

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**April 12, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Lucy Burnett; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Jim Osterlund, Senior Construction Project Manager, Facility Project Services; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Marilyn Cook, LSCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Julie Harbour, HR Director, Office of Court Trustee, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; 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**

Dr. Ed Flentje, Director, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University.  
Ms. Sally Dewey, League of Women Voters.  
Ms. Khadija Swaleh Hassan, Citizen, Kenya.  
Ms. Zahara-Shee Mohamed, Citizen, Kenya.  
Ms. Janet Behta, Citizen, Kenya.  
Mr. David Davis, Wichita, Ks.  
Mr. Rick Reeve, Director, Field Services, Quivira Council of Boy Scouts of America.  
Mr. Fred Meijering, Scout Executive, Quivira Council of Boy Scouts of America.  
Mr. Bill Bolin, Director, SCKEDD.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Scott Goltl, Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita.



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**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, next item."

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATION.**

**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2006 AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH."**

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, I'll read the proclamation for your consideration. It states:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2006 as

**‘Fair Housing Month’**

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

That’s the proclamation, commissioners. What is your will?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you and Brad Snapp, I believe you’re here to accept the . . . that’s the only thing I can figure why you’re standing there.”

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**Mr. Brad Snapp**, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That's why I'm here. I want to just thank you for bringing attention to fair housing and as the act of 1968, as amended in 1988, proclaimed that it prohibits discrimination in housing and housing related transactions based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status and the congress's purpose in enacting this was to create truly integrated and balanced living patterns. This act is only as affective as the integrity of the people who provide housing and can enforce the law.

And according to a study conducted between 2003 and 2005, by the National Fair Housing Alliance, in 12 metropolitan cities across the country, discrimination does continue, complaints and fair housing testors reported incidents of steering, denial of services, inconsistent policies, sexual harassment, higher rents based on family size and failure to return calls, based on . . . as they recognize the voice of could be African American or Latino, they had an incident of not returning those calls. The National Fair Housing Alliance estimates there are almost 4,000,000 cases of housing discrimination annually, but less than 1% are reported.

And that housing discrimination is on the increase for people with disabilities, and it's increasing over the incident of claims based on race. Locally, the Wichita Area Association of Realtors provides a variety of training for fair housing and diversity training. Sedgwick County Housing Department works with the Urban League of the Mid-Plains for landlord/ tenant counseling and fair housing education and outreach. And persons who have . . . they also provide fair housing brochures to our landlords, for the housing authority and from clients renting or getting housing assistance.

And then people who have been ill treated may not know their rights and if they have questions or believe they've been discriminated against, they can call the Kansas . . . or the Housing and Credit Counseling Incorporated in Topeka, Kansas. They're a housing and counseling agency and they can use the 1-800 number of 1-800-383-0217 and call and get some counseling.

Again, I thank you for the proclamation, appreciate your support."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Brad. Commissioners, any comments of Brad here? I think it goes without saying that we all support the efforts of better housing throughout Sedgwick County, our state and the country. Thank you. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

### 2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 9 – 15, 2006 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I'll read this proclamation for your consideration, commissioners. It states:

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services. When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County Emergency Telecommunications, the unseen heroes of our local public safety agencies, are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. The safety of our police officers, firefighters and paramedics depends upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone Sedgwick County Emergency Communications; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County Emergency Tele-communicators have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

**WHEREAS**, each Sedgwick County Emergency Tele-communicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County Emergency Tele-communicators provide these services to 26 local public safety agencies;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 5-15, 2006 as

**‘National Public Safety Telecommunications Week’**

in Sedgwick County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

That’s the proclamation, commissioners. What is your will?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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### VOTE

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And Diane Gage is here to receive the proclamation, I believe."

**Ms. Diane Gage**, Director, Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well, thank you for the opportunity. It's not often we get to come forward and just highlight what some of the folks have been doing. I brought with me several of the people that are working downstairs today."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Why don't you introduce them individually, if you could."

**Ms. Gage** said, "Starting on the far . . . my right, you've got Mitch Garner, Elaina Morano, Kristin Gill, Dennis Rooney, Barb Daily, John McGowan, Linda Staats, and then we've got George Scantlin is in the back, there hiding from us. We do have people downstairs working right now. We did not just turn things off. We're running a little bare bones for about 15 minutes, so I'm hoping nothing big happens."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "They don't have their cell phones with them, in case something happens, they can . . .?"

**Ms. Gage** said, "I think everyone is equipped with pagers, so we can get them down there real quick but I really appreciate the opportunity to bring forth some of the folks that are working down there. And we're looking forward to next year when this time rolls around, we'll be above ground and in a brand new building that we've been working on for a long time."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "When is that, approximately, what's the date that we're hoping to have a grand opening on that, roughly?"

**Ms. Gage** said, "Roughly, March or April of next year is kind of what we're shooting for."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Great. Okay, we do have some comments here. Commissioner Winters."

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**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, I just wanted to make a comment about that. I tell you, we as commissioners are excited about that new building and facility and we hope, Diane, you and your whole crew are looking forward to that move. I think it’s going to be an entirely new environment. I was down, last week, I’d missed the meeting where we had the automatic vehicle locator and just from my lay perspective, it looks like that is a great system that will enhance all the work that these people are able to do. And again, we’re looking forward to that ribbon-cutting on that new building and we think that’s, again, going to be a huge enhancement to the way these people are able to deliver services to citizens, so we’re certainly looking forward to that and we appreciate you all coming up to the meeting today to hear this proclamation. Thanks.”

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well Diane, yeah, I just wanted to express my appreciation for the work that you do and how critical your service is and your . . . the people that work in our 9-1-1 department, working for 26 different agencies around our area. But can you tell us any of the statistics, how many calls do you handle?”

**Ms. Gage** said, “We are handling, right now, close to 450,000 9-1-1 calls a year, roughly 1,200 to 1,500 a day, kind of depends on what the weather is doing outside. Of those, and then we’re also taking in calls or making calls and we’re getting close to a million calls being processed through that center a year. Not quite there yet, but we’re getting there. About 55% of our calls now are coming from cell phones and if you go back ten years, 4 or 5% used to come from cell phones, so now you’ve got a real mobile population and they’re very quick to call in anything that happens, so response times are much better than they were, say 10 years ago, because they find out things quickly.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Well thank you, I just wanted folks to understand the size of that operation. I mean, nearly a million calls is a very big deal for this area, it seems to me like, so appreciate your work and glad to recognize you in this.”

**Ms. Gage** said, “Thank you for the opportunity.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, and you know the one thing that I experienced in the times that I’ve come down into the pits or whatever the place is called, it’s dark, but was the almost I’ll use the word ‘detached’ professionalism when the citizen on the other phone is emotional and scared and screaming and hollering and you all are just calm and you’re professional and you just get the information that you need. You go to any length to try to quiet that person down while you have to get that information, so you can dispatch the proper vehicle to their location. And I don’t know how you do that, because on the couple of calls I heard, this one lady was screaming because her husband was down, she couldn’t revive him or what have you, you just kept right on level, and got the information you needed and got that person help they needed, so you’re to be complimented.

You are indeed somebody that the citizens never see, but when they need you, you’re there and you are to be extremely complimented and we’re just pleased as heck that we can provide you a better venue with which to work, because it’s a little depressing down there. Maybe we’ll give you a little bit more light too, that would be nice. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, air traffic controllers and 9-1-1 dispatchers, two of the most stressful jobs in the United States, because they do deal with people’s lives and they’ve got a lot of multi-tasking to do and most of the multi-tasking has to do with life threatening situations, so we honor them today for all the work they do, 365 days a year, 24/7 and it’s so important to the public safety.

And I go back a few years ago, on a night that was pretty tough in my life and the person I talked to after the tornado was a dispatcher, telling me kind of what had happened and where the phone calls were coming from and what we needed to do to start the process of working in Haysville. So those folks are always on the job, doing what they do and we’re very thankful for that, so congratulations Diane and all your staff. That’s all I had.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “You know, Diane just one brief thing, I think it’s probably a double-edged sword, the proliferation of cell phones, because while it’s true now people can spot a problem and call in, is it right, my assumption, that you probably get a lot of duplications of people calling in on the same thing and you’re going to have to say ‘Yes, we’ve already got that’, ‘Yes, we’ve already’, ‘Yeah, we already’, that kind of stuff.”

**Ms. Gage** said, “Yeah, but you have to remember that the caller that may be your tenth caller on the same accident probably knows a whole lot more about it than maybe the first one, so even though they might have been their last caller there before an officer or EMS shows up or the fire department, they may know more. Like we may know the number of people that were injured, where initially all we knew was we had is a car wreck and now we know we have five people that are injured.

So it is that it overwhelm . . . not overwhelms us, but we get so many calls in from an accident in a

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major area, but somebody might know more about it, and help us adjust our response.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, so it’s a positive thing, overall, weighing the pros and cons.”

**Ms. Gage** said, “Overall, yes. I’d rather they call us and know that it was taken care of than not call us and we totally miss something major.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, very good. Anything else, commissioners? Well, thank you all very much and on behalf of all the citizens of Sedgwick County, we applaud your work. Thank you, Diane. Next item please.”

### DONATION

#### **B. DONATION BY THE WAL-MART FOUNDATION OF \$250 FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICE (RACES) VOLUNTEER TEAM TO PURCHASE AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THEIR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS VAN.**

**Mr. Randy Duncan**, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have the further privilege this morning of bringing in front of you a donation in the amount of \$250 from Walmart for our volunteers, specifically our volunteers who are active in amateur radios. I think what you’ll find here is an interesting story.

We just heard one story about the vital service that our folks in 9-1-1 provide and we all know and agree that that’s extremely vital. However, another element of that same story is when volunteers help us out in emergency situations, as these have, as our amateur radio folks have for a number of years, it’s a very pleasing and gratifying thing and these folks provide assistance, in the midst of an emergency, as volunteers. Sometimes, the expenses of doing this come out of their own pocket, so when we have a good corporate citizen of our community who supports us with a donation, we really appreciate that and of course that’s our purpose in being here and acknowledging this today.

On a side note, I’d also like to mention, as the other occupant of ‘the dungeon’, as we so fondly refer to it, we’re in the process of shopping for sunglasses, when we finally come out in the sunlight next year, so we’re very excited about that too. Thank you. If there are any questions I can answer, I’ll try to do my best.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “All right. I don’t see that there are any, so thank you very much and

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I'm sure we're going to let Walmart foundation know how much we appreciate this donation. They have proven time and time again, and this is just one other example that they are a good corporate citizen. Thank you."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**RETIREMENT**

**C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JIM OSTERLUND, SENIOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER, FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES.**

**Ms. Jo Templin**, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agenda item recognizes the valuable contributions in public service of Jim Osterlund, who is our senior construction project manager in Facility Project Services who will retire May 1, 2006, after six years of service. Jim is an important part of the Project Services team and recently you'll recall the completion of the Juvenile Detention Facility that we just celebrated. Jim was the project manager of that, and so he will be missed and we would just like to also thank the coworkers, friends, who are here today in his retirement."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Jim, this is a certificate, on behalf of all the citizens of Sedgwick

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County, acknowledging your years of valuable service to us and we'd like to leave that with you. And also we have a clock to commemorate your service and you can use this, reminding you that you should get up sometime. Please feel free to say something, if you'd like."

**Mr. Jim Osterlund**, Senior Construction Manager, Facility Projects, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much. I've been watching this little ceremony for about six years and the most common remark is 'Man, this clock is heavy'. I want to leave with something a little more profound than that, so I've prepared a last will and testament to bequeath to the commissioners treasure that I found in my desk, as I'm cleaning out.

To Commissioner Winters, you always show a great interest in projects. You've always asked very pointed questions about budgets and schedules, so I bequeath to you my very valued 'Bob the Builder' note taker, complete with blunt writing instrument.

Commissioner Lucy Burtnett, you've added a lot of color to commissioner's row with your rainbow of post-it notes. When you run low of space, I bequeath to you a brand-new note pad, with magnets, so you can hang it just about anyplace.

To Commissioner Tim Norton, I may be going to Jamaica, grow my hair long and become the hippie again I once was, so I bequeath to you my mustache trim kit, so you can keep yourself well groomed.

Commissioner David Unruh, you have a candy dish in your office which is almost always filled with chocolate-covered peanuts. When you run low, there's a chocolate depression in the area, so I bequeath to you this dual-scented candle, one side is chocolate, the other side is peanuts, until you get back to the Nifty Nut House to replenish your supply.

And to Chairman Sciortino, your love affair with Teddy Bears is well known throughout the county and to keep your affair alive, I bequeath to you this Teddy Bear nightlight so you can have company at night.

Thank you for the last five years. It's been fun and challenging, but I believe with an active sense of humor, a high level of professionalism, and total integrity, the county can continue to be a great place to work. Thanks for the heavy clock."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You know, you might want to reconsider hiring him as a promotion manager. Thank you so much."

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

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**AWARDS**

**D. PRESENTATION OF MINI-MPA CERTIFICATES TO SEDGWICK COUNTY 2005-2006 GRADUATES.**

- 1. RANDY BARGDILL, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
- 2. ANGELA DUNTZ, COMMUNICATIONS**
- 3. GEORGE MASON, SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
- 4. MICK MCBRIDE, RISK MANAGEMENT**
- 5. THOMAS PLETCHER, COMCARE**

**Dr. Ed Flentje**, Director, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My purpose this morning is to recognize members of your organization who have completed a series of sessions in executive development. We call it the Mini MPA and let me say a few words about this program. Your manager and staff worked with us some time ago to create this program. The City of Wichita was also involved. It was originally a program between the City and the County. Over the past four years, it has expanded to cities and counties in the region, and to non-profit agencies. This year, we had 25 participants, representing . . . let me make sure I get it right, seven cities, three counties and three non-profit agencies, so it's a diverse group.

These folks participate in 16 three-hour sessions, beginning at 7:45 sharp on Friday mornings. They obviously do this in addition to their regular jobs and the program reviews current thinking and cutting edge ideas in finance, public management and public policy and like I said, is targeted for mid and upper level managers who want to either brush up or prepare for advancement in their perspective arenas. We have, from your organization, four individuals who have completed this program this year and I'd like to present these individuals' plaques and if they'll come up as I call them.

First, Angie Duntz, your Communications Coordinator. Congratulations. Second is Lieutenant George Mason of the Sheriff's Department. Congratulations. Next is Mr. L.A. Mick McBride, your Risk Manager. Congratulations. And next is Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director at COMCARE. Congratulations.

We, at the Hugo Walls School, very much appreciate the support of your organization for this program. It's been instrumental. I would add that your manager has been recruited to do one of

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these sessions, one of the sixteen sessions on strategic planning, and did a superb job. I must also add that it may or may not be a surprise, your chair helped us with the final session last Friday. In our final session, we have a capstone. We try to identify a real case and have these folks kind of work on this case and provide advice. We try to make this as real as possible and we actually use the consultant's report on Cowtown and the assignment was to provide advice to local officials on how to respond to this consultant's report. I'm not sure we know completely the answer, but Mr. Chairman, we appreciate your participation in that session. I'd be happy to respond to any questions you have."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, I just wanted to recognize Dr. Flentje's leadership at the Hugo Wall School and for your part in helping make Sedgwick County government a better government. And you remarked that the county manager helped in teaching a role in strategic planning. It's obvious that part of his strategy is to elevate the education and professionalism of the members of his staff. And I'm, as a commissioner, I'm very pleased that so many of our leaders in county government have taken advantage of Hugo Wall School and I think it's evidenced the good that you do and what they've learned is evidenced in the culture that we have in Sedgwick County and our government and I'm proud of you folks who've gone through this class, this training, and I'm proud to be associated with such a high level of professional people who are willing to continue to push themselves to a higher level of education and professionalism. So, thank you and thanks to you all and I'm just all full of good, happy things here."

**Dr. Flentje** said, "Thank you, commissioners."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "You've been eating some of those chocolates out of your bowl the other gentleman mentioned? Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I think it's very important that organizations embrace lifelong learning and development of international capital and that's what's so important about this program. I applaud these four people and those that have come before, that have seen the need to continue their education, to continue learning that life is not static, that there are new learnings to your life and that it does add to the organization and to their personal growth and I think we should give them a round of applause for their accomplishments. And thank you, Dr. Flentje, for being here."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, Well, no wait a minute doctor. You give politicians a chance to talk, we don't shut up. Commissioner Burnett."

**Commissioner Burnett** said, "Well, this is actually a comment. I would like to hear from the group, later on, what your advice was on Cowtown, so visit with us each individually."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Ask Mr. Chronis, I think he had the best advice."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "That's all I had."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Professor, I have to tell you, when Bill and I came just to observe and receive any information that they might have given us, I was impressed over the professionalism and the way you conducted the meeting. You tried to keep everybody on-track. I know it was difficult, because Professor Piscioti kept interrupting you, but that's just his personality and you handled him quite well also.

But anyway, if this is just the example of the type of classes that the University is putting out, this community is indeed blessed because all of the public administration people that are going to be out here, actually assisting the citizens, have to go through a system that you promote, so they're getting the information they need to be very productive in their professional life, so I compliment you on that."

**Dr. Flentje** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, thank you very much for your organization's support of this program."

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

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Could we take an off agenda item now?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Yes, go right ahead. Commissioners, we have an off agenda item. I'd like to be able to take that up at this time."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to consider an off agenda item.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. This is an off agenda item, where the League of Women Voters have got a delegation from Kenya in their democratic project, and they’re here to observe democracy in action, so I would ask that . . . I think Sally Dewey is going to come up and tell us a little bit about this project, who these young ladies are and maybe we can even hear from them.”

**Ms. Sally Dewey**, Member, Wichita League of Women Voters, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are hosting this week these three ladies from Kenya, women from Kenya. We are one of two cities in the United States chosen to host this group, so Wichita is very proud of that. These women are here because they’re interested in being and taking part in politics.

We went to the City yesterday and today we are in the County, because they are watching what you do and how you do it very closely, in order to take what they learned back home.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “You save the best for last, and I think that’s very nice.”

**Ms. Dewey** said, “That’s right, we’re working up. If you have time, I’m sure they would like to speak to you. Okay, who is first, ladies?”

**Ms. Khadija Swaleh Hassan**, Coast Coordinator, Kenya, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m glad to be here.”

**Ms. Janet Betta**, citizen, Kenya, greeted the Commissioners and said, “And I’m happy to be here in Wichita to learn the big democracy of U.S., because in the third world we call it ‘big democracy’, because we feel that you are so democratic, to the extent that it will take about ten more years to get to where you are today.

And I’m going to campaign for a parliamentary seat in Leconi constituency and there are some things I would like done, which are not done in our government that I think I can push more on the education site and the women issues. Thank you.”

**Ms. Zahara-Shee Mahamed**, Citizen, Coast Province, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Which is famous as a world heritage place. In there, we only have one car, if you can imagine and

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we use donkeys as the major transport of the community.

Very much thankful to be here. One, I'm very much interested in education. Education is within my blood. It's within me and when I come here is see people are talking in this room about education I was so surprised and very happy in this.

Then the other issue is about the democracy. I really like this democracy of this community, how we see it going on. I'm come to learn a lot and other issues. Thank you for accepting us to be with you today. Thanks."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Sally, now are these young ladies, are they politicians? Are they running for office? Or what exactly . . .?"

**Ms. Dewey** said, "Yes, they're politician and they plan to run for parliament in their country."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well great."

**Ms. Dewey** said, "And as you can tell, they are women of intelligence and they are women of courage."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And beauty."

**Ms. Dewey** said, "Well, you know, you're right."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, we have some questions or comments. Commissioner Burtnett."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "I had the opportunity to attend a reception Saturday night and meet these ladies, and let me tell you, they are quite the motivation. They made me sit up and think 'boy, I need to start getting a little bit more out there with some issues'. I really applaud you for what you're doing, coming over here and listening and learning and I wish you the best, when you go back home, and I know you will do great things for your provinces.

And as you leave today, I believe we have some packages from the county to remind you of your trip today, so thank you so much for coming and we really, really do appreciate it."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What is your form of government now? Is it a parliamentary democracy?"

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**Ms. Hassan** said, "Yes, it is a parliamentary democracy."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And how many women are involved in that parliament now? Is it pretty open to women, as it is now?"

**Ms. Hassan** said, "Out of 210 parliamentarians, we have 18 women and out of the 18 women, only five are elected. The rest are appointed. We say nominated. We want more women in parliament so that we can pass the policies on women issues. These are stressing issues that . . . having fewer women in parliament, they can't pass on bills. Like, for example, we had the bill to be passed, and up to today, it has not been passed. This bill was for rape cases, and we wanted the men who do the rape case to be castrated or to be life sentenced and the men are refusing, and up to today, we have so many rape cases and we feel that more women in parliament will make things happen, and the few of us, we want to initiate more women to be with us, so that the few women who are there have more support for other women, like the few who are elected can't make it, because those who are appointed, like they are appointed to the men in their parties, so like such bills cannot be passed, because they do whatever they want them to say. It is no, they vote no."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "You speak with great passion and I hope that there's going to be eight elected women at least, next year."

**Ms. Hassan** said, "We hope for more, even more."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "If you've got five, I see at least three more. Well congratulations, and welcome to the United States."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And Sally, why don't you, if you could keep abreast of what these ladies are doing and if they win or something, let us know so that now we've met them and they're our friends and we'd really like to see how they succeed in their attempts."

**Ms. Dewey** said, "Learning has been a two-way street this week and we are involved with their futures, because we have become involved with them and we'll let you know."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "How is the food over there? Maybe we could come over there and visit. Is the food pretty good?"

**Ms. Hassan** said, "The food here?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "No the food in your country. I know about the food here."

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**Ms. Hassan** said, "Oh, the food there, we don't have frozen food like here. We have a lot of fish, because we come from the coast side, so we have a lot of seafood. Welcome from Mombassa."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, thank you very much for coming and Sally, thank you for bringing them to us. Thank you, ladies. All right, next item."

### **CITIZEN INQUIRY**

#### **E. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING PRESERVING AND MENDING THE FABRIC OF THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTIONS FROM ITS ABUSERS, DAILY WEAR AND TEAR AND DEGRADATIONS.**

**King David Davis**, Wichita, Ks. greeted the Commissioners and said, "I come to you today concerning the fabric of the people's institution and it's present need of mending and repair. I am sure, at one time or another, we all have lost a button, snagged our shirt or split the seam in our breeches. I think we all understand this most basic concept and the value of having the sewing kit, with some extra buttons.

Even in our bodies, we have ligaments and tendons. Imagine a football player, without those items, your clothes without stitches, the family without love and trust. I believe we are all inclined to agree that in lives there are bonds that we all depend on and when those bonding agents grow weak, deteriorate or become corrupted, those things in life that are meant to protect us can sometimes become the very things we now need protection from.

Which brings me to the reason why I'm here today in addressing the erosion, degradation and weakening of the bonding agents that hold together the very fabric of the people's institution. In all my learnings, I have figured out there are only two, no four types of government in the world. One, the good, the just, the honorable and courageous; two, the arrogant, the ignorant, the indifferent and greedy; three, the good in a state of degradation; and four, the bad in a state of honorable restoration, each one having its own, unique identifiable characteristic, elements of cohesion, strengths and weaknesses.

When it comes to good government, there are only three primary bonding agents. Without them, the very character of our institution will cease to operate in the interest of our citizens, but rather become self-serving and at the beck and call of the Dennis Rader's and criminal element of society.

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We are the only nation in the world whose very foundation is founded upon the laws of nature, truth, the nature of God, honorableness. There are at least three primary bonding agents that make the American institution of government different and greater than any in the world and it has nothing to do with wealth, size or numbers, yet everything to do with truth, honor and law that is in harmony with the natural order of things and the very character of God.

When those primary bonding agents are operating at their optimal level, our community is prosperous citizens are secure within their property, their family and their country. The jails are small and mostly empty. Law enforcement officers are some of the most respected and loved members of the community, both by young and old. The institution of government is humble, honorable and a reflection of our finest citizens.

I have seen the truth in our community and the truth is not pretty. If the political degradation of Wichita City Hall is not addressed and brought into subjection, to everything that is good, just and honorable, then we all . . . they would put us all at risk, and in harms way far beyond anything we can think or imagine.

Just remember the three bonding agents are truth and law. You see, already city hall has buried the voice of honor from the building. They advocate and condone the telling to lies, while under oath committing perjury at the expense of the innocent. They basically make up the rules as they go, while finding ways to weasel out of the ones that apply to them. Oh yes, I asked city hall, 'What do you say we make city hall a happy place for all our citizens?' City hall said to me, 'If the citizens of this community want to be happy, tell them to buy a dog'. Commissioners, on behalf of the good and the honorable citizens of Wichita, Sedgwick County and law enforcement, I appeal to you for your help in putting into check a process of degradation that if not stopped, is a threat to us all.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and opportunity to stand honorably and humbly before you and the almighty God of our nation. Oh yes, I almost forgot, will someone please tell city hall the citizens of Wichita just got themselves a Pit Bull and I'm going to do my best to make them happy. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Do we have to take a Motion to receive and file that? Okay Clerk, call the next item please."

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **F. ENDORSEMENT OF QUIVIRA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, APPLICATION FOR KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY**

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### SERVICE PROGRAM TAX CREDITS.

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Each year, the State of Kansas makes available approximately \$4,000,000 in tax credits, under the Kansas Community Service Program Act. This program authorizes tax credits for approved non-profit organizations and the Quivira Council of Boy Scouts of America is making an application to become one of those approved organizations. An important part of the application process is the local government endorsement, that assures that there is knowledge and support of the project by local elected officials. There's no further responsibility required of local government. The rest of the process is the responsibility of the board of directors of the applicant agency.

The Quivira Council Board of Directors has planned an 8.25 million dollar capital campaign, containing three specific projects, one of which is in Sedgwick County. That's why it's appearing on your agenda for consideration of an endorsement from the Sedgwick County Commission.

With us today is Rich Reeve, Director of Field Service, and Fred Meijering, Scout Executive. If you'll allow us a minute, we'll set up a couple of easels that will give a picture of what it is they're planning to do.

**Mr. Rich Reeve**, Director of Field Service, Quivira Council of Boy Scouts of America, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As they mentioned, we are applying for the tax credits for our 8.2 million dollar capital campaign. The three projects that we are looking at are developing Cub Scout camp lands outside of Hutchinson at Camp Kanza, and then also out down at QSR, our scout ranch down in Chautauqua County, renovations of a Boy Scout camp.

And in this area, we are looking to build a new service center, a new scout office here in Wichita. It's 10.6 thousand square feet. Currently we're in an 8.2 thousand square foot building down on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. And with this initiative, we are looking for your endorsement and with this it will be able to provide more opportunity for our 11,000 Scouts and 5,000 Scouters within our 30-county radius to be able to use this new facility, of which, with the capital campaign, one quarter of every donation is going to go into an endowment fund for future maintenance, instead of doing a capital campaign every five years to building a building and then rebuild it, we are going to do it once, and maintain these projects in our future. Fred Meijering will discuss a little bit more into the capital campaign and then we will both answer any questions that you have today."

**Mr. Fred Meijering**, Scout Executive, Quivira Council of Boy Scouts of America, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Placed before you, we have two documents. One is our capital campaign brochure and the other is our annual report and the annual report speaks to us kind of in the way of a report card, in how we're performing as you local Boy Scout Council and the brochure goes into great detail about the projects.

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Raising 8.2 million dollars is a monumental task. We've been blessed to get former Senator Bob Dole's endorsement, as our honorary chairman in that effort, and he's pictured in that document as well. We think fundraising will take between 24 and 36 months. Right now, we in the manpower phase, attracting enough people to make that happen and we're doing that all over our 30-county council. Any questions for us today?"

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners? Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I had a quick question. Since this is a wider geographic area, are you approaching other county commissioners in the other counties that surround Sedgwick County and how wide a support endorsement are you attempting to obtain?"

**Mr. Meijering** said, "Local government endorsement was actually an optional item in the packet. We chose the three counties where we're actually going to affect infrastructure and hire people and have much more of an impact, that being Chautauqua, Reno and Sedgwick."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Have you been to those counties yet, or are we the first?"

**Mr. Meijering** said, "We have been and I'm glad to say, they've both endorsed so far."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. Well, I'm going to be very supportive of this. We've got an agenda item later on, on today's agenda, talking about the prevention work that we do with young people in Sedgwick County, attempting to try to get kids that are headed in a wrong direction, in a right direction and I think Scouting deals with so many kids that at times can go either way, but are basically headed down a right road, just need to make sure that they stay engaged and stay in touch with adult supervision and doing things the right way and I think you all heard me talk about my experience a couple of Saturdays ago over at Wichita Area Technical College, where they had 500 kids show up, working on their merit badges and it was just a great day. They were working hard all day, so I'm going to be very supportive and think this is something that we should step up with.

Especially since the real benefit here is going to be to those making the contributions that are going to be able to receive some tax credit for their contribution, so I think this is something that we should certainly get onboard with. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, well I agree with that too, commissioner. Having gone through the entire Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Explorer experience, I can tell you that a lot of young people, and I was one of those, needed a father figure. During that period of time, my father was absent from

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the home and my Scoutmaster became my father figure and we had a lot of fun. We learned a lot of things. Sometimes those winter campouts were a little chilly, but we learned what to do and how to protect ourselves, the food was great, the fellowship was tremendous and it does, early on, show a youngster that there's a better path to anti-social behavior and a lot of people are at that crossroads and if they go this way, they're going to be into a lot of trouble, but if they just veer a little bit this other direction, they can have a very productive life and I compliment you and the 95 years or so I think that you've been in operation.

You're doing a lot of good for us. The only way to prevent an 18-year-old from becoming a drive-by shooter, is to work with them when they're six, seven and eight years old and that's what Scouting does and I applaud you for that. Commissioner Burtnett."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "You may have said this in your presentation and I just didn't catch it. You're currently on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street? Do you have a location already picked out for the new service center?"

**Mr. Meijering** said, "We do. It's going to be in the 96 and Oliver area, northeast Wichita."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Okay, great. It looks like a wonderful plan."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

### MOTION

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

### VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Again, congratulations on your hard work and good luck on your project. Thank you. Next item please."

**G. AMENDMENT TO THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE JABARA CAMPUS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Pete Giroux**, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is probably another good example to our visitors of your commitment to education.

This request, of course, is to add the Jabara Campus to the 2006 Capital Improvement Program. With your approval of the intention to bond last week, you established a funding source for the project. These are the three facilities that will comprise the campus. These are estimates for each of those facilities and do include parking and landscaping.

The total estimated cost is \$38,246,126 and as you are very well aware, partial funding will come from other sources. To the extent that that other funding is received, it will reduce the amount of debt requiring county guarantee.

As an example, and assuming you approve of the CIP amendment, Marty Hughes will follow with a grant application. The CIP Committee has recommended approval. Do you have any questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the CIP Amendment.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Pete. Next item."

**H. GRANT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF AN ASSESSMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER.**

**Mr. Marty Hughes**, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "During the first quarter of 2005, Boeing made the decision to sell its Wichita Commercial Division to Onex, a Canadian investment firm. The initial impact expected was a layoff of 530 to 1,300 hourly workers. That seems like ancient history now, but a loss of 500 manufacturing jobs or more in an area automatically qualifies that area for economic development assistance for one year.

Based on this qualification, Sedgwick County and the Wichita Airport Authority have prepared a joint application to EDA for funding of up to 1.5 million dollars to help fund the cost of the assessment and career development center, which is phase one of the technical education complex at Jabara Airport.

According to this grant application, the total estimated project costs of the Assessment and Career Development Center is \$4,193,800. Last week, you approved a resolution requesting Sedgwick County Public Building Commission to issue revenue bonds to fund the cost of this project, plus any other funding made available for the project. And then, just before I approve the CIP for that . . . amendment to the CIP for that project.

Once awarded, this EDA grant supports the county's position to utilize the expertise of the staff at South Central Kansas Economic Development District to administer the grant and all of the federal requirements associated with the federal funding.

In the audience today we have Bill Bolin, Director of South Central Kansas Economic Development District, who was instrumental in preparing the grant application and who would be glad to address any questions you might have about the grant application.

Additionally, in the audience today is Chris Chronis, your CFO, who can address questions regarding the non-grant funding of the project. And I'd also like to recognize, and I don't know if she's here today, but Lori Usher, Workforce Development Coordinator and Susan Erlenwein and her staff at Environmental Resources, who also assisted in development of the grant application. I recommend your approval of the grant application at this time and I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have and if I can't, then Bill Bolin probably can."

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, we do have questions or comments. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you very much. Well Commissioners, I assume we all are going to be pretty supportive of this. I know I am. It’s certainly just a follow on with what we started last week with the new Aviation Tech Center, so I am going to be supportive.

I would like to ask Bill Bowlin though to come to the podium and talk to us just a minute about SCKEDD’s role in this. We certainly appreciate the help and the assistance and I think we’ve got several groups working regionally in South Central Kansas, so I’d like for Bill to just take a moment and maybe tell those that are listening and us just briefly about SCKEDD and then SCKEDD’s role in this application and in this process with this grant.”

**Mr. Bill Bowlin**, Executive Director, SCKEDD, greeted the Commissioners and said, “SCKEDD is an economic development district. We were formed about 35 years ago. Our basic purpose is to assist cities and counties with economic development, to seek out funding for economic development projects.

On this particular project, I’ve been working with Pete Gustav for many years, since like 2001. When Pete first came up with the idea, he and I got together and we started trying to develop an application for it and then the timing really worked for us. This past fall, when the Economic Development administration was looking for new projects and we had this project in line and the commission had already decided that they were interested in backing this project, so we approached EDA about it and they agreed. After pre-application process, that they would like an application from the county and the Wichita Airport Authority in the amount of one and a half million dollars. They will receive that application by the end of this week.

Paul Holdebrandt, who is our economic development representative, has also been very helpful. He will then take the application and pass it on to the Denver regional office and I’m sure they will call me with some questions I have to answer. Very rarely do you get one that is absolutely, 100% perfect the day it walks through the door. And I would guess that not too long after that, it will be off to Washington, for approval at that level. After that, it will be announced by one of our two senators or possibly our representative. I don’t know which one will be picked to make that announcement. So it’s kind of a gathering together of a lot of people, working together to make the

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thing work out.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right, Bill, from your experience, do you have a fairly high level of confidence about the success of this grant or is it still in the pretty if-y side of the stage?”

**Mr. Bowlin** said, “No, all the if-y-ness is taken away when they ask for the application. With this particular federal agency, they take the pre-application. When they ask you for an application, they’ve set the money aside.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “So this is we’ve already done the pre-application then?”

**Mr. Bowlin** said, “That is correct.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “And this is the official document.”

**Mr. Bowlin** said, “That is correct.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well thank you, and we certainly appreciate the work that your organization has done in helping with this. Thank you, Bill.”

**Mr. Bowlin** said, “Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, is that all? Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, Bill is going to sit down, but we’ve had several fits and starts on this project, as it drug out a little longer, as we kind of slogged through trying to get everything put together that we needed to do and I appreciate Bill’s ability to work within his organization and as we kind of couldn’t come to our conclusions of where we needed to be, he kept this on the table, he stayed with it, and was tenacious so that the money didn’t go away or we didn’t miss some windows of opportunity and I appreciate that, Bill, working with us and making sure that happened because it did take us a little longer to get to this point than we wanted to.

I think this is important for people to know, that even though we’re backing this whole big project as the commission, now the race has started to find those pockets of money from economic development organizations, from federal government, state government, other grant opportunities to help backstop this project and make it a holistic community project, more than just a county commission project and I think we’ve started that. Obviously, 1.5 million starts clinking away at what the debt service is going to be, that the county is going to have to back and hopefully there will be several more of these kind of announcements and grant applications that will add to this

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project, but I appreciate Bill, your efforts in this. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, I just want to express gratitude for your part in submitting this grant application. My question is, was this a maximum amount that we could request? I mean, was there some sort of cap on that? Why one and a half million?"

**Mr. Bowlin** said, "Yes, the Denver Regional Office receives \$3,000,000 in a particular category that you're competing for and you're taking half of their money with this project and that took a little bit of effort, just to get that half. Normally, they might just give you a third of their money, but the regional director was really behind this project and so he pushed to add the additional \$500,000. Also the fact that the county was backing the project. The question they kind of made, 'Well, you know, can't we just give you a million instead one and a half million and I said 'Yes, you can, but you have to remember, the county has to come up with the other half million dollars. There's nobody else putting money in the pot, and so with that idea and the fact that you're getting strong backing from the Denver regional director, they came in at the one and a half million.'"

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, well thank you for that explanation and I'm grateful that we got the extra half-million. I would have been grateful for all the whole three million, but I'm going to be very supportive of this application. That's all I had."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "And Bill is downplaying the effort that he put into it to get that extra half million dollars, and I know you're just not wanting to reach back and pat yourself on the back, but I think that without your insistence and tenacity, that wasn't just an easy thing to accomplish, and we thank you for that."

The one thing I want to make very clear to the community is that while the county has agreed to backstop this entire project, don't think for a moment that the commissioners and appropriate staff people and individual team members are not going to be really talking earnestly to state officials, and federal officials, asking for assistance. We're going to be out, talking to the business community. We're going to have this become an entire community project, where everybody is going to be given the opportunity to say 'Yes, I was part of that' and you can interpret that to mean that we're going to work very hard to reduce the amount of money that the commission has

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committed to, but we are committed to it, regardless of how successful we might be, but we are going to work hard to get other partners onboard. Thank you very much. What is the will of the Board on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this application.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**I. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

- 1. REVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) MASTER PLAN FOR 2006 AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE CJCC MENTAL HEALTH AND DAY REPORTING PROGRAMS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

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**Mr. Bob Lamkey**, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "If you recall, last November, the Manager presented you the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council master plan, that affects 2006-2007 and beyond. And in that plan, there were a number of initiatives that we believe will profoundly change and reshape the way in which we do criminal justice in our community. We advocated a number of sanctions that are currently not present, that will help us be a more effective and efficient criminal justice community.

There is a cost to doing that, but as you've seen in a number of occasions, as we've shown you the chart about the trends in detention beds and the potential costs of those, there's a cost, I think a greater cost in not moving forward, so with that, as you face these . . . there are things I'm going to recommend very shortly, I'd like to put the plan in context for both you and the public to see one more time, so I'm going to talk very briefly on how this master plan fits, so we'll talk a little bit about the impetus of the plan, some of the initial steps, some of the previous actions, prior to this plan, that we took in order to enhance our criminal justice system, and then those master plan initiatives that are currently on the table, the ones that we propose to work on through the rest of 2006 and what we face for 2007.

The impetus of course was concerns for a growing jail population, something that we've seen. Our solutions in the past have been, as the jail has gotten crowded, we add to the bed population, but as consultants have told us and as we see the trends, we'll always be behind that power curve and so we hired a consultant to help us figure out how can we operate differently and more effectively in that process and we've got a fine report from IOPP. Two years ago this month, you formed the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to take that report and to embrace the criminal justice system in this community and move it forward and that committee included the administrative judges from the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, the District Attorney, city prosecutors, staff from the county, folks at W.S.U., the Sheriff, the Chief of Police, a very cosmopolitan group of folks that are involved and have ownership and pieces of the system.

The initial steps, of course we initiated recommended improvements from the consultant, other things, and we'll talk a little bit more about those in a minute. Dr. Craig Mooreland, last year, performed a jail population alternatives review for us and then the CJCC engaged the self-help network in the summer and fall and a visioning process and had input from the judges, attorneys and citizens to develop a master plan and that was presented to you in November.

Looking back, I want you, the commission, to recognize the thing that you have done and the things that you have supported in this process, both with your political will and the county's finances in

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this process, and it's actually been quite substantial. And this doesn't include the things that you were doing previously, that we'll hear a little bit later on, with regards to the juvenile justice component, so the bond schedules were reviewed and adjusted. We updated the detention classification system. You provided some funds to the Sheriff to do that. We extended pre-trial service to the City of Wichita. You funded an expansion to the Adult Residential Facility that we have that principally is funded by the state, but we had a backlog of 45 in the jail, awaiting that, and no one was going to step up, but Sedgwick County, and you did. We expanded the Sheriff's Work Release by 61 beds. That facility is currently at capacity.

You funded an enhancement to the District Attorney's Adult Diversion expansion. You've funded implementation of double-bunking at the Detention Facility to the tune of 90 beds. You continue to support, with your financial support and political will, the pilot program for the offender reentry program, in partnership with the City of Wichita and the state, and most recently you provided some additional staff and vehicle, so that the Sheriff can more completely take advantage of out-of-county beds that are available.

So where are we today? Well, currently we're designing a jail expansion. Last week, Marilyn Cook presented you a proposal for the implementation of a mental health program, still tentatively called the Justice Collaborative. That prices out at about 1.2 million dollars for the rest of the year. The action you took two weeks ago was to approve the change to the staffing table. I'm here today to ask you to fund the program, so that we can move forward.

Later today, you will see in the Bid Board recommendations a recommendation to engage in a contract for day reporting in this community and the cost of that, for the remainder of 2006, assuming it gets running in June, is \$876,000. Marilyn did a fine job of talking the details of the mental health program and she's here, available, if you have any further questions on that today. I'll briefly talk about the day reporting center.

It is a sentencing alternative. These are people, principally, who have been adjudicated and would be in jail or are in jail now. It's a non-residential option. It provides supervision and case management. Case management for treatment of cognitive behavior changes, case management for pre-employment, case management for anger management and they will either provide those or they will provide contacts to resources in the community in this process, so it's a non-residential program, so it takes folks out of the jail. It provides requisite supervision in a range from house arrest, monitoring house arrest, to checking up people who are employed to make sure they're employed. The operation of the facility is about eight to eight, six days a week, so we'll have programs for folks that will be there all day and programs for folks that will be there after work.

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This provides the courts, and they're great supporters of this, a great deal of flexibility in dealing with the specific needs and criteria for, one, protecting the public and providing an alternative sanction to insure that the community is safe, but also to find ways in which to deflect these people and give them the tools to get out of the criminal justice system.

So the outcomes we expect to receive are improved compliance, reduced recidivism and clearly to reduce the jail population and the target of that, as Dr. Craig-Mooreland looked at this process, was between about 150 and 200 folks that are currently in our jail could be served by this kind of program, so both judges are very excited about this program. And again, you'll have the opportunity, when you hear the Bid Board Minutes, to fund that as part of that process and I'll be here and available to answer any more detailed questions about the program that you don't ask me at this particular point, as you see that report.

For 2006, we'll start visiting about a mental health court after we get the diversion program up and running. We've got a committee working in that process. That 1.2 million dollars is the estimated cost of running that program for a full year. It is my estimation, quite frankly, that our focus for this community is going to be on getting the mental health diversion up and running and then we'll begin working on how to incorporate mental health court, so probably won't be back to you until the later part of the year, on a recommendation and cost and how we'll configure this process, because again there's some learnings that we need to have in order to bring that to you.

The same thing with District drug court, there is a conference coming up in June that I've asked Judge Ballinger, the District Attorney and COMCARE to provide a representative, basically the seed of a drug court program. It's the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' annual training and they have multiple tracks. They've got a judicial track, they've got a legal track for prosecutors and then they have a provider track. And as I looked at the curriculum, it looked like the absolute, ideal place to bring a few key folks together, to get the learnings that are required to network with those who are doing it now, to begin that planning germ for us.

Court case flow analysis, again this is a consultant that comes at no charge, to look at how things process through the courts, both Judge Jones and Judge Ballinger are open to having this happen and they also propose to use these folks as experts in helping them configure the drug and mental health courts.

We're in the process and we have been for a while, looking at the technology improvements to facilitate the sharing of information. Over time, we have stovepipe systems that don't communicate with each other. Part of our obligation is to try to smooth the process of sharing information, moving it forward so that people can make decisions better and more quickly to reduce the amount of time a person spends in the jail.

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Initiatives for 2007, and again we haven't begun to talk about these things yet except on a very superficial level, is a creation of a work center, managed by the Sheriff and we'll again have continued efforts to improve the criminal justice systems at Sedgwick County to reduce overcrowding.

So that's the end, so what I'm recommending to you today is that you fund the mental health collaborative and that, as you view the Bid Board minutes, that you consider supporting that program and I'm speaking on behalf of the CJCC for both of those programs at this point, and I stand ready to answer any questions. And again, we've come a long way in two years, we've done a lot of work. Now we're on the cusp of redefining how we do criminal justice in a meaningful way, and I would propose that we would move forward. That's it."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Finished?"

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "Yes, sir."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "We appreciate how succinct that you made that presentation too, Bob. Commissioner Burnett."

**Commissioner Burnett** said, "Bob, I've been real involved in all these meetings and discussions and I'm very supportive of this. I think this is where we need to be going and as our population grows, over the years, so will our need for the alternative programs and unfortunately for the jail expansion. I think we're making the right move, doing both in conjunction, at the same time getting these programs moving. So it's very reassuring, knowing that we're going to be getting to these programs right away and you mentioned that we're going to be able to start implementing this when? Is it in the next few months? Is that what you said?"

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "Yeah, once we get funding approval, the Day Reporting Center will probably have about a 60-day start up period in order to get set and settled and so that program should be underway on the first of June and the first step there will be to essentially look at who is currently incarcerated, who might be working that program and Judge Jones and Judge Ballinger have already set up a timeframe in May in order to meet with the vendor, again assuming that the bid board minutes are accepted, to start the process of moving forward on that."

**Commissioner Burnett** said, "So we'll be able to see results soon."

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "Yes."

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**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "That's going to be great. That's all I had."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I'm going to be very supportive and I'm glad to see that we're starting to get some substance to all of our activity of trying to figure out what's the right thing to do and when to do it."

The CJCC has a stated mission that we want to provide a continuum of sanctions that have both custodial care and community-based activities that we can control this population, that we can offload pressure on the jail populations, that we can be very good stewards of the community tax money in taking care of this problem, so I'm glad to see that we're getting started and I think that this will prove productive and so I'm going to be very supportive."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Burtnett asked the questions about timing. That was the only thing I had, and Bob has answered that. Thank you."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the board on Item I?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file the report and approve funding for the CJCC Mental Health and Day Reporting Programs.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And just briefly, I just want to say to the public that this is this commission’s beginning attempt to think out of the box, as an alternative to every four or five years add another four or five hundred beds to the jail, four or five hundred beds to the jail and I think that we’re all to be commended that we’re willing to look at some alternatives to just pure incarceration. Because, if a person has a mental illness and because of that, he or she has committed a crime, right now the judge has no recourse but to put him in jail, doesn’t deal with the root cause. Now we’re going to be able to give the judges some other tools that these people can get the help to eliminate the root cause and thereby eliminating the need to put them in jail and then we’re going to save the Sedgwick County citizens a lot of dollars in not having to expand our incarceration capacity. So we’re going to get started. This is not the end, it’s just the beginning, and we’re going to see what happens, but I’m very optimistic. Thank you Bob, very much. Next item please.”

**2. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS FOR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FACILITY.**

**Mr. Lamkey** said, “In 2001, the BoCC recognized the need to provide additional EMS crews to support service demands in the rapidly growing areas of west and northwest Wichita and Sedgwick County. The added crews were temporarily housed in an existing EMS post in west Wichita, until a more effective location could be found and facilities developed, and part of the process, we went through the CIP process and approved in 2004 a CIP to build a northwest EMS post.

Our desire of course was to provide property with urban services and quick access to major arterials from which to serve the area and allow rapid deployment across the system, because that’s how our ambulances move and support countywide demands.

After considerable searching, a great opportunity presented itself to partner with the City of Maize at its planned new government center, near 39<sup>th</sup> and Maize Road. This lease agreement calls for the Public Building Commission, on behalf of the City of Maize, to construct an EMS post to our operational specifications, and lease it back from an initial term of approximately 25 years, for a lump sum payment of \$455,211, which is essentially the cost of constructing the facility.

The building, it’s appearance, will be conforming with the overall plan for the Maize Government

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Center.

During the initial period, all responsibility for maintenance, repair, replacement for the HVAC, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, structural as well as grounds maintenance will fall to the City of Maize and we'll be responsible for the operating costs, the custodial care, interior upkeep and preventative maintenance, things like changing out filters and those things.

And after the initial term, there's a provision for extension of an additional 10 years, subject to the county assuming a larger role in the maintenance upkeep of the facility. This is good for us in that the location is actually quite ideal for serving that area. It provides a service component to Maize and Colwich and that area of the county that was underserved, as well as respond to that very rapidly growing area of northwest Wichita. It will be just south of where the proposed northwest bypass will be, and so we have good access to go both east . . . we will have good access to go both east and west in the future, to allow that ambulance to move quickly throughout the area. We avoid the cost of land and of course Maize gets an EMS post closer to their community, although we would have been close to their community in any event. But their value, in controlling the configuration and owning the facilities in their government center are also supported by this. so I would ask that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Commissioners. We have some comments here first. I'm going to assume that you were first."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "It was a dead even."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "It was a dead even? Okay, both of you go at the same time. No, go ahead Lucy."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Well Bob, this is very exciting, there's a lot of good things happening in Maize right now. My question would be, once we approve this, what's the time frame on getting this built?"

**Mr. Lamkey** said, "I think . . . my expectation will be about an eight month process, to actually . . . from when we sign, as it gets to the contractor, they'll get a developer that's developing their government center in their process. They've shown us some preliminary design work, basically because we need to approve the operational configuration, so I think it's about eight months before we have an ambulance there."

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "Okay, and how many months is it before we start on the new fire

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station?”

**Mr. Lamkey** said, “We start on the new fire station in June.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Okay, so this is all very close together.”

**Mr. Lamkey** said, “Very close together.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “All right, that’s all I needed. Thank you.”

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you. Bob, would you just want to make a comment about our thinking about not co-locating these services?”

**Mr. Lamkey** said, “Sure. It may seem logical to co-locate our fire station or EMS post, but one of the things you have to recognize, they have separate constituencies. The fire district serves principally the fire district folks and the City of Wichita is not in the fire district. As we looked at this, about moving that two and a half miles, what we would end up doing is pulling about 17,000 people outside of the eight-minute response area and really add no value to the response in the rural areas.

And so, in this particular case, because they are separate constituencies, EMS serves both the fire district and the City of Wichita, it made absolute sense to have them, in this particular case, separated and it didn’t make any sense to move the fire station down within two blocks of Wichita either, so I think the site of both of those are appropriate for meeting the needs of the constituents that they serve.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Well thank you. I appreciate the analysis and I think that’s a correct conclusion. I just think others might have had that question, so thanks for the explanation. I just want to make a comment that I think here’s another good example of how different governments can cooperate to the mutual benefit of both governments, so I’m happy to work with the City of Maize and we can work together to provide benefit for not only Sedgwick County, but also for the City of Maize. It’s a good collaboration. That’s all I had.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “And it improves our response time because of it being separate from the actual where the fire district is going to have their fire station, the first response, without overlapping, it can be more effective too, so it’s a win/ win for everyone. Is that all that you had, commissioner?”

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, "That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I'm probably not going to add anything to the conversation. I am going to be supportive. Just to again emphasize how much this part of Sedgwick County is growing, two weeks ago I did attend the grand opening and the ribbon cutting for W.S.U.'s new west side facility which is already just having great reception and great success in their student load at their new west side facility and this new EMS station will be right in kind of the same complex that the W.S.U. facility is located, so that's a rapidly growing part of the community. Thank you. That's all I had."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

**MOTION**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much, Bob. Next item please."

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE**

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**J. COMCARE.**

**1. PRESENTATION OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT RECIPIENTS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Jeannette Livingston**, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “Kind of a timely time to give you an update on the Sedgwick County prevention fund. You’ve heard about the jail alternative programs and now this will be a little further down the line, trying to prevent juveniles from being involved in the system.

Over the last couple of years, we have tried very hard to make this a very results focused approach to grant making. We’ve put more and more emphasis on evidence-based programs, in consultation with Dr. Dolores Craig Moreland, we’ve worked with programs to make sure that we’re targeting kids with multiple risk factors, because at any one given time, a kid might have one risk factor for future juvenile criminality, but it’s that cumulative affect of multiple risks and those are the kids that we want to serve with these grant dollars.

We’ve also worked to make sure that we’re targeting our services appropriately, particularly trying to hit areas that have a problem with disproportionate minority contact with law enforcement, so we’re trying to make sure that we’re targeting our funds to the folks that are most at risk for future criminality.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters is one of our evidence-based programs. They provide mentoring services for at-risk youth. When we set our outcomes for our evidence-based programs, we try to look at the research and target what the research has shown they’re effective at doing, so we look at Big Brother/ Big Sisters to improve academic performance, increased confidence, reduced risk for substance abuse and reduced risk for teen pregnancies.

The program has performed well on most of its outcomes, missed the target for teen pregnancy by .05% so just barely. To my recollection, that is the only time that they have missed that outcome. They have struggled meeting the target for attitude towards school. They provide training for their mentors on working with schools and kids on their schoolwork, but it seems pretty hard to influence a child’s attitude towards school. Interestingly, they have improved they academic performance, but the attitude hasn’t necessarily changed, so I wouldn’t read too much into that.

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Boys and Girls Club offers the Targeted Outreach program. It's an academic program serving youth that have been suspended or expelled from school. They specifically target those kids that have been expelled for an entire year, through some of the no-tolerance policies. Of all the kids that have completed the program to date, they have all returned to school. They've improved their attendance and reduced their arrests. However, the program this semester missed its target for reducing suspensions and improving grades. Often, grades are one of the last things that fall into place, so I'll be interested to see, next quarter, if we have similar issues.

Communities in School, it's our program that connects kids in schools to services they need to be successful: things like it might be tutoring or counseling or even medical insurance, trying to help these kids address the issues that are keeping them from being successful in school. The program is a yearlong program, so the outcomes are measured annually. I receive quarterly reports on the activities, the services that they receive, but the outcomes are reported annually.

I wanted to point out, you might notice that their goal to serve is 135 annually, and they've served 358. It's due to a change in the way they track and measure kids. Next year, we will change that goal 'to serve' to reflect that they've changed their system to where they now count every kid, where as it used to they had like a caseload and they only tracked and counted those kids. For 2006 we added a Ready to Learn grant, so this grant focuses on getting educators the resources they need to help parents and youth, of kids that, coming into kindergarten have been assessed that they don't have the skills they need to begin school.

Episcopal Social Services, their Teen Intervention program, it's a diversion program for kids arrested for minor misdemeanors. They work to improve kids' school attendance, reduce re-offences and improve their skills that will help them avoid future problems with the law, things like decision making, conflict resolution skills. They have performed very well, to date.

The Higher Ground, Learning the Ropes program is a substance abuse prevention and treatment program for adolescents. It also includes a parenting program for parents of kids who are going through treatment. They've met all their goals to date, except for the one which they missed . . . they track their goals for six months and one year and they missed their goal for abstinence at six months by .5%, so they just barely missed that one also. Otherwise, the kids have improved as far as their assessment of addiction and their parents have improved their parenting skills.

KANSEL is an alternative education program for kids who have dropped out of school, so they are no longer in school. It includes an evidence component of the Job Start program, got that up and running now but we still have fairly low numbers served in that program, but they've met their outcomes. The kids attending the program, you know, are not being arrested, they're improving their academic performance and they're getting their GEDs.

The Mental Health Association has a Paths for Kids program. This is an evidence-based

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curriculum. It works with elementary school kids on conflict resolution skills. They've met all their goals, except for the one on homework completion, which is kind of hard to target. For next year, we look for this program to improve its fidelity with that evidence-based curriculum model. The curriculum itself has been implemented many different ways, but the research has only been done on one implementation method, not saying that you wouldn't have the same outcomes on the other ways its implemented, but we would like to see that program implemented more in line with what the evidence has shown is effective.

Mental Health Association has another grant is a pilot project for the 'I Can Problem-Solve'. It's a collaborative with the Knight Foundation to work with kids at the Top Early Learning Center in the Planeview/ Oaklawn area. They're going to train teachers and parents and then they will work with the preschool students. The grant was initiated in November. Services were scheduled to start in January, but Top had asked to delay that, because they had an accreditation site visit. So starting in March, the program staff have met with the parents and the teachers and provided some training and services were set to begin for preschoolers in April, so won't be third-quarter report, but the fourth-quarter report, we should have some outcomes and some numbers served on this one.

Rainbows United, their Early Intervention program is an evidence-based parent education program, it's the 'Incredible Year'. It's evidence based and it's fairly lengthy, it's 12 weeks, which means we get outcomes every other quarter and it also has been a real challenge to get parents to complete the program. Of those completing, we've had really good outcomes. They improved their parenting skills and added to their confidence as parents.

The Wichita Family Services Institute On-Trac program is an early intervention program for youth exhibiting problem behaviors, so these youth may be referred by the District Attorney's Office or Juvenile Intake and Assessment, or they may be referred by schools or parents. We look for this program to improve the kids' attendance in school, improve their grade point average, reduce arrests and reduce truancy. I'll give you . . . that's a quick overview of the programs to date. I'm available if you have any questions."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Jeannette, remind me again, this is the presentation of the second quarter performance, so what timeframe? What months are we talking about here?"

**Ms. Livingston** said, "So it ended December 31<sup>st</sup>."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "So it will be starting in July of last year, it would have been July .

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**Ms. Livingston** said, “It would have been in the first quarter. October, November, December is the second quarter.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “And then, as the number of the representations were here, the goals would be one number of contacts or kids served and the ‘served to date’ then would be half of that.”

**Ms. Livingston** said, “Half year, I’m getting third quarter reports just now.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “So that still doesn’t mean that necessarily someone is off track.”

**Ms. Livingston** said, “That’s an annual goal. I should have put that on there, sorry.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Okay, I think that’s the only question I have. It appears to you that everything is proceeding this year? We don’t have any flagrant problems or someone just not paying attention at all, do we?”

**Ms. Livingston** said, “No, not at this point.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. That’s all I have.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I don’t see that there’s any other questions or comments. So Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye

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Chairman Sciortino

Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

**Commissioner Winters left the meeting room at 10:47 a.m.**

**2. CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE CITY OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SPECIAL LIQUOR TAX PROGRAM.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, LSCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a renewal of a contract with the City of Wichita. They contract with Sedgwick County in our addiction treatment program to provide administrative services for the city's special liquor tax program. What we do for this money is monitor 18 separate contracts for 15 providers. We monitor the outcomes, as Jeannette just did for the prevention funds, and we refine those, as she does for the prevention funds as well, through this contract.

We also review the financial and management strategies that each of these organizations and providers have developed a request for proposal, when that is appropriate, and we convene coalition meetings.

We did, between last year and this year, add two new providers: the Substance Abuse Assessment Center of Kansas, or SAACK and Friends of Recovery, which is a residential program for individuals and that's known as the Oxford, or the Oxford House Chain. All of the providers of the services successfully met their targets for 2005 and they served approximately 5,000 individuals in this community who had substance abuse needs.

We're requesting that you approve the renewal and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh

Aye

Commissioner Norton

Aye

Commissioner Winters

Absent

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much, Marilyn. Next item please."

**Commissioner Winters returned to the meeting room at 10:49 a.m.**

**K. AGREEMENT WITH APPRENTICE PERSONNEL, INC. FOR ADVERTISING SPACE.**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our standard agreement for advertising space. Apprentice Personnel has been a long-term client of ours, a long-term sponsor. This will be our second go-around. It's a three-year deal. It's a straight cash for advertising opportunity. We provide a very unique method in which to get their message across, high profile, we bring a lot of customers in view of that message. We recommend approval."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you, John. Next item please."

**L. RANGE REALLOCATION OF THIRTEEN POSITIONS TO THE COURT TRUSTEE STAFFING TABLE: THREE OFFICE SPECIALISTS, B115, TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, B218; THREE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, B218, TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, B321; THREE INVESTIGATORS, B217, TO SENIOR INVESTIGATORS, B220; ONE LEGAL**

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**ASSISTANT, B217, TO SENIOR LEGAL ASSISTANT, B219; TWO ATTORNEYS, B325, TO SENIOR ATTORNEYS, B327; AND ONE SENIOR ATTORNEY, B327, TO CHIEF DEPUTY COURT TRUSTEE, B431.**

**Ms. Julie Harbour**, HR Director, Office of the Court Trustee, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are requesting salary range reallocation for 13 positions in the Court Trustee’s Office Staffing Table. Three of those are office specialists going to administrative assistants, three administrative assistants to administrative officers, three investigators to senior investigators, one legal assistant to a senior legal assistant, two attorneys to senior attorneys and one senior attorney to chief deputy, two attorneys to senior attorneys, and one senior attorney to chief deputy court trustee. We request that you approve these salary range reallocations to the Court Trustee’s Staffing Table and be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “I don’t see that there are.”

**MOTION**

Chairman Sciortino moved to Approve the range reallocations to the Court Trustee Staffing Table.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much. Next item please.”

**PUBLIC WORKS.**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY AND THE KANSAS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF RAILWAY-HIGHWAY CROSSING SIGNALS, FLASHING LIGHT**

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**STRAIGHT POST TYPE WITH GATES AT A GRADE CROSSING AT  
55<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH AND THE BNSF TRACKS. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item M-1 is a three party agreement between BNSF Railway, Sedgwick County and KDOT regarding the construction and maintenance of highway crossing signals at 55<sup>th</sup> Street South and the BNSF tracks. The project will consist of flashing light straight post signals and gates.

Sedgwick County will be responsible for the continued maintenance of the advanced warning signs and pavement markings. The railroad crossings in the state are prioritized by KDOT and selected accordingly. The total cost of the project is \$142,441 and will be 100% federally funded. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you very much, David. You have another item I believe.”

- 2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BRIDGE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIDGE NUMBER 790-BB-2853, LOCATED ON 239<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST BETWEEN 95<sup>TH</sup> AND 103<sup>RD</sup> STREETS SOUTH WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS; AND RESCINDING ALL**

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**PREVIOUS DESIGNATIONS OF BRIDGE WEIGHT POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SAID COUNTY BRIDGE WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item M-2 is a resolution designating bridge weight requirements for the bridge on 239<sup>th</sup> Street West, between 95<sup>th</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> Streets South. There was a study conducted at the request of the local school district to determine if a bus could safely cross this bridge. This is a timber structure and we needed to beef it up and we did that and it gave us a higher safety factor. The resolution before you today increases the weight limit to eight tons and I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much, David. Next item please."

**N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2006.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The bid board meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup> results in six items for consideration today."

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**1) EMULSIFIED OIL- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIALS**

First item, emulsified oil for Public Works. Recommendation is the low bid from SemMaterials in the amount of \$170,872.50.

**2) CORRUGATED STEEL PIPE- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item two, corrugated steel pipe for Public Works. Recommendation is the low bid of Welborn Sales Incorporated in the amount of \$77,314.07.

**3) ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING SOURCE: FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES**

The third item, on-call architectural services for Facilities Department. Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Wilson Darnell Mann to establish and execute contract pricing for three years, with two one-year options to renew.

**4) DAY REPORTING CENTER- PUBLIC SAFETY/ CORRECTIONS  
FUNDING SOURCE: DAY REPORTING PROGRAM**

Item four, Day Reporting Center for Public Safety and Corrections. Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Behavior Interventions to establish and execute contract pricing, for one year, with four one-year options to renew.

**5) CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR THE PLEXAR TELEPHONE SYSTEM- DIO &  
VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

Item five, contract renewal for the Plexar telephone system, for the Division of Information/ Operations and various county departments. Recommendation is to accept the contract renewal for AT&T/ SBC for an estimated annual cost of \$34,800.

**6) CONSULTANT FOR 9-1-1 TELEPHONE SYSTEM- EMERGENCY**

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

**FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION/  
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WIRELESS**

And item six, consultant for the 9-1-1 telephone system for Emergency Communications. Recommendation is to accept the proposal from L. Robert Kimball and Associates and execute a contract for \$59,830. Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. We do have a question or comment. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “On item three, who is our on-call architect now?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “The current on-call was Law Kingdon.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay, and they didn’t bid for this this year.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “No they did not.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay, so it wasn’t a chance for renewal or re-up or whatever, because they did not participate.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. On item four, there was only one RFP proposal from Behavior Interventions. Is that the only folks in this area that do this kind of work? Is that why, or give us some background.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “This is a national firm. We did solicit five responses from national firms who can do the work. The state recently went through a project and had difficulty with zoning and getting established. This particular vendor did get the state award. One of the vendors who we had sent a proposal to is in the process of being bought out by Behavior Interventions, so they opted not to participate.

Oftentimes, vendors don’t want the risk of new start-up programs, so we’re hoping, by the time we get to another RFP process in a few years, it will be well established and we’ll have a bigger pool of responders.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “They are a firm that we’ve been able to observe a little bit, because

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of some other contracts with other organizations.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct. They’ve been very successful.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “That’s all I had, Mr. Chair.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, just to follow up on that item, even though we only received one bid, we’ve got a high level of confidence that these prices that they’ve given us for the day reporting are good? They not holding us up or anything. We think that these are good prices that would compare well with others doing similar things in either other communities or for the State of Kansas?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct, we did check into that.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “And so we’re confident in these numbers.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Okay. It seemed like I had another question. I guess it’s a comment. I’m kind of surprised on how much on-call architectural services, the amount of that over the past twelve months. I guess we really do utilize that on-call firm quite a bit.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Yes. Small construction projects, remodels, planning, that we use them a lot for space planning.”

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Iris, the only comment I have, it’s very small, is on item two you indicated that we accepted the low bid of Welborn Sales Incorporated, but it looked like the other bidder was the low bid. It was only by \$100 or so, or less than \$100, but did you mean low bid meeting specifications?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “No, it was low bid. I’ll have to check into that.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Well, it says 773.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Well no, one says 77,726 and the other says 77,300.”

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**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I'm sorry, I'm reading that as 226."

**Ms. Baker** said, "They were very close."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "My mistake. I'll have to get my eyes checked. I apologize for that."

**Ms. Baker** said, "We'll just say they were very close."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay, commissioners, what's the will of the board on the report, if there's no other questions?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you very much, Iris. Sorry about that. I just can't read. Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**O. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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- 1. One Temporary Construction Easement and one Tenant Release for Damage for Sedgwick County Project 628-22-140, bridge replacement on MacArthur Road between Hoover and Ridge Road. CIP# B-426. District #2.**
- 2. Amendment to the 2006 Capital Improvement Program to increase Project B-394, bridge replacement on 15<sup>th</sup> Street South between 263<sup>rd</sup> and 279<sup>th</sup> Streets West.**
- 3. Agreement with Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. for services related to the construction of the Sedgwick County Arena.**
- 4. Termination of Contract with Jaylyn Elliott for Level I Client Assessment Referral Evaluation services.**
- 5. Deletion of one part-time case manager position, Band 216, Step 1, from, and addition of one full-time case manager position, Band 216, Step 1, to the COMCARE Staffing Table.**
- 6. Order dated April 4, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. Agreement with Laurel L. Graves, d.b.a. LLG Enterprises, providing on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 8. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 5-11, 2006.**
- 9. Payroll Check Register of April 7, 2006.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, we do have to have a fire district meeting. Why don't I go ahead and adjourn."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "We do have an executive session."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "We have an executive session but it pertains to the fire district. So at this time we have 'Other'. Is there anything that anyone needs to discuss on 'Other' right now? Okay, good, at this time I will close the Regular Meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup> of the Board of County Commissioners."

**P. OTHER**

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Chairman  
Fifth District

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**LUCY BURTNETT**, Chair Pro Tem  
Fourth District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner,  
First District

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

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

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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