

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**March 9, 2005**

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, March 9, 2005 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Lucy Burtnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department; Mr. Trey Cocking, Management Intern, County Manager's Office; Ms. Patricia Parker, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Dr. Catherine Young, MD, Medical Director, EMSS; Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance; Ms. Monica Cissell, Program Manager, Department on Aging; 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.

### **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 all Commissioners were present.

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

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**DONATIONS**

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

- A. DONATION OF ONE QUARTER/PONY, VALUED AT \$3,500, BY RON AND CORINNE PASCHAL, TO BE USED IN THE JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Mark Masterson**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “That’s Scooter, the Quarter Pony, there. The Boys Ranch at Lake Afton is a rehabilitation program, as you know, for male juvenile offenders. We serve about 180 youth each year and one of the tools that we use in that process is an equestrian program. Youth take part and learn to take care of the horses, learn to ride and provides a lot of daily chores to do to help teach responsibility. The program also provides an important connection to the riding community and brings in volunteers to help teach those skills to the boys.

We very much appreciate the generous donation from Ron and Corinne Paschal and you’re probably acquainted with Ron Paschal, who is with the office of the District Attorney. He’s the chief prosecutor down at the juvenile division.

The horse is named Scooter and he’s very well suited to our program and I’ll show you a couple of other pictures. And I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well thank you, Mark. How many horses do we have out at the Ranch?”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “We have 11. We had a horse pass away in January and so this is a replacement and we’re full now.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “I see. And how many young men and women are involved in the program, that work with these horses? I mean, all of them?”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “A lot, we try to expose as many as possible to the program and I would say 50-60 during the year.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “I see. So it sounds like an active program. Now the information said Scooter was 15 years old. How long does a horse live? I don’t know that.”

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**Mr. Masterson** said, “We have a horse at the Boys Ranch, Betsy, that was there when I got there in '83.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “A long time. All right, well we certainly have a long-term investment here.”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “Into the thirties, but Scooter is right at the perfect age, is a trusted horse that has proper temperament. Their eight-year-old daughter was riding the horse, so we have a horse that fits in well and is safe to have at the ranch, should provide lots of good years of riding service.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well, very good. Well, we appreciate the generosity of Ron and Corrine and I'm sure that the folks out there will get good use out of it. Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

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, Mark. Next item please.”

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**DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS- HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**B. DONATION OF AN INTRA-ORAL DENTAL CAMERA SYSTEM, VALUED AT \$500, BY DR. CHARLES SQUIRE, TO BE USED IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC.**

**Ms. Pamela Martin**, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Dr. Squire, of Wichita Kansas, has generously donated an intra-oral dental camera to the Children's Dental Clinic at the Sedgwick County Health Department. This equipment allows the dental hygienist and volunteer dental staff the ability to magnify images from within the patient's mouth, through a transmitted view on a monitor.

The intra-oral camera system includes a monitor, printer, printer paper and cart. Without the donation from Dr. Squire, the Children's Dental Clinic would have to continue utilizing hand mirrors to view the areas of concern within the mouth. Our recommended action is to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, thank you Pam. Is there extra training that's required or extra investment we have to make to make this equipment work?"

**Ms. Martin** said, "Well, the good news is, a lot of our dental hygienists, they already know how to work this particular intra-oral camera."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "And so we don't have any . . ."

**Ms. Martin** said, "Special training that needs to go with it. They're already trained with that."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well it's great technology. I had to admit that I've had to look at my own teeth through one of those cameras and it does help you understand what's going on a lot better and that's beneficial, if you know what's happening to you."

**Mr. Martin** said, "It does. I mean, it's kind of hard looking through that little mirror when you're trying to do patient education. It's a lot better having it on the monitor screen. It helps the patient out and the parents know, as far as the importance of good oral care."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Is there any other discussion or questions, commissioners? Is there a Motion?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

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, "Thanks, Pam. Next item."

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- C. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FUNDING OF \$407,776, TO BE ALLOCATED EQUALLY TO SEDGWICK COUNTY AND CITY OF WICHITA.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Trey Cocking**, Management Intern, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I'm presenting the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. This is the first year for this grant. This grant replaces two grants that have been used in previous years, the Local Law Enforcement Eligibility Law grant and the Edward Byrne grant.

More money and less money, or more all in one grant but less money than the total grant is worth, combined, in previous years. This grant does not require a match, as previous grants have required. Available funds this year is \$407,776, that is split 50/50 between the county and the City of Wichita. The county's share is \$203,888. This year we have requests totaling \$552,748 from: Countyhouse Security, Department of Corrections, District Attorney's Office and the Regional Forensic Science Center.

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All departments received recommendations for funding, except for the Department of Corrections. As you see, there is quite a bit of a gap between what was needed and what was requested and the amount of money available, so we convened an advisory board, chaired by Commissioner Sciortino, Under Sheriff John Greene, Chief Administrative Attorney Ann Swegle, Courthouse Administrator Ellen House, Bob Lamkey, Director of Public Safety and Randy Wells from Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.

And the following are the items that the committee recommends for purchase. One of it, for courthouse security, is DVXI digital recorder, which will allow courthouse security to record up to 40 days of video.

The Office of the District Attorney, a time-lapse video player to watch items from surveillance cameras, DVD equipment, as more companies are starting to record on DVDs, they need the ability to watch those and crime prevention literature, totally \$10,284.

Recommended item for the original Forensic Science Center is a triple-quad gas chromatograph with chemical ionization. Dr. Tim Rohrig is here to explain that, if commissioners would like to know what's going on with that."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I promised not to ask this time."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Is he going to tell us if you pronounced the words correctly too?"

**Mr. Cocking** said, "The total cost for this equipment is \$125,000. The committee decided, because of the availability of funds, to award \$79,572. The additional \$45,428 will need to either come from additional grants or through the county's budget process. If they can't attain additional money to purchase this equipment, then the committee will have to reconvene in order to redistribute that money.

And for the Sheriff's Department, the committee is recommending the conversion from old 35 millimeter camera systems to new digital equipment, new printer instead of their development system and that would be at a cost of \$105,332.

The City of Wichita, this is also a public hearing for theirs too, they are requesting that their \$203,000 be spent on 202 Tazers for their officers. And at this point, I'd recommend that you open up the public hearing."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Well we will, at this point, open the public hearing and ask if

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there's anyone here that would like to make a comment on this item, on this application for grant money? Anyone want to speak? If not, we'll close the public hearing and restrict discussion to the bench. Commissioners, do you have any comment or questions?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I'll be very supportive of this. I thought it interesting that, from the ones we've had in the past to this, a lot of money spent on technology. I mean, it's a little bit on literature or whatever, but the rest of it is engaged in use of technology. So, I'm pretty excited about that, to get some of these groups out of the dark ages on some of the equipment they're using. You know, when you look at what the Sheriffs are using for cameras to take pictures of evidence and everything, digital is where it's at right now, so it's really good that the group, Commissioner Sciortino and the group decided that technology is the way to spend the money. So, I appreciate that."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Are there any other comments?"

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'll just make one."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "This was something that, you know, when you come into a room and you know you have \$200,000 that you can allocate and you've got over a half a million dollars being requested, and I have to say that none of the requests, in our opinion, were frivolous and we had to just sit there and try to, you know, identify in priority which was the most important.

And the one piece of equipment for the Forensic Science Center that perhaps you were laboring over a little bit, Mr. Intern, and there were some of us, me being one, that didn't have any idea whatsoever what this piece of equipment really was, etcetera. But I was encouraged by the fact that the Sheriff's Department echoed the Forensic Science Center's request by saying that this was very much needed.

I believe the District Attorney Office also echoed that, so we didn't have enough money left to fund the whole project, but we just allocated close to \$80,000 toward it, in the hopes that somehow we'll figure out how to get the additional money to get the fund.

But I want to publicly thank everyone that's sat on that committee with me for the hard work, going through it. Motions were set aside and we just tried to figure out what, overall, would be in the best interest of the citizens of Sedgwick County, so thanks to all of you that joined me in that effort. That's all I had, oh and that I will be supporting this."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I assumed that you would be. Any other discussion, Commissioners? If

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not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Application, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Application.

Commissioner Norton 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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Trey. Next item please."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF UNREDEEMED REAL ESTATE AFTER TAX SALE.**

**Ms. Patricia Parker**, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning, you have before you a resolution authorizing sale of unredeemed real estate after tax sale for your consideration.

This resolution authorizes the tax foreclosure proceedings for this year. The BoCC passes a similar resolution every year, to begin that year's tax foreclosure proceedings. The county is required, by law, to conduct tax foreclosures and this resolution authorizes those sales. I'd request that you adopt the resolution. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to address them."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "So, the state law mandates that we go through this process and we're just kind of following form here to continue the process of foreclosure."

**Ms. Parker** said, "That's correct."



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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Are there thresholds before this is triggered? Thresholds of . . . I mean, do you have to have so many properties or so much dollars?”

**Ms. Parker** said, “That’s correct. The resolution requires that the county have an aggregate assessed valuation of real estate subject to sale of \$300,000 or more, or aggregate amount of delinquent tax, including special assessments, is \$10,000 or more, so those are your thresholds and we have met those thresholds.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay. Well, are there any other questions, commissioners?”

**MOTION**

Chairman Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Patricia. Next item.”

**E. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

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### 1. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DERBY, KANSAS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

**Mr. Bob Lamkey**, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "If you recall, in November of last year, you authorized retention of a surplus ambulance to be provided for the Derby Volunteer EMS Unit, subject to a new service agreement with the City of Derby.

Under our 1991 agreement with Sedgwick County, the City of Derby is required to provide an ambulance for the Derby volunteers, however Sedgwick County is required to maintain that ambulance. The current Derby vehicle is a 1990 gas-powered ambulance, which is incompatible with the ambulances that we operate. And last year, Sedgwick County spent in excess of \$4,000 maintaining that ambulance and it is becoming increasingly difficult to support.

We believe, as part of this agreement, it's to our mutual benefit to replace the old ambulance with a surplus Sedgwick County ambulance and retain ownership of that ambulance. It will allow us really to completely manage the resource.

In working with the City of Derby staff to craft a new agreement, we requested beneficial changes that provide, one, for the exclusive Sedgwick County EMS operation of ambulance service within the City of Derby for the duration of the agreement, elimination of 1991 language that would allow Derby to start its own ambulance service, without protest from Sedgwick County, as you may be aware that if the county is providing the ambulance service currently, in order to get the tax dollars that we collect, a jurisdiction has to demonstrate to the Board of EMS that they're providing equal to or better service. And under the '91 agreement, we agreed not to contest that, should Derby wish to restart their ambulance service. That language is no longer there.

The new agreement essentially gives Sedgwick County sole management of the Derby volunteers, which we have de facto been doing as time has progressed, from the 1991 agreement, and of course we'd retain ownership of all equipment, including the new ambulance.

One of the things that Derby requested was that Sedgwick County EMS provide its first responders with equipment and supplies akin to what is provided Sedgwick County Fire District #1 and the Wichita Fire District.

In July, Derby will be instituting a full-time cadre of firefighters to provide medical first response within its city's boundaries. Sedgwick County EMS will team with the Derby Fire Department, delivering pre-hospital care and supports this request.

Since this response function will shift from Sedgwick County Fire District #1, which we're doing under contract today through the Derby Fire District, we do not expect any meaningful increase in

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equipment or supply costs to Sedgwick County EMS.

This agreement is initially for five years, with automatic one-year extensions, and the opportunity costs really for Sedgwick County is about \$16,500 of cost, if we were to sell or dispose of that ambulance. So, it's my recommendation that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign and I'll certainly stand for any questions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Bob. Commissioners, is there any questions or discussion on this request? Oh, I guess I should look at the lights. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "If you're going to ask, yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say that I'm going to be very supportive of this. Bob has given us a briefing, but this is something that's been worked on for quite a long time. I mean, this just didn't come up recently and we tried to hash it out. We've been working with Derby, our partners down there, for quite a while, in trying to decide what they were going to do with emergency medical services and fire and all the different services where they co-locate in their city. So this is just the final step from some pretty long negotiations. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you. Any other comment, Commissioners? What is the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Bob. Next item please."

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**2. ADJUSTMENT TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM (EMSS) STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE ONE TRAINING MANAGER POSITION, B325.**

**Dr. Catherine Young**, MD, Medical Director, EMSS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are requesting the addition of a training manager position to the system, in order for us to standardize our training, to be able to track the training that’s taking place and to be able to provide better medical services to the citizens of the city and county. And so, do you have any questions on the position at this time?”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, are there any questions? Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well not a question. I mean, you had me when you said you wanted to provide better services to the citizens of Sedgwick County. I think that’s what It’s all about. I do believe that continued training for any of our staff, any of our employees is so critical in Sedgwick County. You know, protocols change, equipment changes, techniques change, there’s new information that comes before us, and then sometimes after a course of a lot of time, even though you’re practicing the protocols every day, you forget some other things. It’s just, you have to continue to learn, so I think having somebody that’s that central point of training is going to be so important, so I’m going to be very supportive today.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had a long discussion with Mr. Lamkey and Sister Young, and basically, if you can remember the past, not to regurgitate the EMS things in the past, but there was no standardized protocol so that transferring a patient that maybe a first responder was dealing with over to the ambulance service, the protocols were all over the board. This position, as I understand it, will allow to have one in-house trainer that will train the trainers for Wichita Fire Department, these other people that will come in, and they’ll get exactly the same training that we’re putting out to our people, so that we can finally get some standardization in protocol in treating of patients.

So, I think this is a smart idea. A lot of other governmental entities oftentimes say ‘Well, we’ll just farm that out and we’ll hire somebody from W.S.U. or from over here to do it’ or what have you, but this is going to be an ongoing thing, because education in this area never stops, so I think it’s going to be money well spent.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well, it seems to me that this is a substantial step forward or improvement in our system, where we can have kind of a seamless system of training, everyone gets the same

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training through a thoughtful process and I assume that there will be certain periods where you go back and ask the folks who receive the training to demonstrate proficiency in the skills that they're required to know."

**Dr. Young** said, "Yes, actually we are partnering with K.U. Medical School to develop criteria and to develop processes by which we can actually demonstrate that what we've taught, it does actually make a difference on the street, and then we are also in the process of developing a program whereby we can go back and look at this, at various times . . . over a period of years, or whatever, so that we can continue to demonstrate proficiency in what we're teaching and that what we're teaching is the correct thing for getting that knowledge across to the different providers."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, if we have consistent standards and we've taught them and we're testing them, it can't help but be an improvement in the services that we deliver, so I'm very much in favor of this also. Commissioners, is there any other questions or comment?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the adjustment to the EMSS Staffing Table.

Commissioner Sciortino 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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**F. CONTRACT WITH SECRETARY OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (SRS) PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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**FOR OPERATION AND FINANCE OF THE EXPLOITED AND MISSING CHILD'S UNIT.**

**Mr. Marty Hughes**, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning, we have for your consideration an agreement with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, which has historically provided one-third of the cost share of material, supplies and operating expenses for the Exploited and Missing Children's Unit.

This contract renews this cost share arrangement with SRS through 2005. The contract can be renewed annually in writing and subject to mutual agreement of both parties. Based on the 2005 Exploited and Missing Children's Unit budget, one-third of the cost of the operations for 2005 would be no more than \$46,460.

And again this year, as in the past, the City of Wichita provides one-third of the cost also, so the total budget is included in the Sheriff's Department general fund budget and Sedgwick County budget. So if there's any questions you have, I'd be glad to answer them and I'd recommend that you approve the agreement."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well Marty, I have a question. I know you're on the finance side of this issue rather than the program side, but I mean, are the demands and the needs for this sort of service increasing every year or can you speak to that?"

**Mr. Hughes** said, "I can't really say for sure, but I know that we do have, in addition to the regular Exploited and Missing Children's Unit, we also have that grant for the Internet crimes that they also work on too and I know that they keep really busy with both of them but I don't have any statistical information for you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, well thank you. I appreciate and understand why you don't, it just seems like the total amount of money that's dedicated to this is not an overwhelming number for a metropolitan area of our size and so, just wanted that background, but I'll get it later, thanks. Commissioners, is there any other questions or comment? What's the will of the Board?"

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Marty. Next item please."

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

**G. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING A "YOU CAN! TIPS TO HEALTHIER AGING" MEDIA CAMPAIGN.**

**Ms. Monica Cissell**, Program Manager, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm standing in for Annette Graham today. We have a grant application here to the Kansas Health Foundation, to their recognition grant, to promote the 'You Can, Steps to Healthier Aging' program, which we plan to do through a media campaign.

This grant will promote that program and we have been partnering with the Administration on Aging to promote this program, which began last year. However, there is no funding to the Administration on Aging, so we were hoping to get some local funding to assist us in promoting that in our tri-county area that the area agency covers.

This program, this campaign will promote the 'Eat Better, Move More' message that Administration on Aging has been promoting. It is targeted to adults who are 60 and over and we will be using regular commercials and media press releases to get that information out and to emphasize that small changes in physical activity and diet can make a difference at any age.

Through this campaign, we hope to promote local opportunities for older adults and opportunities which will increase their physical and nutrition. And also, we plan to coordinate three walking programs in Sedgwick County and one in Butler and Harvey County as well.

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This media campaign would reach 60 counties in Kansas if we use the television company that we're considering and we hope to impact the lives of older adults through this campaign, and in the long run, impact the health care costs. The recommended action is that you approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well Commissioners, are there any questions? Well, I'll just make a comment. You know, for some folks watching they might think, 'Now why do we need to spend \$25,000 on advertising to tell people to eat good and move more?' But it appears that that's the reality of our society and we need to have that constant encouragement, so I'm thankful for the folks at the Kansas Health Foundation who are willing to step up and make that happen and we're not having to use mill levy money for this sort of a campaign and happy that you all are able to administrate the program. But I'm going to eat better and move more already. You've already got me convinced."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "You're about four inches too short for your weigh, but you're not fat."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I haven't recognized the commissioner from the fifth district yet, but I will now. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, you know you can say on the surface, 'Well, gee wiz, people should understand eat better, exercise a little bit more'. But sometimes it just takes . . . who knows what will trigger somebody into action. I was complaining to my wife here a couple of weeks ago that I didn't feel I was getting enough exercise. And she all of the sudden came out with all these different statistics and what have you that when I got to the courthouse if I would walk the steps up to the third floor, as opposed to taking the elevator, how many calories I would burn over a year.

And she had me down that I could lose seven pounds in a year just by doing that, so I did that and I've been doing that and that means now I can eat an extra piece of pie every night."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "There's a pay off."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Yeah, once a year."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "But anyway, it does take . . . who knows what will trigger somebody and if we can just get one or two senior citizens off the couch, exercising. If we start a walking program, keep me involved in that, if there's going to be like, I don't know, group walks on



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Saturdays or something, keep me involved. I'd be interested in joining it."

**Ms. Cissell** said, "Sure, absolutely."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, this is really . . . I mean, we've been enjoying this conversation, but it's really not frivolous. I mean, public health is a serious issue and this is a way to keep people healthy, so I want to bring this back to the seriousness of a commission agenda item. So, at any rate, is there any other discussion? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Monica. Next item please."

**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2005.**

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**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup> resulted in three items for consideration today.

1)     **CHANGE ORDER- JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**  
          **FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The first item, change order for Juvenile Detention Facility for Facility Project Services. Recommendation is to acknowledge and accept the change order with Coonrod & Associates in the amount of \$31,236.

2)     **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS**  
          **FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item two, road improvements for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Progressive Contractors Incorporated in the amount of \$99,267.10.

3)     **LATEX EXAM GLOVES- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
          **FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

And item three is latex exam gloves for Emergency Medical Services. Recommendation is to accept the low bid meeting specifications from MDS Matrix for \$65.70 a case and establish contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew, for an estimated annual cost of \$40,000.

Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items today.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you Iris. Commissioners, are there any questions? Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “It would seem to me, on the latex gloves, that that’s just for EMS. Do we not bid those for like Fire where they may have to use them, in the Forensic Science Center where they may have to use them? Aren’t there other places in the county that use similar items?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “That’s correct. There is another type of glove out there that most other departments use and it’s got a broader range of vendor base, so when they comes up for bid, we also bid that glove. This particular glove is for EMS use. It’s a more specified product, costs more

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money. That's why we don't have one contract across the entire county."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay, so there's not a vendor that specifically carries all the different gloves we need."

**Ms. Baker** said, "They vary, depending on specifications. Some can carry most. Some don't carry all."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, the real question is, we're handling the bid process to get us the best financial advantage."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Correct, for both uses."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Yeah, I think you've already answered where I believe Commissioner Norton was going, was there any other economies of scale or are there any other EMS services in the county, is there any volume priced discounting we could get, and I assume you've already explored all of that."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Correct, we do that when we bid."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay Commissioners, is there any other comment?"

### MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

### VOTE

Commissioner Norton

Aye

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Resolutions (three) stating findings of public hearings for annexation numbers 99-22, 99-24 and 99-27.**
- 2. Assignment of Contract from Health Care Billing Consultants, Inc. to Management Services Network, L.L.C. (MSN); and Business Associate Agreement with MSN.**
- 3. Amendment to Contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Inc. for administrative services to comply with requirements of the privacy rule in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.**
- 4. Addendum to Administrative Services Agreement with Allen, Gibbs and Houlik, L.L.C. to comply with standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.**
- 5. Amendment to Agreement with SRS to make a technical adjustment to certified match payments.**
- 6. 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:

Northwest YMCA Addition

- 7. Order dated March 2, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 8. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of March 2 –8, 2005.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well, I see that we do not a Fire District meeting or an Executive meeting, so this is an appropriate time to talk about items of community interest. Commissioners, any . . .? Commissioner Sciortino.”

**J. OTHER**

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you. I had occasion to go to a function out at the Laotian Buddhist Temple Saturday night and that’s a pretty vibrant community. It’s really neat. The function was one of the member’s mother had come over to visit from Laos and had been here for about a month or so and now was getting ready to move back, go back and her son is going to go back with her and spend a couple of weeks, you know, revisiting friends and what have you.

And so the whole community threw a birthday party for her, so they had presents and gifts, but I mean, there must have been 150-200 people show up for this lady’s birthday party from Laos and I didn’t understand everything that was going on, but I did understand when they said,

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‘Commissioner, would you like to go to the food line’ and the food was fantastic. I don’t know what I ate but it was good and I sampled everything. But it’s just kind of neat to try to step into a different culture and just try to get a little sense about what they’re doing. And when you boil it all down, people are people. People love, people cry when they get hurt, people care and it was kind of neat. And I would encourage other people that are of different faiths and what have you, take a look at them. I mean, go visit, try to get involved and find out what these other community groups are all about and I think the more you learn, the less maybe prejudice or fear, what have you. But great group of people and fantastic food and I won’t be learning the language though, I’ll tell you that.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Let’s see, Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair, just a couple of things. Several of us just got back from Washington D.C. at our legislative conference for NACo and I think it was very constructive. We had quite a few sessions that we went to. We got to hear Senator McCain, Senator Biden, Congressman Pelosi, as they kind of talked about what was going on in Washington. We went to several sessions that were on particular items of our interest.

I know one that all of us attended was on the reentry of offenders in our communities and it’s kind of a good news/ bad news program. I thought that the good news is many of the things they talked about, we’re already doing. In fact, we were eons ahead of some of the speakers that were there. The bad news was, because of that, we didn’t get as much out of that session as we thought we would because we had a few more answers than the panel that was giving the presentation, which I thought was good for citizens of Sedgwick County, but it was sad that we couldn’t get more out of that session. But that was of interest. But it was a great conference and I appreciate the chance to be able to go and participate in that.

The second thing I’ve got, is before we left, we met with the local Farm Bureau folks in our county for a luncheon and got to talk about agriculture issues and Farm Bureau issues with them, and it always washes over me that we think of Sedgwick County as an urban county, but there is a huge agriculture and farming community here that is critically important to us on a lot of different levels, but certainly economically, because agri-business I think is the second largest enterprise in Sedgwick County, only to aviation and aerospace. So we had a great visit with Farm Bureau folks and tried to understand their issues and how they fit into this urban/ rural mix that we have in Sedgwick County.

The final thing I have is that I would like to invite the commissioners on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in Haysville, Kansas, U.S.A. to a ribbon cutting of the new overpass over Grand Avenue, the rail corridor. And I think there is some great significance to this ribbon cutting. First of all, I think

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it was the largest project that Sedgwick County did this last year and I think David is very proud of that.

Any time you make a pretty good omelet, you have to break some eggs and we broke some eggs down in Haysville. Some people weren't totally happy with the progress and how fast it went. The truth is, what I always told them is, if you're going to run a 200 million pound vehicle over anything made out of dirt, you might want to make sure that it's compacted right, engineered properly, architect-ed and inspected properly. I think they did that.

For me the really good news is, as a commissioner and as the mayor-prior, you read in the paper today that the City of Wichita is just now getting ready to get started on their rail corridor. Well, it's the same corridor. The county will be done before the city got started, and I think that is, for other commissions prior to this commission, I'm very proud that the county took this very seriously, moved forward, even though it was sometimes a very contentious project and it did upset a few people. At the end of the day, it's done and the city is getting ready to go through a very painful three years in five or six locations throughout the city. But I would like to invite the commissioners to come and assist Mayor Armstrong with the ribbon cutting on Monday night."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Very good. Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you Mr. Chairman. Since we did have a relatively short meeting, I don't think I'd take a lot of time to talk about this, but since we do have just a couple of minutes, I also was privileged to attend the NACo conference, National Association of Counties that Commissioner Norton mentioned.

I'm pleased to serve on the National Committee for Energy, Environment and Land Use, which we spent a day and a half walking through some subcommittees and developing NACo's national positions to present to the Congress of the United States, as we go through such issues as they deal with energy, environment and land use.

So it was a very productive couple of days and one of the things that we had a presentation, and this is what I wouldn't really share if we were pressed on time, but the State of Louisiana is definitely in a crisis situation, as it pertains to the Mississippi River and how it drains into that state. And you would think normally 'Well, that's a Louisiana problem' but the Mississippi River drains almost

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41% of this country, along with two Canadian provinces, and even as we work here in Sedgwick County, one of the truisms I think I learned early on was if you fix somebody's drainage problem in the northern part of the county, you've perhaps caused somebody a drainage problem in another part of the county and that's what's happened in Louisiana. Every 37 minutes, they lose the land space the size of a football field, and the part that's really then difficult about it is how it affects the infrastructure of their oil and gas industry. And as we all know what's happening to the price of oil and gas, even this morning at the gas pump, if we have some kind of major issue with their oil and gas and they're a huge producer of oil and gas, it will become a national problem. So, as just one state presented one of their problems, which we would tend to think 'Well, that's a problem for Louisiana', we clearly got the view that this is certainly a problem that affects the whole country.

We were able to attend some educational workshops on workforce development and reentry issues, as Commissioner Norton mentioned, but by in large, I think we had a very good conference in Washington D.C. this past weekend. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Commissioner. Well, I won't talk any more about NACo. I was privileged also to attend, along with Commissioner Burnett and it's always beneficial to go to those meetings.

But before we left, there was a very important annual meeting held here in county and that's the local township officials meeting that we had out at the Sedgwick County Learning Center, and most all of the township officials were there and I think it was really a productive meeting. Phil Dietrich I think kind of put it together, on behalf of David Spears, and we had a lot of good information about road policy and about the new Capital Improvement Program, about township consolidation type issues and it was, I think, appreciated by all the township officials that this was put on, so enjoyed that.

Also would just say that, in the next couple of days, there's a couple of important committee hearings in Topeka that commissioners will be involved in, relative to the arena and also to out-district tuition issues, so we're going to be busy trying to bring progress to those issues.

And lastly, I'd just say about the zoo, that we've got four gorillas here that are getting eager to get outside, our four little ones, so you all need to be alert to that. It's going to happen soon. And we think, this month, we might have some new otter pups out there. So, look for that announcement. The zoo is continuing to grow.



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And if you go out there and you see some construction, well as Commissioner Norton announced the other day, he was there at the groundbreaking for the new Cargill Learning Center, but you can see the progress on that. So, good things are happening all over the county. And with that, if there's no other comment, Mr. Manager, have you got anything extra? Mr. Randals? Well, we'll adjourn this meeting."

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

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Fifth District

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

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
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Fourth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

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