

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 23, 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 23, 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; Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, Health Department; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Lowell W. Hembree, Senior Engineering Technician, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Bill Farney, Director, Health Department; Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, Health Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Dr. Mary Dudley, M.D., District Coroner/ Chief Medical Examiner; Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Eldon Miller, Community Development Officer, City of Valley Center.
Ms. Anne Nelson, Program Director, Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Rusty Westerfield, Countryside Christian Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 2, 2005

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2005.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2nd, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 24, 2005 AS "SEDGWICK COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS AWARENESS DAY."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is a growing part of the world community and joins the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization in calling attention to the global Tuberculosis (TB) problem through a World TB Day, held on the 100th anniversary of Robert Koch being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his discovery of the causal agent of Tuberculosis, and

WHEREAS, TB is one of the world's deadliest diseases and 2 billion people, one-third of the world's population, are infected with TB, and Sedgwick County has the highest number of TB cases in the State of Kansas, and

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WHEREAS, adequate treatment and management of TB is critical to assure the health of the public; and

WHEREAS when incomplete treatment is not assured, multi-drug resistant TB can occur and such cases can then cost \$1.3 million per case to treat.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2005 as

‘Sedgwick County Tuberculosis Awareness Day’

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to educate themselves on how to prevent Tuberculosis.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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 accepting the proclamation is Dr. Cindy Burbach.”

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Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director, Disease Surveillance and Prevention, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much. Just let you know that what we’re doing for the week, actually instead of just for the day, we are doing free TB skin testing for those that meet certain high-risk categories, primarily in the universities. We’re working with the universities in town for that.

And then tomorrow morning we are doing a medical and nursing continuing education event at the K.U. Med School on trying to prevent missed opportunities at diagnosing and testing TB, primarily for the physicians and nurses in town, and the speaker will be Dr. Zachary Taylor, who is chief of the field services branch for TB elimination and CDC, so we’re still working. You’ll still keep hearing about TB and we appreciate your concern.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you for your efforts in this field. Two things struck me in the proclamation though. Cindy, maybe you could comment, two billion people in the worlds population are infected, that’s a huge number.”

Dr. Burbach said, “That is a huge number. It’s the second leading cause of death, worldwide, second to AIDS, so we’re talking about a lot of developing nations and we’re talking, in this case, the two billion number that sounds so huge, it is of course, but it’s the people that are infected. They’re not necessarily broken down into disease yet, but they are infected and in fact could easily break down into disease, if their immunity is compromised in any way.”

Chairman Unruh said, “And the second thing that struck me is the cost for treatment. The proclamation said 1.3 million per case, and that’s got to be something extreme.”

Dr. Burbach said, “If they turn into the drug resistant, so you can treat it easily and cheaply if it’s the usual, garden variety TB, but if it’s inadequately treated, meaning you start some and don’t ever finish it and it comes back as a drug-resistant case, then that’s where that cost kicks in.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, it’s important work. We have one other question. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, this is something that just all the sudden . . . this might be appropriate just to ask you in general, on a personal level, but I had a physical just a couple of years ago and my doctor was telling me everything about my x-rays, ‘Oh there’s a little tubercular scar’. ‘What do you mean, Tuberculosis or something?’ And can people get Tuberculosis . . . he said it’s not uncommon that you can get it and not even know it and it’s over with and how do you prevent yourself from even getting that level?”

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Dr. Burbach said, "These may well be the people that we're saying are infected that have never broken down into disease. If he would do a skin test, he might know that you'd had an infection probably a long time ago."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So is that at a level where the whole population should . . . I mean how serious . . . he didn't think it was too serious."

Dr. Burbach said, "Which is why we're targeting screenings. To say that everyone in the world needs to go out and get a TB skin test is probably a little overboard, but that's . . . plus, we don't have that kind of money, but that's why we're targeting the screening to high-risk groups, and there are certain high-risk groups: people who work in health care settings, people that are in congregate settings, such as correctional institutions and nursing homes and so forth, people that have been born in countries that have TB endemic, so that's why we're targeting the screenings and we'll be doing a lot more, even in the next year, which is why we're trying to enhance the capacity of this program, so we can get past the front burner, which is treating the people with active disease, and to the second burner, which is then taking care of those people who may be infected who don't know it and who need some preventive treatment."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And then just one other thing I was reading, is there a level of TB that isn't infectious yet and if you can treat it, that it's not . . .? Could you explain that, if it's not too difficult?"

Dr. Burbach said, "It's kind of like a carrier state, if you think of it as a carrier state, you're carrying the germ so to speak and it's not infectious, it's not symptomatic and it may stay with you forever. However, if your immunity should be compromised, with other kinds of for example chemotherapy, then it could break down into a disease and only then will it become infectious."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well thank you Dr. Burbach. We appreciate your work in this area."

Dr. Burbach said, "Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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RETIREMENT

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO LOWELL W. HEMBREE, SENIOR ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, PUBLIC WORKS.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item recognizes the valued contributions to public service of Lowell Hembree, Senior Engineering Technician, Public Works, who will retire April 1st."

Chairman Unruh said, "Mr. Lowell, it's good to recognize you on this occasion of your retirement, 30 years loyalty to one employer is a little bit remarkable in this day and age. But we really appreciate your service and we're wishing you all the best in your retirement and we have for you today a document here commemorating this event. I would also like to present you with this really nice clock, it's heavy Waterford Crystal, nice clock. It's probably symbolic of the time that you spent the Sedgwick County and also hopefully it will symbolize good times in your retirement."

Mr. Lowell W. Hembree, Senior Engineering Technician, Bureau of Public Works, said, "I'd just like to say that I actually started in September of 1950 and then left in '65 and, excuse the term, but then politics didn't fall right, so I didn't come back until 1975 and I've been there from '75 until now and I've enjoyed every day of it and thank the commissioners and the past commissioners and everyone involved. Thank you."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You've seen a few of us come and go, is that correct?"

Mr. Hembree said, "That's true."

Chairman Unruh said, "We come and go, and you keep doing the work, right. Thank you very much and congratulations."

Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Could I say something please?"

Chair Pro Tem Sciortino said, "Sure, Dave."

Mr. Spears said, "I just have to say something. Lowell has been with the county, I think actually about 40-some years, and a draftsman and he'll be the last draftsman that we have at Public Works. As you know, you go to CADD, Computer Aided Design and Drafting. Lowell is a tremendous person and he's been a tremendous asset to Sedgwick County and I just felt like I needed to say something today about that. Thank you, Lowell."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Are we ready for the next item? Please call the next item."

PUBLIC HEARING

C. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING COUNTY-APPROVED ANNEXATION.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We'll get a map up here on the screen and get some lights dimmed. This is what we call county approved annexation. We haven't done one of these for about . . . a little over four years. We had a couple of them back in late 2000. It's the third type of annexations: unilateral annexations of course are done by cities and generally with properties adjacent to them and we're not involved in those, island annexations we have the most experience with, obviously we've had several of those recently, where they are islands that are not adjacent to the city but they have the consent of the landowners. The county approved annexations are kind of a catchall opportunity for cities to annex properties they would not otherwise be able to annex through the other procedures.

What we've got here and this is, I believe Seneca, I can't read the map from the angle, and then 61st Street, so we're talking west of Seneca and north of 61st Street, we've got a 24 acre parcel right here and one of the exceptions to unilateral annexations are if a property is more than 21 acres in size and being used for agricultural purposes, the city, even though the city surrounds the property, cannot annex that property unless they go through this process.

So Valley Center is seeking to annex this parcel and there are some steps they've gone through that confer jurisdiction upon the board. They've passed a resolution and prepared a petition that's been submitted to you that requests this public hearing. They've also prepared a service plan in connection with this, which is required by statute. After we've received the petition and the service plan, we had to provide certified mailed notice to the landowners involved. There are four landowners who own this particular parcel. They've all been notified. We've been in contact with them. They were out of town however, and they will not be here in the hearing today, but I will share some comments that they've made later.

We've also published notice of the hearing, as required by statute, and then the final piece of the puzzle before the public hearing is that the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission has to receive

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the petition and make a review of the petition to see if it's consistent with the comprehensive plan and we've received that finding and that finding is included in your backup and I'll talk some more about that later maybe.

So we've satisfied all the necessary jurisdictional steps for you to proceed with the public hearing and that will be what we'll do today. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive any evidence, either from the city or any landowners involved or anybody who has got an interest in this, and then for you to consider the impact of the annexation on the community involved and on the orderly growth and development of the area. And finally, you're charged with a responsibility to determine whether manifest injury will occur, either to the landowners if you approve the annexation, or if you decide to deny the annexation, you'd have to find that no manifest injury would occur to the city.

So those are the findings that need to be made and I think I've covered most of the facts. Obviously, we've got a parcel here that's pretty much surrounded, on almost all three sides here, by the City of Valley Center and then this is the City of Wichita here. Can't very well tell from the map, but the Little Arkansas River crosses and cuts off the southwest corner of the property.

The MAPC finding is that the bulk of the annexation proposed is consistent with the Solid Waste . . . I'm sorry, I'm getting my topics mixed up . . . with the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan designates the area east of the Little Arkansas River as a part of the small city growth area and that would be consistent then to annex that property.

The part of the parcel that is west of the river, this corner, lies within the City of Wichita 2030 growth area. However, the City of Wichita doesn't really have any interest in that, I don't believe. There are some issues from serving that little corner from both sides, service-wise, so there's really no good argument against not keeping the property intact and having it all in one city and actually the landowner has professed an interest that it all be maintained in one city.

So I will . . . before we get into the public hearing, let me show you one more little slide and this is . . . if it's hard to read, it's also page 11 of your backup. Under the statute, you're required to consider 14 statutory factors in making your findings and I'll just have that up for a second and I think it would be better if maybe you wait and talk about these some more, if there are any questions after the public hearing is closed.

So with that, unless there are any other questions, I'd recommend that you open the public hearing and hear any comments."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay Commissioners, at this point, are there any questions of Mr. Parnacott? Seeing none, I will open the public hearing and invite anyone from the public who

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might be present to speak to this issue. Yes, one gentleman is coming forward. Would you please state your name and address for the record please.”

Mr. Eldon Miller, Community Development Officer, City of Valley Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I will be speaking for the city on this issue. As you can tell by the map, the City of Valley Center does surround the property on three sides with an interurban street running in front of it, which is already maintained by the City of Valley Center. The total tract includes just over 24 acres.

Fire protection for that one tract right there is provided by Sedgwick County Fire Department, with the surrounding by Valley Center Fire Department, which we both do have a mutual aid agreement, together, so that will be one change. Police services are the same for that one tract that’s being covered by the Sheriff’s Department, the rest of it is Valley Center.

Water and sewer at this time is not available at the site, but we are working on a plan that we presented to the State Department of Health and Environment to either/ or buy additional water from Wichita City or Chisholm Creek Utility Authority and put a meter in at 61st and Seneca area so that we can serve not only that area, but also give the city a second source of water. And when the city presented that to KDHE, it did score in one of the top 15, if I remember right.

Roads are already in the area, maintained by the City of Valley Center and I’ll stand for any questions.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions for Eldon? Commissioner Burtnett.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Mr. Miller, I know the landowners live in Oregon, is that correct? And you’ve had numerous conversations with them through e-mail or telephone?”

Mr. Miller said, “Yes, the City Administrator has had contact with them through e-mail.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “And from what I understand, they would like the whole tract to be within one city, so they’d like the small parcel that is actually more in the City of Wichita’s growth area to go ahead and be with Valley Center. Is that correct? Okay.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Is that all? Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “If I understood you right Mr. Miller, you said that should we approve this then, the City of Valley Center would take over fire and police responsibilities for that

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whole tract. Is that correct?"

Mr. Miller said, "Yes. Everything else is . . . services are already provided by our city in that area."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What are the plans for that area? It's not been platted or anything. What are the plans for that and why is Valley Center wanting undeveloped land like that?"

Mr. Miller said, "Why do we want to annex that is because it will close our bord . . . our boundaries. Right now, as you can tell by the map, we have to exclude that area, as we do our boundary resolution. What this will do is close into the boundary, so the city is a whole there instead of having an open space."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, it's kind of refreshing that one city would like it have nice, evenly defined boundaries."

Mr. Miller said, "We are trying to do that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but should the landowner decide to develop that, you're going to have a plan whereby you can provide water and sewer and how soon do you think that plan might be available?"

Mr. Miller said, "Well, on the water we're actually waiting for proposals to come, so that we can . . . the council can decide what way, or both ways, that they want to deal with it. And sewer will be by petition, but included in your packet should have been a future water and sewer extension map, done by our engineers."

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, I see no other questions, Mr. Miller, so thank you. Is there anyone else wants to speak during the public hearing? Seeing no one, I will close the public hearing and restrict comments to the bench. And commissioners, do you have any questions of Mr. Parnacott or any other comment?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well I guess just the only question, I think I heard Commissioner Burtnett ask that the landowners, the property owners themselves apparently are not objecting to this annexation."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "It doesn't appear so."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Nor the surrounding people would say it would hurt them any."

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Mr. Parnacott said, "That's correct. We received no objections from any surrounding landowners and we've been in contact, direct contact with the landowner and she has indicated she is not opposing the annexation."

Chairman Unruh said, "So we have a situation where City of Wichita is in agreement, the City of Valley Center is in agreement, the MAPC is in agreement and the landowner is in agreement."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This is a tough one, isn't it."

Chairman Unruh said, "That's a hard decision."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well why don't we disagree then."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well the thing that's got me bothered is they want to have evenly nice defined boundaries. That's going against nature."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is there access across the Little Arkansas River somewhere there to connect those two pieces of property?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "I am not that familiar with the area, so I don't know. Mr. Miller is shaking his head, so it sounds like the answer is no."

Commissioner Norton said, "And that doesn't look like it's going to be any kind of impediment to delivering services on the other side of the river, for that one little piece? Right now it's agriculture, I assume, but I guess it could develop."

Mr. Parnacott said, "It could. I think our report that's in your materials from MAPD staff has indicated that there are some topographical problems in providing service to that corner, no matter which direction you're providing services from, so that just presents an engineering problem, it sounds like."

Commissioner Norton said, "It's not a deal-breaker for me."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, there are no other lights on for comment. Commissioner Burnett, this is in your area."

MOTION

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Commissioner Burnett moved to find that the proposed annexation would not cause manifest injury to the owners of the land proposed to be annexed or to the owners of the land in areas near or adjacent to the land proposed to be annexed.

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, Bob. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

D. DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 1. FUTURE HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCATION AT 2716 WEST CENTRAL.**
 - AGREEMENT WITH 2716 PARTNERSHIP FOR LEASE OF CLINICAL SPACE**
 - AGREEMENT WITH VIA CHRISTI RIVERSIDE MEDICAL CENTER, INC. FOR USE OF PARKING SPACE**
 - AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE MOVING CLINICAL OPERATIONS**

Mr. Bill Farney, Interim Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have several items for your consideration today, three of which are tied to a potential future location

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at 2716 West Central. This location would be our main clinical facility and we believe that with this extra space, we'll be able to significantly improve the delivery of services to the public.

For clinical services, this means primarily speed of service and primary constraint to that right now is the cramped quarters that we have at 1900 East 9th. We have 14 exam rooms for seven clinical programs. With this additional lease, we would have 28 exam rooms, 23 would be at Riverside and five would be at 1900 East 9th. The additional nine exam rooms at 1900 East 9th would be used for the WIC program. The programs that would move to Riverside include the prenatal clinic, the children's primary care clinic, the breast and cervical cancer screening clinic, immunization health screening, family planning, public transmitting disease testing and counseling clinic.

The two clinic that would stay at 1900 East 9th are the dental clinic and the Tuberculosis clinic. The dental clinic would expand from two operator rooms to three and the Tuberculosis clinic has two exam rooms right now and that's sufficient for their needs.

If we had more space at Riverside, we would move the dental clinic over there too, just to have as much consolidation of clinics as possible. We've never really considered that for the TB clinic, because they work so closely with the K.U. School of Medicine.

As I mentioned before, the WIC program would move into the clinical services that would be vacated and they would perhaps be the biggest beneficiary of this change. They don't really have space to expand and it's a growing program. They have cubicles right now, in meeting with their clients, rather than the exam rooms that they have with this move, and they would have a sizable waiting room, as opposed to the hallway by the auditorium that is used as a waiting room for the clients right now.

The Orchard Park Health Station would be closed, as part of this consolidation. This station is currently open three days a week, five and a half hours a day. It's a two person clinic, one nurse and one clerk. We provide health screenings and immunizations only and it's a relatively low-volume clinic. We see 15 clients per day, double that during the busy flu season, from October to December, but a nurse in a busy clinic would see as many as 40 to 50 people per day.

We have shared this information with the Orchard Park Neighborhood Organization, Pamela Martin and myself, Commissioner Burnett was in attendance as well, and we believe that for the Orchard Park clients, they would be better served too with this change, because of the wider array of services available at Riverside and the far better hours that it will be open.

We do recognize that not everybody will feel that way. There are some folks that go to Orchard Park, it's kind of a one-stop-shop for them, there's a senior center there, so there are some people that won't see this as progress. But we do plan on adding the Orchard Park to our mobile clinic

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program so that we would still have a presence at Orchard Park on a regular basis. Right now, we have 25 mobile clinic sites. We would add this one in, and there are none that would go more often than once a month, but we would certainly do that if the demand was there for this Orchard Park location, or for any of them for that matter.

The additional ongoing cost of this leased facility is approximately \$130,000 annually, all of which is currently being included in the 2006 base budget. Savings for that budget include the \$12,000 lease at Orchard Park and we anticipate saving between 45 and \$90,000 annually by reduced cost of the lease at 1900 East 9th. The remainder of that will be provided for by reducing other contractuals within the base budget.

Maintenance, utilities, janitorial service are all included in that \$130,000 ongoing cost figure, as is the cost of leasing 50 additional parking spaces at this just north of the Riverside facility itself. These would be used by staff and the 82 that are part of the facility would be reserved for the public.

Additionally, we are requesting an amendment to the CIP for costs associated with remodeling Riverside and some remodeling of 1900 East 9th for the WIC operation. It also includes . . . about 100,000 of that is for furniture and equipment, signage, data drops, some electrical work, that sort of thing, but primarily the remodeling is a fairly modest proposal, because it was built as a medical office, it has always been used as a medical office. It's been vacant for the last almost three years, and so carpet and painting is primarily what it needs.

The funding for this amendment comes from the savings from the 2004 Health Department budget. Savings that we had last year would be used for this CIP. So, in summary, this project, we're looking at it primarily as an effort to improve our ability to deliver services to the public. There is some efficiencies to be gained by the Orchard Park consolidation, but it is primarily customer service and we will do this, in its entirety, within the constraints of our base budget. So with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Bill. We do have a couple of questions. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Bill, the evening that we had that meeting at Orchard Park, there was good discussion and there was only one person in the audience that was really kind of shaky about this. Have you had any calls since that meeting, from any of the neighbors?"

Mr. Farney said, "No, I have not heard anything at all."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, neither have I."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I have several questions. What kind of signing will we be able to do at that facility? Can we put up some signage that will indicate to people that it is now part of the Health Department, it is clinical in nature?"

Mr. Farney said, "Yes, they do have a large pedestal with a sign right now. It's a pretty good size sign. We'll take that down and put our own up there and that is included."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Do we have a marketing plan already in place to market to this location? I mean, I think it's great that we now have kind of a west side location and an east side location, but do we have a marketing plan to get the word out? I think that's going to be an very easy location for people to get to and very visible, but I think it's still going to take some marketing. Have we thought about that?"

Mr. Farney said, "We have spent a fair amount of time thinking about it. We have not developed a formal plan. We would be able to do so very quickly. Primarily we have waited because we had . . . the big south thing we thought would happen and so this, we pretty much waited until we got approval, but we have been thinking about it and we will have something put together very quickly."

Commissioner Norton said, "Because that's right next to Riverside is . . . are there some other arrangements or partnerships that we can develop . . . Now Riverside is part of Via Christi now, is that correct? Are there some partnerships where we can link with services they provide, to make it a holistic kind of approach to health provision?"

Mr. Farney said, "We have not identified any at this point, but we would certainly explore that opportunity. They did close, I believed they closed their emergency room at that location within the last couple of years and so we anticipate being able to fill that void with our children's primary care to some degree."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Is this on a bus route?"

Mr. Farney said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "So there is bus service that will come there and make it easy access for people all over the city to get there, if they don't have other transportation."

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Mr. Farney said, "That's correct, it is on the bus route."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. What are the numbers on the WIC program right now? You know, that continues to expand. We asked that question every year, what is the potential. As I remember, we were up to around, what, 12,000?"

Mr. Farney said, "I think it's around 15,000 now. It just keeps growing and at a presentation made to the commission a couple of years ago, on the WIC program, we had indicated that KDHE had identified the total number of people out there that would be eligible for WIC at about 18,500 and if that was right at that time, we don't believe that it's correct today. We think it's considerably more than that, but the WIC program has been growing tremendously over the last three or four or five years. We expect that to continue for some time and of course this project will help that considerably."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, being able to grow the WIC program with facilities and everything obviously will increase numbers. Will that increase our capacity to go after Department of Agriculture grants and those kind of things, monies to support more programs?"

Mr. Farney said, "Well, I would certainly think so. I have not heard any discussion by staff, in terms of grants that are out there that they would actively pursue with this, but that certainly is a possibility, yeah."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, it just seems to me, as we find out more and more that getting kids off to a healthy start and that starts in infancy and certainly, I mean it starts at pregnancy we know, but even before that, it seems like that fits in with our message that to have healthy communities we have to have healthy kids, and the WIC program really delivers a lot of that."

Mr. Farney said, "You bet it does."

Commissioner Norton said, "So is there room for expansion? You talked that you'd like to maybe expand the programs over there, do some other things. Certainly, as programs grow and the need grows, is there an ability to expand at that facility?"

Mr. Farney said, "At Riverside there is the ability to expand to some degree. We're looking at this as primarily being able to take much better care of the people that we do have, because we've

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expanded the number of exam rooms. But at the same time, that can translate into growth, fairly modest growth. Again, we would have liked to have moved the dental clinic over there too, but we just . . . it just wasn't big enough. So, the answer is yes, modest growth, but there will be limitation."

Commissioner Norton said, "What do you think expanding the dental program from two exam rooms to three is going to do, because we've always filled that, the two pretty easily, have we not?"

Mr. Farney said, "We have, and oftentimes we have the volunteer dentists and oral surgeons, they tend to come in a lot on Friday and they tend to come in a lot at the same time, and there have been many times when we've had emergency type situations where we simply couldn't treat the patient, because both operatory rooms were filled."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I think we find out more and more that dental health certainly affects overall, general, primary health and it looks to me like that expanding that dental program is going to be very, very important to the future of good health. And we know that there are dentists out there that are willing to help out with that. I mean, Salina recently was a good example of that. Didn't they have the big clinic up there and served thousands of people, it seemed like, and that's just a one-time deal. We know there's an ongoing need in our community."

Mr. Farney said, "Yeah, there is a huge amount of unmet need in terms of dental care, particularly for the kids. And our dental clinic is really unique in that we have so many volunteer oral surgeons and dentists. There are over 30. They put in I don't know how many hours. We've attached a value to that of about \$150,000 annually and I think, with the location at Riverside, I think there's a chance that we would be able to increase the number of hours and perhaps the number of dentists as well."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Well, that's really all I have. I just think it's a glorious day that we get to move to a nicer facility, a more easily accessible facility and certainly it will take some of the load off of our old Health Department building, where it's like a labyrinth for people to get in and out of there. The waiting areas are terrible, it's tough on staff to operate with that many people pressed into one small area, so I think it's a great day for the progress of our Health Department since Sedgwick County has taken it over, so I'm pretty tickled that we're going to move this forward and I'm supportive."

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

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. A couple of things, one on the monthly costs, the backup indicates the monthly costs for just the lease, but then there will be a monthly cost for the janitorial and building and maintenance also. Is that correct?”

Mr. Farney said, “That is correct.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And where does that money come from?”

Mr. Farney said, “We will build all of these costs into the 2006 base budget, by reducing other contractuals that we now have. Two of those are the Orchard Park lease itself, at 12,000, we will reduce the cost of the lease at the 1900 East 9th location. We estimate that to be between 45 and \$90,000 of savings.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. So actually, the only thing we need to look at is just the additional cost of the lease itself, but it should net out to be actually a little bit less than that, if you’re saving more money than the expenses. Is that correct?”

Mr. Farney said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. And the other thing, just to expand on what Commissioner Norton had talked about, I think this is a big commitment that Sedgwick County is doing to provide improved services to all of the citizens in Sedgwick County or the citizens in Sedgwick County that desperately need this service and I would encourage you to work with our Communications Department in figuring out how the perception of the public can be elevated to understand that this is now another service that Sedgwick County is providing to all the citizens, regardless whether they live inside an incorporated city or not, because I get the sense occasionally that that perception is unfortunately pretty low, and I keep hearing that comment that I’ve really learned to dislike, ‘Oh, I don’t live in the county’ as if, if I live in the city, there’s nothing that the county does for me, because I don’t live in the county and as you and I know, everyone that lives in Sedgwick County, regardless of where they live, are citizens of Sedgwick County and our services are for everyone. So, if you could work with Kristi and just figure out how we might be able to explain this a little better or a little stronger to all the citizens that when we say ‘We’re working for you’, that is another example of how well we’re working for you.”

Mr. Farney said, “We will certainly do that.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That’s all I had.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. Well, it appears to me that there has been thorough analysis done by staff on the ramifications of this move and it looks like it will improve efficiency

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and that it's a move that not only provides good service to our citizens, but also is the best use of our funds, so I'm very supportive of it. Another comment from Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just very quickly, the Orchard Park facility is not far from this facility. I mean, it's probably two miles or so."

Mr. Farney said, "You are correct and I intended to point that out and I had forgotten, but we drove it. It's 1.8 miles."

Commissioner Winters said, "One point eight miles, yeah. Okay, well I was pretty close. So for those who are going to be looking for those services that were there, it's not going to be a great distance. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you commissioner. Are there any other comments or questions? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign; and approve the CIP Amendment.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

- 2. AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL PLAINS REGIONAL HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION TO PARTNER WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNDER THE PROJECT ACCESS PROGRAM.**

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Mr. Farney said, “With this item, we are requesting approval for an agreement with the Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation to support the Project Access program. Project Access is the primary community-wide project for assisting low-income, uninsured residents of Sedgwick County since its inception in 1999.

Under the direction of Anne Nelson, who is with us today, this program coordinates donated medical care and services from the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, from the K.U. School of Medicine, all area hospitals and many private physicians, dentists and pharmacists. The patients are enrolled in the program through any of the six emergency access clinics, including Sedgwick County Health Department, or through Project Access staff themselves, patients generally receive three months of specialty care or six months of primary care and they’re also eligible for a prescription card that allows them to get prescriptions at a \$4 co-pay.

Funding for the program comes from a variety of sources, including Sedgwick County. Funding from Sedgwick County is \$192,000 and is used to pay for a portion of the salary of a part-time prescription assistance coordinator and the remainder is used for prescriptions, which allows for that \$4 co-pay.

With that, I will turn it over to Anne Nelson and she’ll give you more specifics about the program and tell you some of the successes that they have had since 1999.”

Ms. Anne Nelson, Program Director, Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Approximately 45,000,000 people in the United States live without health insurance coverage benefits, an estimated 50,000 of which reside right here in our county, in Sedgwick County. So in 1999, Project Access was established to meet the needs of the indigent here in our community. Our partners include 530 physician members of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County. They donate office visits and surgeries. They also provide a great deal of executive leadership for our program.

Forty-four members of the Wichita District Dental Society also participate in our program. They donate dental services to our patients. Eight hospital systems provide donated in-patient and outpatient hospital services. Six community clinics serve as enrollment sites to enroll patients into the program, and those enrollments are done or processed by SRS staff that have been repositioned at those clinic sites, so that’s kind of a neat three-way partnership that we’ve gotten established.

The K.U. Primary Care Residency program participate by enrolling their established patients. They then donate that service to those enrolled patients. Several K.U. specialty residency care programs also accept referrals from our office.

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We have 78 pharmacies that are filling prescriptions at a 15% below average wholesale cost, those are generic prescriptions, so we can save as much money as possible. They also don't charge any filling fees for filling those prescriptions, so that's the contribution from the pharmacies.

K.U. School of Medicine has done a lot of work for us on our evaluation and other special studies and other providers include Hospice Care, inpatient and outpatient rehab services as well. Our funding partners include the United Way of the Plains. Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita have come together to fund our prescription program. Additional funders include the Kansas Health Foundation, the Wichita Community Foundation, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, the Knight Foundation Donor Advice Fund, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and a federal resources and services grant.

Since September 1st of 1999, when we first opened our doors, we've enrolled 5,665 county residents, 1,273 of which were enrolled in 2004 and that reflects a 9% increase from 2003. 35.2 million dollars in donated medical care has been provided to our patients by physicians and hospitals and dentists. We've purchased 2.2 million dollars in prescription medications for our patients with the city and county funds that we have, 444,000 of which were purchased just in 2004, and we've leveraged \$757,000 in donated medications from pharmaceutical companies, through that three-quarter-time position that you fund.

What's the return on your investment? What's the return on the community's investment? Enrolled patients experience a statistically significant improvement in their health status and we measure that with an instrument, pre and post enrollment.

Project Access patients are less likely than the other patient population to visit hospital emergency rooms, because they have a medical home. We estimate a cost avoidance of more than \$12,000,000 that we've saved in our medical community by better coordinating health care. The vast majority of Project Access patients cost well under \$5,000, which is way under the national average.

The county's 2004 investment provided us with the ability to purchase patient prescriptions and funded the three-quarter-time position, which leveraged \$405,000 in donated prescriptions, just in 2004.

We have a galvanized medical community, working together in new, innovative ways and we continue to see emerging public and private partnerships developing local, collaborative solutions to very complex health issues in our community. Thank you for the last five years of a great partnership with the county. We appreciate your support and your leadership around health issues. We respectfully request support and a continued partnership through 2005."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you Ann. There is a couple of questions here, so Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think this is a terrific program and I'm going to definitely be totally supportive of it. Is our \$192,000 for this next year, does that represent an increase over what we did in 2004?"

Ms. Nelson said, "No, it's \$8,000 less."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Eight thousand, that's nice, but why is that less?"

Ms. Nelson said, "I'm not sure how that number came to be. That was presented to us."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, that's okay, but I mean, I think what we've done with this is turn it around and if I got it right, it's an equal partnership on this area with the City of Wichita, so collectively, we're investing \$384,000 for prescriptions but we've been able to lever that money into . . . I forgot the number you said, but it was well over \$2,000,000, I think you said."

Ms. Nelson said, "We've purchased 2.2 million in prescriptions and leveraged an additional 760,000."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, I mean, that's a tremendous project. Let me ask, I know we look at 150% of the federal pov . . . why not 100% of the prov . . . how do we get to that number, above and beyond what the federal government says is the poverty level? How did that number get . . . ?"

Ms. Nelson said, "That's a very good question and it came up for our medical community early on and we actually based our program on a model out of Buncombe County, Asheville, North Carolina and they made that recommendation after testing this model for about three years, before we became the first replication site in the nation to implement the same model.

And we also didn't want to have such a rush, all at once, to overwhelm the medical community. They're already donating a lot of time and care and services to the uninsured. We had to make this a manageable process, and we have found that this has been a pretty good number to establish for eligibility."

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Just two quick points and I think this has been answered. This is not a new project for us. This is ongoing work that we’ve been involved in for some time, so I just wanted to make that clarification and I think Commissioner Sciortino had done that.

And the other one is just to say a brief thank you to all those in the medical community who volunteer their time. I mean, I think it’s amazing how many people are working in this process of Project Access and so I think we, just again, send our thanks out to all those who are volunteering their time. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well certainly we should be very proud that our community has a Project Access. I’ve been very fortunate to understand Project Access at a deeper level and have actually gone to a summary of the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation grant, at one time, that looked at 10 to 14 programs around the nation. And truthfully, the one that really shone it’s stripes was Wichita, Kansas and Sedgwick County.

So out of some programs that incubated out of some grant money, we should be very proud. I know real soon we’re going to be going to Milwaukee to show off our program to those in Milwaukee and whatever county Milwaukee resides in, because they’re ready to duplicate, like we did Asheville’s program.

So this is a wonderful program for our community and I really believe that it fits into the health provision continuum that we continue to talk about from our health assembly, that getting to people that are of low income and don’t have insurance and get them some kind of primary care physician and some low cost pharmaceuticals will pay huge dividends in our community on the other end. It’s really a Fram oil filter kind of thing, pay me now/ pay me later

And it’s going to be much more expensive later if they fall into the emergency rooms and on public assistance, than it does early on to get them a little primary care, some immunizations, some pharmaceuticals for blood pressure, diabetes or whatever it is. So, great program, I’m going to be very supportive and it’s just wonderful that we can even expand it with other monies being brought in through grants. So, thank you Mr. Chair.”

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Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. Well, appreciate all these comments and out of our health assembly, one of the primary issues that was verbalized was the issues of accessibility and this, I think, responds to that and I’m happy that Sedgwick County is a participant with the other partners in the community and I like the word you used, that our medical community was galvanized. It sounds strong, aggressive to go ahead and try to solve this problem. So appreciate your work in this area. Commissioners, are there other comments?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you very much, Anne. I think we are ready for Item D-3.”

- 3. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR FUNDING OF PROGRAMS.**
 - STATE FORMULA BLOCK GRANT**
 - CHILDREN’S PRIMARY CARE**
 - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

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- **FAMILY PLANNING**
- **ADOLESCENT HEALTH**
- **CHRONIC DISEASE RISK REDUCTION**
- **IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN**
- **FIVE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE GRANTS**

Mr. Farney said, “On this agenda item, we are requesting your approval for a group of grant applications to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. This is the largest grant applications that we have to KDHE. It represents about a third of our overall grant funding and about half of the grant funding through KDHE. The request is generally for flat funding, other than one grant MCH. We’re, I guess, hopeful on that one, but we have been in contact with the program manager’s at KDHE and they have recommended that we take a pretty conservative approach in our grant applications.

Several of these grants do have match requirements, have had for many years, and none pose any problems for us at this time.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you Bill. Are there any questions, comments, Commissioners?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including grant award agreements 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 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

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Chairman Unruh

Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you Bill, at ease now. You’ve been in the spotlight a long time. Now you can relax. Next item.”

4. GRANT APPLICATION TO CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL OFFICE OF WORKFORCE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING OF A PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTION SPECIALIST POSITION.

Dr. Burbach said, “This is something new for us. This particular program, through CDC, Office of Workforce Development has been around for a few years but I was unaware of it until a few months ago, we got tipped off from our TB control people at the state level, saying have you ever tried for this, and it’s not exactly a grant.

I know that’s what the wording of your agenda says, but it’s actually applying, just like you would for a grant, but you actually get a person. You get a CDC . . . we call them a fellow, they call them a public health prevention specialist. They have been at CDC . . .there’s a group of 25 of them, they’ve been at CDC for the whole first year and then, the second and third years, they come, work and live for us and essentially what we’re trying to do is put them into the TB program, do a lot of those targeted programs and screenings in the community that we talked about just a few minutes ago, to get things targeted out there to get it off the front burner, a little bit farther, deeper into the program of preventing TB and getting it screened and diagnosed early.

The program pays entirely for these people, their salaries, their benefits, their cost to relocate here, their trips back and forth to the CDC, and I don’t think there are a lot of them, but it’s like phone calls and conference calls and what not, in terms of the supervision by CDC. We essentially agree to give them a space, give them a computer, treat them as an employee of ours, doing part of our work, make them part of our team in TB and essentially keep them and let them work for us and with us for two solid years. I’m very excited about it.

We did send a letter of intent in. The letter of intent was approved, we were told that there were 190-some application letter of intents, 119 of them were approved and then out of that 119, those people will send full applications, which I’m about on the tenth draft of right now, and it will get mailed, if you approve it, in the next week, meeting the deadline, and then 25 of those will actually match up with people.

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It doesn't mean that only 25 of those full applications will be approved. Let's say they approve 50 of them, and then they spread all the approved ones out in front of those 25 fellows, if you will, and CDC and those people then chose, 'Oh, I'd like to talk to these people, these people', kind of like a job hunt. And then we go down on June 11, if we're approved, and actually interview these people and try to convince them to come to Wichita, Kansas for two years and work with us, so I'm very positive and very excited about it.

Your question a while ago, Commissioner Norton, about will this space consideration allow for other grant opportunities, this is a perfect example, because when I was dealing with Peggy Baker, we're going to place this person in the TB clinic area, in a workstation with a computer and everything in the TB area, and when I was dealing with Peggy about it, who is the supervisor of the TB program, she said, 'Where will I put them?'

There is no place to put them right now. We could win this approved application right now and put them anywhere, but after the Riverside move, there will be enough stretch space there that there will be a place for them, so that's a good example. We can just expand in places that we were not able to before. Any questions?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions for Cindy?"

Commissioner Norton said, "It looks like a no-brainer to me."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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 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

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

DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

E. AGREEMENT WITH NONPROFIT CHAMBER OF SERVICE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF SEDGWICK COUNTY NONPROFIT AGENCIES.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This particular agreement with the Non-Profit Chamber of Service is an exciting time for the development of this particular organization, which has been doing this for a couple of years, in terms of development, putting it together, getting all the stakeholders in place, having meetings, having people come together and talk about this. And it's exciting because there's some great things coming out of this.

We're seeing more peer-to-peer consultation, in terms of somebody is really good at doing this, going over and doing some work with someone else. We're seeing increased collaboration, quite frankly, if you're a non-profit, or like many of us, if you don't run into somebody at a meeting, you may not have an idea whose out there doing what, and this gives an opportunity for folks to actually get together and learn those things.

There's also some great opportunities for board recruitment and training and actually a couple of trainings have occurred and that strengthens the boards, the governing structure and leadership, and in fact, we've been involved with that. I'm involved with the committee working on that, and so is Ron Holt from the county, and we've seen that as a very positive thing.

They're also working on workshops for fundraising and public awareness and they're also hoping to develop a library of resources for non-profits.

This is their next big step, needing to hire an executive director, establish an office and truly move this forward and get this done. And I'd also like to recognize, you've already heard from her, but Anne Nelson is also on the board of the Non-Profit Chamber of Service. I would recommend your approval and I would be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Debbie. Are there any questions, Commissioners? I just want to say that I'm going to be very supportive of this. These partners that we have in this effort

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are strong community partners: the Wichita Community Foundation, Kansas Health Foundation, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, they contribute to the benefit of our community in so many ways and they're partnering with us to make this happen and I'm going to be very supportive of this. So, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a brief comment. One of the things we found out through Visioneering is that our non-profits are extremely important to the quality of life and the delivery of services in our community. And the idea that they actually talk with each other and try to figure out better ways to deliver those services most economically, and to build their boards to the levels that they really need to be I think is pretty powerful for our community and certainly fits in exactly with what Visioneering said, is that we really all need to be working together in orchestration, as opposed to working in silos, trying to do things unattached. So, I think this is just another way for people to work together and share the vision across the business lines, as opposed to working in silos. I am going to be supportive, of course."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Are there any other comments, commissioners. If not, 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.

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

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

F. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DR. LAWRENCE CZARNECKI AS A DEPUTY DISTRICT CORONER.

Dr. Mary Dudley, M.D., District Coroner/Chief Medical Examiner, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to reappoint Dr. Lawrence Czarnecki as our Deputy Coroner, and according to Kansas law, we have to have a resolution approved by the board."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Are there any questions of Dr. Dudley?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Any comment or question? Well, we'll vote here in just a minute, but I just want to say, I'm supportive of this and I want to just go on record as saying that for us to maintain our status as a regional forensic center, we need to keep it properly staffed and you all have been working on overload and we appreciate your efforts and your work, and this is part of what we have to do to maintain our status, so very supportive of it."

Dr. Dudley said, "Thank you very much."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just another quick comment. Dr. Dudley, tell us how many counties you serve right now."

Dr. Dudley said, "We are actually, as a regional center, we're serving 55 counties, so approximately half of the state."

Commissioner Norton said, "I don't think people understand, when you talk regional forensic center, that although we have medical examiners and a coroner here, it is a much bigger process that we go through and certainly you've been instrumental in marketing our regional facility. It wasn't too long ago that it was only 40 counties and now it's 55 and I think that being involved with the KCCA and the KAC, one of the things we keep talking about is regionalization and how to work together and how to take capacities that big counties have and help out smaller counties, and here's a great example of that, 55 counties that we are able to supply the latest technology and a great regional science center, forensic science center capacities to at pretty good cost to

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them too.

So, congratulations, but I don't know that the public always understands the reach of our regional forensic center."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. I agree with you commissioner. Sometimes we think of regional as six or eight counties, but 55 is a real region. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, and actually, as you all know, when we first built that facility, that was the concept, but it wasn't until Dr. Dudley put her staff together were we able to take the concept and make it reality. And I think something else that the citizens need to know, this isn't costing the citizens of Sedgwick County to be able to provide this service. They paying their own way through fees and actually allowing us some relief from taxpayers' dollars, because some of the funds can be used for expanding and further improving. She does a lot of work with the City of Wichita on a lot of their crimes and the . . . what do you call it when you examine a bullet and find out whether . . .?"

Dr. Dudley said, "Ballistics."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, ballistics and this type of stuff, so it's really working to the point where they're . . . I hope they don't infringe on my tomato patch out there, but they're filling up that facility. So anyway, you're doing good work and keep it up please."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, any other comment? We have a Motion and a second. Madam Clerk, will you call the vote."

VOTE

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

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Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Dr. Dudley. Next item."

G. GRANT APPLICATION FOR CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUNDING OF A RESTITUTION COORDINATOR POSITION.

Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Requesting approval for a grant application to the Attorney General's Crime Victim's Assistance fund for the continued funding of one full-time restitution coordinator. This position has actually been funded by this grant since 1999."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, commissioners, are there any questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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 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 very much. Next item."

H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2005.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of March 17th results in three items for consideration today."

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1) ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES

First item, elevator modernization for facility project services. Recommend the low bid, including alternate one, from Thyssen Krupp Elevator in the amount of \$309,772.

2) AUDIO VISUAL UPGRADES- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

Item two, audio/ visual upgrades for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the proposal from Smith Audio Visual in the amount of \$153,779.

3) JUMPSUITS, V-NECK SHIRTS & SLIP ON PANTS- SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FUNDING: SHERIFF'S OFFICE

And item three, jumpsuits, v-neck shirts and slip on pants for the Sheriff's Office. Recommend the second low bid from Robinson Textiles for \$5,702.75 and establish contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew, for an estimated annual cost of \$20,000.

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Iris. Are there any questions? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Talk a little bit about the elevators. Haven't we already modernized some of them? Haven't some of them already been done?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes. These are two elevators in the back of the courthouse that have not had any attention for several years. The rest of the main courthouse elevators have been modernized."

Commissioner Norton said, "One of them is the freight elevator, down the corridor. Where is the other one?"

Ms. Baker said, "Correct. The other one is an elevator back in the northwest corner that Sheriff's Office uses for transporting inmates to court."

Commissioner Norton said, "And obviously, not everybody gets to use those elevators, but they're in really pretty rotten condition right now."

Ms. Baker said, "That's correct. Staff can address that if you'd like, but yes, they need attention."

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I mean, that’s a lot of money and I want to be sure the public knows, if they look at that amount, these are really in sad, sad shape and to the point that I even believe there may be some safety issues if we don’t do something in the near future. So I want to be sure that the public knows these really do need . . . we do need to spend the money to modernize them, upgrade them and make them more functional.

The second thing I had is it’s a lot of money to upgrade the audio/ visual in this room here and the manager’s board room, but we’ve been hamstrung by our audio/ visual in this room for quite a while and would you explain that just a little bit. I’m very supportive of this. Every day, it’s maddening to me that, you know, we take so much of our seating with platforms and cameras and it really is hard to see the project screen here. So, just a little talk about that, because I think it is very important that the public knows that it’s going to be good for us . . . for our meetings, but it’s going to be good for them, when they have to come here and help be part of county business to have a little more space for seating and be a little easier to follow the audio/ visual, all of those things.”

Ms. Baker said, “Kathy Sexton can give you a vision of that project.”

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have said it all, commissioner. We will have better seating for both the public and the staff. There are times when we don’t fit in this room very well, so we will be able to add a few seats because of that. We will have better access for the media. As you know, there’s always a couple of tripods here with the cameras that are here all the time, and what we’ll do is we’ll put a couple of cameras up in the ceiling, so we will not have to have those tripods in the way of people walking around and then when the other media come in with their cameras, sometimes we’ve had five or six cameras in here at one time, and so there will be better plug-ins for them so they won’t be right in front of the door and that kind of thing, better access for everybody.

And certainly the visuals that we’ll have will be much better quality than this. As you all know, this room was upgraded over a decade ago and it was state of the art then, but it’s just time for a refresher. And the other room that we’re putting audio/ visual in virtually has nothing in it now. It has a television set/ VCR, so we’ll be putting good equipment, sound and video equipment in there as well.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you, Kathy. That’s all I had.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. My question revolves around the elevators and I don't need an answer now, but I guess I would like to understand, once this project starts, how we'll do security, and I mean, we're going to have some security issues involved in the courthouse courtrooms involved with these two, and I think I'd just like for us to know how that's going to work."

Ms. Sexton said, "We will keep you informed of that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, commissioners, are there any other questions of Iris or Kathy? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

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 Iris. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Orders dated March 9 and March 16, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

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2. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of March 16 – 22, 2005.**
3. **Agreement with City of Wichita, Kansas for lease of space used by the Sheriff's Department at 701 West Harry for its Work Release Facility.**
4. **Authorization for Internet Data Transfers with Allen, Gibbs & Houlik.**
5. **Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Joseph M. Sroufe	Lake Afton Bait Shop

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 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, "Commissioners, we do have a need to meet as governing body of the Fire District and so we'll have that meeting immediately following this board meeting. But before we adjourn, are there items of community interest that anyone wants to speak about? Commissioner Burtnett."

J. OTHER

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Yes. Yesterday at staff meeting, we were having a discussion about

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the possible flooding issues that are going to occur with the debris that's in the streams and creeks and rivers and the Sedgwick County Public Works people are working very diligently to get the public access areas done but we need some help from the citizens of Sedgwick County.

If they live along a stream, creek or some sort of waterway that has a lot of debris, if there is any way possible that you can get this debris out, it will help down the road and down the stream so that we won't have so many flooding problems. So we're hoping to get an insert into some mailings very soon to let people know that this needs to get cleaned up."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Any other comments?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chair, it might be interesting if you would comment on the Sedgwick County Technical Education Authority that met, really for the first time in a full session last week. I attended to observe, but you were on the panel."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you. We met in a four-hour meeting last Thursday afternoon and I think there was good progress made and some foundation was made so that we can build on that. A primary purpose of that meeting was to get all the new Authority members kind of understanding the various players in technical education that are active right now, in our area, and everyone was very much engaged and I think good information was presented and we're ready to go forward now.

We've had quite a while of trying to get everybody together, the folks that are involved on that board are busy people and I think now we've kind of established a pattern where we can go forward and make progress in technical education for this area, so thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "I thought it was very enlightening. I kind of sat on the sidelines and watched, but once again, it's another thing that came out of engineering that we know workforce development and technical training is a critical need in our community and our system has kind of been fragmented over the years and I think this is a great effort to try to pull all the players together, all the best intellectual capital to try to figure out this issue for our community, because if you talk about economic development and education, you can have any of that if you don't have a pretty well developed, smart workforce and part of that is going to be technical training.

Obviously, K through 12 is important, the Regents Institutes and universities are important, but a

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good technical training system is going to be critical to workforce development and, you know, I applaud the Authority for moving ahead now and hopefully the decisions that are forthcoming are going to be really good for Sedgwick County and the region, because I think as the economy continues to grow and turn around, workforce is a national, impending crisis, and we need to be ahead of the curve on that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you, and we’ve got a lot of work to do, but we are started now and Mr. Ron Holt, assistant county manager, is going to be active in keeping us moving. So, is that all commissioner? All right, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. Well, as all of you know, and I think it’s been mentioned in the press, Sedgwick County’s new sports and entertainment venue is one more giant step closer to being reality and I just personally want to thank all of our legislators, in the House and the Senate, for understanding that this will benefit all of the citizens of Sedgwick County and especially benefit the core area of the City of Wichita to have Sedgwick County build their new arena right in the heart of downtown Wichita and I’m very excited and hopefully the governor will sign it and it will become reality here in a few short years.

And I was encouraged by what Coach Turgeon said during the NIT play-in things that when they sold out the Koch Arena, he indicated that he was very in favor of perhaps having some W.S.U. games in our new arena. So I think this is going to be a signature for Sedgwick County, the location, and I think it’s going to turn out to be a tremendous boon economically for this entire region, especially the City of Wichita. So, I’m real excited about it and that was something that I know that many of you, as a matter of fact I think I can include all of us here, worked hard on. We got involved just late in the game, last August. I know a lot of you were up in Topeka, lobbying strong. We all took an active role in trying to get the public to vote and just to thank everybody that worked so hard to make this become a reality and, like I say, just one more step to go, and that’s to have the governor sign it, but I’m confident that she will sign this and it will become a reality. So, just want to tell everybody it’s a happy day and Sedgwick County is ready, willing and able to take on this new project.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, well thank you, commissioner. Manager Buchanan and Assistant County Manager Ron Holt and I were up there yesterday for the passage of the final action on the arena bill and it was quite a bit of excitement, you know, to see this finally take that last step. But I would just want to echo your comment. I appreciate everything you said, but I also want to compliment our legislators who worked hard to get this item passed and it was a lot of work and down here, we think, ‘Well we voted for it, it should pass without any issue’ but our South Central Kansas Delegation and the Sedgwick County legislators worked very hard and we appreciate their efforts on behalf of the citizens for this region.

I think that’s all that I have and so with that . . .”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Nothing happening at the zoo this week?”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well the zoo, we have the Easter Eggstravaganza coming up. If we’ve got good weather, I expect there will be a lot of people out at the zoo enjoying those Easter festivities, so I think you should go out there and find an Easter Egg, commissioner.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Underneath my cowboy hat?”

Chairman Unruh said, “That might be a good idea. But anyway, I think they’re looking for a great weekend out there. With that I will adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.”

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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DAVID M. UNRUH, Chairman,
First District

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