

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**June 8, 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, June 8, 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. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Mike Mueller, Human Resources; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Chris Morales; systems Integration Coordinator; Department of Corrections; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Gregory Thompson, Fire Marshall, Fire District; Mr. Kent Koehler, Division of Information and Operations; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

Honorable Dee Stuart, Mayor, City of Park City

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Rob Winslow, Haysville United Methodist Church

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **RETIREMENT**

##### **A. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO GREGORY H. THOMPSON, FIRE MARSHALL, FIRE DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. Mike Mueller**, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are here today to recognize the service of Fire Marshall Greg Thompson who is retiring July 1, 2005 from Sedgwick County Fire District #1 after 32 years of service.

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Well, Marshall Thompson we are very proud of the work you have been doing for Sedgwick County for 32 years. You know 32 years is a long time for someone to stay

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faithful to one employee during that time. On behalf of the Commissioners and on behalf of citizens of Sedgwick County Government we want to tell you that we appreciate your service. I was wondering this morning though when I was thinking about this, 32 years ago fire had been invented, right?

**Mr. Gregory Thompson** said, "It had just been discovered."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Just started. We know that you have been in charge of Code Enforcement in keeping people safe and we really appreciate your dedication and your faithfulness. In commemoration of that we have a certificate for you and want to present that on behalf of the Commission and also as you go into your retirement phase of your life, we want you to be a slave to the clock because we want you to know what time it is. So, I'd like to present this clock to you. And don't miss a tee time, right. I know you have several of your colleagues here from Fire District #1. They are here to support you and you've made a lot of friends. Not only in the department but across the county. Thank you for your service. We appreciate it. Would you like to say some words?"

**Mr. Thompson** said, "It is truly an honor and pleasure to be here this morning. I would like to thank you and all of the past county commission board, the opportunity you've given me to serve the citizens for the last 32 years. Fire service is truly a brotherhood and it has been my home and my family since I was 19 years old. I've worked for a lot of different chiefs, a lot of captains, lieutenants and other fire fighters and they've been both my mentors and my friends and I would like to thank each and everyone of them that I've worked with. I want to thank my staff that I've had in fire prevention. It is a great staff and they've made my tenure as fire marshall much much easier. So, I really appreciate them. Also want to thank County Manager, Mr. Buchanan, Assistant County Manager, Ron Holt and Bob Lamkey for all of their support in the past, their guidance, their wisdom as they've helped the fire district. I think the fire district now is really facing some challenging and some exciting times. The relocation plan that you just recently approved is very exciting and I really look forward to attending the opening of the new facilities.

During these last several years I've had the opportunity to work with a lot of different departments and divisions and I would like to thank each one of them. They've all been very professional, helpful, courteous, and made a lot of friends within Sedgwick County. It is a great organization. Something to be very proud of. I'd also like to urge you and take this opportunity to thank you and continue your support of public safety. Not only the fire district, but EMS, sheriff, emergency management and 911. These are the people that are out there 24-7, putting their lives on the line and they need your support.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank my wife, Ruby and my son Rock. He couldn't be here today, but without their love and support and the sacrifices they made over the last 32 years it would have been much more difficult. Again, thank you."

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**Commissioner Winters** said, "I'm sure we've got a couple comments that would like to come from the bench and since Chairman Unruh isn't here, I'll jump right in. Greg, I certainly want to thank you for the service. You know just very briefly, listening to you, for me I think we can kind of break fire service down into two categories. What you do is everyday routine of all of you who serve in the Fire Department to make sure our citizens are as safe as they can be. Secondly, as Commissioners, we've got this constituent aspect and you know I can just think about the times where you have assisted me in either a small community selling fireworks at the wrong time at the wrong place and the wrong area to the farmer who wants to build a shed to store hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment, yet there is no way to get fire protection there. In all of those little circumstances involving constituents, you've been very helpful and I appreciate all the work you have done for me as a Commissioner serving the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. You have shown some real professionalism, yet some ability to understand what citizens are dealing with. I appreciate your service to the county very very much."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "First of all I'd like to hear what those band of brothers have to say about Greg. I'm sure there are stories.....should we invite them up to....."

**Mr. Thompson** said, "They probably couldn't be told here."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well Greg, I just want to say best of luck in your retirement. I think you know how I feel about your service to the community and our relationship started before I became a County Commissioner. When I was Mayor of Haysville and you find out who your friends are when you're going through tough times with disasters and those kinds of things that are thrown in the way of your life. Several people during that time, I met Sheriff Steed and got to be friends with him, Kenny Cox and Greg Thompson. And Greg I will always remember that and appreciate it how you came to our rescue in Haysville during that time to be....you know a pillar that we could stand on for strength during the time of disaster. I really appreciate that and the 32 years of service to Sedgwick County."

**Mr. Thompson** said, "Thank you. I appreciate it."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well a couple things. I think what Mr. Norton and Mr. Winters are trying to say, people don't ever wonder about fire safety, fire protection. They just know we have a Fire Department, but it is times of crisis, like what happened in Haysville, like what happened at the train derailment down there just south of Derby when we didn't know if there was chemicals out there and what have you, is when the real worth of our Fire Department or any of our departments

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come into play and you're always there. I think your calm demeanor really kind of lessens the anxiety of citizens and they realize there are professionals there to help them. But more importantly, somebody mentioned you are going to be free for golf or something? Is that what I heard?"

**Mr. Thompson** said, "Right. At least until it gets cold anyway."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well I want to let you know that we won't forget you. A lot of times everybody is your buddy, but when you leave, no body.....anytime you want to play golf, give me a call, I'll go to any lengths to help a constituent. I want you to know that."

**Mr. Thompson** said, "All right. I'll look forward to it."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Commissioner Burtnett."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Well 32 years is an awfully long time. It is to bad....."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "You weren't even born then, were you?"

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Barely. It is to bad you can't last like another year or so, so I could get to know you better because I've only been on the Board a few months. I've always been impressed with the way you've handled things. I wish I could of got to know you better."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well Greg, I think if we sum all this up, what we're saying is a big 'thank you' for your service to Sedgwick County."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And we will miss you."

**Mr. Thompson** said, "Thank you Commissioners."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "And best wishes to you. Madam Clerk call the next item please."

## **PRESENTATION**

### **B. PRESENTATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE GENERAL ECONOMY OF THE COUNTY AND SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS.**

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**Honorable Ms. Dee Stuart**, Mayor City of Park City, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to thank you for giving me time today to talk about something I know you already know about. I know and sometimes it is the squeaky wheel and I think I'm the loudest squeaker. You have Wichita's Downtown Arena Project funded and under way. Now is the time to support a county project. The legislature appears to be in deep trouble over the school funding. The proposed casino in Sedgwick County is an obvious answer to at least part of that problem. I believe that one of our responsibilities as Commissioners, as Council Members, as State Representatives and Senators, is to encourage economic development. This project is sited, it is planned and it is financed. It is ready to go. Our plan will create jobs and build the tourist base in South Central Kansas. We will run shuttle buses to attractions such as Exploration Place, Botanica and Cowtown. Tourists visiting Wild West World and the casino will be able to experience all that Sedgwick County has to offer. If we build it, they will come. The public support of this project long before Onex offered to buy Boeing, we know the public support is out there, the polls have shown it, telephone calls to the Governor have shown it, I'm sure you've heard. At the time we first proposed this casino, it was about fun, it was about dollars that were going out of state that could have been kept here for funding various projects including our schools. But now I see this project is about jobs. The issue is employment. Fifteen hundred construction jobs, twenty-five hundred permanent full time well paying jobs when the facility is fully operational. Most of those workers will be living in Sedgwick County. They will be living in Wichita, Valley Center, Haysville, Andover, Goddard and Andale as well as in Park City. The Masque Piqua Indian Tribe of Connecticut, builders and managers of the most successful casino operation in the world, have estimated, with the ancillary multiplier, the number of jobs created will be more than 5,000. We are talking about 5,000 jobs coming to Sedgwick County. New jobs in the next two, three or four years. If we can't get your approval, a compact with the Governor and a wheel gaming bill in the legislature, the Iowa's will take the Piqua money, the \$270,000,000. of private funding and build this massive project on the reservation in far Northeast Kansas. An area that already has seven casinos operating. I'm afraid if you continue to take no position, it is the same as voting no to badly needed jobs. How will you feel, and how will the taxpayers feel, if we have to re-open those job centers? Commissioners, help us on this project. All of Sedgwick County will benefit."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you. Don't leave yet, lets see if there are comments or questions from any of the Commissioners. As you said in your opening comment, we are familiar with the issue to some degree and familiar with your presentation. Here we have some lights coming on who want to ask questions. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well Mayor, I have to tell you I don't know if I'm totally pro-gaming but I'm not anti-gaming and very supportive of the project. The one thing we have to do is come to some agreement as a Board of County Commissioners. Each one of us individually really have no power to effect the legislature or how we do this. I think we've already started some discussions among ourselves. We talked about it at staff meeting. It didn't go a long way yesterday, but I think we're prepared to start trying to figure out what our role is in promoting gaming and this project in

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the north part of our county. Understand that, there is a huge political gridlock out there that we have to wade through because there are competing interests and competing programs and competing political interests out there that we'll have to be encumbered with as we go through this and sort it out. From my perspective, I can guarantee you that we'll take this very seriously, we've already conversations and we'll try to move that forward as quickly as we can. The one thing I'm very proud of with Sedgwick County, is that we, the five of us, I believe, really try to analyze those kinds of issues in our community and come up with what we really believe in our gut is best for the community. I think we did that with the Sedgwick County arena. Even after we kind of charged down the path of re-doing the coliseum, we re-thought our positions and I think have done some good things for the community. I think we'll do that for casinos as the gaming issue in our community, but I don't know if we are ready to weigh in today on that. But I think we're prepared to look at it with a real hard eye."

**Ms. Stuart** said, "Commissioner, I appreciate that. I would encourage you to not act with haste, but not to shilly shally around about this. To be quite blunt, if there is any information I can provide to you, I will make sure I can have to you by the end of the day. Have any of you not seen the full blown presentation on the casino? You've all seen it, correct? Is there any information I can provide to you?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I don't see anyone asking for any right now, Mayor. We have another question here. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "This is just a comment, not a question Ms. Madam Mayor. So don't feel you have to comment unless you can see something. I'm a little amazed at how the proponents of this arena have gone forward. Polls are one thing and I can remember at the last gubernatorial primary three days before the poll, Bob Knight was gonna win and he didn't win.

I personally have gone to the legislatures since I've been on this bench telling them 'this is what the Sedgwick County want' and they say to me, we don't want to hear from you, you're an elected official. We want to hear from the people. Okay. Sedgwick County's new downtown arena, the method that we chose to maybe get the legislature's ears, we took it to a vote of the people and we went up to Topeka armed with what the people said they wanted. I encouraged Bob Knight a year ago, 'why don't you have a non-binding referendum?' So you can go to the governor and to the legislature and say 'hey,' forget about what a mayor wants or another elected official, here is what

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the people are saying they want. Now, turn that down. Turn down the will of your constituents. I think we have support on this bench. If Park City wants to request of us to have a special election, I don't think we would oppose finding out for sure, once and for all. Is it 54% of the people that want it or is it 74% of the people that want it. That would be the most effective way in my opinion of getting the governor's ear and getting the legislature's ear. That's all I have to say."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you. Mayor, you look like you want to comment."

**Ms. Stuart** said, "I always want to comment. That certainly something that will be considered and considered seriously."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And we would not block that, I want you to know that."

**Ms. Stuart** said, "I see some differences and I'm not saying that it shouldn't go to a referendum, but the downtown arena is being built with public dollars with out sales tax dollars. If I'm not mistaken, we had to have a referendum on that issue. This proposed casino is being built entirely with private money. That's the difference that I see."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Except, that the governor has said, we want to know if there is support in Sedgwick County for this.' And the best way to show them that support is to have the people tell the governor what they want."

**Ms. Stuart** said, "She has also said she would accept the Wichita City Council or the Sedgwick County Commissions support. But again, and I don't mean to argue with you, I have to agree with you that probably a referendum is the single best way to tell how this issue is looked upon by the voters, but it is also a matter of timing and through the whole process, the Iowa sat down with the governor's general council, July of last year, I mean you hear that this is been tried...that we've tried to shove this through in a few months, but they have been trying to work with the governor since July of last year." It's down to a time issue. It's down to an issue where in just a couple weeks the legislature going to have to make some kind of decision about school funding and I think that has put us under even more pressure."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Is that all Commissioner? In your comment just then, you said the governor asked for either the City of Wichita or Sedgwick County, did you say or, are did you say and?"

**Ms. Stuart** said, "It is kind of confusing. I was in the meeting. I was sitting right beside her. And she really just said, 'we need the support of governing bodies.' It is kind of interesting, when she agreed to a compact for Wyandotte County, no one in Johnson County was asked. And it is my

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belief that the casino in Wyandotte County is closer to some cities in Johnson County than Haysville is to the proposed casino in Park City. And yet, no one in Johnson County was asked. Who knows whether it was a mechanism to put things off, I don't know. I couldn't say. I can't read the governor's mind."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Well, I think some of the rationale or thinking that goes on in the minds of, not only city council members, but also commissioners, is trying to rationalize whether this should be privately owned operation, whether it should be state owned, whether it should be in Park City, whether it should be in downtown City of Wichita, all those sort of questions need to be answered before I think public officials are going to want to get too aggressive to try and get out in front of this issue. I make that comment in response to the challenge that there hasn't been much political leadership demonstrated. There is a lot of issues. Another comment that I would just want to make, you've indicated that the decision has to be made in the next couple weeks because legislatures will be meeting and talking about school financing issues. But this particular proposal wouldn't have any effect on school financing for the next three or four years probably."

**Ms. Stuart** said, "Yes it would. It would. If they get approval today, they would break ground in six months and we'll probably have revenues within the next year."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Within a year."

**Ms. Stuart** said, "Within a year. The whole project doesn't have to be completed to see revenues. And we understand that and we understand the necessity to.....I mean, Park City wants that money to. We can use that money too. The other question, there is no room in downtown Wichita for a destination casino of this magnitude. There is no place to put it. We would obliterate downtown and that's without the downtown arena. We are talking 40 acres and Bob Knight looked, believe me he looked all over trying to put it in Wichita, and there is simply not a place. There is no state in the union that has state owned casinos. It is our opinion that Kansas probably won't be the first. It will probably be one of those nasty old blue states if there ever is one."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Well we have a question from Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** asked, "Madam Mayor, do you know how many states in the nation have legalized gambling?"

**Ms. Stuart** said, "No, I don't, but I know that every state in the central corridor from North Dakota to Texas, we're the only state that doesn't have legalized gambling."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Texas has legalized gambling."



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**Ms. Stuart** said, "Texas has legalized gambling."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Fourteen states."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Fourteen states have legalized gambling."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Five of them use it for education."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Any other questions or comments? Well Madam Mayor, thank you for being here. Appreciate the presentation."

**Ms. Stuart** said, "Thank you very much Commissioners."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

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 please."

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**C. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS OUTLINING REIMBURSEMENT STRUCTURE AND FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY AUTOMATIC VEHICLE**

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### LOCATION PROJECT

**Mr. John Schlegel**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present to you with great pleasure a supplemental agreement which has been culmination of a lot of hard work by Sedgwick County staff members, City of Wichita staff members, and by the Kansas Department of Transportation. This is a supplemental agreement, which supplements two previous agreements. First one is a Memorandum of Understanding that was adopted by all three of those entities back in 2002. Further supplemented by another agreement in 2004 and this agreement will provide for the reimbursement structure and funding responsibility for the Public Safety Automatic Vehicle Location project. The total cost of this project is just a little over 2.4 million dollars. Funded through a combination of money's provided from a Federal Earmark Grant and from funds provided by each of those three entities. Now the reason why this gives me great pleasure to present to you today is it provides funding for some equipment upgrades to our public safety providers that will enhance the service that they provide to the community. There will be some 400 vehicles that will not be outfitted with new equipment ranging from computers, computer mounts and replacement radio modems. This includes 30 EMS (Emergency Medical Service) vehicles, 77 Sheriff cars and 39 vehicles of the Sedgwick County Fire Department. In addition the City of Wichita Police Department gets 170 of their vehicles equipped and the Wichita Fire Department gets 84 of their vehicles upgraded in equipment.

These funds will also provide for mobile data infrastructure, which upgrades the existing system to support delivery of location information for public safety vehicles. The update would increase the number of units able to access the system. And also it upgrades the computer aided dispatch system to allow the dispatchers to view where the units are on a map. This will make the dispatch of units more accurate, allowing them to dispatch the most appropriate unit based on the current location of those vehicles to an incident. We think this is a very good use of these funds that have been provided through the Federal Earmark Grant and by each of the three entities that are a part of this supplemental agreement and the strong recommendation is for you to approve this agreement today."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you John. It seems to me like a very appropriate and beneficial application of technology for the benefit of our citizens. I mean this will.....the practical thing is this will locate our emergency vehicles and get them to the scene of a need much more quickly."

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Right."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "And these are incidents where seconds actually become important. So

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I'm going to be very supportive of this and we do have another comment or question. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Well, I'm very supportive of this and I've been asking about this project for several years. But again to restate what you and the Chairman have said, that the 911 dispatch team will be able to then know locations of emergency vehicles without having any direct communications, is that correct?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "That is correct."

**Commissioner Winters** asked, "How soon will we start building this system and when will it be complete and is it built to coincide with the new 911 Dispatch Center, or will we have this in place but before that's done?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "That was several questions."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "That was several questions all rolled into....."

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "I'm going to get some help on answering that question."

**Mr. Kent Koehler**, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The first one, our plan is now to be able to be back before you before the end of this month to start ordering equipment. Some of the equipment will take three months to get and install. Based on that it will be later this year, probably late 3<sup>rd</sup> or early 4<sup>th</sup> quarter before we have vehicles actually in operations, to be able to track where they are. And it depends, and now it appears we are going to pay for installation, found ways to get installation covered, so it will end the project more quickly. The biggest issue is trying to arrange this many vehicles trying to get equipment installed, get it here, get it installed and get them on-line."

**Commissioner Winters** asked, "It is not going to be tied to the completion of the new 911 Dispatch Center, or this project should be completed before that facility is done."

**Mr. Koehler** said, "Yes, it is not included. Part of this, we knew this was coming and will make sure the new facility can handle this. But yes we have built some infrastructure over the years to handle and display the location of these vehicles. It's just waiting for to get four entities to agree and to get all this paperwork together to get it in front of all of you to get the agreements."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I would just say 'thank you' to all those who did the hard work. I know there is a lot of things to have gone through, discussed and analyze. So, I appreciate the work of the city folks who have been involved with this, Planning Department, information and

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technology folks. I thank you to everyone that is involved. I think it is going to be a great project and I think it is going to be a great enhancement to public safety.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Very good. Thank you. Any other comments?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Supplemental 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 John. Next item please.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS PROVIDING BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD FUNDS TO COVER A PORTION OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.**

**Ms. Jeanette Clary**, District Attorney Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you an agreement between the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. This agreement allows for use of a portion of Bureau of Justice Grant Funds previously secured by the City of Wichita. Frankly, largely due in part to the efforts of Congressman Tiahrt. The original intended use of this grant was to offset investigated cost associated with the series of unsolved homicides. This multi agency investigation culminated in the arrest and ultimately charging of Dennis Rader with ten counts of first degree murder. The City of Wichita and the Wichita Police Department have agreed to allocate a portion of the unexpended funds to other agencies who have or will sustain direct cost associated with the investigation, arrest or prosecution of this criminal case. The

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district attorney has been allocated \$95,100., a detailed budget should be attached to your information outlining how said funds will be expended. I would ask that you sign the agreement and authorize the use of these funds.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding 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. Next item please.

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

**E. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT TO FUND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS.**

**Ms. Chris Morales**, Systems Integration Coordinator, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is our Juvenile Accountability Block Grant application for State Fiscal Year 2006. The block grant is a federally funded initiative that is administered by the State of Kansas, Juvenile Justice Authority. The program is designed to assist local units of government in developing programs that are going to promote greater accountability within our juvenile justice system. This is our seventh year of funding under this initiative and Sedgwick County is eligible to receive \$101,066. It does require a 10% cash match which has been accounted for in the county budget and with that match, that brings the total available to \$112,296. This award for the upcoming fiscal year will be approximately 62% less than we currently receive. Because of this, Team Justice was forced to make some pretty tough decisions and recommendations. And the recommendation is to eliminate

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one of the programs and one position that currently receives funding under this initiative. But the two components that are included are to continue funding for the Diversion Manager position within the District Attorney's Office and also an allocation of approximately \$51,000. that is needed to cover a budget short fall in one of our State mandated court programs which is Juvenile Case Management. We are asking you approve Team Justice recommendations and authorize the Chair to sign this grant application. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you Chris. Commissioner's, any discussion?"

**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 Sciortino seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Any discussion? Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "No real discussion. I'm going to be supportive of this motion. I just wanted to take a brief opportunity to tell the folks who serve on our Team Justice or Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board that we appreciate the work they do on these kinds of tough decisions that have to be made. We've got a good group of people and we just appreciate their volunteering to be on this Team Justice. I just wanted to take an opportunity to say thanks. Not sure if anyone of them would be listening today, but in case they are, we do appreciate the work they do."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, you're exactly right and thank you for that comment. It is especially difficult when you're seeing your resources shrink. Appreciate that. Any other discussion?"

**VOTE**

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

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

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**F. PUBLIC WORKS.**

**1. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE GARDEN PLAIN TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. David Spears**, County Engineer, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item F1 is a standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, Seidl Drive, Seidl Court and Koenigs Drive located in the Sunset Estates Addition will become the responsibility of Garden Plain Township. The Garden Plain Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the County Commission agenda by letter, dated April 27, 2005. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. RESOLUTION RECLASSIFYING 87<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH BETWEEN BROADWAY AND MERIDIAN (640-25, 26) FROM THE SALEM TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item F2 is a resolution reclassifying 87<sup>th</sup> Street South between Broadway and Meridian from the Salem Township Road system to the Sedgwick County Highway System."

The reason for the change is that we must prepare the roadbed for a cold mix application. The road will be reshaped, ditches graded to drain and utilities relocated this summer. The cold mix will be

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laid down in the summer of 2006. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ All right, thank you. Commissioners, any discussion? Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just a point. I think we’ve talked about this two or three times in staff meetings and I’ve tried to keep you apprised. This is the project where we had the opportunity to go out and work with the citizens, instead of having our own crews jump in and try to put down a coal mix application today, we’ve moved ahead in taking.....this will be the first part of taking the road, starting to prepare it and then putting it in the Capital Improvements Budget for next year to actually be done as part of the road improvement, Capital Improvements fund. I think this is a mark of how we worked with the citizens to make sure their needs are met, but also our time table in the county is met and the funding mechanism will be much easier than trying to garner the funds out of contingency and piece it together this year. It will be actually in the budget and will be a much easier project to do. As the south side continues to grow, a lot of these streets, these township roads are becoming major arterials to move traffic east and west, 79<sup>th</sup> Street has been that way and now 87<sup>th</sup> is garnering more and more. We originally talked about doing one mile, but it didn’t make sense to do one mile and then let it spill off and be a gravel road to go to the next mile where there was pavement. So this will link Meridian, which is paved to Broadway, which is paved with a nice coal mix road. I think it is a good use of county money and it should work out real well for next year. I’m going to be supportive and I hope you would be to.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Any other comments or questions.”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

Commissioner Norton

Aye



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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**G. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Sixteen Easements for Right-of-Way, one Easement for Drainage and three Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36; widening of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South between Rock Road and the Butler County line. CIP# R-275. District #5.**
- 2. Amendment to the 2005 Capital Improvement Program to increase CIP# R-275 Right-of-Way Acquisition Phase.**
- 3. Out-of-cycle step increases, from B219-4 to B219-8, for two Mechanic II positions in Fleet Management.**
- 4. Order dated June 1, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 1 – 7, 2005.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Commissioners, before we move on to ‘Other,’ we need to take an Off-Agenda item.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to take an Off-Agenda Item.

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. Mr. Nath.”

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, as you know we had a new concessionaire start June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are still in the process of obtaining their liquor license from the State of Kansas. For the events this weekend, we still do not have the license. We would like to and in fact we need to provide our normal concessions menu for those folks attending the three events we have this weekend. Therefore, we are applying for a three day temporary malt beverage permit and we ask that you approve that for this weekend. It will handle both days, Saturday and Sunday and we’ve also included the Aviator Game on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, just in case we don’t have the license process completed by the State at that time so we can do it then. I don’t think we’re going to need it, I think we should have it by then, but we just want to be safe. I recommend approval.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right. John let me ask our Counselor, Mr. Euson, this is a little bit of a

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deviation, are we in line with all the requirements and have all the checks and things done?"

**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, we are. We found out late this morning that all the background checks have been approved and so you are free to approve the license."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay and I'm certainly going to be supportive of this John, but clarify, who is going to apply for the temporary permit. Is the coliseum going to apply?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "I'm going to apply for the license personally as agent for Sodexo, which is our concessionaire. Apparently, I passed the background check."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Just a question for clarification, why can't the concessionaire themselves apply for a temporary malt beverage permit while their permanent permit in the process?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Again. It is a timing issue. The general manager is in the process of moving his family from Florida, so he's not even here right now. It is just to get everything together so we can do business this weekend."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Sounds good. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "And John, I read every word of your background check material, you did okay."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "But I still want to know who Bubba from New Jersey was."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, any other questions or discussion?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Application for Temporary Cereal Malt Beverage License and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burnett 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 John. Commissioners, we have neither an Executive Session or Fire District Meeting, so before we adjourn this would be the appropriate time for other items or other comments. Commissioner Burtnett.”

### **H. OTHER**

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Thank you. I just want to congratulate Valley Center on their household hazardous waste drive. I see that we are in first place now. That makes me happy.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “It is not a competition, it is only an exhibition.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “That’s right. And then the next thing I wanted to say is if my mom is watching on TV from her hospital bed, I’ll see you in a bit and hope you are doing well.”

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well, all I can say is District 5 is like avis, for number two, we are going to try harder for next year. But actually, I want to compliment Sedgwick County and the Hazardous Waste Department. This, I think was the first time we’ve really went out and did a concerted outreach to try to make it easier for people, in an environmentally sane manner dispose of household hazardous waste. We literally picked up tons of it. I believe you had 195 people show up and 25,000 lbs. and poor little Derby and Mulvane could only come up with 15,000 lbs. At least we’re not maybe as trashy as ya’ll. Anyway, that was a really neat effort on Sedgwick County taking governmental facilities closer to the people being governed. I hope the success will mean that this will be an annual thing that we will do.

Had Derby Days last weekend. The parade lasted 64 seconds. They started and the sky opened up and the decision was made not to continue, which was a good decision. But I will tell you, we were

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given this little .....what do they call them?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, " PT Cruisers."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Park Motors let us have those for the dignitaries and when you're sitting on the back end of it and they say duck, the neat thing, that little top comes up really fast and that helped. Except the guy couldn't figure out how to close the window and we still got drenched. A fun time was had Saturday and Sunday. We had a golf tournament the following morning and everybody drew straws and I lost and I had to play with Mayor Avello. We did just well enough to maybe be invited back next year. That was about as well as we did. But we had a lot of fun. People came out Saturday and Sunday. Good food, good fellowship. Enjoyed it and looking forward to the next event."

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Okay. Thank you. I think the Director of Public Works, David Spears wanted to say something."

**Mr. David Spears** said, "Commissioner Sciortino appreciate your comments about the household hazardous waste, but we can't take all the credit for the Valley Center....."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Oh, cheating was going on, okay, go ahead."

**Mr. Spears** said, "No, No. Kristi Zukovich and her staff advertised extensively for that. I think that may have been a little bit of the difference between the other ones. So, she deserves some credit."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, I want to do it all over again. That wasn't fair."

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Good job, Kristi. Okay, Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'm still trying to figure out who got the short straw, the Mayor or Ben on that golf thing."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "The Mayor."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I bet if you talk to the Mayor, he would say he got the short straw. And we were talking about household hazardous waste day, Southwest Village Neighborhood Association which is on the south side, south of May Avenue and West of Meridian is having their clean-up day starting at 7:45. They will come together at Cleveland Magnet School and last year they had a great turnout and cleaned up their neighborhood. As a lot of the small cities do, a lot of

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the neighborhood associations do to, to keep Wichita and Sedgwick County as clean and empty of trash and properties that are not taken care of. So I think that is really important.

Friday night there is an Aviation Museum reopening of the project they've done to refurbish the old terminal out off George Washington Avenue. It is a \$900,000. renovation. It completely opens up the front and the entry way into the terminal....it is a reopening and I would urge people to stop out in the next few weeks to see that. Because that is an old old historical building with fresco, beautiful art deco designs inside and a lot of that is being refurbished as part of the air museum. It should be a wonderful wonderful evening Friday night. But certainly something nice for our community.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Haysville, USD 261 for passing their school bond issue. It was 63% to 37%. That is pretty exciting, you know in times when there is some consternation out there about jobs and economy and what's happening in the community. I think that is pretty forward thinking for a community to have that kind of ability to vote 63% to 37%. They want to make sure their schools and quality of education is competitive with anybody in the State. I'm real proud of Haysville for doing that."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well one thing just to expand a little bit on what Commissioner Norton said about the old airport. They also refurbished that observation deck out toward the east, I guess it is, where people back in the fifty's could....I guess it was real popular, you just go out there and watch planes land and right now the way it is positioned, you could sit there and watch the tankers and the fighters and everybody else that is landing and taking off at McConnell. It's kind of neat little first hand experience and then we all went that last time....was it last month we got to go up on the old tower and that is a beautiful 360 degree view of the City of Wichita and everything."  
**Commissioner Norton** said, "Highest spot in Sedgwick County. That tower."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And, if you haven't been out to the museum or if you are like me and you use to fly in and out of it way back when, go out and take a look at it. I think your memory will be jogged and you'll remember why you flew or what kind of a plane you were in. It is an interesting experience. Are there normal hours that they are open?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think there are and I can't quote those off the top of my head. I'm sure if people would call the Aviation Museum, they could find that out. They are working real hard to refurbish that building; there has been a lot of consternation as to whether their museum should be built new downtown along the river or whether this old building should be the housing and the home for the Air Museum. I think they've ultimately come to the conclusion that it needs to

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be on a tarmac where a lot of these old planes can be displayed and sometimes flown in and out. They worked real hard to refurbish. They've got some old Stearman planes out there that they've worked on .....It's really a wonderful historical place in Wichita."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, thank you. Commissioners, you are going to find it hard to believe, but I can remember as a grade schooler, that being on that observation deck with my parents and having dinner out there. I'm really not that old, but .....

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "You're only one year younger than me."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Yea. Okay. But anyway, there are many ways to enjoy an enhanced quality of life here in Sedgwick County. A lot of things starting this week. Music Theatre of Wichita is kicking off tonight, Zoo concerts are kicking off tomorrow night, Art Museum has a big Awards Banquet on Friday night. Those are some of the things I'm going to be involved in. And there is many other things going on. Sedgwick County is a great place to live, lots to do. That's the end of my pitch for right now. I'm glad I live here, I'm glad I'm a Commissioner and I'm glad I work with you guys and if there is nothing else, I'm declaring this meeting adjourned."

### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:56a.m.

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