Ms. Graham said, “At this point in time, with our combination of staff case managers and our contracted case managers for the Medicaid program. We’re looking very well with that right now and you know, certainly we’ve had a waiting list for the Medicaid program, our Senior Care Act and our Older Americans Act programs have been open and we’ve been able to manage those programs with the existing number of case managers, so we felt that these needs certainly were very, very important and at this point in time we weren’t experiencing any problems related to lack of staff to do that case management activity.”

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Chairman Winters said, “Okay, that sounds good. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments? We’re on Item G-3, for both the deletion and reallocation and the reallocation of the community health nurse. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the adjustments to the Department on Aging Staffing Table.

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	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

DIO – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

H. CONTRACT WITH KDHE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE LOCAL BIOTERRORISM PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS.

Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here to ask for your approval of a contract, accept funding and

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authorize to sign an agreement with KDHE and related documents for this year's, which starts September, funding for bio-terrorism preparedness. It is federal flow-through, the state's money. This is the third year. The first year we got about 430-some-odd thousand, the middle year we got 630-some-odd thousand, this year it's back down to 470-some-odd thousand. We'll be added to the efforts of MMRS funding that comes directly from the feds. Most of the focuses and targets of this money and this requirement from the state are the same and similar to add to last year's requirements."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, you have questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. CONTRACT WITH RICHARD AND MARILYN CROWN FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 726 AND 742 SOUTH KANSAS COURT ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS AT THE JUVENILE COMPLEX.

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There are two contracts before you this morning. Each of these two properties are owned by the same owners, Richard and Marilyn Crown. These are the final two properties needed to acquire the

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additional land needed for parking at the juvenile complex. The total amount between the two properties is \$171,800, plus closing costs. The funding is available within the existing approved budget of the Juvenile Detention Facility project. I'm available for questions and recommend your approval."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, just to reemphasize, you are still within budget for what you're budgeted to purchase property for this project."

Ms. Knebel said, "Correct."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Is there more to purchase? I mean, this does it?"

Ms. Knebel said, "No, these are the final two properties."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh 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	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

J. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE SHERMAN TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In Item J-1, it is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision, in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, 53rd Court located in Eck 9th Addition, will become the responsibility of Sherman Township.

The Sherman Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the county commission agenda by letter dated August 2nd, 2004. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Are there questions of Jim?"

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE UNION TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Weber said, "Item J-2 is similar to the previous resolution. It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision, in accordance with county standards, that road is assigned to the township road system. In this case, Shadow Lakes, Shadow Lakes Court, Lombard Lane and Lombard Court located in the Hilltop Acres Estates Addition, will become the responsibility of Union Township.

The Union Township board was informed that this resolution would be on the county commission agenda by letter, also dated August 2nd of 2004. And again, we recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Are there questions of Jim?"

MOTION

Chairman Winters 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	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2004.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of September 9th resulted in three items for consideration today.

1) TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE SEARCH & ABSTRACTING SERVICES-TREASURER
FUNDING: TREASURER

First item, tax foreclosure title search and abstracting services for the Treasurer's Office. Recommend the low proposal from Land Title and Abstract for a per abstract rate of \$75 and execute a contract for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

2) CM-B SAND- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIALS

The second item, CM-B sand for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Aggregate Sand and Gravel for \$49,800 and establish contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew, for an estimated annual cost of \$75,000.

3) CS-2 SCREENINGS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIALS

And item three, CS-2 screenings for Public Works. Recommend the low bid meeting specifications from Central Paving for \$99,600 and establish contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew, for an estimated annual cost of \$146,000.

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

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Are there any questions of Iris? It not . . .?"

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Easements for Right-of-Way.

- a. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 618-15-3348, bridge on Central between 167th and 183rd Streets West. CIP# B-412. District #3.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Permanent Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 606-15-1895; bridge on 53rd Street North (west of Colwich) between 167th and 183rd Streets West. CIP# B-409. District #3.

2. Amendment to Contract with Wichita ACTS to make technical adjustments to outcome measures.

3. Order formalizing findings made by the Board of County Commissioners September 8, 2004 related to annexation of territory by Rural Water District No. 1.

4. Sedgwick County Premier Benefits Plan Renewals.

- Vision Service Plan – group vision care
- Preferred Health Systems – health maintenance organization plan

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- Fiserv Health-Kansas – administrative services for COBRA and retirement health benefits
- Walgreen’s Health Initiatives – administrative services for self-insured prescription drug program.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of KS – administrative services for self-insured medical program
- Delta Dental of KS – administrative services for self-insured dental program
- Employers Unity, Inc. – unemployment insurance claims management and consultation
- Advance Life Insurance Company through Blue Cross Blue Shield of KS – group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance plan

5. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V04047	\$232.00	5	Hearth Hollow Apts.
V04048	\$191.00	5	Hearth Hollow Apts.
V04049	\$285.00	4	Valley Lodge
V04050	\$273.00	5	John Van Winkle
V04051	\$328.00	4	Sundance Apts.
V04053	\$550.00	5	Springcreek Apts.
V04054	\$575.00	5	Sherri Barnes
V04055	\$495.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apts.
V04056	\$450.00	5	David Pickering
V04058	\$490.00	5	Oakview at the Park
V04059	\$196.00	4	Valley View LLC
V04060	\$530.00	Harvey	Kevin Rodriguez
V04061	\$317.00	5	Oakview at the Park
V04062	\$231.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apts.
V04063	\$208.00	4	Valley Lodge

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
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V03089	\$341.00	\$335.00
V020066	\$91.00	\$266.00
V03081	\$185.00	\$272.00
V010150	\$228.00	\$230.00
V020046	\$403.00	\$383.00
V95117	\$160.00	\$130.00
V20104	\$333.00	\$335.00
V03082	\$337.00	\$334.00
V2069	\$315.00	\$336.00
V2086	\$327.00	\$299.00
V03073	\$475.00	\$475.00
V03059	\$383.00	\$383.00
V2093	\$550.00	\$550.00
V010156	\$233.00	\$242.00
V99056	\$425.00	\$425.00
V010147	\$232.00	\$142.00
V02070	\$284.00	\$283.00
V03090	\$290.00	\$300.00
V03074	\$353.00	\$343.00
V03080	\$489.00	\$334.00
V3086	\$000.00	\$8.00
V20101	\$311.00	\$318.00
V020068	\$294.00	\$297.00
V20102	\$129.00	\$161.00
V03084	\$340.00	\$424.00
V95119	\$360.00	\$360.00
V03078	\$225.00	\$384.00
V020018	\$443.00	\$421.00
V200109	\$114.00	\$114.00
V03134	\$700.00	\$700.00
V03134	\$633.00	\$700.00
V020030	\$285.00	\$273.00
V020006	\$455.00	\$539.00
V03100	\$632.00	\$665.00
V03093	\$441.00	\$475.00

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V99056	\$178.00	\$425.00
V2009	\$545.00	\$545.00
V010147	\$142.00	\$262.00
V010101	\$366.00	\$400.00
V020081	\$512.00	\$700.00
V020052	\$436.00	\$550.00
V03074	\$353.00	\$700.00
V03091	\$255.00	\$385.00
V1096	\$495.00	\$359.00
V010114	\$455.00	\$264.00
V03075	\$213.00	\$133.00
V020031	\$525.00	\$525.00
V93028	\$93.00	\$000.00

7. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Judith A. Einhellig	Renaissance Pub

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

9. Payroll Check Register of September 10, 2004.

10. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of September 8 – 14, 2004.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we had planned on having an Executive Session today, but a couple of commissioners have got a conflict and need to move on quickly, so we're going to not have the Executive Session in our Regular Meeting. We do need to have a short Fire District meeting, but while we're in the Regular Meeting, if there's no other regular business, this might be a time for community business, if anybody has any community discussion before we move into the Fire District. Commissioner Unruh."

M. OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I just would comment that those folks that are Zoo supporters and are interested in the Zoo, they've had a great fundraising Zoobilee last Saturday and talked to a young lady that was out at the zoo on Sunday morning early and she said the place was spic and span and you couldn't tell that there was a jillion people out there having a party the night before. So congratulations to Mark Reed, the Director of the Zoo, and all the effort they've made in making that a very successful and financially stable component of our community."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. This weekend, if you have nothing else to do or would like to go out and enjoy fair festivities, of course the state fair is going on, but also my home community Sedgwick is having their fall festival this weekend. Parade starts at 10 and there will be activities both Saturday and Sunday, singing in the park Sunday afternoon and other various contests and things going on, so a lot of fun in Sedgwick. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, last week was the first round of visioneering meetings and we're ramping up into the second round and I think several of us have participated. I know I was in Haysville on Friday and we had a really good group. People continue to show up and not abandon this. I mean, they were appointed, a lot of people were elected at the small meetings and it would have been easy not to show up, but I think we've had good crowds, very engaged, very positive about their comments, so hopefully the second week will be as good as the first week."

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And I believe this week is the chili cook-off and that goes on in Old Town this weekend and another great event, you know, to participate in. Hopefully the weather will be good and there will be a lot to do this weekend. That's all I've got."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, thank you. That was what I was going to suggest. If anybody is looking for something to do the next two weekends, for sure a busy time: barbeque cook-off in Old Town this Saturday, which is always a fun event and then next weekend the Aviation Festival. So a couple of big events going to take place.

So Commissioners, is there any other business to come before our Regular Meeting? If not, the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners is now adjourned."

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman

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Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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