

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 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, April 27, 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. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Ms. Bev Baalman, ComCare; Ms. Jo Sanders, Environmental Resources; Mr. Chris Chronis, Division of Finance; Mr. Richard Vogt, Division of Information & Operations; Mr. Tom Pletcher, ComCare; Ms. Sonja Armbruster, Clinical Services; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Chris Morales; Systems Integration Coordinator; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director of Housing Authority; Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Mario Servantes, Wichita-Hutchinson Labor Federation
Ms. Phyllis Jacobs, Wichita State University
Admiral Windwagon Smith, XXXII, Wichita River Festival
Ms. Judy Frick, Executive Director, CIS

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Kermit Opprieht of Eastminster Presbyterian Church

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 30, 2005
Regular Meeting, April 6, 2005

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The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 30, 2005 and April 6, 2005.

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2005 and April 6, 2005 as presented.

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."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 28, 2005 AS "WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation I'd like to read for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 6,000 workers in the United States are killed at work each year, and

WHEREAS, forty-four Kansans lost their lives in 2004 according to the Kansas Division of Workers Compensation; and

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WHEREAS, another 50,000 nationwide die from occupational diseases due to exposure to toxic substances; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.8 million workers are injured each year; and

WHEREAS, concerned Americans are determined to prevent these tragedies by:
Honoring victims of workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths on Workers
Memorial Day, April 28.

Renewing our efforts to seek stronger safety and health protection; better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation;

Rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every American Workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2005, as

“WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY”

in Sedgwick County and we recognize the workers killed, injured and disabled on the job.

Chairman Unruh asked, “What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

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

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Chairman Unruh said, "Receiving the Proclamation today is Mario Servantes."

Mr. Mario Servantes "greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning Commissioners. On behalf of Wichita/Hutchinson Labor Federation of south central Kansas, I want to thank you for this proclamation. Actually, it's a memorial for workers that have lost their lives in here in Kansas. I believe the number is around forty for this year that have lost their life. As we wake every morning, and we take for granted when we kiss our loved ones and our children good bye that we are going to come back home to them that day or evening. But many workers do not have that opportunity. So we do take for granted that we are going to come back home to our loved ones. On behalf of those workers and on behalf of organized labor and all working men and women throughout Kansas, I want to thank you very much for this proclamation. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for being here and we also want to join and emphasizing the importance of this issue and appreciate the work you've done to bring it to our attention."

Mr. Servantes said, "Thank you."

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

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2005 AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would not guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

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WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in Sedgwick County that can and should be achieved; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2005, as

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

in Sedgwick County and express the hope that this year’s observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the County.

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, you have heard the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters 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, “And Brad Snapp, Director of Housing for Sedgwick County is here to receive the Proclamation.”

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director of Housing Authority, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This year marks the 37th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act. Each April HUD commemorates this occasion and celebrates the strides that are made in further in the landmark of the Civil Rights Law. In 2005 Fair Housing Month theme is fostering secure and diverse communities.

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This years theme is particular relevant given the changing of America's communities. One is separated by race and religious, today's neighborhood's are multi-cultural where people of every color and background share a common goal of building a better future for their families. Central to the pursuit of the ability to exercise the freedom of guaranteed under Civil Rights Laws such as the Fair Housing Act. The act insures every person regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or familiar status, or children under 18, can obtain housing of their choice. Fair housing is a way of life for Sedgwick County and other housing agencies. We work with the urban league of the mid plains and Community Housing Services with their homeownership center. Urban league is a Fair Housing Education Outreach Agency. We work together to promote fair housing. We give brochures to our landlords in the Housing Authority and there is a reported 15 cases of fair housing discrimination in Sedgwick County in 2004. It will probably always be around either by overt discrimination or ignorance of the law. We appreciate your support and this effort. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well Brad, thank you. It's appropriate, I think for Sedgwick County government to be involved in this effort. We appreciate your leadership and the successes and progress that we have made to this point. We know that under your leadership that we'll continue to make improvements. Thank you for your effort. Next item."

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2005 AS "MENTAL HEALTH MONTH."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Statistics show that mental illness will strike one in five Americans, in any given year, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and

WHEREAS, a strong weapon in the fight against mental illness is science, and genetic discoveries and progressive brain research continue moving us one step closer to sound medical answers for living with, and perhaps one day even curing or preventing, severe mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, a new perception of mental illness is emerging; one that focuses on early

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intervention, effective treatment, rehabilitation, and recovery. There is significant personal and community benefits possible when access to care, treatment and prevention services are locally available. When people understand that mental disorders are not the result of moral failings or limited willpower, but are legitimate illnesses that are responsive to specific treatments, much of the negative stereotyping will disappear; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County acknowledges the importance of mental health and the many quality programs and services which are available to those in need. COMCARE of Sedgwick County is dedicated to a community based system of appropriate and accessible mental health care services for all residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Dave Unruh, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005 as

“MENTAL HEALTH MONTH”

in Sedgwick County and call upon all Sedgwick County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, you have heard the Proclamation, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino 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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Accepting the Proclamation is Bev Baalman from ComCare, Sedgwick County. "

Ms. Bev Baalman, ComCare, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning. During this year's Mental Health Month you are going to be hearing both nationally, state wide and locally several messages. A couple of those that I'd like to share with you this morning are that we need to mind our health. The mental health and physical health go hand in hand. That caring for our mind as well as our body is essential for our overall health. And it is key for our success, at home, school and work. So with that in mind I would like to thank you this morning for reading the Mental Health Proclamation and just remind you that ComCare is very dedicated to providing awareness, education and treatment resources for all residents here in Sedgwick County."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Bev. I know that our department of ComCare is heavily involved. We have a lot of people at work and relatively we handle substantial amounts of money trying to help folks who have specific needs and at the same time trying to educate our community so that we might reduce the stigma associated with mental health. I think that is probably for many of us that aren't directly touching some of these issues. One of the things we can do is educate ourselves to realize that this is not a lack of personal initiative and it doesn't have to do with some sort of moral short coming as the proclamation said. It is an issue that can be treated and we can help folks by this effort. Appreciate your efforts. Thank you."

Ms. Baalman said, "Exactly. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Call the next item please."

4. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 1-7, 2005 AS "BRAIN TUMOR ACTION WEEK."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Within the next 12 months, over 200,000 people in the United States will be diagnosed with a primary of metastatic brain tumor, and the incidence is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors are the leading cause of solid tumor cancer deaths in children through high school age. Brain tumors are the second fastest growing cause of cancer death among those over age 65. No behavioral change has been shown to reduce the risk; and

WHEREAS, because of their location at the control center for thought, emotion and physical function, brain tumors are difficult to treat, and often severely compromise the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, brain tumor research is under-funded and the public, in general, is unaware of the magnitude of the problem; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 1 – 7, as

“BRAIN TUMOR ACTION WEEK”

in Sedgwick County and ask all residents to join me in taking action to educate the community about brain tumors and to support research on treatment for brain tumors to improve the quality of life for people with these tumors.

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, you’ve heard the Proclamation and what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Receiving the Proclamation is Phyllis Jacobs, Director of Undergrad Nursing at Wichita State University."

Ms. Phyllis Jacobs, Wichita State University, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you Commissioners for this proclamation. You know that brain tumors are quite common. Brain tumors are frightening to people. They are one of the kinds of tumors that people are hesitant to talk about. There is certainly a need for emphasis on more research into the cause of brain tumors and to affective treatment for brain tumors. There is certainly help locally here in Wichita and Sedgwick County. I'm the facilitator of a brain tumor support group that meets at Victory in the Valley on east Douglas. Our group is called the Head Strong Group and some members of the group are here with me this morning and we are available to assist those with brain tumors. Again, thank you for the proclamation."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well Phyllis, thank you for being here and Phyllis and I are good personal friends and we were with the Jacobs family through their own family tragedy relative to brain tumor and so I know you speak not only from your academic perspective as Director of Nursing at WSU, but from a personal perspective. Appreciate your continued effort and your work in this area. We have another comment. Hold on just a minute. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "This also hits home with me. My father died of a brain tumor some years ago. So I definitely do appreciate all the work you do and the help that you give people. I really appreciate it."

Ms. Jacobs said, "Thank you. We understand your situation."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well I was just wondering since she had some other folks with her, if you might want to let us know who they are and they could stand up and be recognized."

Ms. Jacobs said, "Yes. If you would stand please as members of the support group."

Chairman Unruh said, "Welcome to our commission meeting today. Thank you Phyllis."

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Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

5. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 6-14, 2005 AS “RIVER FESTIVAL WEEK.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, I have a Proclamation for your consideration.”

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Wichita River Festival will be celebrating its 34th Anniversary this year from May 6 – 14; and

WHEREAS, this event, which brings more than 70 events to our community in nine days, is one of the longest continuous running festivals in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is proud to be a part of the River Festival as a sponsor of Old Cowtown Museum’s “Women of the West Fest” and the Sedgwick County Block Party; and

WHEREAS, the “Women of the West Fest” is May 7 – 8 and the Sedgwick County Block Party takes place Friday, May 13, offering a number of entertainment options for the entire family including three stages of various musical performances; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County congratulates Admiral Windwagon Smith the XXXII, Bob Dool, for his continued support and dedication to the Wichita River Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 14, 2005 as

“RIVER FESTIVAL WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and encourage citizens to take part in the many activities in our community throughout the week.

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, you’ve heard the Proclamation, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

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 and receiving the proclamation is Admiral Windwagon Smith the XXXII himself. Welcome Bob.”

Admiral Windwagon Smith XXXII said, “Thank you Commissioners for this proclamation. We are honored to be here today and we truly appreciate the involvement of the county in the ‘Women of the West,’ ‘Cowtown,’ as well as the old town ‘Block Party,’ now named the Sedgwick County Block Party and truly the festival would not happen without sponsors and without volunteers. Speaking of volunteers, we still have plenty of opportunities for people to volunteer at the festival this year in a lot of different areas. So if anyone is interested in doing that just contact the festival office and we’ve got some exciting things that we can get you involved in.

The festival this year has some new and exciting things going on. We have expanded kids activities around the Hyatt lawn, we have kids activities going on everyday. We have expanded river activities this year with paddle boats on the river and an antique classic boat event. And we also have expanded entertainment in concerts this year. Certainly, the first Saturday with Leann Rhimes Concert. It is going to be a big one. Then, during the Sedgwick County Block Party, we’ve got some really exciting things coming up. We are going to have the Temptations, we are also going to have Fantasia from the American Idol, is going to be there, plus a whole lot of other activities at that block party. It’s going to be really exciting. We really encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the festival this year and again we thank you for your support.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Admiral, we thank you for your leadership and for the energy and time and effort that you’re going to be expending for these next several weeks. We appreciate what you do and we appreciate the leadership of Janet Wright as she has put this together. We are looking

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forward to a great time. I think the whole community looks forward to this time of year. We have some comments here. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Admiral, the volunteer program that you said that you needed some volunteers. Tell us and for anyone that is listening that might remotely think about wanting to volunteer, what are some of the benefits to being a volunteer. Is there some things they get out of being a volunteer, free button? Is there any advantage to being a volunteer?”

Admiral Smith said, “Well the buttons aren’t free, but there are absolutely the best value in town in terms of what you get for that button. There are coupons in there that will re-pay the cost of it at the food court. The things that volunteers get out of the festival, I think, certainly in my experience, is that I’ve always gotten more out of it then I put into. The River Festival is a real coming together of people in our community and you just get to see a lot of folks that you don’t normally get to see. You get to be around a lot of events and activities. We are particularly looking for volunteers that will act as Ambassadors, who will go out and help answer questions and direct people and sell buttons to people, if they don’t have them. We are also looking for ticket takers and coupon sellers, to help around the events. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer.”

Commissioner Sciortino asked, “Do they get a t-shirt if they volunteer?”

Admiral Smith said, “It depends on what they volunteer for.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. What is the number they could call if they want some additional information?”

Admiral Smith said, “The festivals telephone number is 267-2817. I’ve got that down, right Janet? They should probably ask for Lillian when they call in. Lillian is the volunteer coordinator at the festival office.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I just want to congratulate Admiral Windwagon Smith XXXII, Bob Dool, has been a good friend for a lot of years and he will so represent our community at the highest level. He has been very dedicated to the River Festival and very active over the years. He has served his time down in the trenches. What a great representation for our community and the quality of life of it. I did understand though, he brought a sword into the building today. There was some concerns down at Security, but I guess they got you through okay. So.....”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "They brought a Security Guard with them if you notice."

Commissioner Norton said, "Good job, Pat. Way to go."

Admiral Smith said, "Thank you for those kind words Commissioner Norton. They did let me in with the sword. They asked me if the sword was real and I said that's the same question that these kids ask me when I go to schools."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, the River Festival is a wonderful event and I hope it goes on for many many more years to celebrate what is so good about Wichita and Sedgwick County and our region. Hope this county will always be supportive of the endeavors, because it is so good for our community."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, Admiral, thank you for being here and we are looking forward to the festival."

Admiral Smith said, "I have one last thing I'd like to do and that is to present each of you with one of cloisonne River Festival pins."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, we've all got our pins on. Thanks to Lucy"

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Burtnett is kind of our representative to the River Festival Board and she made sure we had our buttons on today and now we're going to get an upgraded one."

Commissioner Norton said, "This adds to my collection. I have every button and every poster, I think there is a couple posters I don't have because in the early days very few were printed, but I have most all the posters and all the buttons and the cloisonné pins over the years. Thank you for adding to my collection."

Chairman Unruh said, "Yes. Thank you very much. Okay, we are ready to move on. Madam Clerk call the next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INTENT TO ISSUE UP TO \$1,000,000 OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNITED

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WAREHOUSE COMPANY

Ms. Irene Hart, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we have for your consideration the re-financing of industrial revenue bonds issued in the year 2000 for United Warehouse. The proceeds of this will enable them to purchase needed equipment. The fire service agreement remains in affect and is if you purchased a house in 2000 and paid a high rate of interest and wanted to re-finance, that's exactly what they are doing now to a lower interest rate. Bret Schaefer from United Warehouse, J.T. Klaus, their Bond Counsel and Joe Norton the County Bond Counsel are all here in case you have any questions. Joe Norton informs me that a public hearing is not required. You are welcome to take public comment, but a public hearing is not required to handle this. Any of us would be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you Irene. This particular bond does not carry with it any property tax abatement. Is that correct?"

Ms. Hart said, "Correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. I think it's significant to point that out. Commissioners, are there any questions? Is there anyone out there that would like to make a comment. Mr. Schaefer, or anyone who wants to speak. Okay."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just have a question or comment...Rich Euson I'm confident you have reviewed this, your office staff has reviewed this and everything is in order and properly in place?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have reviewed it and everything is in proper form."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well I just want to take a moment to make a comment that United Warehouse is a long time business in this community that has been around for many many years.

It is not one of the huge world conglomerates that we so often deal with, but certainly a local business that grew up from a very small beginning to a very prosper company. I'm just glad that we can continue to participate with them in projects like this."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. Is there any other discussion. What is the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Resolution 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 Irene. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

C. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

1. AGREEMENT WITH MEDIATION CENTER OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE MEDIATION SERVICES FOR DISTRICT, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL COURT CASES.

Ms. Hart said, "This is a contract we have every year with the Mediation Center of Wichita. It is in the amount of \$8,000. to continue providing mediation services as outlined in the title. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "The only question I have is this is contract is dated January 1st of 2005. Did it just take this long to get it through?"

Ms. Hart said, "It took this long to get it through. They changed Presidents and the contracts got lost in the shuffle and since it is run by volunteers and sometimes the paperwork didn't follow...it's taken this long. They have been providing services continually."

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay Commissioners. Any other discussion? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters 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 Irene. Next item please.”

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DRILLING OF MONITORING WELLS.

Ms. Jo Sanders, Recycling Coordinator, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners you have before you today a Memorandum of Understanding initiated by the United States Department of Reclamation.

Also naming the Kansas Department of Agriculture Water Resources as well as Sedgwick County. This Memorandum of Understanding is for the 18 ground water monitoring wells that have been drilled this process, or this task is complete. But it is for those 18 ground water monitoring wells that are essential in the study. The ground water study as assigned by Senate Bill 364 and I believe you’ve all been informed of that study. Any specific questions you may have though, I’d be happy to answer to the best of my ability. But this MOU delineates the tasks who is going to be responsible for doing what. It does not assign any liability to Sedgwick County, nor will we be responsible for any financial obligations. It’s really a formality and the Department of Reclamation

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does have the authority to do this under the technical assistance to the State's program. In my opinion this is just paperwork that they need to have complete and put in their files.

This Technical Assistance to the State program gives the Bureau of Reclamation...one \$75,000. project per state every year. Our project was fortunate enough to get the State of Kansas funding for 2005. So we were fortunate to be able to access that funding. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have about this MOU. After that, I ask that you approve the Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign"

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay Commissioners....any questions for Jo? Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett asked, "Are there going to be anymore drilling going on?"

Ms. Sanders said, "At this particular time, no."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Just these eighteen? "

Ms. Sanders said, "Yes. We have six locations, six sandpits and there is three wells at each location."

Chairman Unruh said, "I just want to make the comment that the Commissioners received a letter from the Department of Water Resources indicating what outstanding support and help that you and Susan Erlenwein gave the department. And going through all the details of the selection of these sites. So, publicly I want to commend and congratulate you all for your effort in helping the State get this accomplished."

Ms. Sanders said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Seeing no other comments, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2005, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The action before you is a resolution that authorizes us to sell \$14,515,000. of General Obligation debt.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

This debt is for a series of projects and this chart is a little bit hard to read. But there are seven special assessment projects that you have previously authorized between 2002 and 2004 and in addition we are financing a portion of the Public Safety Center which is identified on the chart as courthouse improvements and you are financing road improvements, the widening of 63rd Street South. The total financing is \$14,515,000. We have a variety of other funding sources that we are also using to pay for these projects and as you see on this chart, the total amount of the projects including those other financing sources is a little over twenty-seven and a third million dollars of which roughly half will come from debt proceeds. You have previously taken a series of actions leading up to the one we are asking you to take today.

In fact, going back earlier than even shown on this chart, back in 2004, you adopted a resolution pertaining to the Public Safety Center and following your adoption of that resolution, we initiated a protest period, advertised the resolution, had a protest period and received no protests. So we are permitted to proceed with the bond issue on that basis.

Earlier this year you adopted a assessment resolution for six of those seven special assessment projects. The seventh one had been done last year. We've gone through the assessment process, we have had the pre-payment period in which property owners are allowed to pre-pay their assessments and avoid interest cost. That has concluded, the non-litigation period has concluded and we now

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are asking you to give us final authority to set the sale date and proceed with the bond sale. The resolution that is before you, does a series of things. First, it does specifically authorize us to conduct a competitive sale for these bonds. It declares the preliminary offering statement, the disclosure document that we are required to prepare. It declares that to be the final document and authorizes us to issue that document. Specifically, it authorizes the Chairman and the CFO to approve the final form of that document and then it authorizes us to release it to potential investors.

It authorizes the CFO to make certain commitments to continuing to disclosure once we had sold the bonds. These are required by various SEC (Securities Exchange Commission) regulations. Finally it authorizes us or commits us to issue a certain number of copies of the final official statement to the winning bidder. To whoever finally purchases the bond. In the agenda packet the summary explains that we are issuing 14.5 million dollars of debt and with that new debt, our total outstanding debt will be just under \$159 million dollars. Of that total, \$104 million dollars is subject to the State's debt sealing that is imposed on county governments. We expect to issue these bonds based on current market conditions at a true interest cost of approximately 4.3% and assuming that is the rate that we get in the market, then our annual debt service in the first year will be approximately 1.5 million dollars. Just under 1.5 million dollars. The debt will carry terms from one year to twenty years. The special assessment portion of the debt will have a maximum maturity of 15 years, the roads and Public Safety Center will have a maximum of maturity of 20 years. We expect to re-pay the debt with a combination of 911 telephone sur-charges, special assessments and property taxes. The property tax piece of this, assuming everything goes as planned, should require something less than 0.25 mill on the property tax levy. In our debt policy, we've established a series of benchmarks that essentially set upper limits on the amount of debt the county is willing to incur. You see in the policy considerations, section of the agenda summary, you see those benchmarks that we've established and how our ratios will compare those benchmarks after the issuance of this debt. We are underneath the debt limits in every case. In the room today we have Joe Norton who is the counties bond counsel and who has been an integral part of the team putting this deal together. We also have received support from Dave MacGillivray of Springsted and Company. He is the financial advisor who helped us with the structure of this deal. If you have any questions Joe will be happy to answer them. If you don't have any questions, then I would recommend your approval of the resolution."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Chris. Commissioners are there any questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Chris. You must of done an outstanding presentation for no questions on that issue. Next item please."

E. PRESENTATION OF 2004 REPORT ON E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Mr. Richard Vogt, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The reason I'm before you today is to present the 2004 E-Government report. We do this annually to let you in on some of the highlights of a very important tool that we have here at Sedgwick County for communicating and being able to hear from our constituents and citizens of the public and that is our website. What is E-Government?"

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

It is our effort, I pulled this slide from last year's slide because Kathy said it so well. It's our effort to take government services to the people using our web site. It's all about improving customer service, it's all about improving access. But I did change one thing on the slide from last year and that's the last one. Last year we said 'meeting changing expectations,' this year I just say 'meeting expectations' because people now expect their government to communicate and have their information available on the web site. It's not that people are changing expectations; it has become the de facto way. A lot of people want to get in and do things with their government. Hallmarks of 2004, we didn't take a step back last year, but we did take a breath. We had some things we needed to do to the web site to improve its look in field, to improve its consistency, to make it so when a person goes to one department web site and learns how to use that, sees where things are, knows how to use all the department web sites. We made it more accessible to people with disabilities, the visually impaired, hearing impaired people. There are ways to create web sites so that they can use and they can use special devices to use the web site. We intentionally make those tags part of all our web site pages so that people; no matter what their disability is or abilities are, they can use our website. We did some expansion. We did a few things that were new last year including an upgrade to HR E-Partners that helped us.....they had this thing going with the Hutch Juco with fire training and the tests they take. We exchanged data. That was one of the significant improvements we did last year. Another partnership that we created. And improvements to the zoo

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memberships web site were just two of the things. We won two awards last year. A number Three and a number Five for our web site, in one of our applications at Juvenile Information Sharing system. You heard about that last year. But maybe the big hallmark of 2004 was E-Video. We started that last year. We had 1,853 people viewing the meetings live and over 10,000 people came back at a later time and watched either the whole meeting or clips of the meeting. They are able to do that. They can go right to that one agenda item that they want to see. Had over 10,000 do that last year.

Around the county segments. All of you have been involved in around the county segments. Those have been very popular, particularly the ones that are regarding the arena, EMS, visionary. Those of the ones that people are getting in and looking and just by viewing, just by going to a web site, the public is telling us what their interests are. If you notice along the bottom, I don't know if you've seen those. They are quotes. Those are actual quotes. Most of those are from outside the organization. People have used the website, some from inside and people really extole the virtues of the web site and the work that Communications and our web team have done to build it up. Who visits our web sites. You see some information there. Most active day is Tuesday, most active hours between 10:00 and 11:00 am. The busiest day last year was Election Day and I think that contributed to the Tuesday being the busiest day. This is our traffic over the last four years. The last two columns are a little bit harder to see, but the visits have....we're not experiencing the explosive growth that we had in the first few years, but that's again, because we went back and did more upgrades. We didn't deplore a lot of new applications last year. We've re-tooled and we are ready to explode again. We are going to have some more applications later this year and we'll see this trend continue upward. The business that is conducted, tremendous amount of business; these are just three things I've chosen to highlight today. DA victim forms. They have to file restitution forms when the people are victims of crime and they are seeking medical or property restitution. They use to have to fill out these forms by hand and they are rather lengthy forms. Now, starting 2003 they could start doing that on-line and we have experienced 170% growth in people wanting to do it that way. GIS (Geological Information System) has tremendous traffic every year. They had 222,000 downloads, data downloads and maybe our HR-partners applications continue to grow, at again an explosive rate, 39%. Additional six partners in 2004.

The county dialogues as I said earlier, it is not a matter of just communicating out or listening in, but it's both. It is a dialogue that goes on between the county and the public. On-line public hearings, we introduced a couple years ago continues to be very popular. The arena alone had 8,063 comments in 2004. We also have a prescription whereby people can give us their e-mail address and we'll send them a regular newsletter and then anything that's really significant, it's timely, we'll send them that information directly to their e-mail address and they can keep up. As one of the quotes indicates that people actually do that. They sit and don't have an opportunity to watch the news or keep up, maybe read the newspaper all the time, but they get an e-mail from the county that keeps them up to date.

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The Commissioner's site had over nearly 8,000 visits. People coming in and I know you all are wondering who had the most visits to your home page and it was actually the new kid on the block had the most visits. You know people are interesting in knowing....."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "That's because I get on two or three times a day to see it."

Mr. Vogt said, "That explains it. But actually they were all about the same between 1,100 and 1,300 visits. People are interested in knowing more about their Commissioners. Also, feedback going directly to departments that they'll be able to click and it doesn't have to go through two, three or four stages. You can go directly to the Fire Department or directly to the Commission Office or wherever. That kind of information goes directly to the people who can answer the question. E-line, strictly speaking it's not a part of our web site, but it's significant for our community to know that we use the same kind of techniques in-house that we use externally. There was 745,000 visits. That's the way we communicate. That's the expectation. We expect our employees to read e-line to stay up to date by going to that site frequently. Our employees self-service; we no longer print pay advices. It is saving a tremendous amount of paper in not doing that. So we are saving resources, doing things more efficiently, getting the information out there more quickly and making it more current. Department sites, departments have absolutely embraced the use of e-line to get policies and procedures, guidelines out to the people. We're not printing reams of paper to put into small booklets because it's all on the e-line now. So benefits of E-Government are right there, better customer service, we are reaching more people, availability, because more and more people have internet at their houses and are able to get to libraries and different places, reducing the amount of paper we print, reducing the postage. We are sending e-mails instead of actual mail. Reducing amount of advertising. So special thanks again to all the Commissioners. We appreciate the strong support that you give over the years, adding to technology, to the web site, all the various functions. The areas I'm responsible for, I've always appreciated your support.

The county departments have embraced this technology, they use it in ways we didn't think.....But they just enjoyed using and getting out information. Communications, Kristi and Angie, I appreciate the support; not just support, but leadership in this area. Really, we see them as the lead effort.....or lead people in this effort because they are able to say this is the way we present the county to the community. Appreciate their involvement and also Jeff Piper. I went up to get Jeff and he wasn't here. I think he knows that on the day we give the annual report we drag him into the commission room and make him stand up. He and the entire internet services group does a great job. We appreciate their hard work as well. Again, there it is www.Sedgwickcounty.org. Any questions?"

Chairman Unruh said, "We have a question here. Commissioner Burtnett."

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “Actually it’s not a question, it’s a comment. Before I took this commission job I did get onto the web site numerous times because I just wanted to get a feel for what the web site had. I do commend you; it is an excellent site. I chuckled when you had the bit on there about the election day being the highest day. I happen to be out of the country when the elections were going on and got to an internet café and was able to get on line and see how the elections were. It just amazes me what you can do on the web. I commend you for all the work and it is a great web site.”

Mr. Vogt said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “I just want to make a comment Richard. I think one of the real responsibilities of government, especially local government is to be friendly and accessible and responsive. This sort of technology helps us accomplish that for our citizens. So I would commend you for a great job and I’m glad our citizens have seen the value of it and are really using it and it’s probably going to keep growing the usage of it. Another comment from Commissioner Norton.

Commissioner Norton said, “Well this technology is wonderful and it’s just exponential what the uses are going to be over the next few years. I know I have people comment to me, where is your studio? They say you’re on the video, you do filming, where is your studio? I think they’d be surprised with technology that it’s a small room on the sixth floor that looks like a closet. With technology, you can do some pretty great communication kinds of things with limited resources and technology has been able to do that for us. We don’t have a great big studio. You know it’s a small room with a curtain up with great technology and wonderful people running it so we can communicate with the citizens.”

Chairman Unruh said, “What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file.

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

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Commissioner Sciortino Aye
Chairman Unruh Aye

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

F. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH UNITED METHODIST YOUTHVILLE TO ADD PSYCHOSOCIAL GROUPS FOR YOUTH.

Mr. Tom Pletcher, ComCare, greeted the Commissioners and said, "United Methodist Youthville has provided individual community support and attendant care services since 2002 for youth with a serious emotional disturbance who are in the foster care system. This amendment will add the ability to provide psychosocial group services to these same youth and increase the total agreement amount by \$10,000. to a maximum of \$110,000. Psychosocial treatment groups assist youth in daily problem solving and improving social skills through directed activities with staff in small group settings. The goal of services to youth and foster care is to reduce the need for psychiatric hospitalization or placement into a more restrictive setting due to the youths emotional behavioral problems. This amendment will allow them to combine psychosocial groups with the individual contact that they are already providing. In those situations where a child's need will be more appropriately met by this service. These services are authorized by ComCare through the youth's plan of care. I would ask that you approve the amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Unruh asked, "Commissioners, are there any questions? I have one. Is the increase tin fold..."

Commissioner Winters said "Ten percent."

Chairman Unruh said, "I'm sorry, I misunderstood. Thank you very much for the clarification. I'm not going to even ask the question now. Are there any other intelligent questions? Let's have a good question. Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters move the approve the amendment to the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G. GRANT APPLICATION TO CHILDREN’S MIRACLE NETWORK FOR FUNDING OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN.

Ms. Sonja Armbruster, Clinical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I’m here to present a Grant Application to the Children’s Miracle Network for our children’s primary care department so that we can provide prescription medical care, prescription medications for children who come to our clinic. We see about 2,000 children in our Children’s Primary Care Clinic and about half of them have Medicaid coverage and half of them are uninsured. For those children who are uninsured going to fill prescriptions that can be as much as \$150. each is a real barrier for them.

Children’s Miracle Network through the Via Christi Foundation has a goal for the children in need of medical help and provide direct assistance to as many children as possible and we are applying for \$15,000. to request a years worth of prescription medication for these children. We ask that you approve our Grant Application and I’m happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you Sonja. Is there any questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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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 Sonja. Next item please."

H. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

1. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FUNDING OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2005 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Community Corrections as you know is a State mandated program in the Adult Correctional system. Its purpose is to provide intensive community base supervision program to punish offenders in the community instead of sending them to the prison. The programs are valuable to both offenders and the State. They provide the offenders a chance to avoid prison under strict conditions set by the court while they maintain employment, pay taxes, restitution to crime victims and continue to support their families.

Community Corrections is state funded through an annual grant process administered by the Kansas Department of Corrections. In order to continue to receive grant funds, an annual application must be submitted each year by May 1st. The application before you today for approval reflects continuation of existing programs without any new initiatives. These programs are the Adult Intensive Supervision Program and the Adult Residential Program. Within each of these programs we provide supervision and services to assist offenders in gaining and maintaining employment, accessing treatment and training and we do a lot of alcohol and drug testing. Annually we serve approximately 2,000 clients on an intensive supervision and another 400 in our residential program.

This application is the first step in the process. It addresses only programs and not funding. Once the State Legislature approves a budget, we will be notified of the amount we are awarded submitted in July for that amount. The Community Correction Advisory Board reviewed this application at their meeting on April 14th and recommends it to you for approval. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Mark. Commissioners, any questions or discussion?"

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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 the budget authority at the time of the grant aware documents are executed.

Commissioner Winters 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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mark. Next item please."

**2. SEDGWICK COUNTY GRANT AWARD COMMITTEE'S SFY 2006
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONNECTION TO SERVICES
COMPONENT OF THE TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioners, I'm going to start this one off. Over the last ten months the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and County staff have done a great deal of work to study, find tune and find ways to broaden the impact of Truancy Prevention Services that the county funds. This next item deals with the connection to services component which is an important result of that work. I want to introduce Chris Morales from my office who will present the item. Chris has worked with others behind the scenes to coordinate this process."

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning. For several years now state and local prevention funds have been used to increase success in school by intervening with truancy services. This past November the Commission approved our State Fiscal Year 2006 funding application for our

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Truancy Program. This application did include a change to the case management component. Beginning with the next school year, case managers will begin using a short-term brokerage case management model to commit at risk students in our community to the needed services. This change is going to allow case managers to serve 1500 sixth grade students that are at risk of becoming truant. This is opposed to the approximate 300 students that are currently targeted for Case Management Services with this funds.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

On February 15th a request for proposal was released to select a qualified vendor to provide this new brokerage case management model. A total of seven service providers submitted proposals and you will see on this screen that there was an award committee that reviewed each of these proposals. It is made up of 13 members, some county staff as well as other community members. The review process is not complete and the committee recommends to you that communities and schools be the award recipient and the recommended amount is \$312,635. We are asking that you approve this recommendation and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract that will contain substantially the same terms and condition as the Request for Proposal. I would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Thank you Chris. Commissioners, I don’t know if you have any questions. I know we have been receiving lots of comments relative to this agenda item. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don’t think I have a lot of comments. I think that over the past couple years our commission has demonstrated a great deal of interests in truancy issues. I think a number of us have participated in some of the workshops and we’ve had a couple folks come to town. Experts that are involved in this subject from all over the country and we’ve had good commissioner participation in that, which I think again comes back to...as I keep going back and thinking to the time in the late 1990’s when we developed our community plan for juvenile justice and prevention issues. One of the key components that we had in that plan was a commitment to school and one of the things we continually see is that young people that have an education have more opportunities than those who don’t. I think when we begin to look at, real issues that are at the foundation of giving young people a foundation, education is it. And we can’t entirely...I mean education is more than just a school board issue, more than a superintendent or principal issue, it is a community issue. And I think that again, as we go back and think about how we got to places like this, education was one of those principles. Now over the past couple years, I think we’ve had some very good people doing some good work and good programs. I think they worked hard and they’ve tried to accomplish as much as we can and I think we’re better off for it. We’ve had positive results. One of the things when this new initiative of having this brokerage case

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management model, I think a number of us certainly had some concerns about how is this really gonna work. I just want to commend the staff and the grant's award committee that really broke down each of these proposals that were presented and I mean we have received, I think some pretty detailed information about what the mandatory requirements were and the request for proposal, what the minimum requirements were and how each of the leading candidates responded to each of those particular issues. So, of course I'll be interested to hear what other commissioners have to say. It appears to me that, both our staff and grant award committee have done a lot of good work in trying to figure out what the best system is to help in keeping our young people engaged in school. Just because it is one of the foundations of our basic community plan that was developed back in 1988 and 1989, it appears to me that this is a good recommendation."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. I just wanted to take time to publicly thank the committee also like Commissioner Winters said, this is a tough job, you get seven applications, all seven people applying feel that theirs is the best and this committee tried to sit...they did, they sat down, they reviewed them all, they base it on the merits of each case and did it unemotionally. They removed it from the political arena, so that the politicians weren't trying to get involved because of a friend or somebody was lobbying us and it got down to just what was the needs of community and how best to serve their needs. I just want to publicly thank the awards committee for having the courage to stick to their tasks and to do it objectively and to make this recommendation to us."

I thank all of you, and I don't know who's in the audience, I can't read. This is great technology but they are going to have to increase the size of the type a bit if they expect me to read whatever is on there. Anyway, thank you all for the hard work that you did and you did it objectively and I appreciate that."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I want to start out by saying that for many many years I've sat on the board for CIS so I have a great respect for them, but I wanted to be sure that everyone understands that during this process. I did not weigh in on any of this and advocate one way or another. I didn't get involved in it, I waited until the due diligence was done by our worthy task force members and even though I may have had some bias on the front end, because I've seen up close and personal the work that CIS has done. I made sure I stayed out of the nuts and bolts of putting together the RFP, scrutinizing the RFP and coming up with the recommendation because I didn't think that was a good business of the board. I do have some comments."

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Certainly this RFP and moving towards the brokerage model will change the landscape of how we deliver truancy services in our community. I have to tell you that prevention is critical but evolution is vital. Continue to do the same things we've always done year after year after year, will probably not solve the truancy problems in our schools. It is a different environment in our schools right now and we have to continue to seek new and improved methods to reach the most children because there are so many at risk. I'm very excited and I believe this proposal will expand into some of the outlined schools. I'm real excited for the south side, Haysville Middle School will get some presence. Not too many people know, but Haysville Middle School is the largest middle school in the State. Right now they are looking at building a new middle school with some bond issue out there to split up the kids. So, when you put that many young people in an area, there are problems and I'm very excited that we have expanded out side just the center city to those other areas that have issues with truancy and children not being able to stay in school. I really believe that the brokerage model is the future of truancy prevention. It reaches so many more young people and it doesn't duplicate services. You know it is a model that brokerages all of the wonderful services that the county, the city, the small cities, the state and non-profits provide and links them with the young people that need that. I'm going to be very supportive of the final results. I understand that it has changed and change is always hard, but I think it is critical that this juncture in our history of prevention to change a little bit. I know Commissioner Winters was at the forefront of changing how we thought about prevention and putting money into these programs years ago. That has evolved over the years....it is time to do things a little bit different ...to continue to keep our focus on prevention and keeping kids in school and helping save their education lives, but also change. I'm going to be very supportive."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any other questions? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the recommendation and authorize the Chairman to sign a Contract containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Request for Proposal.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Mark."

Mr. Masterson said, "Mr. Chairman, Judy Frick the Executive Director at CIS is in the audience. Would you permit a comment?"

Ms. Judy Frick, Executive Director, CIS, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the communities in schools Board of Director and staff, we really want to express our thanks to you and we truly appreciate your confidence in us to perform this task. We know that it was a very difficult decision and we are truly looking forward to working with you, our partners and our many other community partners to help make a difference for hundreds of kids and to help them to chose the path to success. This is really an awesome responsibility, it's a new model, but we're really looking forward to it and we really appreciate your confidence in us and we intend to take this responsibility very very seriously. Thank you so much."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you for making those comments. We are confident in the decision we just made and we're confident that you will produce the outcomes that we are expecting. Thank you Mark and Chris and Judy. Please call the next item."

I. PUBLIC WORKS

1. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL LUBRICANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE COLLECTION OF, AND PAYMENT FOR, USED OIL FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY.

Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agreement with Universal Lubricants allows them to purchase the used oil that we collect at our Household Hazardous Waste facility. The agreement does represent an increase that they are paying us from twenty cents a gallon to thirty-three cents a gallon. The amount of oil that we collect each year has grown. We expect to collect around twenty eight thousand gallons this year and with that I'd ask you to approve the agreement?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay Commissioners, any comment? I just want to make a comment; as an old automotive guy, times have changed. I use to have to pay to have them pick up my used oil. So this is a different world, but I'm going to be very supportive. Looks like a benefit to the county. Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Just a comment about the whole household hazardous waste facility and the program. Joe, you are doing a great job. You might want to take a few seconds to re-iterate the times that we are going out into the community. We’re getting ready to start doing some outreach in those areas, maybe you could just tell the public one more time about that a little bit.”

Mr. Brunk said, “Well that’s right. We’ve got five remote collection events scheduled for this year. The first one starts Saturday morning in Derby, then we go to each one of the Commission Districts. I don’t have the dates, if you would like to hear the dates, Colin is here and he probably knows them. We go to Valley Center, we go to Goddard, Haysville and then we have one for Commissioner Unruh’s district at the Raytheon plant.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Would you share with the public how much it’s going to cost them to bring their material to be disposed of?”

Mr. Brunk said, “Well that’s the best part, it’s free.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “It is really neat to ask questions when you already know the answer ahead of time. It’s kind of impactful. That’s great. I think we are doing in comparison to the way household hazardous material was treated years ago, we’ve come light years, and once again, I think is showing that Sedgwick County provides services to all the citizens of Sedgwick County regardless if you live within or without an unincorporated city. This is another prime example and Joe, you and your department are doing a tremendous job and we appreciate it.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Joe, I suppose those locations and dates will be posted on the Sedgwick County web site.”

Mr. Brunk said, “They are there right now.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. Very good. Commissioners, are there any other comments? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item please."

2. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FOR THE NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT TO TREAT NOXIOUS WEEDS GROWING ON KDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Brunk said, "This time with the Noxious Weed hat on. This is an annual agreement that we have with Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) that allows us to spot treat the noxious weeds that grow on their right-of-way areas here in Sedgwick County. We have a really good working relationship with KDOT and would ask that you approve this agreement?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay Commissioners, are there any questions? Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Joe, again, what does it cost the taxpayers to provide this service to KDOT?"

Mr. Brunk said, "Well it cost the taxpayers nothing. We actually receive additional revenue from the Department of Transportation to do this. So it's a great benefit to the citizens of Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Anything else? All right Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

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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, "Thank you Joe. Next item please."

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2005.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the 21st results in eight items for consideration today.

**1) CHANGE ORDER FOR SHERIFF RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – SHERIFF
FUNDING: COPS TECHNOLOGY GRANT**

The first item change order for the Sheriff Records Management System for Sheriff Office. Recommendation is to accept the change order with Intergraph Public Safety for a value of \$24,167.

**2) 2005 LATAX MODIFIED SLURRY SEAL – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item two is 2005 Latax Modified Slurry Seal for Public Works. Recommendation is the low bid from Beachner Construction in the amount of \$460,659.54.

**3) #1 COVER ROCK – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item three, #1 cover rock for Public Works. Recommendation is the low bid meeting specifications from Dolese for the amount of \$47,070.

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**4) REMITTANCE PROCESSING SYSTEM - TREASURER
FUNDING: TREASURER**

Item four a remittance processing system for the Treasurer's Office. Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from RT Lawrence, Option II and execute a contract for an initial cost of \$88,140 and five year maintenance and support cost for \$64,565 for a total cost of \$152,796.

**5) POINT OF SALE CASHIERING AND PERMIT SYSTEM – SEDG. CO & LAKE
AFTON PARK
FUNDING: LAKE AFTON PARK EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

Item five is a point of sale cashiering and permitting system for Sedgwick County and Lake Afton Parks. Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Retail Management Systems and execute a contract for an initial purchase of \$17,335 and three-year maintenance costs in the amount of \$8,792. For a total cost of \$26,127.

**6) ALTERNATIVE WASTEWATER INSTALLATION FIRE STATION #35
FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item six, Alternative wastewater installation fire station #5 for Facility Project Services. Recommendation is the low bid from Lubbers Excavating in the amount of \$35,900.

**7) CONCESSIONAIRE SERVICES – KANSAS COLISEUM
FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM**

Item seven, concessionaire services for the Kansas Coliseum. Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Sodexo and execute a contract for three years with two one year options to renew.

**8) COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM – EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

Item eight, computer aided dispatch system for Emergency Communications. Recommendation

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to accept the low complete proposal from Northrop Grumman for an initial cost of \$1,545,855. and fixed 10-year maintenance costs in the amount of \$1,182,402. For a total cost of \$2,728,257. Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items today.

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay Commissioners, is there any questions for Iris? Commissioner Norton.

Commissioner Norton said, "On number eight, Iris with the computer aided dispatch, is that going to be held off and go in the new 911 Center.... or is this the bid for the new center?"

Ms. Baker said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just wanted to be sure we weren't getting ready to install something downstairs and have to move it. That didn't make sense. Just a comment on item five, several years ago I looked at Lake Afton and Sedgwick County Park and tried to help them with some of their merchandising and everything because of my background and one of the things we talked about is they needed upgraded equipment. I mean they were in the dark ages when it came to point of sale information and being able to capture what they are selling.

They were kind of doing it with hash marks on a piece of paper, and not really the particular way to guide your inventory and understand what you're selling. I think this is a real step forward for the ability to find out what the customer is buying and to control inventory and to kind of step out of the dark ages at some of the places where we provide services. That is really good."

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

Commissioner Burtnett said, "On item number four, the remittance processing system for the Treasurer, is that for an in-office remittance processing system or is that to help the Sedgwick County person that is paying on-line or something?"

Ms. Baker said, "No, I believe that is in-office. Staff is here to speak to it if you care to hear about the project. Just internal use."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Just internal. Okay."

Chairman Unruh asked, "Any other questions Commissioners? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Chairman Unruh 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 Iris. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA. Presented by William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

1. Easements.

- a. Four Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36, widening of 63rd Street South between Rock Road and the Butler County line. CIP# R-275. District #5.
- b. Easement for Right-of-Way for a street project in the unplatted area to be known as "Green Acres." District #5.
- c. Two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 616-3 through 36, widening of 13th Street North between K-96 and 159th Street East. CIP# R-253. District #1.

5. Revised Resolution authorizing current employees to execute documents, make deposits in, and make withdrawals from, the Municipal Investment Pool Accounts.

3. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a

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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>
V94034	\$363.00	\$374.00
V03041	\$336.00	\$45.00
V03036	\$217.00	\$223.00
V01083	\$316.00	\$340.00
V04032	\$188.00	\$187.00
V03037	\$174.00	\$196.00
V03033	\$565.00	\$541.00
C04024	\$495.00	\$481.00
V04025	\$237.00	\$192.00
V04028	\$94.00	\$25.00
V871020	\$308.00	\$310.00
V04026	\$304.00	\$300.00
V01081	\$482.00	\$498.00
V01085	\$312.00	\$310.00
V04029	\$272.00	\$322.00
V04030	\$494.00	\$462.00
V99029	\$315.00	\$310.00
V04026	\$273.00	\$301.00
V04031	\$149.00	\$190.00
V04007	\$145.00	\$190.00
V020012	\$573.00	\$458.00
V05009	\$401.00	\$681.00
V04006	\$267.00	\$470.00
V2009	\$550.00	\$425.00
V04038	\$202.00	\$173.00
V04088	\$520.00	\$447.00
V01094	\$320.00	\$525.00
V04040	\$275.00	\$149.00
V04042	\$535.00	\$242.00

4. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V05010	\$329.00	5	Springcreek Apartments
V05011	\$286.00	Butler	Andover Crossing Apartments

5. **Grant program line item adjustments, to be submitted to Kansas Department of Corrections.**
6. **Orders dated March 2 and April 20, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
7. **Payroll Check Register of April 22, 2005.**
8. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 20 – 26, 2005.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Well we do not have an Executive Meeting or a Fire District Meeting today, so this is the appropriate time if there are comments or information about community activities or items of community interests. Commissioner Burnett.”

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L. OTHER

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay. I know that this weekend is a very busy weekend for everyone and I have to add one more item to your list. Literacy Resources puts on a live telethon on Channel 10 this Saturday between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. and I will be a part of that. The last couple years they have asked me to model clothing from GM Clotheshorse so I get to be a model for a day. It is a lot of fun. They have a lot of auction items to help Literacy Resources and it's one of those things you can do throughout the day. Just go find a TV, turn it on for a little bit and call in your bid. So you can still do all the other things you have to do this weekend and still watch the Literacy Resources Telethon.

The other thing I have is we have some exciting things for the block party. I just wanted to show people, we are getting gifts from the Sedgwick County Departments. This particular gift is coming from the Zoo. What we are going to do is on the block party evening, we are going to have county employees out getting people to our tent to register for prizes. We are going to have all sorts of different baskets and items for people to win prizes. So, please come by and say 'hello' to all of us at the tent and....."

Commissioner Norton asked, "What is in that basket?"

Commissioner Burtnett said, "It has a really really cute little toy that I like a lot, a couple of zoo passes, a CD of some sort. I don't get to open them."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You don't know for sure."

Commissioner Norton said, "Animal sounds, sounds of the night."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "There are so many things in here.....just lots of stuff."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just full of stuff."

Chairman Unruh asked, "Does Commissioner Norton get to sign up for the prize?"

Commissioner Burtnett said, "No, we don't get to sign up."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "They are give-a-wayers? It is better to give than to receive."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, we've got a lot of exciting things coming up. The first week of River Festival we have an event that we all sponsored and I thank you for your support on that,

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'Women of the West Fest'. It is going to just really educate the public with a lot of fun about the contributions that women made in the west and they were business owners, wives, mothers, cowgirls, crusaders....I'm not going to mention the last thing here. Anyway, they did a lot of....well it said, soiled doves, but I don't think I'm suppose to highlight that. Anyway, it does talk about what's going on with women. There is going to be a shooting demonstration by a woman that's going to represent Annie Oakley. It's going to be kind of exciting, it is very family oriented.

Then Tuesday, this is the one I really like, Dr. Jim Hoy from Emporia State University is going to lecture on the 'vaqueros and black cowboys' on the Chisolm Trail. I didn't realize until I got involved in Cowtown, that a full third of cowboys that were here during our thing were either African American or Mexican Vaqueros. I also didn't realize that the longhorn cattle, the mustang horses, all of those were introduced from Mexico up here and our present day cowboys learned their trade from the these vaqueros. So, I thought that was interesting and he is going to just kind of talk about their contributions and maybe touch on the importance of Wichita as the original destination activity was to bring the cattle up from Texas and put them on the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad for the markets back east. Very interesting, a lot of activity at Cowtown and if you can pull yourself away from watching Lucy Burtnett model clothing, you might want to come out and see that. That's it."

Chairman Unruh asked, "Are there going to be any wood carving demonstrations by Commissioner Sciortino, will you be out there?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'll be out there. Yea, I might just bring my little pocket wooden knife and widdle a cane while I'm there. I don't know what I'm going to do."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a reminder the Haysville Trade Show and Expo will be Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At the Haysville Activity Center at the corner of Grand and Broadway. Sedgwick County will have a booth there. It should be a great day to kind of see what's going on in Haysville and on the south side and also see what's happening with Sedgwick County and see all the service we provide. We invite anybody to stop by if you have some time from everything else that's going on. That's all."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I just wanted to touch on a couple points that were mentioned earlier in our meeting. One Sedgwick County Fire District #1 is going to be celebrating their 50 years of service to the citizens of Fire District #1. So if any listeners have had any connection or want to stop by station #37, which is at 4340 N. Woodlawn from noon to 4:00 p.m. to say thank you to all

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those who are involved in the fire district. You are certainly invited to do that.

Again, as River Festival nears, there is still need for volunteers. I mean if somebody is out there and wants to spend a few days volunteering for River Festival activities and you've got the time to do it, I think that it would be a fun thing to do. So I encourage people to call the River Festival office if they are interested in any volunteer work."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you. Well in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of Fire District #1, the annual Kansas State Firefighters conference is going on beginning today through the Saturday. So that's an annual meeting of all the firefighters in the state. I also want to mention the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowl that is coming up this weekend that we're involved in, but that Bowls for Kid Sakes goes on for quite sometime. So I'd encourage everyone whether you can bowl or not; it's a great time for a great cause. Of course Big Brothers, Big Sisters is part of our effort towards our prevention efforts in the county. So we're all supportive of Big Brothers and would like everyone to go bowl. It is part of the fundraising activity.

My last thing to say is probably everybody saw in the newspaper we got a new baby chimpanzee out at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Not too long ago we had those new otter pups that were born and the gorillas are getting active, it's great, I mean active, gorillas are fun to watch is what I'm trying to say. It's going to be a great weekend to go out to the zoo and see what's going on out there. Anyway, that's all I have. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, just a final note, I had a chance to go to Grid Iron on Saturday night and I'm proud to say that the county came out pretty well unscathed at the review that's always good for the community. Some folks got some pot shots taken at them, but I'm pretty proud that the county walked away with their head high and pretty well unscathed from grid iron. That may throw you on the gauntlet for next year, but for at least one year the media left us alone and we got pretty good reviews."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. It was a good time. Well is there anymore business, Mr. Manager or Mr. Counselor, Mr. Euson. All right, we will be adjourned.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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