

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**December 7, 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, December 7, 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. Catherine Young, M.D., Medical Director, EMSS; Major Jon Friesen, EMSS Training Manager, EMS; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Andy Schlapp, Director, Government Relations; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Dr. Mary Dudley, M.D., District Coroner/ Chief Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Captain Glenn Kurtz, Sheriff's Office; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Louella Sanders, Center City Director, COMCARE; Mr. Ron Holt, Assisant County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Richard Strothman, 2422 Greenfield, Wichita, Ks.

Mr. Walter Henning, 2456 Sunny Lane, Wichita, Ks.

Mr. Ralph Cross, 3355 Eisenhower, Wichita, Ks.

Mr. Norris Woodard, 3300 N. Tyler, Wichita, Ks.

Ms. Terry Cassidy, City of Wichita Manager's Office.

Mr. Don Kirkland, Assistant Director, City of Wichita Water and Sewer Department.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Laney Kuhn of Haysville United Methodist Church.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Mr. Chairman, I wanted to recognize Pastor Kuhn. He's the pastor of the Haysville United Methodist Church where I go and last night I was in a meeting and he said he was going to pray especially hard for me, and I'm glad he didn't point me out today, so thanks for being here today."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Pastor. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, November 9, 2005  
Regular Meeting, November 16, 2005

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>. Are there any additions or corrections?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 please."

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**CITIZEN INQUIRY**

**A. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A DISTANCE BARRIER FOR PROTESTING AT FUNERALS AND CEMETERIES.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, Mr. Strothman, are you here? You might stand up, say your name and you have five minutes."

**Mr. Richard Strothman**, 2422 Greenfield, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you'll remember, this is Pearl Harbor Day, celebration of. I brought some of my Patriot Guard with me. Commissioners, I come before you today first as a proud American citizen, second as a son of a Korean War veteran and third, as a member of the Legion Riders Post 136 and the Patriot Guard.

I am sure that by now most of you or all of you have heard of Fred Phelps and what his followers are doing at the funerals of our fighting men and women. Some of the signs read 'Thank God for Dead Soldier', 'Thank God for IUDs', 'Thank God for Body Bags', 'God Hates America', 'Soldiers are Fags' and 'The U.S.= Fags'. The Phelps' group stand and wipe their feet on the U.S. flag. We've seen them blow their noses on it and try to burn it.

Our Patriot Guard mission is to protect the families from the Phelps' harassment at the funerals of the fallen soldiers. We must be creating somewhat of a problem to them, as now they have signs that say 'Bikers are Cowards', 'Bikers are Fags'. I'm sorry if hearing any of this is offensive to you, but the bottom line is the Phelps group taunts and torments grieving families at funeral services and brazenly rejoices in the death in the family of the loved ones.

We participate in this mission not as counter-protestors, but to honor and pay our respects to the fallen brother and sister and to their families. Before we proceed on any mission, we contact the family if a family invites us as guests, then we contact the local law enforcement, inform them of our plans.

If the family prefers we do not attend the funeral, we respect their wishes, but this has not happened as of yet. Thus far, every family we have contacted has requested our presence. We have attended five funerals as of now and have another in Arkansas City tomorrow and again in Wichita on Friday. The family of Sergeant Evan Parker called and requested our presence in South Haven as we were coming home from the funeral of Sergeant Lucas Franz in Tonganoxie, Kansas.

We come before this county commission today to ask for a buffer zone to be implemented in

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Sedgwick County to be all inclusive of all towns, rural communities and cities within Sedgwick County. The Kansas Statute 21-4015 does not state that . . . does state that no protest will be allowed one hour before, during, or two hours after funerals. This law was challenged by Phelps in 1993 and was found unconstitutional and again, in 1995, a federal judge ruled it too vague.

Without a buffer zone, the law is almost impossible to enforce. In Tennessee, one county implemented a 5,000-foot buffer zone after Phelps was there. This may not be feasible in all areas, but we would like to see a minimum of 2,000 to 2,500 foot zone around a funeral, memorial or burial site. The families targeted by the Phelps group have enough grief in their lives, without having to see or hear the hate from these protestors.

This request is not directed directly to the Phelps only. This is for all protestors. We would like to see this implemented, not only at the military funerals, but for all funerals. I know we cannot take away their first amendment rights, as given to them by the Constitution, but we should be able to say where they can protest.

We have come before the Sedgwick County first as the majority of the Patriot Guard live within Sedgwick County. A proposal like this is being considered by Butler County. We will be going to all other counties within Kansas to try to implement this proposal with them. With Sedgwick County leading the way, we'll have a better chance to make this a state law and hopefully the rest of the states will follow.

There are now Patriot Guard members in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, Colorado consisting of several groups. The Kansas/ Missouri/ Oklahoma Legion Riders, the Christian Motorcycle Association , the Christian Motorcycle Ministry, Kansas/ Missouri/ Oklahoma Veterans' Motorcycle Riders, along with people who do not ride bikes, but drive their cars to join us and participate in our missions. People from all walks of life participate. People who want to shield and protect the families from the Phelps' harassment.

As I said earlier, we have a funeral on Friday in Wichita, on Friday morning for Sergeant Donald J. Hasse. The Phelps are planning on being there. So will we. I am sure a law cannot be in effect too soon, but we ask you to approve our request for an enforceable buffer zone for any future funerals in Sedgwick County. I would also like to extend a welcome to the commissioners, that whatever your decision is, if you can find time to come join us Friday morning at 9 a.m. for Sergeant Hasse's funeral so that you can see for yourselves. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Mr. Strothman. I would . . . I think I'm speaking for all the commissioners, saying that we appreciate the service that your group, the Patriot Guard, has

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given to our country and appreciate your sensitivity to this particular issue. I personally think that the activities of these protestors are undignified and disrespectful and in fact, indecent and so appreciate your attempt to kind of blunt their affect at what's a very sorrowful time for families of those veterans who have lost their lives, so appreciate your being here, however it's probably . . . we will have to take this under some advice from our Counsel, as to what we can actually do. Our authority, as you might know, is primarily restricted to the unincorporated areas. Many cemeteries are within an incorporated area, but I'm probably speaking more than I should speak. We have a county counselor who will address those issues, but I think that's probably how we might respond. I know commissioners, if you . . . if there's any commissioners that want to make a comment. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well thank you. Mr. Chairman, I would like to just ask our counsel, and I think this may be too complex an issue to discuss here at this time, but I think I would like some legal advice on whether an enforceable buffer zone is possible and I know that there are some thoughts that it is, so thoughts that it isn't. At the minimum, I would like for us today to ask our legal counsel to investigate and bring us back some kind of a conclusion about the enforceability, in conjunction with current state law, so I would hope that we don't let this just drop this morning, but that we do some investigation into exactly what we could do as a board of county commissioners."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Yeah, I agree exactly with what Tom has just said and Richard, just for one comment, the Chairman indicated and I just wanted to verify that, I think he's absolutely correct, whatever we do as a resolution or restriction or whatever, it can only be done in the unincorp . . . we can't impose something like inside the city limits of Wichita. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, said, "Yes sir, that is correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, well I would just want to echo what Tom just said, and I have a sense it's the feeling of the entire board. Please look into this for us and find out . . . like I know there's sidewalks and there's public whatever that, I don't know if we have the right to say you can't walk on the sidewalk, but look into this, because it literally just appalls me that . . . my era was when they spit on us when we came back, during Vietnam. And people have died, giving other people the right to insult them and these Phelps' or whatever, these should be thanking those soldiers for giving them the right to be as obnoxious and deplorable as they are.

When is the time and the place of this funeral that you said was Friday, sir?"

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**Mr. Strothman** said, "It's at Douglas."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Douglass, Kansas?"

**Mr. Strothman** said, "No, it's in Wichita but it's at the corner of Douglas and Millwood, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. It will be at 9:00. The Phelps' will probably be there at 9:00 in the morning."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Now that's the mass or what have you and where will that individual be interned?"

**Mr. Strothman** said, "It's at White Chapel and if weather permits, we'll be doing an honor guard, or a color guard and lead the funeral procession to White Chapel."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And those services commence at 9 a.m.?"

**Mr. Strothman** said, "The funeral itself commences at 10 a.m. but the Phelps' have already posted on their web site that they will be there at nine . . . they said 9:30 to 10, but they're usually there an hour beforehand."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I hope your group is there also, and can minimize their effect. That's all I have. Thanks."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thanks. Well thank you for being here and our County Counselor will look into this. Excuse me, we have another comment from Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I think it's a sad day that we have to deal with such abominable action from other citizens. I happened to be at the VFW Post in Derby for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the other day, when the Patriot Guard arrived and I think you'd maybe been riding at a funeral . . . or too a funeral that day. And it was a pretty stirring and emotional time, when that group came into the room. I mean, obviously it was a lot of Veterans of Foreign Wars and their wives and families trying to celebrate, but it was a pretty somber time, when you have to understand the dynamics of what that group was trying to do for somebody that had given their lives for our freedoms and abilities to speak our mind."

I'm going to be supportive of whatever it is that we can do. Unfortunately, I think you probably have already done your homework and you know there's a lot of limitations, based on the

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Constitution and legalities and legislation, but I guarantee you, you've got my support for whatever we can legally do in the county, and it's not just for victims of families of fallen soldiers. I think it's for all families. You know, the one time that people should be able to have some dignity is when they're passing on to whatever you believe is that next eternal life and this is such an abomination around the country.

You know, I have an emotion about it, because I went to my kid's K.U. graduation, and that group was protesting there. I mean, we come out of graduation, it's a happy time for a family and you know, I know some people in the audience were at that same graduation, and it really took the luster off some young people that had worked hard, played by the rules and realized the American dream, and they had to be subjected to those signs and those words and those accusations and I find that almost intolerable, regardless of free speak and the Constitution, that we would allow that to happen in our country. That's something that happens in third-world countries that we're trying to wipe out.

So I'm going to be supportive. I don't know what that's going to look like. I'm sure our counselor and our staff will figure that out, but just know in our hearts, and I believe I speak for all the commissioners, that we're supportive of what you're trying to do. Keep doing the good work in honoring those fallen soldiers that we so respect in our community. That's all I had."

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

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Well, just a comment. I agree totally with my fellow commissioners, and Mr. Strothman, I applaud you for what you're doing and do appreciate your efforts, so keep up the good work."

**Mr. Strothman** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, well thank you for being here this morning and it was a good presentation and thank you to all your fellow Patriot Guard members who are here today."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Mr. Chairman, do we have to take any kind of action to direct staff or . . ."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "A motion to Receive and File would be appropriate."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Should we officially direct them?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I think we have asked him to do that."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file this report and ask our legal counsel to investigate this matter.

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, "Next item please."

**AWARDS**

**B. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR COMPLETION OF THE EMSS MEDICAL TRAINING OFFICER (TO) COURSE BY MEMBERS OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM AND SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

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| 1.  | <b>MICHAEL BEYER</b>      | <b>FIREFIGHTER/EMT</b>  |
| 2.  | <b>DAN BLACK</b>          | <b>FIREFIGHTER/EMT</b>  |
| 3.  | <b>MIKE BREWER</b>        | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>  |
| 4.  | <b>MICHAEL CREGO</b>      | <b>FIREFIGHTER/MICT</b> |
| 5.  | <b>DALENE DECK</b>        | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>  |
| 6.  | <b>KEVIN DUNCAN</b>       | <b>LIEUTENANT/MICT</b>  |
| 7.  | <b>CHRISTOPHER HARRIS</b> | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>  |
| 8.  | <b>TIM MACDONALD</b>      | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>  |
| 9.  | <b>KEITH MAURATH</b>      | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>  |
| 10. | <b>STEVE MCDANIEL</b>     | <b>LIEUTENANT/EMT</b>   |
| 11. | <b>CLAY OLIVER</b>        | <b>LIEUTENANT/EMT</b>   |
| 12. | <b>MICHAEL OWEN</b>       | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>  |
| 13. | <b>GREG PETERS</b>        | <b>LIEUTENANT/MICT</b>  |

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| <b>14.</b> | <b>BUDDY PRESSNELL</b>  | <b>DIVISION CHIEF/MICT TO</b>     |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>MARK K. SMITH</b>    | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>            |
| <b>16.</b> | <b>RANDALL SMITH</b>    | <b>DIVISION OFFICER/MICT IC</b>   |
| <b>17.</b> | <b>JERRY SPENCER</b>    | <b>FIREFIGHTER/EMT</b>            |
| <b>18.</b> | <b>LAWRENCE TANGNEY</b> | <b>CAPTAIN/EMT</b>                |
| <b>19.</b> | <b>GARRY TOLLE</b>      | <b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/MICT TO</b> |
| <b>20.</b> | <b>RUSSELL TROWER</b>   | <b>CAPTAIN/MICT TO</b>            |

**Dr. Catherine Young**, M.D., Medical Director, EMSS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We appreciate this opportunity to recognize our EMS system medical training officers who have been instrumental in the continuing development of our emergency medical services system.

The Emergency Medical Service System has three predominant areas of concern, those being clinical practice, quality improvements, and education and training. A major component of education and training is the coordination and delivery of quality and consistent instruction for all system responders. To do this, the system is very dependent upon the hard work of the medical training officer corps. These individuals come from each of the response departments involved in the system, those being Sedgwick County EMS, Sedgwick County Fire and the Wichita Fire Department. The Boeing Fire Department has also been involved in the training processes within the system and at this time, I will ask all of the EMS System Medical Training Officers to stand and be recognized. Will you all please stand.

Now I’ll ask Major Friessen, who is EMS System Training Manager, to describe the program and introduce the members of the Sedgwick County EMS and Sedgwick County Fire Department’s who will be receiving certificates today. The Wichita Fire Department will be recognized at the City Council meeting next week and we are currently working with Boeing to get their MTOs recognized also.”

**Major Jon Friessen**, EMSS Training Manager, EMS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Medical Training Officers, the folks that you’re recognizing today, have completed a week-long course that covers information that relates to a number of different areas: educational theory, inter-personnel communications, evaluation, ethics, development of objectives and lessons, and teaching strategy. Many of these folks have been instructors previously, some of them for a good number of years, and part of the process that we worked with here was to bring all medical instructors within the system together and to give them information.

All of them have been involved in delivery of system training classes. This fall, they’ve completed the first of our training classes by teaching well over 600 individuals within a six-week timeframe. This was really a test for us, to see whether our planning that we had worked on what indeed

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worked, and it worked very well thanks to their efforts. So it was a big step for the system and certainly could not have been done without the hard work of these individuals.

The Medical Training Officer Corps is representative of the stated Sedgwick County values and customer service principles. Through their work, values of accountability, commitment, equal opportunity, honesty, open communications, professionalism and respect have been advanced. The people you're recognizing today have clearly demonstrated a positive attitude. They've focused their efforts on improving the system and they've collaborated with integrity across agency lines to produce EMS System Training Solutions. We very much appreciate your willingness to recognize them today. Are you folks ready? Okay, well we'll call them up then: Firefighter/ EMT Dan Black, Sedgwick County Fire Department, Captain MICT and Training Officer Dalene Deck, Sedgwick County EMS; Lieutenant MICT Kevin Duncan, Sedgwick County Fire Department; Captain MICT Training Officer Christopher Harris, Sedgwick County EMS; Captain MICT Training Officer Keith Maurath, Sedgwick County EMS; Lieutenant EMT Clay Oliver, Sedgwick County Fire Department; Captain MICT Training Officer Michael Owen, Sedgwick County EMS; Lieutenant MICT Greg Peters, Sedgwick County Fire Department; Captain MICT Training Officer Mark K. Smith, Sedgwick County EMS; Division Officer MICT and Instructor Coordinator Randall Smith, Sedgwick County EMS, Firefighter/ EMT Jerry Spencer, Sedgwick County Fire Department; and Assistant Director MICT Training Officer Garry Tolle, Sedgwick County EMS. Thank you."

**Dr. Young** said, "Thank you very much."

**Chair Pro Tem Sciortino** said, "Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please."

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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**C. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE CITY OF WICHITA HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLAN PREPARED FOR ANNEXATION NUMBERS 99-37 AND 00-18 (21<sup>ST</sup> STREET NORTH AND HOOVER).**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Robert W. Parnacott**, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a post-annexation here. Obviously, we have these regularly. It has to do with five years after an annexation by the city, where they've had to prepare a service plan, the Board of County Commissioners are required to hold a hearing to determine if they've provided the services as set out in the timetable for the service plan. This particular annexation actually was two phases, in the area of 21<sup>st</sup> and Hoover. You can see Hoover is in the middle, running north/ south and then the annexation areas are shown in the darker shading, running from just below 21<sup>st</sup> to just below 37<sup>th</sup> and then from over by Ridge all the way east to the river.

Had about 90 landowners that we sent notices to for this hearing and received three phone calls and one letter. One of the phone calls was a woman who basically said she didn't see any improvements made in her area since the annexation. We'll talk about the service plan in a second and how that is addressed in the service plan. But the city responded to her and I think addressed her concerns. Another woman was looking for street lights in the area of 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> on Hoover and again, the city is going to respond to that neighborhood with a poll to see how many people actually want the street lights.

Finally, we had somebody complaining about his taxes had gone up and although that is a valid complaint, it's not really the subject of this hearing. His property had been zoned Rural Residential at the time of annexation, when it converts to annexed property inside a city it converts to an SF-5 zoning and then was later reclassified by the Appraisers but again, that's really not relevant to what we're talking about today.

The letter we received, we just got a couple of days ago and it is raising an issue about water lines. According to the service plan and the schedule of the service plan is set out on page 49 of your backup. The city said they would provide water lines to landowners upon petition, to be paid 100% by the benefiting property.

And the annexation occurred in 2000 and this business owner signed a petition in January of '02 to obtain water and thought it was going to take about two years to get it done, and as of now he still doesn't have water. The city has an explanation on that and they've been in contact with the landowner, and I've been in contact with the landowner. He's not really asking to be de-annexed or

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anything, he just wants city water. He's currently on rural well water that's being used for non-drinking purposes and would like to get on city water, so he doesn't have to bring in water for his coffee every morning.

Anyway, the city has prepared a report. That's at page 50 of your backup, and based on my review of the report and the service plan, subject to whatever comments we might hear from the public at the hearing, I'd be willing to recommend that you find the city has substantially complied with their service plan. I think they plan to inform you how they plan to get water up to this gentleman, what their plans are in that area and we'd like to hear that I think, but other than that, at this point I'd recommend that you open the public hearing, receive any public comment and then close the public hearing and make whatever finding you feel appropriate. We do have representatives of the city here to speak as well."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Bob. Commissioners, before we open the public hearing, are there any questions or comments directly for Mr. Parnacott? Seeing none, I will then open the public hearing and first of all ask if there are any citizens who want to speak to this annexation. Yes sir, if you would just step to the podium and state your name please."

**Mr. Walter Henning**, 2456 Sunny Lane, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I own property in the 2400 block on North Hoover, at 29<sup>th</sup> and West Street, at 2400 Sunny Lane and I get a water bill every six months and there's not a water line within miles of me, within a mile at least and kind of disturbs me when I get charged for water and there ain't nothing there.

I called down to the office and they said, 'well that's to help pay for drainage'. I don't need drainage out there. It's been draining for years, it hasn't had any problem, so I just kind of wondered."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, well Bob can you respond to that question?"

**Mr. Parnacott** said, "I think we're going to have to let the city answer that question."

**Ms. Terry Cassidy**, City of Wichita Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The charge that Mr. Henning is referring to is a storm water charge that appears on monthly water bills. It is based on equivalent residential units and it is a charge to everyone in the city. If you'd like additional information, I would have someone from Public Works respond to that for you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Terry. Does that answer your question, sir?"

**Mr. Henning** said, "Not really, I don't get any use out of any drainage out there. I don't see the purpose of it. It's the same as it was ten years, five years ago or fifteen years ago."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, okay, well thank you. We do have a question from a commissioner. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Is this storm water drainage charge, is that itemized on the bill so the man knows he's not being charged for water? And what is that fee that you're charging all of us monthly or whatever?"

**Ms. Cassidy** said, "Yes, it is itemized on the bill and shown as a separate fee from water usage bill. Don, do you know the current monthly charge for that, or Larry? I'd be happy to get that information."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "But the monthly charge is just a flat fee that everyone, no matter how much water you use, it is just a flat fee."

**Ms. Cassidy** said, "Correct, for the storm water fee."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "If you could just e-mail me back and letting me know what that is a month, I'd appreciate that. I don't look at my water bill."

**Ms. Cassidy** said, "I'd be happy to."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you Terry. Before we ask you to speak on behalf of the city, let me see if there are other citizens in the room who would like to speak. It's a public hearing, it's open. You don't have to be prepared or eloquent, if you'd like to speak sir, you're sure welcome to."

**Mr. Ralph Cross**, 3355 Eisenhower, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm not expecting an answer, but I would just like to make a comment. I've seen no improvement in the area from my land. I also get storm water drainage fee. The only real change I've seen is a charge for over \$18,000 for a sewer interceptor and I'm a mile and a half away from and have no idea when I would ever get benefit from it."

So it's just a general comment. I'm not happy about having been annexed and I know a lot of people aren't happy about being annexed. Having said that, I don't think anything will change so thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Yes sir, would you like to step up and state your name?"

**Mr. Norris Woodard**, 3300 N. Tyler, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have no water, no sewer, no street lights, plus we were taxed for 10 acres which run about 18,000 for a trunk line a mile away. That's all I have to say."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you sir. Yes, sir."

**Mr. Henning** said, "There was another question that I wanted to bring up. A man was dragging the street at 2400 block, just west of Hoover and there has been a water hole in front of my driveway, 2456 Sunny Lane, for a year or better and I talked to the county about it and they didn't do nothing, and I caught him and asked him if he could do anything, and he said, 'Well, if I get a truckload of dirt, he said, I'll put it there' and that's six months ago and ain't nothing happened yet, so I just kind of wondered."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Any other comments from citizens? I have a couple of comments from commissioners, but Terry, perhaps you'd want to go ahead and speak on behalf of the city."

**Ms. Cassidy** said, "On behalf of the city, we do believe that we are in compliance with the requirements of the service plan. As Mr. Parnacott indicated, oftentimes there are other issues relative to annexation that are not a part of the service plan, questions about what it's like to be a citizen in the City of Wichita or what things change, how life becomes different.

We're certainly happy to respond to any of those questions, to meet individually with those citizens that might have those concerns. I would like to ask that Don Kirkland, Assistant Director of the Water and Sewer Department respond to those issues for you this morning and then I would also like to ask Larry Henry to talk with Mr. Henning, possibly after this hearing, about the issue that he just recently rose."

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

**Mr. Don Kirkland**, Assistant Director, Wichita Water and Sewer Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have been in contact with Mr. Lyles, who sent the letter in about his situation and explained to him about what's going on and he's okay with that. The problem that we had is that during this period of time, we've installed a 66 inch raw water main, a 24-inch sewer project. There are also three large petroleum lines in this area, so all of this needs to be taken care of before we install the water main so that we might be able to put it in the right location, so we've got all those projects essentially complete now.

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Public Works has said that the design engineering firm will have . . . should have the engineering work completed by the end of December. Hopefully, January or February, we'll be letting that contract, or they will and construction will be from sometime around spring until early summer.

Of course, if any issues come up with any conflicts with all these large pipelines that are in the way, it could delay it, but right now that's what the plans are."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you. Terry, is that all from the city right now?"

**Ms. Cassidy** said, "Yes, I believe so. Are there other staff members here that would like to make comments to the commissioners? I think that concludes our comments."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, all right thank you. Commissioners, do you have any comments directly of Terry right now, before I close the public hearing?"

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I have a comment."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Terry, that one individual, I forgot who stood up, was talking about being charged for a sewer interceptor. Are sewer lines now out to all . . . are they all city sewer?"

**Ms. Cassidy** said, "I'm going to ask Don to respond to that. That was a question Mr. Cross asked."

**Mr. Kirkland** said, "I was unable to research that. I'm not sure if everyone is on sewer at this point in time, and this interceptor, I will have to check on that."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, let me ask the individual that asked. Who was the individual? Are you on city sewer right now, sir?"

**Mr. Cross** said, "No I'm not. I don't believe anyone in my general area is."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. I mean, is it a policy of the City, charging for these improvements when they're not even hooked up to the sewer system yet, like charging for a sewer interceptor and they don't have sewer service?"

**Mr. Kirkland** said, "In the case of those interceptors, that could be true, because that benefits an entire basin area, and then the sewer mains would then come off of that interceptor, as petitions are filed for those individual sewer services."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So the individuals have to asked you to be hooked up to the sewer system?"

**Mr. Kirkland** said, "Yes sir, they have to petition."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Let me ask the individual, had you petitioned them for sewer service, sir?"

**Mr. Cross** said, "No, and to be honest, I'm not really in the position where I want to hook up to sewer now. It's the charge that bothers me, but in addition to the money that was charged for the interceptor, if I was to hook up to the sewer, I would have to pay for the line to come from the interceptor to my house, which like I say, in my case is like a mile and a half."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, all right. That's all I had. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioner Norton, do you have . . .?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I guess my concern is the idea that you would start paying . . . it's supposed to be attached to your water bill, because you have a water bill, you're attached to storm water and if you're not getting water, why are you attached to anything, and that's almost an extra billing, as far as I'm concerned. I thought a part of storm water is because people would do more watering and it would go into the sewer system and it's storm water, you know it's run off and everything and if you're not on city water, I have a problem with attaching that on there, but that's a broader question than what you're just talking about today I think."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, all right, thank you. Yes sir, we'll allow you one more comment."

**Mr. Cross** said, "What I was wanting to say is they just put in a sewer line, I think it was a sewer line east of Hoover, north of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and I'll probably get taxed on that, but I was told, I think in the newsletter or something, that if I want it to my house, I have to petition it. It's going to cost 25 cents per square foot. Well, when you've got a half-acre of ground, that runs pretty high."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Yes sir, all right. Okay, thank you. Are there any other public comment? At this time I'll close the public hearing and then just restrict comments to the bench, and Commissioners, are there any other questions or comments? Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Mr. Parnacott, you have heard all of the concerns of the city. The citizens have spoke, there's no water, etcetera, etcetera. But given that and given the city's response to that, are you still comfortable that they're in substantial compliance?"

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**Mr. Parnacott** said, "Yes, I understand all these are legitimate concerns of the citizens, but frankly for the purpose of this hearing, as to whether or not the city has provided the services in accordance with the service plan, I still believe they have substantially complied with that service plan."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, that's all I have."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino and I were thinking the same thing, because that's the question that I was going to ask Bob and I know there are citizens here who have taken the time to come to the meeting, but the threshold for us to start any kind of reversal is pretty high and Bob, is that not correct? I mean, things just really have to have gone haywire in a big way, before we could stop or reverse any of this process. Is that right?"

**Mr. Parnacott** said, "That is correct. You would have to find that they said they were going to provide a service in their service plan and they are not providing that service. Obviously, they are dealing with some difficulties, in terms of the underground utilities in that area so that delayed some of the water lines. For the most part, the services they provided are either the typical kind of services that the area is getting, police, fire, what have you, or those kind of services they have to be petitioned for, which again, you have to wait for the landowner to petition before the improvements are required."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "So from a legal standpoint, your advice to us is that we do need to find that the city has extended services and approved our part in this procedure at this point in time?"

**Mr. Parnacott** said, "That's my recommendation."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. And then if there was a benefit, if any of these people that have come today want to meet with Terry or any of her people immediately after the meeting, they could have that opportunity to meet with them?"

**Mr. Parnacott** said, "My experience, in all these hearings, has been the City has been more than willing to meet with citizens to talk about any complaints that are generated or concerns that come up during the course of these hearings."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay, thank you very much. That's all I have."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I want to go back a little bit on what Commissioner Norton was talking about. On the storm water charge, I understand the need for that because you have to take

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care of storm water runoff, and I feel . . . I think I know that the city has put it on their water bill because that could be an easy method of billing, because . . . I was going to say everybody gets a water bill, now apparently there are a few people that don't purchase the water, but I guess it's something that isn't something we should deal with. That's a policy issue that the City of Wichita can deal with, as to whether it's appropriate to charge somebody for something that they're not contributing to or benefiting from.

But I think I agree with what Mr. Parnacott said, and my colleague Mr. Winters has said, there is very . . . it's very difficult for us not to approve this. We'd have to really find something really blatantly in violation, and there isn't, so I think this is going to have to be approved. I don't see any reason not to approve it. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Well, our responsibility is to decide on substantial compliance. Commissioners, I don't want to cut off discussion, but if we're ready for a motion after this discussion, I'd be ready to hear a Motion."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the City of Wichita has extended services as provided for in the service plan.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Bob. Terry, thank you and both the citizens and the

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representatives from the City of Wichita, we appreciate your participation in this process. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please.”

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **D. PRESENTATION OF THE 2006 SEDGWICK COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.**

**Mr. Andy Schlapp**, Director, Government Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to talk about our 2006 legislative platform and I want to take some time to talk about what has happened in the past. And for many years, we’ve talked about the power of one voice, that a region coming together with a unified agenda, going to our state legislators and talking about what are the important issues to this region, and for many years we tried to do that and for many years, because each individual group feels powerful, strongly about their particular issues, that didn’t always work.

And when you don’t speak with one voice, what happens up in Topeka is that can be used to divide and conquer a region. You know, this is important for your region? Well, Wichita is not on board or REAP is not on board, so that’s a good reason not to have something happen. And because of those things, the region doesn’t get served well and if you look at how the state budget is allocated throughout the states, those communities that don’t speak with one voice tend to get less of the resources than other parts of the state.

And last year we saw a change in how our region did business with the State of Kansas. We became a leader in a unified legislative agenda, and that was led by the commissioners here, by Mike Pepoon, Ron Holt, Kristi Zukovich, Bill Buchanan and others who took the arena to all of the government agencies and groups around here and asked them to make that part of their number one priority, asked the business leaders to be part of that process and what we saw was, for the first time, legislators having to stop and say, ‘you know what, I may not agree with the issues that are facing south central Kansas, but I am on board with doing this, because the people are unified and there are many people on board with this’. And we saw, for the first time in many years, a very positive outlook and it’s worked around, for the rest of the state now, as a model of how to get something done.

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And what is exciting is that this year we're trying to take that to a new level. If you look at the six priorities that I'll be presenting today and you look at the six priorities of the City of Wichita. If you look at the priorities for the unified legislative agenda, if you look at REAP's legislative agenda and if you look at the Chamber's legislative agenda, all those priorities are going to be extremely similar and in fact, all of them are going to have as their number one priority, affordable airfares for Kansans and that's going to be our number one issue that we deal with this year.

We also understand that there's another big, important issue that's going to be facing us and that's business-driven, world-class technical education, and what we've come to the conclusion in this area, where we all feel it's very important, it's time to talk to the state, that that's going to be our number one issue that we take to the federal government, and we have the leaders of industry, and again, all of these government agencies ready to go to Washington and talk to them about world-class technical education, and that's our number two issue that we'll be facing this year.

If you look at our number three priority issue, it's the final elimination of out-district tuition and again, that goes back to our technical training and allowing us to use that money to provide world-class technical training, education. That's in place to happen, but I'm sure there will be some fights in trying to prevent that final phase-out from happening, but that's our third priority.

Our fourth priority this year is investment of public funds. Right now, we're limited on where we can invest our money. We have to use Kansas chartered banks only and that's okay, they can provide all the services we need, but it limits the competition and therefore limits the amount of money and the return on our investments for the taxpayers' dollars, and for the first time it looks like we might have some opportunity to do that, with all the buy-outs of banks. Some communities don't have a local bank, even in the State of Kansas, so there may be some issues there that we can deal with.

Imminent domain is going to be an important issue this year. We know that the state is going to do something to curtail the powers of eminent domain. I believe it's in our best interest to support a reasonable change, but to make sure that they understand all the issues that they're dealing with and not limit us in use of eminent domain where we're taking property that we don't want to take, but for the benefit of the homeowner and the benefit of the project, we do take it. And we will have those discussions and I think they're open to that.

And again, our sixth priority item will be expanded gambling. If they do something, we want to be part of what they do, and again, that's in your backup. And again, of those six items, four of those are going to be priority items for all the other agencies and groups that I talked about, so it's a pretty exciting time. We have a lot of communication going on and we're talking to the legislature and we

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feel very positive about those issues.

Some other issues I wanted to talk about, the next six that we know we'll be dealing with that are not necessarily our number one priority issues is: the special KPERS fund for detention officers, to allow them to better retain those detention officers in our jail; job growth, making sure we talk to our legislature about those opportunities to bring business and growth, jobs in our community and how we do that effectively, and I think that feeds into the Tabor issue. Again, what we want to make sure is that we don't fundamentally change our form of government and we have the tools necessary to keep and retain the businesses that provide the jobs for our citizens.

Jail overcrowding is always an issue. We just dealt with that and again, we want to make sure and monitor all the bills that are coming up to insure that the state isn't doing anything that lengthens the stay of the people in our jail.

We also want to preserve our homeownership program. Again, we provide mortgage revenue bonds for first-time homebuyers and we want to make sure that stays in place and the sixth one is annexation. Again, this year probably more time will be spent on imminent domain, but when it comes to annexation and they start looking at curtailing that process, which they've been doing in the past, my understanding is that we don't want to be the final arbiter of who annexes what piece of property. I think the process that is in place now works. There may be some subtle changes to that, but ultimately I don't think the Board of County Commissioners or the county would want to be the final arbiter on who takes what piece of property. And again, after that there's the following standard issues we have as core principles always in our legislative agenda, and I'll be glad to address any of those or answer any questions you have at this time. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Andy. It seems like a very comprehensive platform, and yet very specific to things that will be beneficial, not only to South Central Kansas, to many statewide benefit that are part of our platform. Commissioners, do you have any comment or question for Andy relative to our legislative platform. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A couple of things, I want to talk about number six, the expanded gambling, because I still get a lot of calls from people, you know, asking me 'Why don't you let us vote, why don't you let us vote?' and if you'll afford me the time, I want to read what this says and as I understand it, this is almost word for word, this is what our resolution that we unanimously passed says, so I want to . . . and I guess I'm speaking to the public and I'm speaking to our legislators too when I read this:

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*In the event the state approves expanded gambling in any form, such as but not limited to casinos, Sedgwick County citizens deserve and should be afforded the opportunity to vote on whether said expanded gambling is appropriate in Sedgwick County. The Board of County Commissioners strongly support allowing the citizens to vote in a binding election on the question of whether or not expanded gambling should be allowed in Sedgwick County. Furthermore, any legislation that is enacted for expanded gambling must, at a minimum, provide sufficient revenue to Sedgwick County to offset the increased social costs to our community.*

Now I don't know how much clearer that we can make a statement that we are saying that if you expand gambling, and right now it's a state issue as to whether or not they're going to allow expanded gambling, but it's stating that if you are, just don't unilaterally deny the citizens of Sedgwick County the opportunity to be part of that expansion, should they vote to do so. And you know, I'm hearing that 'Boy, unless you have a vote, unless you have a non-binding election, the state's just not going to listen to you'. Or we heard that the governor was saying that, but when we specifically asked her office to send us a letter saying that unless we had a non-binding vote, we wouldn't be included and we never got any letter from that, so I think we have done what is appropriate here, because right now it is a state issue and I don't know how much more we can tell the . . . or delegation and all the electeds in Topeka how we feel about expanded gambling.

On imminent domain, it says here Sedgwick County supports reasonable use of imminent domain for the purpose of economic development. I hope that has some criteria on it, because that's what the big problem is. You take this person's home and here goes an apartment complex up or a private shopping center goes up, etcetera, that bothers me personally, as an individual. I have no problem using imminent domain for the public good, if we have to put in a new public facility or what have you, but I'm getting a little nervous exercising imminent domain so that the private sector can benefit in what the economic . . . does it have to be proven what the economic impact is before we do it or what does that word reasonable mean, Andy? I know it means it's not unreasonable, but . . ."

**Mr. Schlapp** said, "Well, I think what we need to realize here is that what happened . . . and again, I'll try to imitate an attorney for a very short period of time, but in the key note case they have upheld about 150 years of precedent of imminent domain for economic development purposes. It

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goes back, as far as I know, back to the railroads when they were giving the railroad companies land to develop that infrastructure throughout the country, and again at one time the railroads owned one-seventh of America so it has been used for many, many years and the Kelo case didn't change anything. What it did was it brought to the attention of the public what certain projects are being used for and certain people had a distaste for exactly what you talked about.

So when we get into reasonable imminent domain, we're asking not to just change 150 years or so of precedence, we're asking that yeah, there have been specific abuses that aren't that great that we need to look at and we're okay with changing that process but let's be careful in how we do that, because we are changing a longstanding history of imminent domain.

And again, some things that we're very, very concerned about is lets say we go and we're building a road project and we go and we need to take the person's driveway but we don't need to take a person's house. Well a good business decision is you take just the driveway, that's all you need and it has a certain cost, but for the good of the citizen, you probably need to take his house. He can't have a house without a driveway, so we take his house. And now, because we can't take property for economic development, we can't turn around and sell that property back for some other use and so those are some of the things we need to make sure we're protecting."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So don't throw the baby out with the bathwater, when you're working on . . . okay, thank you. That's all I had. Thank you very much."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Well, it's a good explanation, Andy. I mean, the Kelo case has simply highlighted a conflict in opinion about this, but the truth of the matter is our powers have not changed because of that. It's just been substantiated that government's have the right to exercise imminent domain.

And the first defense for anyone is that if elected officials are abusing that, they need to be voted out of office. That's the first defense, but anyway I'm comfortable with our platform position, that if there's some modification that's reasonable, we're going to be supportive of it. Commissioner Burtnett."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Andy, can you explain, at what point in time on our platform do these issues come before this legislature? And the reason I'm asking this is on the expanded gambling, when we made our resolution we did send a letter to the governor, letting her know what we'd done. But unless the legislators are watching this presentation today or called and asked for a copy of that resolution, they get resolutions and platforms from 105 counties, they can't possibly read all this. At what point in time do you let them know this is what our platform is for this issue?"

**Mr. Schlapp** said, "Number one, I've done that quite a bit already. Representatives and senators

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have been very interested in what we're doing and I've received a lot of phone calls and talked to them already. We have many opportunities to talk to them. Again, creating a book and putting a bunch of words in it and expecting it to do anything is not part of the process. The process works by having individual contact and discussion with each representative and senator and leaving the book behind, so they can remember what we talked about. That will happen. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the unified legislative agenda will have a press conference and invite the legislature there and there will be an opportunity to talk to them. On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, there's going to be a reception for them to talk about affordable airfares and we'll have opportunity to talk to them then. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Tom Sawyer will come here and they hold a meeting down in the Jury Room that evening for citizens, and so there's opportunity there. There will be just a ton of opportunities to meet with our representatives and senators and again, all of you will be there, and I would ask of you as you get there take a moment, an opportunity to talk about our priority issues.

One thing on expanded gaming, if I can, I think you guys did a nice job in developing that resolution and in fact, the City of Wichita has adopted that resolution as their language also in their platform, so there's going to be more than just Sedgwick County talking about that particular issue, so I think we have plenty of opportunities to do that."

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

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Okay, to just go one step further on that, have they got a copy of our resolution?"

**Mr. Schlapp** said, "At this point in time no, but they will very quickly."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Is that all, Commissioner?"

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Andy or comment about our legislative platform? What's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the 2006 Sedgwick County Legislative Platform.

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Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**E. DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS – HEALTH DEPT.**

**1. RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**Ms. Claudia Blackburn**, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here this morning to ask you to consider a resolution to dissolve the Advisory Board of Health. Just some background information on how that came to be. When the Health Department, the County Health Department moved from the auspices of the City of Wichita to Sedgwick County in 2002, the Board of Health as it stood changed in form. It went from administrative to an advisory board of health. And so the 14-member Advisory Board of Health has been sort of a group that’s been searching for a purpose and a mission, once they became advisory in nature and they have had difficulty making quorums and they really haven’t met for about a year.

The actual policy making in an administrative board of health is you, the Board of County

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Commissioners for Sedgwick County and the Health Department utilizes the Board of County Commissioners for the policy making and administrative decisions that fall beyond the purview of the county manager.

The decision making process is usually informed by staff. Staff present issues to you and you make decisions based on our advice and we use community experts to help us make decisions as well. And our intent is to pull the advisory board of health members, because they're very talented, very busy people, into some of the other groups that we use to advise us. In our decisions with them about, you know, what the future may hold for them, we've talked about them participating in the Health and Wellness Coalition, if that's their area of interest or perhaps on the Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition. Some are interested in mental health issues. We have a Suicide Prevention Task Force. We also have the Pandemic Influenza Work Group, some of them are involved with that already. We already involve some of them in other areas, so the Medical Reserve Corps is another example of how our dentists on the advisory board of health are involved, so we think that there are better and more efficient ways to involve them and they all seem to understand what we're doing. So at this time, I guess I would ask you to consider that resolution to dissolve the Board of Health."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Claudia. You mentioned that you've spoken with all the members of the Advisory Board of Health and there's general agreement that this is an appropriate, progressive movement."

**Ms. Blackburn** said, "I have spoken with all but one, and one I have not . . . all but two. Arnetha Martin is a third, she's not actually on the Board of Health any longer. Her term expired, but she's been such an instrumental part of the public health system here that I put a call into her. I've not heard back yet."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, I spoke with Dr. John Lewis this morning about this agenda item, whose been chairing the board for some time and he thinks that the board has served its purpose and it's time now to move on with this restructuring, so I'm going to be very supportive of it. We have a comment from Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you. My appointee, Christian Skaer, I think had the concern whose going to advise the county commissioners sitting as the board, the health board in times where they're going to have to start making a policy? Could you address that, because that kind of sparked my thought that we may need to get some expert advice on something before we make a policy decision. Who would we now go to, to get that information?"

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**Mr. Blackburn** said, “Well, you do rely heavily on your staff. I mean, you have a staff of professionals at the Health Department that make decisions based on what the literature says, what our national organizations tell us. We have a health officer who we contract through KU Med School for services. We also use different advisory groups and we do intend to advise . . . to involve the current advisory board of health members in our strategic planning process, so that they have a voice in where the health department is going in the future.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “How is that going to be?”

**Ms. Blackburn** said, “How is that going to be?”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Are you just going to call citizens and ask them what their thoughts are, or what do you mean?”

**Ms. Blackburn** said, “Well, we’re actually going through a strategic planning process right now. We’re going to reorganize our plan around the essential public health standards and we’re going to have a special meeting where we do invite the advisory board of health members and other stakeholders. That’s still in the formation process, but they will be involved in that, if they’re interested.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay. Well I don’t know if that’s a big concern, but Dr. Skaer had addressed it and it just kind of all the sudden got me jumpstarting that we won’t have someone separate from the organization if we ever need . . . I don’t know that we ever need to go to. I think we probably have well qualified professionals working in the Health Department that can advise us on specific . . . whatever specific item might come to us, because if there’s a problem with pandemic flu, you already have somebody there that can give us advice on what our policy should be. Mr. Buchanan.”

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Excuse me, Commissioners. You are fully aware of how involved we are in assuring that people that have a stake in the outcome are included in the decision-making proc . . . is at the table, included in giving us tips and advice in the decision-making process.

Under the current model, we’re going to still do that. Claudia Blackburn has already put together a team for the Avian Flu, a cross-disciplinary team of citizens and doctors and people who work in hospitals to help give us advice and in this way, we think it is a much more flexible approach in

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dealing with issues on a specific basis, rather than constituting a board to look at all sorts of issues all the time, some of which are not relevant.

So when there's something big going on, we engage the public in asking for their help in bringing cross-discipline expertise and skills to the table, as citizens and as experts."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, and then I think my concern has been answered very properly, because if indeed there was something came up that we were uncomfortable, we could form an advisory board, just to respond to that direct question, so yeah, that's fine. I'm totally satisfied. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I think we found out a few years ago, as we started to transition to a stronger form of health department, we weren't really bi-polar anymore, we weren't trying to serve two masters. Then the role of the board of health, then the advisory board, started to change. As we had the Health Assembly, and prior to that, I know as Chairman I worked real hard to find something for the advisory board to do and we finally started to come to the conclusion, they were meeting with no substance and I think they came to that conclusion several meetings. They really wanted some meat and potatoes, and not just be able to come to a meeting, have a nice little luncheon and visit a while, but really not have anything to do.

I think the Health Assembly really described the future of the Board of Health and of course we've taken steps to firm up our health department. You know, we've got a new director now, we've taken some of that administrative role and strengthened it, so the idea that we have to have an advisory board of health is not as clear and as critical as it was when the city and the county kind of neither one took control of it, because today the Board of County Commissioners are very in tune to what's happening. We have built a staff that is very, very important to us that are professional. We have layered in an extra set of eyes and scrutiny through Kathy Sexton, who as an assistant county manager has now got some purview into that.

So I don't know that it's important. I'm going to be very support that we dissolve, but give those folks a pat on the back for hanging in there, for continuing to be loyal and try to understand health issues in our community and also for helping us get through the Health Assembly a couple of years ago, that really described the problems we have in our community, but the future of what we're going to do with the Health Department, so I think we've made that natural course.

The one thing I know about life is that change is constant and this is just one of those changes I think that will be for the better of our community, because of what we've done to put together a

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pretty great team at our Health Department.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you Commissioner. Any other comment? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Next item please.”

- 2. ADJUSTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE TO FREEZE THREE FULL-TIME COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE II POSITIONS AND INCLUDE SIX PART-TIME COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE II POSITIONS.**

**Ms. Blackburn** said, “The Healthy Babies program is a maternal and child health home visitation program for pregnant women and children, parenting mothers in Sedgwick County and the program is designed to improve birth outcomes and decrease premature birth and infant mortality and child abuse in high-risk families.

The Health Babies program has recently experienced a loss of many nurses, about 70% of our nursing staff and we have lost them to hospitals who pay higher salaries, we’ve lost them to the school system USD 259 and other organizations and so we are in the process of recruiting nurses.

And one of the options that we would like is to be able to recruit back some of the nurses that have gone to the hospital who are willing to work part time for us. That way, we retain their expertise, because it takes a fair amount of training to get a nurse up to speed to do this program.

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What this agenda item would allow us to do is to continue to recruit for full-time, but if we can't fund full-time, then we have the options of converting a full-time position to two part-time positions, and so that's what we're asking for, is that flexibility today and the way it's worded is that you would approve the three full-time positions, freeze three full-time positions and use the funding to create six part-time positions within the Healthy Babies program at the Health Department.

Okay, thank you. Well it seems like a reasonable response to find a solution to the current situation that we have and you don't expect that this would impact quality or efficiency in any negative way, this change?"

**Ms. Blackburn** said, "No, we believe it will give us more flexibility in staffing and perhaps improve quality, because we'll retain the expertise that we've lost."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, very good. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I'm going to be very supportive. I just have a comment. I see this as becoming the tip of the iceberg of a conversation we're having in the community, that we are starting to see the outflow of nurses, we're finding it hard for the hospitals to hire nurses and that's going to fall in this workforce training and development and world-class technical training, with nursing being one of the core areas, health care and nursing, so I think this is . . . we're starting to see it in our own house now. It's not just in the hospitals and other care places. It's also in our own home, and I think that's going to be just the beginnings of that quandary that we have in our community, of how to get trained professionals into this organization and into the position."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Any other comment or question on this agenda item?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the adjustment to the Health Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Mr. Buchanan left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, attended in his place.**

**F. REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.**

**1. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER’S TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Dr. Mary Dudley**, M.D., District Coroner/Chief Medical Examiner, Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m happy to announce our tenth year anniversary and I have a PowerPoint here to just give you a short history of the Forensic Science Center over the last ten years.

This vision was really adopted five years before I came here, back in January 11<sup>th</sup> of 1994, when the commissioners received a proposal for a forensic science center. Prior to that time, you can see on the top photo, that we were working out of a funeral . . . essentially warehouse, down in Haysville I believe, and we refer to that as the ‘little morgue on the prairie’ and then, ten years later, we have developed a state-of-the-art regional forensic science center, that one of my colleagues up in Kansas City refers to as the Taj Mahal of the plains, so we’ve come a long way.

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This is way back there, when we had the ribbon cutting and we have a few familiar faces there at that time. The center officially opened with eight employees on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December, ten years ago. Just want to mention some of the accreditations that we were able to achieve. We received the National Association of Medical Examiners accreditation in 2001 and also the American Society of Crime Lab Directors in 2002, and we are actually probably one of under five forensic science centers in the country that have those two accreditations, so we're very proud of that. We also have several other accreditations there, and we did receive our accreditation for the Council of Graduate Medical Education as a forensic fellowship, but we were unable to receive the funding for that, so it's kind of on hold right now, hoping that we could achieve that funding and reinstate that. We are also the only facility in the state to hold those double accreditations.

The Forensic Science Laboratories, this is kind of a timeline of when we were able to establish the different forensic science laboratories that we have. In 1996, we established the firearms and toolmark laboratory, the toxicology laboratory, the drug identification laboratory and trace evidence. We added on the DNA laboratory in '97 and in '98 the trace evidence and then we had the consolidation of the WPD crime lab with our forensic science center crime lab in 2002, so we essentially also went from eight employees initially to . . . there were 14 when I got here and we now have 34 employees.

Some of the advances in the laboratory technology include a program called NFLIS, which is the National Laboratory Information System, also CODIS, which is again a national program that we can enter data and link up with other data that's entered for DNA and also for ballistics, the NIBIN system.

This shows the growth in our forensic science laboratories, as far as case submissions. You can see a big jump here, when we combined our crime lab and started doing drug ID for the city. This shows our autopsy suite, going from one table to now a potential of six areas. We have our own X-Ray department there and everything. We do all of our photography in-house also, so everything is really state-of-the-art.

The pathology division growth, this is actually as far as the referral cases. When I first came here I believe our caseload was under 500, around 150 referrals from out of county customers and around 300 for Sedgwick County. We currently have about 400 cases for Sedgwick County and we receive referral cases where we receive revenue for those referral cases from out of county. We went from initially when the call center was opened, we did 26 autopsies for 50 counties. We're now covering approximately 55 counties, so essentially half the state on referral cases, which results in about 275 referral autopsies.

This also shows the pathology division. This shows the hard work of death investigators because

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we don't, obviously, bring in all those cases from Sedgwick County that are reported to us. We have currently over 2,500 cases that are reported to our death investigators, that are in-house 24/7, and then they will screen out what cases need to be brought in for referral. This shows the revenue trends, where we are over half a million dollars on that revenue from the out-of-county referral cases.

This is just a little, brief summary of some of the appointments. This includes some of the appointments that I hold with the National Association of Medical Examiners. I was just appointed to the board of directors and also several of the committees, Mass Fatality and Transplantation Committee. Have been appointed to the editorial board of that group for their journal and the Autopsy Standards Committee. I'm on the teaching faculty of Wichita State with the medical school. I'm also on the governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and the Board of Directors of the Sedgwick County Medical Society, on the advisory board for the Kansas SIDS Network and also a member of Homeland Security, I've been deployed twice in the last few years to Kirkland, Missouri for a plane crash and then just recently spent two weeks down in St. Gabriel, for the Katrina disaster.

Many of my other staff are also involved on committees. Sherry Beck has been serving on the American Board of Medical Legal Death Investigators, also Angela Benefiel also went down to the Katrina disaster. She's one of our death investigators. Dr. Oeberst serves on the Child Death Review Board for the state and also in town on the trauma review committees for two or three of the hospitals in town.

My lab director, Dr. Rohrig, is very involved. He's just been, nationally and locally, he's been appointed as president of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. He serves as a clinical assistant professor of the medical school. He's also a professor of the Criminal Justice and Forensic Science program that's just been started at Wichita State. He's the chairman of the Toxicology section for the American Academy of Forensic Science. He also is involved in many local areas, with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Advisory Board, the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, the Sedgwick County Meth Lab Kids Initiative and SOFT, which is Society Of Forensic Toxicology, drug facilitated and sexual assault committee and also a grant reviewer for the Midwest Forensic Resource Center and that's it. I didn't know if you had any questions or comments. We greatly appreciate . . . this would not have been possible to have this Regional Forensic Science Center had it not been for the vision of this community and for the Board of County Commissioners and their support and also with the hard work of my staff at the Regional Forensic Science Center to continue to, you know, grow and progress in the manner that we have and I want to thank you very much for all of your time and your support for this. Are there any questions?"

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well thank you for the report, Dr. Dudley. It’s pretty impressive. I mean, it gives us cause for truly celebrating this 10-year anniversary. I mean, to have the Taj Mahal of the plains right now, I mean, we have definitely substantiated that name that’s been given to us, with the growth in revenues and the growth in the number of our cases and the growth of our employees. We’re truly a regional center and it’s something that we can be proud of, that we had a part in helping develop this for the good of our region, but also just wanted to comment about the list of appointments for you and for Dr. Rohrig. It about wore me out reading them. You guys must be exhausted, being involved in all that activity, but it’s an indication of the respect that you all have and your leadership capability and we just want to congratulate and commend you two for your leadership of that. So, a lot of reasons for us to be glad about this report, but we do have a comment from Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Yeah, Mary . . . Dr. Dudley, some of us weren’t on the board when this concept of regionalized forensic science center took hold, but then . . . probably Tom was the only one that was on here at the time, and I have to tell you that’s it’s only been in the last five years, under your tutelage, that we’ve actually started to realize that dream. I mean, we have now the Taj Mahal of the plains, but I think more and more counties are seeing us as a resource that they want to take advantage of and I believe here shortly there’s another county, because of maybe your involvement, I won’t mention it, its initials are Reno I believe, that you’re going to maybe take over as their coroner and that would mean even more cases coming to us, I assume that you would refer them here, I don’t know for sure.

But I just want to compliment . . . I can’t compliment you and your staff enough, I mean some of these awards and these accreditations that we’ve received are a direct . . . I mean, those honors reflect back on the citizens of Sedgwick County too, and it was due to, I think, the long range foresight of Tom Winters and the commission that sat before us on really realizing that this concept could really become reality and you took it from an old butler building out in the middle of nowhere to a facility that I would say is probably the best in the state. I don’t know for sure if that’s the case or not, and I just want to publicly thank you and your staff and under your leadership for really allowing us to realize the dream that the previous commission had in making this really a regional forensic science center, and you’re to be congratulated.”

**Dr. Dudley** said, “Thank you, I appreciate that, thanks.”

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I'll applaud the Regional Forensic Center too. You know, if you watch television at all, you know that I think four of the top ten shows have to do with criminal science and forensic science, but the truth is, it's hard work to do that. It takes a lot of education and a lot of dedication to understand toxicology and criminology and all of the things that our group does down there. It is not a lot of flash and sizzle. It's a lot of hard work, a lot of dedication, a lot of going over and over and over statistics and data to be sure that they're doing the good work for the criminologists that have to put together cases and we should be very proud that not only do we serve our community with the Regional Forensic Center, but 55 other counties that don't have the capacity to have this kind of a team, and I've got a feel that even though we've got a Taj Mahal out there, we've got the Yankees doing the work, we've got the dynasty that really does the hard work. I've got to believe that the folks that we've got in that building right now would probably do good in a butler building, they're so dedicated, but it's nice to have a great facility to do it in and we should be very proud, on this tenth anniversary."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well thank you. I certainly appreciate all the work that you all do and it certainly has been rewarding to watch the Forensic Science Center grow from again the metal building to what it is today. And I can remember the commissioners that were here at that time, Betsy Gwin and Bill Hancock. Bill Hancock and I were really the two that said 'We've gone on without this long enough and then Mark Schroeder was here and Andy Bias and then followed by Melody McCray-Miller. All had a hand in starting and working with the Forensic Science Center, but this is the kind of project that you don't do halfway. I mean, you can't have just half a loaf, because in this business you need to have the very best and the very brightest and good facilities and good people and I think Sedgwick County can be very proud of the ten year anniversary of a community asset in many, many ways."

People don't tend to think about it, but as Commissioner Norton has mentioned, now as people watch the current television shows, you begin to see how important some of these things are and whether it's routine or whether it's something that's abnormal, your folks do a great job and appreciate Tim being here this morning and just to say thank you to both of you, and to all the other staff members out there. I think you all are doing very good work."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well just one final comment. Dr. Dudley is too modest to really say this, but what really set off this forensic center was the creative blending of tomato plants within the flower garden. I mean, that really made it one of a kind. I don't think there's another

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forensic science center in the world that was so creative of trying to have nice fruit for the employees to have for salads and I know some of us came and did the planning and did the work and that's what really set the center off I think, my personal opinion."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, commissioners what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file this report, with thanks to all of the staff at the Forensic Science Center.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AGREEMENT WITH DEBORAH JOHNSON, M.D. TO PROVIDE FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES.**

**Dr. Dudley** said, "This second item is an agreement with Dr. Deborah Johnson. She was actually a Deputy Medical Examiner here six years ago and we're asking for her to come back to provide part-time . . . she lives in Colorado right now, to provide part-time forensic services for us, as we are losing our other half-time physician, Dr. Zarnecki, whose going to be moving down to warmer weather, down to Flagstaff, Arizona. And so, it's a similar contract to the one that was approved for Dr. Zarnecki. It's just for eight days a month, to help us keep up with our capacity of caseload and she will be starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. I'd like to have you approve of her contract."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. And this will help us maintain the level of caseloads so that we don't jeopardize our accreditation."

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**Dr. Dudley** said, “That’s correct. We come up for our re-accreditation in March, and so to have continuity during that time, we definitely are at a point where we need another half-time pathologist.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, commissioners any discussion?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Dr. Dudley. Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

**Commissioner Sciortino left the meeting room at 10:43 a.m.**

**G. AGREEMENT WITH HARRY KOURI, JR., D.D.S. TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY INMATES.**

**Captain Glenn Kurtz**, Sheriff’s Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to request that the Board of County Commissioners approve a 12-month contract with Dr. Harry Kouri for emergency dental care for the inmates in the Sedgwick County Detention Facility. Dr. Kouri has provided these on-site dental services for many years for the facility, and this contract will continue his services.

In 2004, Dr. Kouri treated more than 850 inmates, and as of November 1<sup>st</sup> this year, he has treated 827. Contract calls for a 3% increase to offset Dr. Kouri’s cost. The total commitment is just over \$42,000. I request that the board approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign. If you

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have any questions, I'd be happy to address those for you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well thank you Captain. I don't see any questions. This is an ongoing relationship that's been successful for us.”

**Captain Kurtz** said, “Yes, it has. He comes in two days a week to handle any type needs we have. His services are very economical. We will actually bring inmates back from out of county housing so that he can take care of their needs, rather than pay for it out of county.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Captain Kurtz. Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

**Commissioner Sciortino returned to the meeting room at 10:45 a.m.**

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**H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE.**

**1. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN REGARDING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “This first two items actually that we have this morning have to do with our homeless program and I’ve asked the Manager of that area, Louella Sanders, to make that presentation to you, since she’s been so involved in those two projects.”

**Ms. Louella Sanders**, Director, Center City, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Marilyn, for letting me have this opportunity. Center City has a long history of offering comprehensive mental health services, including outreach and case management services for people who have a severe and persistent mental illness and are experiencing homelessness.

Center City also has a tradition of working to eliminate barriers to service provision, such as lack of information or misinformation, that results in stigma or discrimination. You may remember that for seven years Center City hosted an annual Walk For Awareness of Homelessness and Mental Illness.

The purpose of those walks was to bring attention to the prevalence and the plight of people experiencing homelessness and mental illness the availability of services to help end homelessness and the effectiveness of treatment to help people with mental health problems recover their lives.

Those goals have not changed, but the strategies to accomplish them have changed. This year, instead of a single event, our focus extends over a six week period, spanning the holidays. The planning and implementation work group included myself, Traci Addington from Center City, Bev Baalman from COMCARE administration, Tony Guiliano a graphic designer with the county and Angie Duntz with Sedgwick County Communications. We thank them for their time and expertise that they brought to this project.

The team developed an informational poster that you see on the monitors. It focuses on hunger and homelessness. Each year, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness sponsors a nationwide hunger and homeless awareness week in November. We base the timing and the content of our local effort to be consistent with that theme.

The poster cites information from a recent Eagle article, noting Kansas has the dubious honor of

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being the seventh highest state for hunger in the nation. The U.S. census data noted that there are approximately 52,000 people living in poverty in the Sedgwick County metropolitan area. And the National Coalition for Homelessness figures indicate that one in a hundred people in the general public will likely experience homelessness this year, but for people living in poverty, those odds jump to a one in ten likelihood to experience homelessness.

We know that of the people that experience homelessness, about 33 to 40% will have a serious mental health problem. Resources are available in Center City outreach, which can help connect people experiencing homelessness with those needed resources. To make this information that you see on the poster available to the general public, COMCARE has partnered with the City of Wichita's Transit Authority, to display the posters in the front and the back of the interiors of the 48 buses that run, citywide.

Posters are also being displayed at multiple county sites, in addition to the COMCARE programs, including Department on Aging senior centers, the courthouses and the Coliseum. Other key vantage points displaying the poster around the community include Dillons grocery stores, Quik Trip convenience stores, Century II conference center, Via Christi and Wesley Medical Centers, the community health centers that serve folks with low income, the city park and recreation centers and all branches of the City public library.

This is just a sample of a list of where these posters are being displayed, for six weeks from November 3 until January. By the end of this holiday season, thousands of people will have seen this information. Our hope is that awareness will follow through a more empathetic community, where people have hope, knowing that help is available to those in need. We thank the Wichita Transit Authority and many other community agencies and businesses who have donated space and are displaying this poster. They're helping to make this year's efforts the biggest and most effective yet. Commissioners, I also thank you for your time in letting us share this information and would welcome any questions or comments that you might have about this information."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, thank you. My first comment is I think this is an appropriate campaign to engage in and the method that we're doing it is a very eye-catching, attractive poster that's going to be out and around. But most of all, I'm astounded that we are the seventh highest state in hunger, nationwide. I mean, in light of the fact we grow food around here, it just seems like that's incongruous but I think it's effective and I'm approving of the campaign. It's a good thing for our COMCARE to do. Commissioners, are there other comments? Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I missed part of the presentation, but what is the poverty threshold. What is considered poverty? You say 52,000 people live in poverty. What is that threshold in our community? Is that a national number?"

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**Ms. Sanders** said, “No. Each community has, by census data, a poverty threshold and that’s based on not only income level, but number of people in households. For Sedgwick County, that runs around 11% of the community of the Wichita metropolitan area. Different communities around the state though have differing levels. Riley County has about 20% poverty level, so it is anywhere from 9% to 20%, throughout the state and with much of the state . . . 98% of the state actually being rural areas, that it isn’t just a metropolitan phenomenon that there are people living in poverty and people are hungry. However, it looks different across the state, but we are kind of in it together as a state.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Is there a national standard for poverty, as far as dollar income for a household of four?”

**Ms. Sanders** said, “There is and I believe it’s \$24,000. I don’t have the figures right in front of me. I would prefer to research that and get back with you, if I may.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I just think it’s astounding, if you look at people that are in poverty, and one in ten, the statistics show, will be homeless. That’s 5,200 [sic] people in our metro area and that’s the ones we can identify through just statistics. I think this time of year is when we really start determining what the homeless population is, when it becomes cold and our shelters open up, people that have been able to make their way and find a place of shelter and to live out in the community that have been homeless, now have to seek shelter and we start finding out the real, true numbers of homeless population and I think if . . . for those of us that go home to a warm home every night and some sort of a meal, whether it’s prepared by someone in the house or is bought, I think we’d be awestruck as to how many folks in our own community aren’t availed to that, so I applaud you for this and just keep up the good work, until every one of those one in ten are taken care of. I know as a public servant, I don’t feel like I’m doing my job very well.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

### **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**

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

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

**2. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (SRS) FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO OTHER KANSAS PROVIDERS OF THE "PROJECTS ASSISTING IN THE TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS" (PATH) PROGRAM.**

**Ms. Sanders** said, "Thank you. PATH, as you just heard, stands for Projects to Assist in the Transition from Homelessness. The funding for PATH stems from the Department of Health and Human Services at a federal level that flows to the states on a formula grant, to be allocated to the communities. In Kansas, five communities receive PATH grant funding. Center City has been one of those PATH sites for more than a decade. The PATH funding that we receive funds and allows us to provide those outreach services for the community.

The outreach services work with all the homeless service providers, but also other stakeholders in the community, especially the emergency shelters, to address the needs of persons who are homeless in Sedgwick County. The contract before you now though is a new contract that would be in addition to the existing contract for outreach service provision.

This year, in 2005, SRS conducted a competitive request for proposal process for the first time to receive the PATH grant. Center City applied for and was awarded funds in that competitive process. However, through that process, the review committee saw a need for targeted technical assistance for certain PATH providers, in order to help them increase their numbers and increase the effectiveness of outreach to engage persons into needed services.

Center City, because Center City was recognized during the RFP process as being an excellent staff provider and as having a thorough and well-organized application, SRS awarded funds over and above what we had requested. The SRS review committee chose COMCARE to provide peer-to-peer trainer training for other Kansas homeless programs and those remaining PATH sites.

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The contract offers \$4,998 to COMCARE for that technical assistance. The responsibilities of that contract will be two-fold, one, to present information at the Annual Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition’s Summit on Homelessness and Housing. That summit has actually been held. It was held in October, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson, Kansas. Center City did organize and present a two-hour special workshop on engaging people in both rural and urban areas, through outreach.

And the second part of the responsibility of the contracts will provide peer-to-peer technical assistance through three other PATH sites. And that’s the scope of the contract that’s in front of you. Again, it’s a separate, one-time contract that would supplement that ongoing PATH grant funds and we ask the commissioners to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the motion.

**Chairman Unruh** said, “I would just make a comment before we call the vote, that is really quiet a compliment, I think, to the effectiveness and the leadership that COMCARE is showing once again it kind of proves the biblical adage, to what much is given, much is required. You guys have been given a little more, but you’ve got to do more. But it’s . . . I take it as a compliment and I’m glad that we have the ability to carry out that responsibility and continue to exercise leadership, so very good. Not seem to be any other comments, commissioners. Madam Clerk, call the vote.”

**VOTE**

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

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

- 3. AMENDMENT TO A SAFE AND CARING COMMUNITIES GRANT AWARD FROM SRS, PROVIDING A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE GRANT PERIOD AND INCREASING THE AWARD BY \$24,030.80.**

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**Ms. Cook** said, “This is an amendment to a contract that we’ve had this past year with SRS. We have actually had a grant such as this for about five years now, under the Safe and Caring Communities grant. What this grant does is extends the time period through the end of June, which it’s a lot easier. These grants have typically been kind of quarter beyond . . . a quarter lagging and it’s been very hard to hire people when the school year goes through June and the contract only goes through December, in order to try to find someone just from January through June, so this does extend that contract. It also increases the amount of the grant from \$72,000 and increases it by a little bit more than \$24,000, so we’re very pleased with that.

I did want to . . . and what we will do with the money is continue to pay and contract with Communities in Schools. They have one clinician that has been helping us meet with children and early on in this grant, we purchased a number of what they call second-step curriculums. I’ve talked to them about those curriculums a number of times and I brought you a sample, just to kind of take a look at what this is about. The Second Step curriculum goes from elementary school up through high school, but this one happens to be for a fourth-grade level, and the Second Step curriculum deals with three things: anger management, impulse control and empathy and those are three things that are really needed, in terms of children understanding them.

So this particular one is a lesson on empathy and helping kids understand. You know it’s great when you have adults in your life that explain these things to children, but when you grow up in a home where that doesn’t happen, it’s very difficult to get that information. So, the trainers and the clinicians have . . . and teachers use this as well, have information to follow on the back, and in this particular case Angela is a little girl over here who is smiling now and she’s talking to a friend, Cherise, and it gives directions to the teacher about why empathy is important and this particular lesson has to do with people having feelings that can change, depending on maturity and depending on information, depending on circumstances changing. And there’s a little story, which I won’t go into, but basically Angela is moving to a new school and she was really scared initially and now she’s happy and so a facilitator will say ‘How do you know she’s happy?’ and the kids can see that she’s smiling, she has a friend and kind of talk about the changes in feelings.

So this is like ten-year-old level kind of information but it’s information that’s really basic information and the money from this grant goes to enforcing this curriculum from elementary schools on up to high school. We’re requesting that you approve the amendment.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you Marilyn. Well, it’s obviously good character qualities to be teaching these youngsters, impulse control, so much of our culture is just opposite of . . . I mean, you just respond and react to things, rather than control the impulses, so I think it’s good training, I’m very supportive. Commissioner Norton.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Do you have an adult version that we could go out to some folks that kind of missed it when they were ten years old? It’s good work. That’s all I had.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Amendment 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, Marilyn. Next item please.”

**I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2005.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup> has four items for consideration today.

**1) LIMB REMOVAL & DEBRIS CLEANUP- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

The first item is limb removal and debris clean up for county roads and bridges for Public Works. And the recommendation is to reject the bid received from Arbor Masters Tree Service and this is due to lack of county funds to support the entire bid.

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**2) CUSTODIAL SERVICES- HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**FUNDING: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Item two, custodial services for the Health Department. Recommendation is accept the proposal from EH Technical Solutions for \$10,637.50 and execute a contract for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

**3) DATA STORAGE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS/ IT**  
**FUNDING: ERP POST IMPLEMENTATION**

The third item, data storage for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is to accept the quote from XIOTech in the amount of \$32,412.

**4) CONSULTING, MARKETING & SALE OF NAMING RIGHTS & SPONSORSHIPS**  
**FOR DOWNTOWN ARENA- FACILITY PROJECTS**  
**FUNDING: SPECIAL SALES TAX**

And the fourth item, consulting, marketing and sale of naming rights and sponsorships for the downtown arena for Facility Project Services and that recommendation is to accept the proposal from the Superlative Group and execute a contract.

And for the record, proposals received used a phased approach for evaluating inventory and assessing premium seating and offered differing commission rates along with different payment options. The evaluation committee consisted of Ron Holt, Stephanie Knebel, John Nath, Jacque Wedel, Troy Bruun and Iris Baker. We reviewed proposals, we interviewed Front Row Marketing and the Superlative Group, we completed reference checks and we completed a cost comparative analysis. The committee's decision to recommend Superlative Group is based on their approach to the project, their experience, past performance through reference checks and the overall costs of the project.

The Sports Facilities Marketing Group was not considered for interview, as they did not offer any detailed methodology to the approach of work. They only provided a list of the types of services that they do offer. The Sports Facilities Marketing Group also had a potential conflict of interest in that they had partnered with the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission, whose CEO is an active member on two significant arena committees. The committee had concerns, and this is the review committee, had concerns that involvement in these other committees and participation in the request for proposal could give Sports Facilities Marketing Group an unfair advantage over the other responders.

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A cost analysis consisted of a ten-year assumption of revenue and commission. The break out of the payment options in the table show the value of money for early commission fee payments, which would create lost investment opportunity to the county, calculated at 4%, as opposed to the proposals where commission fee payments were made on an annual basis.

So what's all this mean? This means that we're wanting to hire expertise to get the best value for marketable assets for this arena as possible and these types of consultants have access to local, as well as national contacts. They know what corporations and businesses expect and want, when investing in these types of deals and they have the ability to assess what markets are worth in the communities that are being served.

We're recommending the Superlative Group to come in and evaluate the potential for premium seating, this is box seats and suites. They'll give us direction for the types of seating to put in place and how many. They'll evaluate other arena assets that have the potential to make money for us, and then they'll value the inventory, which will set the target sales dollars potential and this is in phase one.

Phase two, they will create marketing strategies and materials, like ad campaigns, sales brochures, they'll solicit sources. You're going to do this locally and nationally. They're going to bring those sources to us. They'll help us negotiate and finalize terms and conditions for contracts, and then they'll help us in renewals.

The commission fee . . . I just want to note that the commission fee is a percentage of the revenue dollars collected from any naming rights or sponsorship agreements that we enter into and by creating a commission fee based service. It creates incentive for the vendor to work in our best interest. So the more he can sell, the better deal he works, the more money we make and his commission is impacted that way. If it's less, then it's less for them. The revenue that's collected from this project will be used to offset operating and maintenance costs for this arena, once it's open and going, over the next several years.

So the money we collect from the project will have a direct benefit to the community, in fact theirs as well, by doing this project. I also wanted to note that in the table, that last item that shows the value of the money, the attempt there is to show that by deferring this commission over the life of a contract will be less expensive for the county and it will also be less risky for the county, as opposed to paying somebody up front for a ten year deal that only lasts four or five years. So with all of that said, I'll be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you for that report, Iris. I am going to be supportive of the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts. This particular item that you went into detail about did cause . . . I’m looking at my backup material, did cause a lot of questions about ‘It’s a lot of money’ you know, so how did we arrive at this conclusion and had the opportunity to do some conversations with Ron Holt to give us how the analysis was handled. I have confidence in the people who made the decision.

I did get a contact from one of the competing members of this, one who did not receive the recommendation and his concern was that perhaps references weren’t checked. You said references were checked.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “References were contacted.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “The two specific references that he is referring to I specifically did not contact. One, we as a group had visited that facility and had already spoken to those people. The second specific reference he listed was part of the interview team, and we spoke to them at that point in time and we also spoke to them afterwards. And then additional references contacted were past clients for that firm.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, very good. Well it appears to me that the analysis has been very thorough and detailed, even to the point of trying to put a time value on the money, when we’re receiving it. It appears to me that this is a most beneficial arrangement for this type of a contract that we could enter into.

And then the other question is ‘Well, do we really need this level of expertise to accomplish what we need?’ and through conversations and trying to consider, I’m convinced that it’s the thing we need to do, to have a national firm help us take care of these particular items, because we are absolutely committed to the fact this is going to be first class, done well and done right and so appreciate your work in coming to this conclusion. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m also going to be supportive of this. I think we sitting here don’t have the wisdom to determine how best to market this and I’m going to have total confidence in Mr. Holt and Mr. Buchanan and as I understand it, even Mr. Nath got involved here and is one of the reviewers and what have you and they seem to feel that spending this money is going to give back to the citizens more money than had we tried to do it on our own.

But just a couple of questions, because there is a lot of money, the phase one at \$42,500, that’s a

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fixed cost. We're going to pay them that for eight months, that's not percentages. The phase two implementation, \$5,000 for 24 months maximum, that's a fixed cost that we've agreed upon, but the rest of it is determined on what they're able to sell it for. Is that correct?"

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "All right, so this isn't a hard number. We have total commission fees, \$33,717,500, but that's making some assumptions."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, be prepared, the media is going to ask you, 'Well what assumption are you making as to what we can get for naming rights, and what assumption are you making?' I mean, that's going to be a question to ask, and if you don't have the answer I would encourage you to get the answer, or somebody that's going to be the spokesman give the answer, but the point I'm trying to make is this is just on assumptions. If they sell it for more than what they assume, the commission fees would be higher, but way back in my previous life, when I was a commissioned salesman, making 15% commission, the owner of the company I was working for said, 'I really want you to try to bankrupt me, by you only getting 15% and I get to keep 85%, so please try to bankrupt me, I want to double the amount of commissions I'm paying you'.

So I guess this argument is I hope the commissions are higher, because it means we're making more money. But do try to have those figures based on these assumptions ready for the media, because they're going to ask us that question, or they weren't going to, now they darn sure are. I mean . . . anyway, I think we're doing the right thing. I think we're hiring professionals to try to maximize the value of some of these, and they may even come up with items we didn't even think about that we could, you know, that we could work on. So okay, thank you very much. I'm going to be supportive of this."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, commissioners I see no more requests to speak. What's the will of the Board? Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I'm probably going to be a little more lukewarm in my support. That's a lot of money and I have a concern that when we get into this that the first part of telling us what the potential is is very good, but that maybe we have some capacity in our community to sell some of this. The other part of it is I think that . . . at least my opinion is that we're going to work real hard to have a lot of the naming rights be local entities that we're pretty proud of that we want to have the naming rights from our community and it falls over me that we're going to be out

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soliciting folks that we could solicit ourselves, the big name companies that have grown up here, that if you look at most all of the naming rights that happen in all of the events centers, the people that are picked to do that are the big names in that community, that have a great presence and the idea that we're going to call this the Reliance Center is probably not going to happen. It's probably going to be named something that is very prominent in our community and I just have a problem that we're going to go out and be seeking naming rights, and we already kind of know who those players might be already, within our own community.

I just think that we may be paying a lot of money for that, so where I think that some experts need to be involved, I just have some questions that maybe once we kind of see the lay of the land through this first part, that maybe we've got some salesmen and some marketing folks within our own community that can go out and lobby and talk to the big players in our own community and prevail on them to be a part of something that's going to last for a lot of years and it's the largest public capital project in this community forever, and I don't know that you have to have an expert to tell you who those big players are. I could probably name them to you real quick right now.

I just have a little bit of problem with that kind of money and that if we get down the road, what the mechanism is going to be to say, 'You know, we'll take care of this', now that we know kind of the lay of the land and what the seating will look like and what the premium seats will be and the boxes, that we may not need heavy duty salesmen to go out and do that. Just a lot a money to be paying for that, and when you know that we still have some issues that we haven't resolved, like parking and some of those other things, it concerns me."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Burtnett."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Well I guess I thought that there was an understanding that if we gave leads to this particular group for the big naming rights, that that would be a negotiable percentage of what they would get. So, I feel comfortable knowing that if we give them the lead, which obviously like you say, we do know some of the big names that are going to be willing, that we will be getting more compensation than what their percentage does."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I think that's true. I heard that same thing. Why should they get anything, if I tell them, I guess is my deal here. I mean, maybe we can all say . . . well, it is. I'd almost say that we should on the front end say 'here's five players in our community' if you get them, great, but you're not getting anything for getting them because we could have got them. Now if you go out and get a cola, a national cola chain that wants to do it, that it's not located here, great, take all that money because you've brought new money in. But if you go out and get one of our major aviation companies, I think we could have gone and talked to them. I mean, we're men of good will that are going to prevail on them to be a part of this. I just have a little bit of a problem with that, that we pay anybody anything to sell to our own community."

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**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "I guess, in my opinion, we're paying for their negotiation skills and hoping that they will get more money than we would have asked for, is what I'm hoping, so I don't have a problem with it."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Anything else? All right, Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, Tim, I shared the same concerns you had initially, in personally thinking I'm the best salesman in the . . . I used to think English speaking world, but now that I can speak Spanish, I'll expand that, that I think I'm the best salesman in the English and Spanish speaking world. But the more I talk to Mr. Holt and the more I kind of try to suppress my ego, which is very hard to do, I think what they can bring to us is maybe other competitors that might be competing."

We're kind of focusing on naming right, but there's a multiplicity of other services here that they're providing and all of the sudden there is a national firm, I don't know, Satellite Direct or I don't know what, that really wants to make an inroad here and providing that competition to where maybe there's a little bit of a bidding war going on, that maybe we weren't aware of and maybe couldn't bring that leverage to the table in the negotiating. What I'm hoping that they'll come up with is also ideas that we didn't even think about that might be marketable. As far as the suites are concerned, that's going to probably be a fixed amount and I would assume, if a person is getting naming rights, maybe I don't know, part of the negotiation is you get a suite if you this or that, but then I think it's going to be pretty standard, there's going to be just a standard rate. You can get on the Internet and see what other people have been selling for the suites, so my hope is that this company will bring the table things that we weren't aware of, and also maybe hopefully bring more competition for a limited amount of naming rights and what have you.

The bottom line is, for this to be beneficial for the county, they're going to have to bring in more money than we could have gotten on our own, whether or not we're ever going to be able to prove that absolutely, it sometimes could be argued like your wife comes home and tells you how much money she saved, and she's got this sales tax from Target and all you know is she spent a thousand dollars. The fact that she saved you 50, or 500, depends on whether or not she absolutely needed the items she bought. So, I think, in this particular case, this is very complex and I think it's beneficial to hire a professional to go out there and do that for us. At least I'm sure that that's what Mr. Holt is recommending, without any reservations whatsoever."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well thank you Mr. Chairman, and Commissioner Sciortino, I agree with you. And Iris, I think you did a good job of explaining it. I was going to ask Ron Holt if he

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would just make a comment. Ron, you know we've all had discussions here the last couple of days about this item. It's still your opinion and staff's opinion that this is the correct action and would you just make a comment or two about your reasons for that."

**Mr. Ron Holt**, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes sir, Commissioner Winters and commissioners, in looking at doing this whole deal and hiring a consultant, we're looking at packaging deals and how to do those in a fashion that provides value to the organizations that want to purchase them and then yes, to be able to create some demand, so that we have folks competing against each other so that we're getting absolutely the best deal that we can get in the marketing of these facilities.

And many times, it's how the deal is packaged that makes an incremental difference in what kind of fee that you can get for that and in talking to other arena . . . new arena developments around our area, they highly encouraged us to go out and get consultants to help us do this. There will be some local folks involved in the actual marketing, but the actual packaging of these deals will be under the development and auspices of the company that we're hiring here."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioner Winters?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Yes, that's all."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Just one question of Ron. The expense, you know, that we're starting to incur here, the \$42,000 a month and the \$5,000, does that come out of the arena costs? I mean, the cost of the arena?"

**Mr. Holt** said, "The upfront, fixed costs will come out of the arena but will be, if you will, reimbursed. All of this will be paid for out of the sales that happen."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "No, I understand, but initially, I mean, it's not coming from the general fund to . . ."

**Mr. Holt** said, "That's right."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well Commissioners, I see no more requests to speak. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Amendment to the PATH grant with SRS, providing a two-month extension to the grant period.**
- 2. Plat.**

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

Eberly Farm Office Park Addition

- 3. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

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

- 4. Order dated November 23, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. Payroll Check Register of December 2, 2005.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of November 30 – December 6, 2005.**

**Mr. Holt** said, “You have the consent agenda and I would ask you to 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, “Well commissioners, we’ve reached the end of our agenda and no need for Executive Session today. This is the appropriate time, if there are any items of community interest. Some of us were at breakfast early this morning. Surely someone would want . . .”

**K. OTHER**

**Commissioner Norton** said, “We served breakfast. I don’t know, did anybody get to eat it?”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “I had . . . I ate breakfast. Go ahead, tell us about it.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, we were at the Kansas Children’s Service League’s Red Stocking Breakfast. That’s held at Carlos O’Kelly’s East. They graciously opened up their restaurant for a fundraiser, huge crowds that are served breakfast to support Kansas Children’s Service League and their programs. As you know, Kansas Children’s Service League has been an organization for many, many years and they folded in with the Child Abuse Prevention Council probably 15 years ago and they’re a real children’s advocacy organization to prevent neglect and abuse in children, and several of the commissioners, I think Lucy and Dave and I all served our hour stint today. I was the biscuit boy today, but I got to stand next to Bonnie Beam, because she was the gravy girl, so it was a pretty good gig.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, very good. Well it was a fun morning really, and I just want to thank Nancy Doulling for her organization of that and to the Rolf family for being so gracious in hosting it.

And I just would mention that yesterday Commissioner Burnett and Kristi Zukovich and I visited Envision, which is a non-profit organization here in town that I didn’t know a lot about and they do an excellent work in helping folks who are blind, who have low vision. Their theme is choices and resources for people who are blind or low-vision, and as I said yesterday, it was an eye opening experience to see the excellent work they do there.

And then this afternoon, I will be representing you all at the non-profit Chamber of Services where a lot of the folks in our area who are involved in non-profit activity are having a little holiday reception and so I’m going to be there to tell them that we appreciate what they do. Anything else, commissioners? We will be adjourned.”

### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Fifth District

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

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
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