

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 2, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 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 Lucy Burtnett; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention; Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator; Mr. Tim Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Dr. Joe Pisciotte, 4225 Ironwood, Wichita, KS

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Sherdeill Breathett, Sr., St. Mark United Methodist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, January 19, 2005.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Burtnett was absent from the January 19, 2005 meeting.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners you've had the opportunity to review the minutes of the January 19th meeting, what is the will of the board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2005.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Abstain
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR HEALTHY CITIZENS REPORT.

Dr. Joe Pisciotte, Professor, Wichita State University, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning in the capacity as professor at the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs and my primary responsibility, my task and it is indeed a pleasure to officially present to you this report of the Sedgwick County Assembly Prescription for Healthy Citizens, and if I might, Mr. Chairman, take one or two moments to tell you a little bit about this report.

This is the culmination of something that I guess started about two years ago and as part of your continuing effort to review how it is that you present and provide the services to the folks of Sedgwick County, you're constantly looking for ways to see if there is a better way of doing things and I think it was two years ago this month that you took administrative and financial responsibility for the Department of Public Health and prior to that I think it was split between the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Once you assumed that it's my understanding that you wanted to really get out and find out exactly what's being done, what the thinking is in the Community.

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So consequently, you asked the Hugo Wall School and I think it was Manager Buchanan working closely with Professor Ed Flentje put together this assembly and as a result of that you did several things. You went out into the community, you did some focus groups, you've commissioned Professor Mark Glaser to conduct perhaps one of the more extensive surveys of citizens to find out exactly what they were thinking and exactly what they were really wanting by way of health services in this county.

Then you convened an assembly of the Wichita State University Campus, some 140 folks throughout the county who shared concerns and interest about this very important topic on the public agenda and they met for a day and a half and this volume is the result of that. It contains background papers, contains the recommendations and all of you I think, with the exception perhaps of Commissioner Burtnett, have received that because you have participated in the assembly and Commissioner, I will give you this one this morning and also I think several boxes are going to be delivered to Andy Schlapp's office this morning along with a very extensive report from Professor Glaser.

The Assembly came up with a variety of findings that I think are going to serve you very well. One of which is that they truly want partnerships in the health delivery in this community and I think you started the partnerships very well when you partnered with 10 other delivery groups in the County and I think they also want good data collection to find out exactly what is being provided and what is not being provided. They also are very concerned about prevention, they're concerned about access and I think all of this speaks very well to the fact that you're, in my opinion, out ahead of the curve on this very important topic. And we're prepared to continue to partner with you as you begin to review and implement some of the specific recommendations into volume and I'd also be remiss if I didn't tell you that in this volume is a forward that is brilliantly written by Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Winters, who were very much involved in it and I would commend that to anyone who wants to find out what's in the volume. So on behalf of my colleagues at the Hugo Wall School, the many dozens of folks who were involved in putting this together, and President Don Biggs, who is very much providing the leadership and support for our continuing partnership with Sedgwick County, it's my pleasure to present you with the volume. Mr. Chairman, I'd be glad to answer any questions if it'd be the pleasure of the board."

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

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Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you very much. I know that Commissioner Norton has some comments, but I wanted to beat him to the punch for just a moment to thank Commissioner Norton for really bringing forward the idea to proceed with this assembly. We all know that Commissioner Norton has a high level of interest in this community health process and once the decision was made for Sedgwick County to takeover a larger role in community health and the City of Wichita focusing on the environmental side and Sedgwick County focusing on the health issue side. Commissioner Norton in his term as Chair which would have been in 2003 was very instrumental in wanting to have a community dialogue and discussion, so he really started this entire movement. Then I was fortunate to be Chairman in 2004, at the time that the actual event took place, but clearly very much has Commissioner Norton’s fingerprints all over this study. And I also want to thank the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs. I’ve attended several assemblies, they’ve all been good, I thought the participants of this assembly left with a real sense of direction. I think it’s going to be a great step off as we have a new Health Department director on board soon. I think we’ll need to respark part of that enthusiasm that was there but my principle purpose was to say thank you to the Hugo Wall School and thanks to Commissioner Norton for getting us started.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you very much, Commissioner. And I would, before I let Mr. Norton talk, just echo the gratitude and appreciation of the entire Commission for your leadership in getting this started, Commissioner Norton, and now I will turn it to you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you for those kind words. I’ll try to get my fingerprints off of it. I didn’t realize I did that. I have to tell you as we move into Visioneering, one of the things that bubbled up, under quality of life number one issue: health concerns, quality of health, delivery of health, and I’m really proud that Dr. Pisciotte, and Dr. Flentje and the County Commission and all that worked on this, the 140 people at the assembly, the people that worked on the focus advisory board for many, many meetings have now got a bible to go by, I mean anybody can pick this up and really quickly find out the state of health care and the state of our Health Department and the community by reading this book, I mean it really describes it. I’ve already read most of it and it really describes what our issues are, what we’re doing really well right now, what we need to work on, where we need to pull the community together to put projects together where we may have to attach some public money and do some private fund raising to get some things done, but this really describes the future of our Health Department, our health community, our medical community in Sedgwick County.

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And it's going to be so critical as we think about visioning, you know we had a lot of data that we had to try to look at and a lot of it is just data that we come up out of our heart and we say we really, really think that the Ark River needs to be cleaned up and beautified and it feels good to say that but I don't know what the data is that says that, for health, we've got the data, I mean we've got the goods put together and I'm so glad that we did this month's prior to Visioneering because as we embark on making our community better and I think we've got six different focus areas, we've got a body of work that really describes what we need to do and where we need to put our energies and I'm very hopeful that we can now take this, dissect it, compartmentalize it and make components of this part of Visioneering, that we can get health groups and non profits and government entities to take bits and pieces of what we've learned and start working on it.

Whether it has to do with education or prevention or clinics or rising costs of health care and insurance premiums whatever that may be, including dental care, all of those need to be talked about in the community, compartmentalized and some action steps taken, you know it's great that this is bound and it's a body of work but you know words with no actions are pretty hollow and now this is our call to action.

And anyone in the community can get a copy of this probably or at the library or the Commission chambers and understand pretty simply what we're faced with as a community and truthfully it is a community. It's not just government that needs to deal with this or the medical community, it's every citizen because truthfully, you know maybe the downtown arena doesn't affect every citizen, maybe cleaning up the Ark River doesn't affect every citizen, there are many issues that don't affect every citizen, health affects every citizen and we should take this very serious. So, I'm very proud of the words, thank you Dr. Pisciotte and certainly thanks to my colleagues for the kind words but boy this was a team effort. If we ever had a great team effort of a lot of people very much smarter than me that developed something, this was it and I appreciate it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well Dr. Pisciotte, I just want to ...do you want to say something?"

Dr. Pisciotte said, "No sir, that's quite all right, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, I just want to express appreciation to you and Dr. Flentje and Wichita State University for their partnership in making this happen and bringing it to completion. Well, also I think we need to express appreciation to our citizens who responded in numbers that are somewhat unprecedented. I mean the response to the questionnaire, our survey was very strong and the participation in the assembly itself was very strong and that indicates that this is an issue that our citizens are very much interested in.

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But what we do with it now, I think it also needs to be said that it's not something that's just a governmental function, but many of those health issues that were identified at the assembly had to do with behavior and so if we want to have a strong healthy community a lot of it's going to depend that every citizen buys in and says 'I've got responsibility for my own health' so that has to do with what I eat and how I exercise and how I think and how I respond to others. You know one of the top items that struck me is violence is a major public health issue, that's a behavior item, obesity is a behavior item so we're, as a government agency, we're trying to do our best to promote this and give it some stimulus but it's going to take cooperation of folks in the community that were trying to help through our public health department."

Dr. Pisciotte said, "Chairman, I think this afternoon or later this morning you're going to receive the full report of the results of the survey that you did. I think you'll find in that probably that Sedgwick County now has an indication of what its citizens want, far beyond any other County in the country, and I think once again that speaks to the fact that this Commission working well with it's staff is always ahead of the curve. And by saying that we could not have done this with out the superb help and cooperation from Manager Buchanan and his excellent staff and it was truly a cooperative partner effort. Thank you very much, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Don't leave just yet, we have one other comment. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well..."

Dr. Pisciotte said, "I was wondering when my good friend was going to..."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I do also want to congratulate you, Tim, on taking the lead on this. But you mentioned something that I think I'd like to counter, just in case, because we have an arena question up in the legislature. And I disagree with you. I do believe that the downtown arena will positively affect every citizen in Sedgwick County, either directly or indirectly, because of the increased economic activity downtown, meaning more monies will come into the general funds of the City and the County and then we can provide more services.

So, I just want to make sure, because I'm a little nervous and we're getting close to maybe bringing this to a head that a legislator might want to say, 'Well gee, Commissioner Norton said, and that's the reason I'm not going to vote for it cause it doesn't affect everybody'. I think it will positively affect every citizen in Sedgwick County. And thank you for all your help and I'll see you when the weather breaks and we'll continue our competition."

Dr. Piscotte said, "As always sir it's a pleasure sir, and I want strokes."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Dr. Pisciotte. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

B. APPOINTMENT OF ONE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE, AND ONE ALTERNATE VOTING MEMBER, TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARD.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, each member of the Regional Economic Area Partnership is required to designate a voting member and an alternate voting member and we have prepared a resolution that would designate Tom Winters, Commissioner Tom Winters as the voting delegate and Chairman Dave Unruh as the alternate delegate and I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to make the appointments.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "We have a motion and a second, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners I thank you very much. Commissioners, I thank you for that motion and just a brief bit of background. I'm sure you all know that the Regional Economic Area Partnership otherwise known as REAP, is a group of about 30 some cities and counties in south central Kansas which acts somewhat as a regional council on governments.

Last year, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn was our voting delegate and I was the alternate and in that position of being an alternate I was selected as vice chair of the organization and chair of the Economic Development Committee so I am very much committed to the REAP organization and would like to continue in that position or in a position of a voting delegate. So, I appreciate your support. But I'd also extend an invitation to all of you who would like to attend to REAP meetings. They are certainly open public meetings that are advertised and so we can certainly make sure that the press is aware as they all are, but they are open meetings and if any of you would like to attend those Monday morning REAP meetings, we would be glad to have you there but I appreciate your support in continuing to serve on this group."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Any other comment? Let me just say that Commissioner,

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we really appreciate your involvement in these economic issues for not only near end with the County and with the city but also in our whole regional economic area and with the partnerships that are developed there. I think it's a testament to your leadership and your effectiveness that this group has elected you potentially to be the Chair this next term and I'm very much supportive of that and glad that you're representing Sedgwick County. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, several years ago I sat at the very first REAP meeting as the Mayor of Haysville and have a warm spot in my heart for that, but I think we're finding out more and more that regional cooperation that maybe not erasing the county lines but at least making them dotted lines so that there's a flow of information, a flow of ideas, a spirit of collaboration and partnership is critically important. I think we've certainly found that out in economic development venues, but we're starting to find that out in the technical education and education sense. We're finding out in some government partnerships with other public agencies, there are so many places where south central Kansas is just going to do better by working together and certainly that economic development partnership that REAP brings to the table is going to be a stimulus for all of that.

I think we find where folks that have a stake in the viability and the economic health of our region get together and sit at a table and talk it out and work on things in collaboration, we'd probably get more bang for our buck and better ideas than we would have without that. So certainly I'm going to be supportive of Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Unruh, as they take leadership roles, but I'm going to be supportive of (*inaudible*) because they really do good work and are taking us to where I think governments are going to be in the next 20, 30 years, maybe not just in Kansas but nationwide and that's regional partnerships collaborations, councils of government to be sure that they're making decisions that raise the water, so all the votes can go up in a region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any other discussion? Call the vote please."

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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C. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING, CLINICAL HEALTH TRAINING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL STUDENTS AND MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AND COLLABORATION FOR GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.

Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have here an agreement with KU medical school that is just another indication of partnerships like was mentioned that is necessary in our community to further public health mentioned from the health assembly work.

We have partnered as you well know with KU on many things and in many ways, we have had their residents working our clinics, we have had their facility consulting in our TB program and I’ll be bringing an expansion of that very contract hopefully in the next couple weeks for the TB and infectious disease. This particular contract is no money involved in a direct way, there’s definitely indirect financial benefits, but we’re looking here primarily at research collaboration, grant writing collaboration.

For example, when a grant funder says do you have an agreement with your local medical school, we can say ‘Yes, we’ve already got one’. We could’ve always gotten one, but it’s nice to say we’re already in partnership. But the thing that initiated this need was Masters in Public Health students, we have Masters in Public Health students, it’s not the same as having clinical students like nursing students or medical students to do our clinics but to have these Masters in Public Health students working helping us or some helping in data management with the TB program right now. We’ve had them working with our West Nile Virus program, we’ve had them working with epidemiologists and so forth. So this just buttons down, formalized that arrangement, allows them to look at our data, allows them to formalize and legalize their agreement as working on County business in the Health Department. Any questions?”

Chairman Unruh said, “Are there questions, Commissioners? I’ll just maybe restate what you’ve said here so I’ve got a full understanding. We have, in this agreement we will be getting tangible help and support from these students. They’re going to get some training they might not otherwise be able to get and the formal agreement we have with the medical center then just kind of enhances our stature as we make grant applications so everybody wins?”

Ms. Burbach said, “Hopefully and I expect that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Those are the best kind of government agreements, everybody wins.”

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Ms. Burbach said, “Yep.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Any other discussion? May I have a motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

D. AGREEMENT WITH DEANNA JENKINS, M.D. TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR COMCARE CLIENTS.

Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is an agreement for employment with Deanna Jenkins who is a board certified child psychiatrist. She’s also certified in pediatrics and general psychiatry. She’ll be joining our family and children’s community services program. Dr. Jenkins has been a psychiatrist for 10 years and has specialized in working with children with serious mental illnesses. She has particular expertise in working with children with childhood onset of schizophrenia and those with dual disorders of mental illness and developmental disabilities.

She’s replacing Dr. Kathryn Madden who recently moved to the Kansas City area following her December marriage. We feel very fortunate to have Dr. Jenkins come on board and join our staff and would recommend that you approve this agreement. I’d be happy to answer any questions that

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you might have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Tom. Commissioners, is there any discussion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

E. PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION FUND PROGRAM.

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is an amendment to our contract with Wichita State University. This will combine agreements for professional juvenile justice consultation services to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory board, as well as the Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention program.

The compensation to Wichita State University will increase by \$2,500 and this will cover an additional six months of services to the community crime prevention program, thus placing the combined agreements on the State Fiscal year cycle. This is expected to result in efficiencies in the coordination of services and also with our contract monitoring responsibilities. We are requesting

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that you approve this contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, well Chris just as an extension for six months is that...?”

Ms. Morales said, “Yes, for the services for the community crime prevention fund.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right and the consultation services that we receive are relative to just evaluating the program and measuring outcomes and those sorts of things.”

Ms. Morales said, “That is correct.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Am I right assuming that the annual 12-month agreement is for \$5,000, we’re going to extend it for six months so annual it was \$5,000?”

Ms. Morales said, “Yes just for the county crime prevention fund, on the other side it is \$7,700.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but on this side it would be \$5,000 and we’re just adding six months, which would be divided by two and it’s \$2,500.”

Ms. Morales said, “That is correct.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I am certainly going to be supportive of this but wanted to make a side comment about Wichita State University and their involvement with our juvenile crime prevention agency work and the juvenile corrections advisory board. Early on in juvenile justice reform, when all of this started coming together in 1998 and ’99, Mark Masterson was one of those who led us as we started developing community plans, encouraged us to get Wichita State involved in this process and they have brought volumes of goodness to our work in this area.

As I look around the state at other district court arenas, which each has a juvenile justice team working those that don’t have someone, and it’s not really an oversight position, but in a sense it’s oversight plus helping coordinate and giving real legitimacy to the plans you’re putting in place, Wichita State has given us that. In other districts who don’t have someone like that. I think really

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sometimes, some of them have very good plans, but I think they have gone through a few more struggles than we have, when we go to visit with Juvenile Justice authority in Topeka and have WSU standing there with us saying ‘Yes, they’ve done this and they’ve done that and we’ve evaluated this and we’ve looked at that, it makes a huge difference’. So I’m going to be supportive of keeping connected with Wichita State in this whole process for as long as we possibly can.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Would you like to make that motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the amendment to 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Chris. Next item please.”

- F. GRANT AWARD OF \$22,232 FROM THE PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT GRANT, THROUGH KANSAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL, TO BE USED FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT.**

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Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to ask you to accept the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Act grant. This is a no match federal grant in the amount of \$22,232. The Coverdell Act is an act that was passed several years ago to provide funding to improve the quality and timeliness and creditability of forensic science services provided to our community and other communities that have forensic science laboratories. The funding will be used to pay for mandatory continuing education of our forensic scientists and also to buy small pieces of laboratory equipment. I would like to recommend that you accept the grant and establish the appropriate budget authority for this grant and I stand ready to answer any questions you may have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well Dr. Rohrig, probably won't have too many questions if it's a non-matching grant and we've got places to use the money. I'm sure you're going to have full support. This is for education and probably some equipment, some hard products also?"

Dr. Rohrig said, "Yes."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well Commissioners what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the Grant Award, authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, and approve establishment of budget authority.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye

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Commissioner Sciortino Aye
Chairman Unruh Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

G. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Agreements (four) to provide approved developmental disability services.**
 - Assist, LLC
 - Dream Catchers
 - Mosaic
 - United Methodist Youthville, Inc.

- 2. Performance Evaluation and Second Amendment to Employment Agreement for William P. Buchanan.**

- 3. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

- 4. Plat.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2004 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

KDMM Addition

- 5. Order dated January 26, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

- 6. Payroll Check Register of January 28, 2005.**

- 7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of January 26 – February 1, 2005.**

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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Commissioner Burtnett moved to accept the Grant Award, authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, and approve establishment of budget authority.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

H. OTHER

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, we have an Executive Session that we need to adjourn to in just a minute, but before we do that, if there’s any items of community interest that you’d like to speak about right now, please do that, Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I did want to comment on a couple things. Last night, we we’re in Topeka for the KCCI annual meeting that’s the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry and it was well attended. Commissioner Unruh, Commissioner Burtnett and I were there representing the county. There were many legislators, many Wichita business folks and then I think they talked about business people there representing 10,000 around the State of Kansas we’re represented, so a great turnout. The speaker was the former governor of Michigan, Governor Engler and he had words of wisdom about manufacturing and the economy. It was a good evening and we drove up and drove back, but did participate and we’re representing Sedgwick County.

The second thing is, Thursday night there will be a town hall meeting in Haysville at the Community Center at 7 pm. The public is invited. The main topic I think will be a sandpit, discussion for a sandpit that will be before us in the next month, or we’ll have that topic, but other things can come up during that town hall meeting. And I did want my constituents know we’ll be in Haysville 7 pm Thursday night. Public’s welcome, but main topic will be discussions about the sighting of the sandpit just south of 63rd street.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did want to make a comment that Monday of this week was the funeral of Larry Miller. Larry was the husband of our former colleague Melody McCray-Miller, who was a County Commissioner for four years and the Board of County Commissioners certainly wants to extend our sympathy and condolences to both Melody McCray-Miller and her family along with former senator, Commissioner Billy McCray, who also served on this commission board. So, on behalf of all of us, we certainly extend our sympathies and condolences to the Miller family."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Well, I just like to relate that the Commission has been at work and let the folks know that we had a planning retreat on Tuesday and it was a good session where we're able to speak informally among ourselves."

Staff was present and of course the press was present but we had, I thought, a good session and folks will be glad to know that we don't always agree that we disagree and we had the opportunity to hammer some issues out. It was a good productive session. Another planning session going on this last weekend was the Zoo retreat, where they talked about plans for the Zoo in the coming years, how we're going to continue to maintain our status as a world class Zoo, what sort of exhibits we're going to have, what sort of building projects we need out there and along with that I would like to encourage folks to go out and see the two new brothers at the zoo.

There was an article in the paper about it today, but Sampson and Virgil are going to be out where people can look at them and they're meeting up with their half-brothers from the Oklahoma City Zoo and these are some of the smaller gorillas out there but I think they...the reports I've heard is that they're pretty feisty and pretty active and a lot of fun to watch, so just encourage everybody to go out and watch them play and it's only \$1.00 at the Zoo on Wednesday, so it's a bargain today. Okay, Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton, I had a call. Who names the animals when they're born? Who has the responsibility to say 'Let's call him Oscar, or Virgil or Samantha'? Who does the actual naming?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, some of these animals like our gorillas are already named."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You're ducking the question. A brand new birth at the Sedgwick County Zoo, who names the animal?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Oftentimes, they are named by the folks that have the winning bid at

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our live auction at Zoobilee.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, so they get a chance to name it.”

Chairman Unruh said, “But if no one else does, then Zoo staff will name the animals and try to pick a name that is consistent with where the animal came from and what kind of animal it is. Sometimes they take a little bit of license, like they named that black panther, it was a jaguar, and they named him the Mick the Jaguar, like Mick Jagger. Sciortino doesn’t get it, that’s okay.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, is he the Beatles guy, excuse me the Beatles.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Rolling Stones. Okay this is getting out of control, did you have any more?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I think we ought to name one Elvis. I’ll understand that one.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Is it okay if I talk about something pertinent to County business?”

Chairman Unruh said, “Yes it is.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I just wanted to comment on our workshop that we had on Monday. You know, I thought it was one of the finest participations that I have in how government really works and that’s where we can get open dialogue and conversation about the tough issues that are really facing us. Not only issues that are right on us today, but issues that we really think are going to happen in the next five, ten, twenty years and that debate and dialogue and disarmament of those issues is I think one of the things that makes county government maybe a step above other governments throughout the State and maybe throughout the country, because we do try to work hard on those issues and we have good debate and your right.

We didn’t agree on every issue on the direction the county would take and I think that’s very healthy that we have those dialogues, we do it out in public, we have it at a workshop, where staff can hear kind of what we’re thinking out loud, but that it does take some time and effort to make us move forward, and those kind of discussions are important to the process. I think it was a great day and I appreciate you hosting it and getting us into that dialogue, because it’s going to

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make us better as a county over the next few years. I really believe that. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, I believe we’re ready for a motion to go into executive session.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advise and that the board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 11:05 am.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, “I would like to call back to order the Board of County Commissioner meeting regular meeting of February 2, 2005 and report that while in executive session no binding action was taken. Mr. Euson do you have an item for us?”

Mr. Euson said, “I do, Commissioners while in executive session we discussed a workers compensation claim involving an employee by the name John Riddle and I would recommend that we settle this claim in the amount of \$16,176.20 on the basis of a running award and I would ask for a motion and approval of that claim.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve a workers compensation claim settlement involving employee John Riddle in the amount of \$16,176.20.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Mr. Euson said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Is there anything else Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners? We are adjourned."

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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