

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 15, 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, March 15, 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 Burtnett; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Ms. Marilyn Cook, LSCSW, Executive Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Dean E. Crowley, EMS Lieutenant, EMS; Mr. Joseph F. Burns, Sheriff's Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. Ron Zone, 9-1-1 Dispatcher, Emergency Communications; Mr. Kent Koehler, Senior Project Manager, DIO/ IT; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Craig Faroh, Chief Deputy, Election Office; Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Sheena Lynch, Management Intern, Manager's Office; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; 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

Ms. Marla Flenge, Member, League of Women Voters.
Mr. Terry Asla, Director, Larksfield Place Retirement Community.
Ms. Carolyn McMillan, Salem Township Treasurer.
Mr. Bob Schmidt, COMPEER program.
Mr. Bill Rush, COMPEER program.
Ms. Cornelia Stevens, Director, COMPEER, Mental Health Association.
Mr. Spencer Lancy, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Engineers, retired.
Mr. Bolton Miller, Colonel, U.S. Army, retired.
Mr. Bernie Hansen, Captain, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy, retired.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. Ashok Aurora of the Hindu Community.

FLAG SALUTE

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ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Winters was absent.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I want to just make a mention here, Commissioner Winters is away, his grandchild is having a rather difficult operation and he felt it important that he be with his grandchild and his children at this time, so he won't be with us at this meeting. I say that for the record. Next item, please Madam Clerk."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, February 15, 2006
Regular Meeting, February 22, 2006

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of February 15th and February 22nd, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've had a chance to look at the Minutes of the regular meetings of February 15th and February 22nd of this year. What's your will?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15th and February 22nd, 2006.

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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

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PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 12 – 18, 2006 AS “NATIONAL SUNSHINE WEEK.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, I’d like to read this proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, representative democracy can be realized only when informed citizens hold government accountable for its decisions and actions; and

WHEREAS, the performance of government is enhanced by the contributions of active engaged citizens who are knowledgeable about government services and the rationale for government decisions; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local laws confer upon citizens many rights to access government records and observe meetings of elected governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Wichita Metro League of Women Voters is to provide education to citizens on the rights and obligations of citizenship;

WHEREAS, the Wichita Metro League of Women Voters, in partnership with the Kansas Sunshine Coalition, has joined with the National League of Women Voters to declare the week of March 12-18, 2006, as National Sunshine Week, in order to focus on the importance of protecting and enhancing public access to government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 12-18, 2006 as

‘National Sunshine Week’

to prompt awareness and action toward the fullest possible openness and transparency in the performance of national, state and local governments in the United States, including Sedgwick County government.

And I believe Marla Flenge is here, but before that we’re going to have to find out whether or not

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my colleagues agree with this position. So Commissioners, what's your will on this."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you and I think Marla Flenge, you might have a word or two for us."

Ms. Marla Flenge, Member, League of Women Voters, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here representing the League of Women Voters and we strongly believe that all of us have an obligation, whether you're elected officials, on your side of the bench, or us as citizens on this side, to be vigilant in assuring that government is open and accountable to those it serves.

We thank you for passing this proclamation, affirming this concept, and also very much we're aware that you embrace this notion of accountability as one of your core values and I think we'll all well served by that.

In commemoration of this week, you have in front of you information about the panel, the League of Women Voters, along with our partner, the Kansas Sunshine coalition, is sponsoring this evening called Kansas Sunshine: a Dialogue on Open Government'. We are very pleased that your county manager, Mr. Buchanan, is one of our distinguished panelist. The panel will be this evening, from 6:30 to 7:30 at First United Methodist Church downtown and as you can see, on that information, it will also be rebroadcast, it will be broadcast live, tonight on cable channel 22, and rebroadcast on KPTS on March 26th at 2:00 in the afternoon. So we invite you to participate or to watch on television later and thank you again for your acknowledgement of this important week."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. Clerk, call the next item please."

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**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 23 - 26, 2006 AS
“WWII: A SALUTE TO THE GREATEST GENERATION DAYS.”**

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, I’d like to read this proclamation into the record. It states:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the World War II generation protected freedom and liberty for millions of people in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the courage and valor of these men and women, both on the home front and abroad, turned the tide for freedom for all mankind, and

WHEREAS, the men and women of Wichita, Kansas played a vital role in the manufacturing of World War II-era aircraft used in battles around the globe, and

WHEREAS, this ‘Greatest Generation’ is departing us at the rate of 1,500 souls per day, and

WHEREAS, The Kansas World War II Historical Society, the Kansas Aviation Museum, Wichita State University History Department, Chapter 88 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Jayhawk Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, AM 1070, KFDI Radio and Larksfield Place retirement community are proud to have the opportunity to host a series of WWII-related events for the public and to thank members of the ‘Greatest Generation’ for their service to humanity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 23-26, 2006 as

‘WWII: A Salute to the Greatest Generation Days’

in Sedgwick County to encourage family involvement in this historical and educational tribute to a truly deserving group of Americans.

Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What is your will on this?”

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Kristi, I believe we have a couple of young ladies here to accept the award. Now these two young ladies I know didn’t serve in World War II. The rest of us may have, but the two there didn’t. Take a hard look at these gentlemen as they walk past you. They almost look normal and human, but they did extraordinary things during a very trying time in our nation.”

Mr. Terry Asla, Director, Larksfield Place Retirement Community, greeted the Commissioners and said, “These folks who are with me represent veterans who live at Larkfield Place, our CEO Valerie McGee and Teresa Day from the Kansas Aviation Musuem.

When we began this project, in November, we never anticipated that we would be standing before you here today. The Kansas Aviation Museum, Larkfield Place and the World War II Historical Society thought this would be a small event, but as time passed something very interesting happened, and that was I think a lot of people began to realize that the opportunities to be able to thank gentlemen and women like these are rapidly diminishing. And the opportunities for our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to speak firsthand to the people who were there is diminishing. As a consequence, more and more groups came forward and said they would like to be part of this and then Active Aging sent out . . . you know, put it on the front page for 80,000 people. Keynotes, in northeast Kansas, sent it out to 30,000 people. KFDI, AM 1070, got involved. It has been a remarkable experience.

The event will begin this Thursday, in the evening, with a showing of ‘The Battle of Britain’, extremely touching situation. I had a gentleman that was only 13 in London during the Battle of Britain and he brought us 10 books on the Battle of Britain and donated them. He said, ‘I want you to use these for door prizes that night because I want to say thank you to what you Yanks did for

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us'. And it's been that way all the way along. The major events will take place on Friday night with a Victory Dinner. Those of you who have never eaten World War II recipes . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Not K-rations."

Mr. Asla said, "No spam, no K-rations."

Chairman Sciortino said, "C-rations were okay, but those K-rations weren't worth a darn."

Mr. Asla said, "That's what I've heard. I suspect that Colonel Miller there would agree with you. We are going to be doing, anyway, good recipes. Then the big events are on Saturday and Sunday, running from 9 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 to 3 p.m. on Sunday. There will be films, speakers, over 30 displays and exhibits, the Experimental Aircraft Association has a kids' hangar, so you can park the children while you enjoy the different films and experiences. We hope you can come and we truly . . . we cannot honor these people enough, so thank you for your consideration."

Chairman Sciortino said, "If you will do us the honor, the people in the audience and the people on television, would you identify each of these by their name and rank."

Mr. Asla said, "Would you gentlemen like to come forward and do that. I think that would be the best way."

Mr. Spencer Lancy, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Engineers, retired, introduced himself.

Mr. Bolton Miller, Colonel, U.S. Army, retired, introduced himself.

Mr. Bernie Hansen, Captain, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy, retired, introduced himself.

Chairman Sciortino said, "You're not done yet. I'm assuming . . . commissioners, is there anything that you would like to say or mention? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I just want to think that it's always appropriate and respectful to remember the sacrifice and the service that our folks in the Armed Services have given to our country to protect our freedoms and the many things that we enjoy.

As time passes, we have the opportunity to forget and the seriousness of that conflict tends to diminishes a little bit and we need to be reminded of it, so I think that you provide not only an opportunity to recognize your service, but an opportunity for the rest of us to remember and realize what a serious conflict it was and how much you all sacrificed. And so, not only for you, but for all

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those that served, we're very proud of you and we appreciate what you've done to organize this event."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, David. Commissioner Burnett. You were there during that time, weren't you?"

Commissioner Burnett said, "I think I was just about born, yeah. I just want to find out where these events are going to be held."

Mr. Asla said, "We are going to be holding the events on the campus of Larksfield Place, 7373 East 29th Street North."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Okay, thank you."

Mr. Asla said, "Just look for the Jeep with a machine gun."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Oh, okay, can't miss it, right."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Anything else? Well, all I want to say, once again, is I guess all we can say is thank you. It doesn't seem like much, but I wasn't in the Navy at that time, but I was certainly old enough to understand what my uncles were going through when they were there and I don't understand how you people did what you did, because we're still enjoying the freedoms many of you made the ultimate sacrifice to allow us to have. But I'm convinced those that fell during that great conflict aren't dead. I think their spirit is entwined in every fiber of this banner we call the United States flag of America and it's embodied in every note and word of our National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance and they're ready to roll again, whenever we're needed. So again, thank you very, very much from the bottom on our hearts.

And I'll be there for some of this free food, whatever . . . as long as it's not K-rations. I can stomach C-rations, but . . . I'll pay for it. I see it says just . . . Clerk, call the next item please."

APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTMENTS.

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1. RESIGNATION OF THERESA L. SOLANA AS SALEM TOWNSHIP TREASURER.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "At this time, I would ask that you accept this resignation."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the resignation.

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
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROLYN MCMILLAN AS SALEM TOWNSHIP TREASURER.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, Kansas statutes provide that county commissioners make appointments to vacancies in township boards and we've prepared a resolution that would make this appointment to the vacancy created by Ms. Solana and this is for a term that would expire in January, 2009 and I recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, before we work on this recommendation, Commissioner Norton has a question."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

Commissioner Norton said, "Teresa has moved out of the area and has done a wonderful job as treasurer of Salem Township, but Carolyn is a long-time south sider and I think she'll fill in that role very, very well. She's stepped up to say that she would like to be involved in township government and I think she'll do a wonderful job and I'm glad she's accepted the position."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So are we. Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Carolyn, would you like to say a couple of words? Feel free. Oh, you have to be sworn in, not sworn at, sworn in. Mr. Brace is our county clerk and he's going to . . ."

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Please raise your right hand.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Salem Township Treasurer, so help me God."

Ms. Carolyn McMillan, Salem Township Treasurer, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Ms. McMillan said, "I think I'm getting ready to discover how many things I've taken for granted. Thank you for all your service."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

AWARD

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICE- COMCARE

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C. RECOGNITION OF BILL RUSH AS THE 2006 OUTSTANDING ADULT MATCH FOR THE WICHITA COMPEER PROGRAM.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are very fortunate at COMCARE to have a number of consumers and family members of consumers to serve on our advisory board. One of those individuals is an individual by the name of Bill Rush. He was appointed and has been serving on our board since 1999. He was appointed by Chairman Sciortino.

Bill and his COMPEER match, Bob Schmidt, recently were recognized and will soon receive an award for their participation in the COMPEER program. I have asked Cornelia Stevens, who is the manager of that program at the Mental Health Association to just give you a brief overview of what the COMPEER program is, talk about the award and then I’m going to tell you a story and then have them come up and be recognized, so here is Cornelia Stevens.”

Ms. Cornelia Stevens, Manager, COMPEER Program, Mental Health Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for having us here. It’s quite an honor. COMPEER is a mentoring program that is established to provide mentors to adults and children who are diagnosed with a mental illness and receiving mental health services. We are actually an international organization and there are approximately 100 COMPEER programs throughout the United States, Australia and Canada. In the state of Kansas, there are seven COMPEER programs and the Wichita COMPEER program is the largest in the state of Kansas.

Within our programs, we train and recruit volunteers to become mentors and support systems to the individuals that they’re matched with and we’ve seen many, many life-changing situations happen that Marilyn will tell you about. We were very fortunate, they called for nominees for each program throughout the United States, Australia and Canada to submit their outstanding adult match in their program for 2006 and out of all of the international nominations, our Wichita match was the one that was selected. Bob and Bill will have an opportunity to fly to Rochester, New York in the first week of April and stay at a very plush hotel that we are all very excited about and have an award ceremony and be recognized by our international office and amongst all of our other COMPEER affiliates throughout the nation.

So I’d like to thank you again for having us here and for recognizing them and I’ll turn it over to Marilyn so she can tell you more about her relationship.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well wait a minute, before you leave, this was an international thing, wasn’t it? It wasn’t just the State of Kansas or the United States, right?”

Ms. Stevens said, “We have programs that submitted nominations from . . . we have programs in

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the United States, Australia and Canada, so we are an international program and this is an international award and that is what, primarily, makes it so important and special to us.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “With this lush, luxury hotel thing, is there any need for an associate COMPEER for just a few . . . ?”

Ms. Stevens said, “I can see if I can work that out.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, let’s have Marilyn talk just a little bit.”

Ms. Cook said, “Bill and Bob, come on up here and I’m going to tell you their story. I also want to say, we have some staff and two board members, our Chair Phyllis Jacobs and Lucy Shifton, a board member, who are here today as well to help recognize these two individuals.

Bill and Bob actually were matched, is what they call it, in the COMPEER program in 1988 and I heard yesterday, as a little side-story, that Karen McNally, who is our Director at Community Support Services, was then working at the Mental Health Association and this was her first match, so she was pretty proud about this too, couldn’t be here today, but it’s a match that’s lasted a long time.

Bill has a diagnosis of Schizophrenia, had been hospitalized numerous times at that point and battled with paranoid and delusions and you’ll soon see, when he speaks, that he’s a gregarious and very friendly person but he was having some difficulty establishing and meeting or more importantly maintaining relationships and that became a challenge to him.

So at that time, Bob, who had recently retired, decided to look for something to do, to volunteer to help, and agreed to be matched with an individual. And that is a relationship that started in 1988 and has continued till today.

Bill’s story is on the piece of paper that we have given you and you can see the details in that. Bill commented on this and I am assuming this is part of the submission of this, that there were times that he was in pretty bad shape and that Bob was just constantly there for them. And in addition to that, there is an added advantage in that Bob’s wife is a nurse and so at one point, Bill also a number of years ago was diagnosed with Leukemia and the medications that he was receiving for

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that medical condition interfered with his mental health condition and it was Bob's wife that helped recognize that and helped stabilize that situation, so he has truly gained from the Schmidt family.

So this pair has been matched together for 17 years. They enjoy weekly activities and enjoy one another. They both enjoy fitness. They go to the same gym. They like to go to lunch. They like to bowl and after 17 years, they have found out that they can't talk about politics or religion without an argument, so they do stay away from those two topics. And when the COMCARE program approaches them each year and says, 'What do you think, are you in this for another year?' they comment 'We're in it for life'. So I'd like you to recognize Bill and Bob and give them an opportunity to say something."

Mr. Bill Rush, COMPEER participant, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to thank the Mental Health Association, COMPEER, my COMPEER Bob and I want to thank my parents, who are here. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's true."

Mr. Rush said, "That's true. But I mean, they've been there through thick and thin, through good times and bad times. I'd also like to thank the Breakthrough Club, who helped me through all this too, but Bob is an excellent friend. He's been there every chance I took. I mean, he was the only one who visited me at the hospital. One time when I was having a real tough time, besides my parents and he's just become a good friend and we bowl every week, and he's got a 200 average, so I have about a 165 average, so he's got a lot of patches that say over 700 or 75 pins over his average, he's really a great bowlers and he's a great friend, so thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Bill. Bob, would you like to say something?"

Mr. Bob Schmidt, COMPEER partner, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't know about all those things, Bill, but I think all those patches you see on my bowling bag are due to my longevity in bowling, rather than necessarily my skill. Bill and I have enjoyed being together as a match in COMPEER and I have enjoyed it immensely. It gives me a chance to get out and about, more than I might otherwise, even though I bowl four times a week, but I want to thank the COMPEER program, the Mental Health Association, and Sedgwick County for sponsoring us and I'll think about you while we're at the plush resort in New York."

Mr. Rush said, "I'd also like to thank COMCARE, who sent a lot of representatives here, Bev Baughman with Suicide Prevention Task Force, which I'm on, and Lucy Shifton and Phyllis Jacobs and Crystal James and Marilyn Cook of course, so thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, thank you and first of all, Mr. Rush, the success that you've had

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and this reward is a direct reflection not only on you and your COMPEER match, but on COMCARE. It's really a reflection on the community too. So we're very proud and some of us will be staying home, knowing that you all are enjoying a well deserved recognition, nationwide, in Rochester."

Mr. Rush said, "Oh, I'm looking forward to it. It sounds like it's going to be a great time."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, we have some comments here, if you'll just stand by. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well, actually I have a question for Marilyn. This is a great story and I'm so glad that you brought it to our attention. If people want to get involved in this, how would they go about that?"

Ms. Cook said, "To be involved in COMPEER? I'll let Cornelia give you the details on it."

Ms. Stevens said, "I happen to have some brochures with me. I wouldn't be a recruiter if I didn't have. We are at the Mental Health Association, and so if anyone were interested in becoming a mentor in the COMPEER program, they can just call 685-1821, extension 497 and ask for Cornelia and I will talk with them, determine which volunteer opportunity suits them and they can begin the process of becoming a volunteer."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, you said that pretty quick, so those people that didn't have a pen ready, if they look up in the blue pages in the phonebook, where would they go?"

Ms. Stevens said, "They would go . . . we would actually be listed, if they look in the business pages, under the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas. We are located at 555 North Woodlawn, off of Central and Woodlawn, and the number there in case is 685-1821. My personal extension is 497 and I'm the director, so I will forward them to the program that they would like."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Great, thank you because I think it's a great deal, just a great deal."

Ms. Stevens said, "Thank you, thank you. I would like to also express my appreciation to Marilyn and to those at COMCARE. They have been a massive support of the COMPEER program and have supported us through funding and events and a variety of things, and I know that that's been through your blessing as well, and so we wouldn't have our program and wouldn't be here to get this award if it was not for them, and so I just want to extend that thank you to all of you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I just want to congratulate Bill and also let people know that not only has he taken advantage of the service every year, but he's given back time to one of our advisory boards and has been very active in advocating for clients and for folks that, for whatever reason, have to avail themselves of that service and he's been a good . . . he's done both sides of the aisle and we really appreciate his service to the community, as well as being such a model for getting through these kind of difficulties in life. Congratulations."

Mr. Rush said, "Thank you and I'd like to thank Ben Sciortino for appointing me. It's been a great experience."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, okay. The only thing I think we need to understand is that we can provide all the help, but an individual has to do the work to get healthy and you have done a lot of work and we'd like to applaud you now."

Bill and Marty, thank you very much. I know you have a funeral to attend and we'll just take a couple of seconds and let you go ahead and exit out."

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

RETIREMENTS

D. PRESENTATION OF CLOCKS FOR RETIREMENTS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2006.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a bittersweet day when we recognize and thank the long-term employees for their contributions to public service in Sedgwick County, but as well celebrate with them their retirement, as they leave to go on to do other things."

And so I believe we have three of our retirees here today, if you would just come up please.

1. DEAN E. CROWLEY, EMS LIEUTENANT, EMS, WILL RETIRE AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Our first retirement is Dean Crowley, Lieutenant with EMS. He will retire after 30 years of service on April 1st."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Come on up, Dean. We have some things we want to give you. We want to give you this proclamation . . . this certificate of recognition of your 30 years of service to all of the citizens of Sedgwick County, so I’m going to hand you that. And we have a retirement clock, so you can figure out what to do with your day and not have to worry about some alarm going off and rushing off.

But the citizens of Sedgwick County need to ask you a question. I understand when Bill Buchanan had an accident, you picked him up and took him to the hospital. But there’s been a . . . not a rumor, don’t get me wrong, but there’s been some mystery going around, why does he refer to you as ‘Sweety’? Tell us anything you’d like to tell us about . . . but we’re really interested in this ‘Sweety’ thing.”

Mr. Dean E. Crowley, EMS Lieutenant, EMS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well, thank you. I was hoping that wouldn’t come up. I did run a call on this gentleman. He was lying flat on a spine-board with a C-collar and a headband all taped down and I was getting ready to get my signature or something of that nature and I kind of leaned over, so he could see me, and as I did his wife approached, and he says ‘Hi, sweetie’. I didn’t see her, I said well . . . I said, ‘I’ve been called a lot of thing’ but you know, I did help you out but you didn’t have to call me Sweetie and he kind of looked at me, but I appreciated his sense of humor.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “What are you going to do on your retirement now?”

Lieutenant Crowley said, “I’ll be working with another good organization, there at Saint Francis Regional Medical Center, doing basically the same thing on a lower key scale. I’ll be doing inner-campus transfers for Saint Francis Regional Medical Center, so I’ll be starting April 7th.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, very good.”

Lieutenant Crowley said, “I’d just like to make a few other comments. I have worked at Sedgwick County EMS since it started, and I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to many of the people that did help me. I’d like to thank the county commissioners for their support, past county commissions for their support back in 1975, when they decided to start up the organization and had the forethought to develop a paramedic program.

The citizens of the county, I think sometimes don’t realize what it takes to be a paramedic. You know, we demand a lot from these guys and they’re out there as we speak, doing what they need to do, and I just want to honor my fellow paramedics and what they’re doing even today.

And as I leave, I want them to know that I thank and honor them as heroes, because they are doing

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what they do and they do it very professionally. They're kind of an odd group of folks. Well, they're different, okay, I'm sorry but they are odd. I know them better than you, but when it needs to be done, they do it and they get the job done and they do it very professionally and I'm proud to have been able to work beside them and had the opportunity to do what I did.

I'd also like to thank the members of the Sedgwick County Fire Department for the role they played in my career. Many times, I kind of grew up in the Sedgwick County Fire Stations, working from one to the other, and the city fire department also has been a great help, but I'd like to especially thank those city firemen at County 38 and the Wichita Fire Department 6 is out there on their group effort and the fact that they always made me feel like part of the brotherhood. The fire department is the kind of group that is hard to feel like part of the brotherhood. They're kind of a closed group. They honor one another and I feel honored to have worked with them and last but not least, I'd like to say to my partner, one of the best EMS partners that a person can have, she's off recovering from surgery. I hope she gets well and comes back quickly. Thank you all for letting me serve, appreciate it."

2. JOSEPH F. BURNS, SHERIFF DEPUTY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Ms. Templin said, "Our second retirement is Joseph Burns, Sheriff's Deputy, Sheriff's Office. He'll retire after 28 years of service."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Sheriff Burns, we've got this certificate here that commemorates your 28 years of invaluable service to the citizens of Sedgwick County and we'd like to leave you with that and a commemorative watch from all of the citizens of Sedgwick County to thank you once again for your services and we'd like to ask you if you'd like to say a couple of words or a lot of words if you want. This is your time to visit a little bit."

Sheriff Deputy Joseph F. Burns, Sheriff's Office said, "Well I'll keep it brief. First of all, I'd like to say to Commissioner Norton, I appreciate everything you did, even though it's been a while, for everything he did down in Haysville, since I'm a Haysville native. Thank you for everything he's done down there and for everything he's done on the commission. I'd also like to thank all the deputies that showed up and everyone that showed up today, my brother. And just want to say that I'm going to enjoy life and thank you."

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3. E. WAYNE BRENNEMAN, DETENTION CORPORAL, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE AFTER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Ms. Templin said, "Our third retiree, Wayne Brenneman, who is a detention corporal in the Sheriff's Office, who will retire after 21 years of service was not able to be here today, but we'll make sure that he receives his clock at his retirement party on Friday."

4. JERRY PHIPPS, SENIOR PURCHASING AGENT, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, WILL RETIRE AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Our fourth is Jerry Phipps, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department who will retire after 20 years of service on April 1."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Jerry, this is a certificate of recognition from all the citizens of Sedgwick County in appreciation of your 20 years of valuable service to our community and we also have a commemorative personal clock so you can watch the time go by. If you'd like to share with us some comments and let us know what you'll be doing with the rest of your life."

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, said, "Well, I will certainly miss all the incredible, incredible people who work for Sedgwick County, keep it all glued together. The clock will remind me that it's the first day starting the rest of my life today, and was bought by the low bidder. So, thank you very much."

Ms. Templin said, "We would like to thank all the department heads and the friends and family and coworkers that helped celebrate this event. Thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, "Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please. And Kent, would you wait until the room clears a little."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You know, while we're waiting, Madam Clerk, whose this young lady sitting next to you."

Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk, said, "This is Kristi Wolf and she'll be doing the meetings once a month."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So you're kind of an intern, to learn your position. Well Kristi, we want to welcome you to Sedgwick County and I understand you're working for the Clerk, so you have our deepest condolences, but welcome to Sedgwick County. We hope you have an enjoyable time with us and you've got a very good mentor in this young lady here. She knows her business."

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See, I told you I was going to be nice to her.

If we can just hold off just a second, Mr. Norton is just saying congratulations to the one retiree and he'll be on the bench with us shortly."

NEW BUSINESS

E. DEMONSTRATION OF THE AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION SYSTEM.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Kent Koehler, Senior Project Manager, DIO/IT, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Here today to kind of do a couple of things, but primarily we're going to demonstrate our Public Safety Automatic Vehicle Location System for you.

I've been before you numerous times, to buy things, to tell you about it. Now is the time we actually . . . it probably makes me more nervous than any other, we're going to try to show it to you.

It worked fine yesterday, it worked fine this morning. We'll see how it goes this afternoon. But really, this whole project, it's not just something that people have hoped for, to be able to show vehicles moving, but we're also here to celebrate the results of everybody working together. This isn't just a Sedgwick County project, not by any stretch and I have a slide that will show us some of the partners we have here.

Even just as in Sedgwick County, we have 9-1-1 and Ms. Diane Gage is here from them, Sedgwick County EMS, Tom Pollan, Fire District, Chief Curmode is here also, Fleet Management, the Sheriff's Office, I believe Sheriff Steed is still here, our DIO, our Information, IT folks, Richard Vogt, CIO is here and our Finance Department all worked together, just within Sedgwick County to make this possible.

But again, it wasn't just Sedgwick County. We had several folks from the City of Wichita, Wichita Fire Department had Deputy Chief Mike Rudd and Battalion Chief Mike Gonzalez representing them. Wichita Police were involved. Their representative had to leave. The transit department, transit is where about a million dollars of this project came from, their fleet management and IT people, Bill Brown is here to represent them and then their finance and purchasing people.

Again, we had more partners, Federal Highway Administration was heavily involved. That's where all this money funneled through. Also, Kansas Department of Transportation, they were heavily

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involved and they picked up a big chunk of the cost of this project. And also, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning organization, have John Schlegel and Nancy Hart here from there. They're the go-to people for this region for Intelligent Transportation System projects. That's exactly what this is.

What we did, again we took some current infrastructure, a mobile data system that Sedgwick County owned, and had owned and had been operating since 1998, we upgraded it. We made it five times faster so it would handle the GPS information, the satellite information that comes in, that we can hit vehicles with. So, instead of buying a brand new system, we just updated the current one.

We also installed, bought and installed equipment into about 400 vehicles. It's not completely done yet, but it truly was all hands on deck. We were able to utilize, anyway on the county side, county employees to do the work and pay them through the project, because we could do it cheaper than we could by hiring it out.

Also, we updated the computer aided dispatch system to provide better information to make much better informed dispatch. Now here's the part that we'll have a dispatcher from 9-1-1, Ron Zane is going to come up here and going to drive for me. We're going to show you a little bit, pull it up and show you a little bit.

What you see there, you probably recognize it, it's just an overall map of Sedgwick County. There's a few items moving around on it from time to time. And you can see some of the landmarks, you see fire stations, police stations and you see a couple of big blue objects."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But tell us, what are the yellow things that we're looking at?"

Mr. Koehler said, "The yellow things that you see are city fire stations."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And the red ones are . . ."

Mr. Koehler said, "The red ones are our county fire stations. It's really . . . it's tough to see much at this level but we'll go on down a level and you can see . . . give it a chance to catch up to us. You'll notice, we can display vehicles different . . . on that map there you see several big blue objects. Those are actually indicating where vehicles are, as they're moving around the county now."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now those are fire . . . I mean, ambulances?"

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Mr. Koehler said, "Some of those . . . the one . . . you see the little box attached to them, that tells whoever is watching what it is. The one he's pointing at happens to be an ambulance. There are Sheriff's vehicles out there. There are fire units out there and there are police units out there.

We have different ways of showing. Currently, this is just a generic way of showing where they're at. It's kind of really hard to tell at that level. However, we do have other ways to show it. We do have a way to have it indicate what direction they're going. It makes it . . . It's a little harder to see on the map. It will switch over, but it will tell you exactly which direction. If they're going at an angle, it will tell us they're going at an angle.

And you'll also see, and we'll drill down a little more later, see exactly where they're at, whether they're on the road or off the road. The other option we have is showing the speed of the vehicle. We'll kind of show you a little bit what we see, and of course everyone seems to be parked, you see several vehicles again. The number inside the red dot is the speed of the vehicle. It doesn't lie to you. It tells you how fast they're going, so people who use this system have the ability to choose different ways to look at it.

We'll go and switch it back to a generic one to show this a little better. And we can drill down a little bit farther. We'll try to get down . . . I know we've got some vehicles parked over by the Adult Detention Facility and we should be able to see them and it should even show them off to the side a bit. Again, when we want to show you stuff, it's going to be hard to find things to see, but we can drill down even farther, if a vehicles out in the field, we can even see them out in the field.

We can drill a lot farther down, it just gets very hard to see on some of these displays, but this is something that people in this area have wanted for a long time, the ability to be able to watch their vehicles and be able to use it to manage their vehicles and manage their vehicles. The display you see here is available down in dispatch. Every dispatcher can see it. It's installed in the Emergency Operation Center, so should we have to activate that facility, we have it available. It's also being deployed out to the various departments, so they can watch their own vehicles and monitor their own resources. We don't have all of them done yet, but we're getting there.

And I thought the other day, when we had the large fire out in Butler County, that had that happened here and had we been done with getting every unit installed, what a tool this would have been for somebody in command, watching to see where all the units went and see where everyone is at. It's a tool people have just really dreamed about for several years. However, now today, as you can see, we've got it and it does work very well. And really . . . do you have any questions or . . . sometimes, it kind of interesting just to watch them move, if there's much happening?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well let me ask just one brief question. If I'm capturing this new tool, in generality, a dispatcher sitting there, a 9-1-1 call comes in and they need a Sheriff's Deputy to

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come because there's been a vandalism or whatever, they have this screen, they can see which patrol car is closest, whether or not that patrol car is active and they could make this objective decision more intelligently, that would be maybe the primary squad car that we should call because it looks like they could get there quickest. Is that basically it?"

Mr. Koehler said, "Exactly, and the real . . . probably the biggest advantages will be when it's completely done, is with EMS, with our ambulances and our fire units. And EMS was the first person we roll out and that way you get to see exactly where they really are, we're not basing it on where they left from or where they are headed to. It should be more efficient use of the resources and they can see who is closest."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I mean, you can have an ambulance coming from a far station that's just delivered a patient to Wesley and it may be close to station x,y,x but that ambulance is out someplace else and this vehicle that is actually located at a far different area, but they happen to be going right by the area, you can dispatch them."

Mr. Koehler said, "Exactly. That's . . . you've just described one of the keys we were looking for. That's one of the real benefits."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yeah, Bill."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Ken, in the bottom, there's four red rectangles that just kind of popped up. What . . .?"

Mr. Ron Zane, 9-1-1 Dispatcher, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That means they've just been dispatched on a call and they've not checked in-route at this time."

Mr. Buchanan said, "So, the screen was blank and now it's red, meaning they're dispatched. Now it's yellow. What does that mean?"

Mr. Zane said, "Right, that means they've checked in-route. That was a call that just came in. As soon as it came in and they dispatched them, it popped up on the screen at that location, when we first dispatch them. When they check in-route, they change yellow."

Mr. Buchanan said, "What does that mean? What does 'check in-route' mean?"

Mr. Zane said, "They go on route to the call. They go from their station or wherever they're at to the call."

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Mr. Buchanan said, "So that means . . . so all those four vehicles are in route to someplace."

Mr. Zane said, "That's correct."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. When this is fully implemented, operational, it will be in all emergency vehicles in the county?"

Mr. Koehler said, "All of the vehicles that belong to Wichita and Sedgwick County and actually I made a presentation to the Sedgwick County Chiefs of Police group Monday, talking about a couple of possible sources of money, so that they could do this same thing. This goes back and this is something . . . this project was paid for out of an Intelligent Transportation System agreement, between all four of us, but we are working on defining sources for funding for those other agencies."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And what was that total investment?"

Mr. Koehler said, "Our total investment was 2.4 million dollars, just a little bit over that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "But once it's installed then, there are not a lot of operational costs that continue along with this."

Mr. Koehler said, "Fortunately, it's not bad. That's one reason we're using our own mobile data system. We're not paying monthly fees to some vendors. We did look at that opportunity. I mean, there are going to be, at some point, the computers we bought are going to have to be replaced, but we tried to buy with the good warranties and, you know, make the best buying decisions we could."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, very good. Well I mean, it looks like an efficient way for us to provide better service and if we can do it with the help of the federal government, operational costs aren't going to chase us out of the game. It sounds like a great opportunity for us."

Mr. Koehler said, "And I did forget to recognize one person who his kind of drive and vision helped keep us going, it's Bob Lamkey, the Director of the Division of Public Safety, because his drive and desire really helped keep us all going to make this work."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. And we have . . . Commissioner Norton has something he wishes to say."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I just think it's a great program. You've kind of kept us updated along the way, as we've purchased a lot of the hardware and software. I'm anxious to see other entities be brought under that umbrella. You know, the police departments of all small communities, because as we talk about first responders and our chance to have all of them pulling together and co-locating, you know many times along the fringes if you have events that happen, the first responder may be a small town guy and it would be nice to know whose responding and where their vehicles are all at the same time.

I know, when recently we had several fires in Haysville, the first responders were the police in Haysville, then the second responders just as quickly were the fire folks from both Wichita and Sedgwick County to service that and it would have been nice to know what vehicles were in the area and who could be available for traffic control, not particularly fighting the fire but helping with all the other things that go on in those kind of events, and certainly if you have some kind of major event, like a tornado that we constantly have, or bad weather, it would be nice to know what all your resources are, throughout the county, that could be mustered to be brought to bear on a certain area.

I guess my biggest question is, next steps, where does it take us into the future? I mean, I envision every one of them maybe have cameras that document where they're at and what the scene looks like, so that if you need other information or documentation of what happened at a scene of a crime or whatever, you'd have all of that too, even on EMS vehicles."

Mr. Koehler said, "There's some technologies out there available, but as far as which department is going to go which way, you know, I don't know. I know we're always looking at new technology and try to make the best use of our resources and try to use technology to help it. Also, one other thing, we have vehicles from each of the agencies displayed out at the Sheriff's compound, so you can see it, when you have a chance, we'll have them out there this morning, to see what the equipment looks like in fire units, medical units and some law enforcement units. Actually, I'm kind of excited to see it. I hope . . . with overseeing buying all this stuff, that I've not ever yet seen what these vehicles will look like when we're done, so we've got everybody's units out there."

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Commissioner Norton said, “Ken, division chief or a captain or whatever have availability of that in his vehicle, so that he’s arriving to a scene and can go ‘Wow, we need more vehicles here and maybe we should respond from Derby to have them bring some people in’. Would they have that on location, on their computer in their car?”

Mr. Koehler said, “That is something we’re working on. Whether we end up, can do this with this project or roll it into the new computer-aided dispatch system, that is where we would like to go. This just very simply is going to depend on what it costs to do it. Those folks now, field supervisors do have the ability to check the status of their vehicles and speed, direction of travel and those things from their mobile data systems in their vehicles, but we do not yet have a mobile map for the supervisors. That is where we want to go though, it’s just we did not include it in the scope of this project, because we did 400 vehicles and the cash wasn’t there, but that is a goal that we’d like to go to, if we have contingency funds left or can make it fly, we will.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I think the real great news for the public is it’s seamless and it’s across the board, with the city and the county all working together and I think that’s a great step in collaboration of making it work for the citizens, regardless of where they live and whose in charge and I think that’s good news. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Let me just ask one real quick. Is this live right now? I mean, this is what’s going on right now?”

Mr. Koehler said, “Oh, yes. That’s what made me a little nervous, setting this up, to be honest. This is live. Actually, if you notice, when you see those four boxes are now blue. We watched, you were actually getting to see the ambulance go in route to the call and drive to the call.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And blue signifies they’ve stopped?”

Mr. Zane said, “They’re on-scene.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “They’re on the scene right now, so there’s one, two . . .”

Mr. Zane said, “There’s actually two units. The two numbers you see on the right are the computer call numbers. The two units on the left, the one that says M32 and SQ12, those are the two units that are on the scene.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “So SQ means Sedgwick County. M means what?”

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Mr. Zane said, "SQ means Squad 12 and M is Medic 32."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay and then what's the EMEC thing? What does that mean?"

Mr. Zane said, "It's one of the EMS administrators, I'm not sure exactly which one it is."

Mr. Koehler said, "Those numbers . . . that's the incident number or that's how the CAD system is tracking it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so that means there's two units. Okay."

Mr. Zane said, "That's what those are. Sorry."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, all right. And right now those two 'don't turn left' signs or whatever, those two blue with a slash, what does that indicate? What are those?"

Mr. Koehler said, "Those are units with AVL that are being tracked by the system."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I mean, do we know what . . . is that an ambulance or . . .?"

Mr. Koehler said, "Actually, the one at the top is an EMS support vehicle, I believe that's what that one is."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And he's moving, because the thing is moving."

Mr. Koehler said, "Right, and it updates based on how far he drives or if they touch a key on their computer and send a message, then the system will send the location information to us. And the other one, on the bottom right hand side is a Wichita Police Officer."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, great. It's like a video game or something."

Mr. Koehler said, "You just can't move anything yourself."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right. Is there anything else that you had to present to us?"

Mr. Koehler said, "No, that is it, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, what is the will of this presentation? What would you like to do with it?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "A motion has been made and seconded. Any further comments on this, Other than to say good luck? It's kind of nice to finally see the dollars in action and I think it's to the benefit of the citizens, because when they call 9-1-1, they want somebody responding as quickly as possible and you're trying to improve that efficiency."

Mr. Koehler said, "Trying to give the departments the tools they can use to best use their resources."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's great."

Mr. Koehler said, "Thanks for your support also."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

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

F. PRESENTATION OF THE 2005 REPORT ON E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Technology Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Once a year, we take time, we stop and take a look at how our e-government services, how things are going in that arena and that's what I'm here today to do, so if you can direct your attention to the screen."

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What is e-government? Just a quick reminder, it's our effort to take government services to the people, using our website. Now we do a few other things, electronic government, we continue to expand that. Certainly the video recording that's going on today that's available, is a little bit . . . it's not just a website, but we talk about e-government primarily in terms of what's going on with the website: improved customer service, better access, meeting the expectations, and the continually changing expectations of our citizens and the public.

What are some of the hallmarks of 2005? Some enhancements for the land departments, we've put more information out on the website and that meant fewer calls to the Clerk's Office, several thousand fewer calls each year to the Clerk's Office. They were able to do partial payments and delinquent payments over the Internet. That's availability that wasn't there in 2004, as you know. We do take tax payments, but up until last year, we'd only been able to take the full payment or the full half-payment, so now the people . . . it's more flexible for people who want to make those payments.

We have a new electronic rendition format for personal property. Big news last year of course as B.T.K., the State versus Dennis Rader, had a tremendous amount of activity on our website. People are very interested in what was going on with that trial and they got a lot of good information off of our website. Electronic revenue, we've changed the way we're doing electronic revenue. It's more streamline, we're going with one bank, and that information now, our websites have all been changed to use those new services, so they're again, more efficient. It's more of a backend thing, that helps our internal staff do things more efficiently.

And again, last year, one of the top five, the digital . . . we won fifth place for a national award, as far as digital government, so some good hallmarks in 2005. The big thing continues to be for us is the e-video. In 2005, we had nearly 5,500 meetings viewed live and about four times that many viewed, at least in part, viewed later and those represented significant increases over 2004. People are really leveraging this tool to watch the meetings.

Who visits our website?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's because Commissioner Burnett is on the board now is the reason I think the viewing went up."

Mr. Vogt said, "Those are the comments we're getting, yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, you're good."

Mr. Vogt said, "Who visits our website? The numbers continue to go up. As you can see, we're up from a little over 600,000, when we started tracking, up to nearly 2,000,000 visitors last year. Why

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do people visit? Lots of information. This is just going to the front page, the home page on the Internet, just looking on kind of the two sides, you can find information about the meeting agendas, the minutes and get the videos. You can get information about emergency readiness and emergency preparedness, information about Citizen Corps, there's a recycling guide, information about suicide prevention, Gov Deals is something that's new. Finance kind of led the way in that, by selling a lot of items on Gov Deals. I don't know what the totals are, but it's a significant amount of sales that are going on at Gov Deals and it's not just the county. I want to point that out, it's not just the county that's selling items, but it's also the citizens can benefit by buying those items. They can go to the Gov Deals website and find out what that is. They just go to the homepage, sedgwickcounty.org.

Information about disabilities and then on the other side of the home page is all of our department sites. That's just the first page. That's just one page. All this information is available from that first page. What do they do when they get here? Not only just getting information but they do personal property renditions, they file those electronically. Personalized tags, they can reserve those electronically. They can get zoo memberships electronically. All of those, all three of those items have tripled, the activity has tripled since 2001. Victim restitution form for the D.A., it's a very tough time to go through a crime and the D.A. has made it as easy as possible for the victims to submit the forms that are required for them to get restitution and to make the impact statements. Those are on-line. That usage is up 35% over 2004.

People are paying taxes on-line in record numbers. You'll see that we up to 7,420,000. Well, that's just the first half. The first half payments exceeded all of 2004 payments, so people are availing themselves of the opportunity to pay taxes in record numbers.

Also, HR ePartners continues to be one of our flagship sites. If you remember, I said earlier that we had 2,000,000 visitors to our sedgwickcounty.org website. Well, HR ePartners had half a million all by themselves. So people visit that website. They're finding employment opportunities. At the end of 2005, we had 33 partners. We've added some since then. In fact, the City of Topeka just came on, a couple of days ago. People continue to see this as an opportunity to leverage numbers and volume of partners to get job opportunities."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so let me ask you a question on this. An individual applies for a position in Hays, Kansas. That resume is made available to all of the partners, so that if there's a position that they have, they could offer that to that individual too. Or how does that work?"

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Mr. Vogt said, "Well, the person has to chose to make that resume available to those other opportunities, but we're in the process of detailing some enhancements to the HR ePartners website and it's certainly something we can look at, is to have a pool. HR kind of drives that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "This is like, in real estate, this would be called multi-listing. You don't have a Realtor that says 'I have an exclusive on your resume and I'm the only one that can look at it'. If they elect to, they can have everybody look at it."

Mr. Vogt said, "That's correct and a firefighter, for example, . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'm sorry."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Are there charges to either entity?"

Mr. Vogt said, "No. There's a . . . I don't think there is. No. That's part of the partnership. The beauty of the partnership is you contribute, you put your information on this joint website and everybody benefits."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. And did the members contribute towards the capitalization or the building on this website?"

Mr. Vogt said, "No, this was a Sedgwick County funded operation. The original partners were Derby and Sedgwick County and off the top of my head, I don't recall if Derby contributed any funds to that, but they worked very closely, as far as resources go, in planning the whole concept of HR ePartners. So those were the two original partners and we've added about 30-35 since then.

Just to clarify on the position, a firefighter for example who is in Salina, Kansas could go to this website and say 'Show me all the firefighter positions in the State of Kansas' and that does help the person who is looking for the job."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That are available?"

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Mr. Vogt said, "That are available."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And if I looked at this, I saw that the 453,810, was that just hits to the website of people just deciding to look at it, or were those people who placed their resumes on the website?"

Mr. Vogt said, "Those would have been the hits. Those are the people who would have probably gotten back in. The last number there, 93,837, the counts, all represent individuals. Now, some people go in twice. They forget they've done it, so they go back and they put another account out there but largely speaking, there were about 90,000 distinct individuals who have used the system in one way or the other."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, great."

Mr. Vogt said, "Fifty-four percent of those visits are outside business hours, again just highlighting how people can use us at midnight, three o'clock in the morning, whenever it works for them, it's available 24/7."

Open government, open and transparent government, our website enhances our ability. We have e-bulletin subscriptions. Those are up 50% over 2004, probably driven largely by interest in the arena. As you can see, on the on-line public hearings, 86 comments on the arena, two comments on the budget. Read whatever you want into that, but people are paying attention and they're using the website to convey their opinions. People are increasingly adept at making their point known, taking it to you through the website.

Now there's a feedback forum on anything they want to talk about, any kind of comment they want to make, they can go to the feedback forum site. It's right off of the homepage and then finally open records requests. There was an article in the paper here recently about that. Our website, our e-mail address, I've included it in the presentation here. People are interested in making an open records request, this is the e-mail address they would go to.

So, we get tremendous benefits from e-government. We get better customer service, we're constantly reaching more and more comments. People who are at different locations than the county courthouse is and people who are at different times than when we're open. We reduce paper waste. We're not always sending out letters. Sometimes these subscriptions, these e-bulletins, that

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saves us from having to send out mailings, which gives us also reduced postage, it leverages better advertising for us. We can convey the message of open government, transparent government to our citizens, many, many benefits to e-government.

Special thanks to you as a board and to the manager, always been supportive of an expansive website, we have an award-winning website. It's only possible because of the resources that you commit to that. County departments, they play together very well on the website. They follow the rules. You know, we have a certain way of doing things and they are all very willing to work together and do things, so it's a cohesive and consistent look and feel and a message that goes to the citizens. There's hopefully no confusion about that, because they work together well. Kristi, Angie, Tony continue to work in the Communications Department, work great with DIO, we work together, we have a great partnership going. Chad will add to that, and it's a great partnership between two departments that bring different things to the table, but together we develop what we think is a very good website and also of course our Internet services team and the programmers who make all these applications possible. So, any questions today?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions or comments? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I'll just make a comment that I really appreciate this statistical analysis of our success. You all worked very hard, it's very thorough and I am not a computer-literate type guy, so I might have some other questions, but I won't display my ignorance now but good job on the presentation."

Mr. Vogt said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all, commissioner?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "That's all."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "On public hearings, I find it cumbersome, if I want to know all the information, that I have to go in and search for it myself. Is there any way that that could be automatically sent to the county commissioners, so that we get that as it happens, instead of having to go in and access the things that people say about public hearings or the budget or whatever, can that be linked somehow to send it to us automatically, since we need to probably see those things without . . ."

Mr. Vogt said, "I don't know that answer."

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Commissioner Norton said, “Because if you forget to go in, which can happen, we don’t see the public comments on that. They’re there, but we don’t integrate, I don’t think, daily or weekly integrate that into our thought process and it would be nice that, at least to us, that would come directly to us on some kind of a popup on our screen or would create some kind of a file that we could access just on our PC.”

Mr. Vogt said, “Let me look into that and I’ll get back to you. I . . . with technology, I’ve never seen anything that couldn’t be done, so I would be pretty optimistic that we could do that.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. The second thing is, with HR partners, as this thing has grown and expanded and we talk so much about workforce development and shortages and finding jobs and matching people to the right job to get them in the workforce. We just opened a brand new workforce center that has that same responsibility of trying to take people that are unemployed or out of employment right now and linking them with jobs that are available. Have we tried to somehow link with that system too, to expand it?”

Because when you think about ‘well it’s a government job, it’s a firefighter’, but you know Boeing has firefighters, Vulcan Chemical has firefighters. And maybe, if you’re looking at that person with that ability, there’s other places that he needs to access or she needs to access to send that resume to and it seems like a linkage to the Workforce Alliance, the workforce center that just opened in the old Commerce Bank building would just expand this for our citizens and truthfully, it’s about finding citizens jobs. It’s about finding government’s jobs, but now we up to, what, 33 entities? And I know most of them are government entities, but it seems like now we could start looking different from that.”

Mr. Vogt said, “I think that’s a good point and HR has done a great job of driving this forward, Jo Templin and Mike Mueller have done a wonderful job driving that forward and we’ve talked about a number of those alternative type of partnerships, Kansas Job Link, the salary surveys that are done each year, letting you do that electronically, so I think that’s a good, workforce development is a good item to add to that list. As we look for other partners, we’ll do that.”

Commissioner Norton said, “The last thing is I know as we grow, in streaming video and what our capabilities are there, it seems to me that on that home page, we could do more with articulating our mission and individual departments and things that people could use by video, as opposed to the written word, because it becomes sometimes cumbersome to click in and try to read all the

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instruction, and I'm wondering if we need to . . . I'm thinking about the county today and have some kind of a video on there that changes every three or four days that articulates what the county is doing, some of the important issues and how you use the system, what's available. It just seems like that is becoming such a powerful part of our ability to use e-government, that we can not only communicate in written word, but we can communicate with the human form, making it more personal to the individual."

Mr. Vogt said, "And we can . . . yeah, and it's a constantly evolving process, but we can do that. We can move those links around, put those in different locations, make it easier to use. Now, it's pretty much centralized in one location. But that's the beauty of the Internet. You can move those things around."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, website have so much been graphics and words, but now we have capabilities of having it be sound and articulations from human beings and from visuals and I think our population is going away from people that will read information to people that like to see it, they're visual learners and the more we can articulate our message through video, I think the better . . . more powerful it's going to be and it's going to be the wave of the future, so just a thought. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Ladies and gentlemen, anything else? All right, well thank you very much for your presentation. We appreciate it. I guess we have a motion to receive and file the presentation."

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Aye

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

G. SEDGWICK COUNTY ARENA UPDATE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're here to bring you an update on the arena project. I will be giving you an update on all of the items that we're working on right now, but a specific focus today is, as you know, we're in the process, the arena designers are in the process of developing three concepts and a major driver for those concepts is the seating bowl configuration, and so we will have a focus today, a major focus today to update you on the seating bowl.

Again, our goal, overall goal is to build a modern, first- class sports and entertainment venue, an arena that seats 15,000 for basketball and we're well on the way to doing that. Again, you've seen these completed steps before. I will just draw your attention to that last step there, the preliminary programming phase, which started in September '05, completed in February '06 and at the meeting there you agreed and approved us to move forward. That design of the arena is a five-phase process and the preliminary programming phase is the first phase of that and so we're in the second phase, with a total of five phases, to get design completed.

What are the next steps in the process? I'll talk a bit more about each of these, but quickly in summary, the next steps in the process at the current time are the Real estate acquisition and demolition, January '06 and that will go through February '07. Naming rights, sponsorship and premium seating evaluation, there are two naming rights, premium seating sponsorships and premium seating aspects to our process. One is the evaluation and one is the actual marketing, and so the evaluation piece right now is on the timeline, February '06 through October '06, public versus private, or contract management evaluation, April '06 through June '06, we've updated that a bit and we will be working very diligently on that, probably we'll be pushing that June '06 out just a little bit, because it will take us a while to get through a comprehensive evaluation, relative to public versus private management, so we're looking at that maybe moving to October. The City's Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment plan is working, in place, operating. You'll recall that just last week there was a couple of opportunities for the public to weigh in on that plan.

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Additionally, next steps in the process, again I mention there are five phases to the arena design. Phase two is exterior design concept phase, which is in process currently, February through May. Then we'll be moving into the schematic design phase, May through September, then the design development phase, September through January, concluding with the construction documents phase, January '07 through May of '07 and in that process there will be a 30% review, a 60% review and a 90% review, kind of as benchmarks toward overall completion of the design for the arena."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now Ron, if you'll go back to that, when will the public be able to see some pictures of the concept? Is that in that schematic design review area timetable?"

Mr. Holt said, "If you would allow me just a moment, a couple of more slides and I'll get specifically to some dates."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Mr. Holt said, "And so let me move into that. We want to share now a bit more about each of these processes, so the real estate acquisition and demolition phase of the project, January '06 through February '07. In January, we selected a fee appraiser to do appraisals on all of the properties affected by the arena. We went through a request for proposal process and out of that, Grubb Ellis Martens Company was selected to do that. Appraisals are being completed, starting in February and are being worked now and we hope to have all of those completed in April and let me just caveat that a bit.

The arena site, that is correct, but you'll recall, we also have some street improvements to do on Washington. We're still working with the city engineering department to decide what those street improvements are and until that's decided, we won't know exactly what real estate we need to acquire along Washington Street. We have notified property owners along Washington Street that we will be looking at acquiring property there, but to the extent we don't know and so, when I talk about these appraisals now, I'm talking about just the specific arena site. The Washington Street work will be done once we determine what the street improvements are and how that affects what real estate we need to make those improvements.

Last week, real estate acquisition and relocation firms were selected. Again, we went through a Request For Proposal process and the real estate acquisition company selected there was Grubb Ellis Martens Company. May through December, we will be working with property owners at the

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arena site in negotiating, acquiring their property through a negotiated effort and again, we're hopeful that all of it can be acquired through negotiation, but again we are prepared to, as you know, to go to condemnation if necessary.

The real estate relocation firm, again selected through a Request For Proposal process is Land Acquisitions Incorporated, LAI. They will start their work in July and will work through February .

And as you noticed, this is a dynamic process, so as we acquire properties, we would then look at relocating those business owners and then you see the demolition process starting August, 2006. Demolition process would be asbestos service first, then asbestos abatement and then the actual demolition. We certainly will be using a Request For Proposal process to determine who will be doing the asbestos survey and the asbestos abatement and the demolition, but we are in the process of discussing and talking about how we'll accomplish these tasks. Will we select through a Request For Proposal one vendor to do all of that work, or will we select a number of vendors to do that work and we will have probably . . . we've got a meeting scheduled next week to get into this in more detail, so in a couple of weeks, we hope to have some thoughts and ideas, recommendations about how we will proceed with that process.

There's, as I mentioned, two parts to the naming rights, sponsorships and premium seating aspects of this project. The first part is evaluation. The Superlative Group, again through our Request For Proposal process, was selected in January to assist us with this effort. Beginning in February and going through October, 2006 these events will be taking place. We've had some planning meetings.

The Superlative Group is doing an overview of the venues and markets. In fact, in a few days, various folks in our community will be getting a letter from us and from Superlative Group inviting them to focus groups as we begin to talk about what the interests are, who is interested in what premium seating, who is interested in naming rights, whose interested and to what level in sponsorships.

Then, by August, we will have an interim report on premium seating. You will recall that we're using the Superlative Group in this process to help us determine exactly how many premium seats this community will support, not only now but in the future, how many premium seats . . . not only suites, but also in the loge boxes as well as the club seats. We would hope to get some indication of that earlier than August, but in fact they've told us that's the date that they're working on so that we would know for sure, from their study, what the number of suites, the number of club seats, and the number of loge boxes that we should plan for in this arena.

The naming rights valuation, how much we ought to be asking for naming rights will be taking place March through September and then the final, overall valuation report is due in October. Again, an actual confirmation of here's how much not only the number of seats, but also here's how much they should go for, here's how they should price them, here's the different packages that should be available.

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The public versus private contract management, the decision making process will start in earnest in April and again, we've moved that date there. It should be completed by October. There are really three considerable functions that we need to do to get through this decision making process to present a recommendation to you. One is to get a pro forma projection, using both if it was operated by the county employees versus if it's operated by contract management. We need outside help to do that and that would be our first step.

The next step would be to actually go through a Request for Information or a Request for Proposal for folks who want to think about being the overall facilities manager for this project, to give us their proposals and so we would evaluate those. And in that then we also need to be looking at food service, because whether it's a contract manager or a county employee is running it, you really need, as we do at the Coliseum, this large a facility, you need an overall food services manager working for and as a part of that facility.

The city's neighborhood redevelopment plan, January 2006 through July 2006, you'll recall during last fall we worked very closely with the city and their consultants in looking at the site and we are working with them through this next few months, looking at what they say are existing conditions assessment, this is what goes on in and around the arena, is what this group will be looking at. January/ February they looked at the existing conditions. Alternative plans, developing an open house, that started in February and that open house was last week, two different sessions last week.

A draft of the arena neighborhood plan is proposed to be done May-June and then they will take that plan to the city council, have a review by the county, but take that plan to the city council for adoption and production July-September. So we're working very closely with the city, the Metropolitan Area Planning Department is leading that effort over at the city and their consultants, as we work through this process as well.

Now I'm beginning to get to the question you asked earlier, Mr. Chairman. The exterior design concept phase, February 2006 through May 2006. This phase is a precursor to the schematic design. It's a . . . the architects are looking at design impacts that were provided by public meetings, through the Arena Citizen Design Review Advisory Team, through the Citizen's Neighborhood Redevelopment Team, from comments we've gotten off of the on-line public forum. They've taken all of the public input, as well as the meetings or trips that we took to other places, all of that input that they are considering, as they move forward with the exterior design.

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They will be developing for us three design concepts and then they will bring back, or we will go through a public process and end up with a preferred design concept for your approval, which will fit the project budget. Here are some more specific dates, relative to that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, but . . . what I need to know, and maybe you’ll tell me ‘wait for two more slides’. There will come a time when these three designs, with a recommendation of one of the three, will come to us, and then we make the final decision, and that’s May 31st of 2006 and that’s when the public will know finally what it’s going to look like.”

Mr. Holt said, “What we’re here today to do, relative to exterior design is to share with you the seating bowl configuration and considerations that have been used to develop that, because the seating bowl configuration is a major driver to the exterior design. The architects will have for us, and we hope to have at the April 26th meeting, three design concepts to present to you. Following the April 26th meeting, we will have a series of public meetings, to allow the public an opportunity to take a look at, weigh in on, talk about, share their pluses and minuses, the good and bad if you will about those designs. And then we will use, going through the process we use, synthesizing that information, analyzing that information, we will come back to you on or before May 31st with a preferred design concept for final approval, what this arena will look like.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “So, April 26th the public will be able to see three architectural renderings, to scale hopefully, of what the three concepts that they’ve presented and then we go through the public process and then, in May, you’ll come to us with a recommendation, based on what the input from the public and what have you. But April 26th right now is the tentative date that the first group of pictures will be presented to the public.”

Mr. Holt said, “Yes, sir.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay.”

Mr. Holt said, “So, let’s take a look at the seating bowl configuration that the architectural engineering team is working on and I mention, the seating bowl configuration is the key driver really to the overall arena . . . how things work together internally as well, but certainly it’s a driver to the exterior design.

Here . . . before we do that, let me just talk about some seating definitions right quick. There are general seating, about 90% of the seating in this arena will be general seating. Now, most of the time, and we will have this outline using Superlative Group to help us, but probably we’re looking at a minimum of three different ticket price levels in general seating. This is standard, it’s common, it’s not unusual. The more center court, the closer to the floor, those sort of things make a

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difference about price of the tickets and so forth. All of the general seating, and we had this discussion about two concourses, one concourse and how many concession stands and restrooms. All of the general seating will have easy access to concessions and restrooms. That a consideration in this development of this seating bowl.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And potty parody, right. That’s going to be improved.”

Mr. Holt said, “That’s correct. The other kind of seating there are premium seats, and when we talk about premium seats, we’re talking about either suites, loge boxes or club seats. Approximately only 10% of the overall seating will be these premium seats, and again they have various prices and amenities, and these seat holders will have access to the club lounge and the refreshment facilities and of course, they will pay a premium price for those.

I tried, to give us just a more visual view of these, and these are not configurations for our arena necessarily, but it will give you a sense of what these seating confi . . . what this premium seating configuration might look like. This is the seating from a suite view. You’ll notice in this area, this is the suite area and in front of that seat in this picture, there’s 2, 4, 6, 12 additional seats out in front of the seat area. That’s a general configuration for a suite.

Loge boxes, the difference here is this would be a loge box and in fact, in this scheme there’s four seats in that loge box and you can see they have a back bar and then there’s a refrigerator, so they have their own amenities there. This is a four-seat loge box. We’re talking about four to six seat loge boxes, a combination of those.

Now for the . . . and then a club seat would be in the same area, it would just be one of these seats, without that back bar, but certainly access to the club area. And then the club area would be in close proximity to those premium seating, so that the folks in the premium seats and the club seats would have access to a club area, and again I just give you those picture as a . . . we’ll be talking about this a bit more, as just a sense, a visual about how all of this works.

So, with that in mind then, let’s talk about the considerations that the A & E team are working on to develop the seating bowl. What are they trying to accomplish with the seating bowl. That it would be intimate seating, the upper deck seating would have proximity to the floor, there would be flexibility in the number of suites, flexibility in the number of loge boxes, flexibility in the number of club seats, and remember, they’re in the process of looking at that seating without knowing exactly how many of these premium seats we will have, and so they’ve built in some flexibility so that when Superlative Group does its work and we come up with a final decision with these seats, that it can be fitted into these schemes. That there’s a consolidation of these seat products. That the consolidation of service facilities for premium seating would occur as well.

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Also that there would be proximity to the club for all loge boxes and club seats. That this would offer better suite sales and more importantly, or as importantly as the initial suite sales, the renewal potential. All of the, as you'll see when we get into the seating configurations, all of these are sideline focused. Naming rights opportunities then on the concourses and the flexibility for concert configuration and downsizing and we'll walk through now . . . give you specific pictures for each of these considerations.

So this is the lower seating bowl. You will notice that this gray area to the outside would be the main level concourse. All of the gray seating in this area is general public seating, and then all of the seating here in yellow would be the premium seating area and we'll show you how this builds on itself, with the loge boxes there, the club seats, individual seats here and then this is the sideline club area that services these seats, as well as the suites.

At some end, at this end in this picture, it's showing that there would be what we're now calling an 'end zone' club. We've got to do a better name with that, but this would be a club, restaurant area that would be available to the general public, only during game days or for rental. We've had the decision, discussions and decision earlier that we don't plan to have the restaurant in this facility to be in competition with other restaurants downtown. This restaurant would only be open and available during event days.

All of these little green boxes gives you . . . they've got them labeled here as fan services, so we're talking about restrooms, concessions, retail outlets. These are all shown, if you will, as being inboard. They tell us again, a lot more work needs to be done, but these can either be inboard or outboard. They're shown here as inboard, just so we get a sense about what's being planned here. So that's the main concourse level and the lower seating bowl, with an 'in-zone club' level, accessible to the general public, and then the loge and club seats, along with the 'sideline club'. Now what we've added to that picture is the first level, what we're calling the lower suite level. Again, we don't know exactly how many suites we would finish out here. Right now, they're looking at this area could handle eight, ten suites and maybe a couple of general, what they call rental suites, party rooms, but that would be in that same area, over the top of if you will the 'sideline club'.

This pink area here is showing a second level of suites and here they're calling them future suites. Now the reason we're doing that is because the information we have at this date says that we won't be able to sell all of these suites right away, but this is allowing for future development. Should the Superlative Group determine that we can sell these suites right away, then this would be finished

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out in the first round. This also shows a press box right in the middle of the suites. Again, that may or may not remain there. That may move to some other area, but it is identifying the need for a press box and a need for it to be up high and off of the floor.

Now we've added here the upper seating deck, so remember in this area is the lower seating bowl. Now we've added the upper seating bowl, in this area. This outline here is the upper level concourse and you note then these green boxes here, an indication that you have concessions, restrooms, fan service areas on this concourse as well.

I think right now, generally the lower seating bowl would handle about 7,200, 7,500 patrons. The upper seating bowl, right about that same amount or just under. Now in the interest of full disclosure, you'll notice I call these openings to the seating bowl, I guess the technical term is vomitories . . . the openings to the seating bowl for the lower seating bowl would be in this area.

This . . . the designers have taken a look at the downtown area, the downtown sites and they've decided that on this site, or for this type of building, almost any downtown site that we would have, that the service, the floor, event floor will be at ground level, and so what that then drives you is that the first concourse is then upper level and then you walk in the open here down to your seat. The vomitories, or openings to the upper bowl are at this level and you would walk up to your seat to get in, of course down to get out.

What I mention, to offer you full disclosure, we had talked to you about and the architects had considered taking this concourse and rather than having it at this level, to move it to this level. What would that do? It would offer the vomitories, or the openings to the arena seating bowl at the top. After they got to working with this for a while, what happened is that the seating, the upper level of the arena started to take on a tremendous fan shape and since we are at ground level, that means that to support all that, the bottom level of the arena, the foundation of the arena would have to expand, that means then you're driving more square footage, that we don't need, which means then that it drove it out of the budget that we're allowed. Consequently, this thinking about the concourse at this level is no longer being considered. So two concourses, one at this level, the other at this level, both with the openings into the arena, down and/or up to your seats.

All right, this is just a closer, or a 3-D cut out of the seating bowl and here you see the 'sideline club'. These are the premium seats, the suites, this is the end zone, what we're calling the 'end zone club', the lower bowl, general seating, the upper bowl, general seating and then the fan services area. Here's another place where you can see, if you would have the concourse, the second concourse at this level, you would see here, you would have to push out further, which means that this base would have to go out further, creating additional square footage, that just drives it outside

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of our budget. This is just a closer view to the 3-D cutout of the seating bowl. Again, very up close, this is the premium seating bowl.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now Ron, if you could go back to that one. There will be no public seating behind and above the suite area. Is that correct?”

Mr. Holt said, “That’s correct, there would not be. All right, with this seating bowl then, what kind of configurations, theater, concert configurations could you get. This is a theater stage configuration. Again, you see the stage in the blue. The red is where your general public seating would be and of course this is the first sketch of this. We’re looking at you could probably move that out further and then your premium seating would be in the suites here and then the loge club seats here.

Again, we’ll be working with Superlative, but what we’ve been told generally is when you sell the suites and you have a theater, stage configuration, only your suite holders have access of course to their suites. But when you sell these other kind of seats, in this kind of configuration, these folks then would agree to . . . they have first right at these seats, but if they don’t want them at whatever this event is, these seats would then become available to the general public, so it gives you a lot of flexibility.

Again,
we’ll be working with Superlative Group to define all those packages, what makes the most sense with this market and how to work that, but that just gives you some sense about how this premium seating all on one side would work with this stage configuration.

Again, this is just a cut away to show you how the curtaining can be done to make this theater stage configuration seem like a pretty intimate space, with having all of these seats then blocked off.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Ron, if you did it that way, are we looking at like maybe 5,000- 6,000, something in that area.”

Mr. Holt said, “Five to six thousand.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And if we draped just the upper bowl, we’d be at about 7,500, depending of what the event is or what have you?”

Mr. Holt said, “If you had the whole arena open, except that the upper bowl is draped off, you’d be at about 7,500, yes.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “And we’re going to have the capability of doing that.”

Mr. Holt said, “Yes, we’re working at having the capability to do that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you.”

Mr. Holt said, “This is again just another cut away of the curtaining area, to show how that would work with the stage here, premium seating and then the general seating bowl there and around in this area. This is the end-stage configuration. Again, the stage is on one end of the arena. All of this red would be your general seating, general public seating, and then again you can see here your premium seat holders would have good view and access to the stage there.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And that’s when you would start to put seats on the floor.”

Mr. Holt said, “Yes. This shows that you have seats . . . this whole red area would depict seating, so you would have seats all in this area, or at least standing in this area, depending on what kind of concert you had, yes.

This is the center stage configuration. Again, the stage is in the middle of the floor. You have seating all around it, all upper and lower bowl and then your premium seating. This configuration is where you can get up to . . . depending on the staging here, you can get up to 17,000 for a concert.

All right, what are the next steps? Again, we talked about exterior design, having three pictures, three views, three concepts by April the 26th, having you see though that day. Getting out to the public, in a number of public meetings, and then on or before the end of May, having a final design, preferred exterior design concept for your consideration.

After that then, we would in schematic design, that’s drawing the lines, separating the rooms, exactly how large are the individual spaces. Then we go into the design development, September through January. That’s really looking at what color are the finishes, what kind of fabric for the seats, all that sort of thing in the design development stage. At that stage, this design development stage is also where we begin to think about and look at how many bid packages we would have to do the construction of this project. January through May of ’07, then our construction documents phase.

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What are the future arena process components? The naming rights sponsorships and premium seating sales and marketing would start in earnest October 2006 until they're sold. Quite frankly, some of that will be going on at the same time that we're doing the evaluation as well. The parking strategy or plan would start, following the arena neighborhood redevelopment work in July and we would, through a number of different process, take a look at what needs to be done there and would have on or before December 2007 a fully developed plan that the public would have plenty of opportunity to weigh in on.

The construction bid period then is May 2007 to July 2007, on our current timeline. The sales tax period then is May 2007 to July 2007, on our current timeline. The sales tax ends December 2007 or earlier. The construction period then, July 2007 to early 2009, and the arena would open early 2009.

That's our update today. Again, this seating bowl configuration has a . . . is a key driver to the exterior design. We don't know yet exactly where they are, but they are thinking they're working and they tell us that they're excited that the engineering and architectural team tells us they're excited about the possibilities for an arena on this site that has not only functionality, but will have some 'wow' factor to it as well. Be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions of Ron's presentation? Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "So on the bowl configuration, even if we end up with 12 or 24 suites or 300 or 150 club seats, this configuration will still work."

Mr. Holt said, "This configuration will still work for suites up to, they tell us, about 24. If we decide we need more than that, we'll have to look at some other use of some of those other areas to do that, but yes and then the loges boxes and the club seats, they can be extended out further or reduced, depending on what the market would bear."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well, I remember at one of the arenas we went to, they had over-build on their club seats, but were using that as an advantage to be able to sell tickets at a little more premium price for those empty seats, so I assume we're going to take that into consideration too, that if we think we're going to have 250 sold club seats, we'll probably go ahead with 300 or something like that, a few extras to sell, on a case-by-case basis."

Mr. Holt said, "Yes, and again, one of the reasons, as we talked to you before, going out, getting an experienced group to help us, not only take a look at this market to determine how many seats of

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these premium seats, but also how we ought to price them and package them is the reason we're doing that, so that we make sure we have the most effective approach that we can to this use of the facility."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, that's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ron, this configuration doesn't require any compromise in our previously expressed desire to have it a minimum of 19 inch seats and 33 inch tread depth and those sort of issues that are important to our citizens?"

Mr. Holt said, "That is correct. This has not compromised those at all. We're still focused on 19-20 inch seats in the general public seating bowl area, 33 inch tread depth and probably a 22-inch seat in the premium seating with the 34 inch tread depth."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see any other questions, so I have to assume that we're giving you our tacit approval and the direction you're going is the right one. What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file.

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	Absent

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

H. ADDITION OF A VEHICLE TO THE FLEET, TO BE USED BY THE ELECTION OFFICE.

Mr. Craig Faroh, Chief Deputy, Election Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The request that we have is an addition to the Fleet for a vehicle. We've examined the travel that we've utilized over the last four year of 7,000 miles per year and we have examined the types of trips, the trips to Topeka, conferences, meetings, and county trips that we need. We're foreseeing a 30% increase in travel, as the need for our presence in Topeka gets greater and the relationship with the Secretary of State and the participation with legislation and we're wanting to develop a greater partnering with the counties and the election commissioners in this region.

We're seeing the likelihood of spending more for a vehicle in reimbursement than having one that we have for department use. We're wanting to implement the vote center concept in Sedgwick County and to transport the supplies needed to do that we're finding that an annual . . . we're looking at an expectation of an annual traveling of \$9,000. The vehicle is multi-purpose, it's flexible in both transporting people, as well as hauling equipment and supplies and the annual cost looks to be \$4,350.

The money to purchase the vehicle, \$17,400, was derived from budget savings in 2005 and has been transferred over to Fleet Management's budget, in anticipation to be able to purchase this and we're expecting the ongoing fleet expenses to be taken care of through contractual and savings from mileage reimbursement expenses that we have been doing with employees at present and this should also handle the liabilities of transporting individuals better."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all?"

Mr. Faroh said, "That's all. Is there any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't know yet. Any questions of Craig on his request? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well I think I don't have a question, just a statement that I'm going to be supportive of this. I think that they've done their homework and done the analysis and I think it's difficult to run an operation if you don't have the equipment and tools to do it, so I'll be

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supportive.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that there’s any other comments, so commissioners, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the addition to the Fleet inventory.

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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Craig. Next item please.”

I. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR OPERATION AND FINANCE OF THE EXPLOITED AND MISSING CHILD UNIT.

Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning we have for your consideration a contract with the Wichita Regional Office of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Under this contract, the Wichita Regional Office will fund one-third of the cost of the Exploited and Missing Children’s Unit for 2006. This is more or less a renewal. We’ve been doing this for several years now and the City of Wichita Police Department funds one third of the cost of the operating costs and the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office funds one third of the cost, so it’s a shared funded program.

And total budget for 2006 this year is \$145,067, so one third maximum cost under this contract for the Wichita Regional Office of SRS is \$48,356 and I’d recommend you approve this agreement and be glad to try to answer any questions you might have.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, I don’t see that we have any questions of you. So Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Contract 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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

J. DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS- HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) PROVIDING FUNDING TO MAINTAIN THE WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN IMMUNIZATION PROJECT.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Asking you to approve a grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for \$53,000. This grant is used to improve immunization rates among our WIC children and we use this money to fund a nurse, who checks on the immunization status of the children and assures that they get their shots, and also analyzes what percentage of our WID clients are up to date on their immunizations. We’ve been getting this grant since 2002, and we have seen quite an increase in the up to date rate, from 66% to 83%, so it seems to be working and there is no match for this grant.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Any questions for Claudia? I don’t see any, so what’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Contract 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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A TWO-DAY TRAINING PROGRAM ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF RADIATION ACCIDENT VICTIMS."

Ms. Blackburn said, "The Health Department has received public health emergency preparedness and response funding from the Metropolitan Medical Response System for four years and part of the expectation of the screen is that we provide training on different areas that help us with emergency preparedness and this contract is for training geared towards hospitals for radiation, how to deal with radiation contamination, radiation exposure and they'll be teaching people from the hospitals and actually around the state, how to decontaminate and treat people and monitor people who have been exposed to radiation. And it is a sole source contract for \$22,500 and according to the grant, it has to be spent for training."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Any questions on this item? Commissioner Unruh?"

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Again, not a question, this is just another example of how we’re trying to stay up to date and have a comprehensive program to deal with these issues. It’s interesting that each day we see something new that needs to be taken care of and addressed so that we can be fully prepared, but I don’t think we can let down our commitment to being prepared in this area, so I’m going to be fully supportive.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioner Burtnett.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well, I do have a question. Does this training change every year? The grants the same, but the training is for a different area?”

Ms. Blackburn said, “Different focus.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay, so this year it just happens to be radiation. Okay. Thank you, that’s all I had.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

3. CONTRACT WITH KDHE FOR A TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM.

Ms. Blackburn said, "The Sedgwick County Health Department has a TB program, which most of you are familiar with and you're going to hear more about it next week. And this is for a grant with KDHE for \$13,000 to help support X-ray services for clients who have positive TB skin tests, who may be contacts to cases or who are cases who we're monitoring. And it's supports the X-ray and the reading of the X-ray through a contract with K.U. and we've been getting it for quite some time."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any questions on this item? Commissioners, what's the will?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

**4. AID – TO – LOCAL GRANT APPLICATION TO KDHE
TOTALING \$1,846,906 FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS.**

Ms. Blackburn said, "Now this is the last Health Department item. We have been getting this Aid-to-Local Grant for 30 years from KDHE. It's formula funding and it is a request for \$1,846,906 to fund a number of programs, including a block grant that can be used anyway we want to, chronic

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disease risk reduction, which is mainly our tobacco prevention control grant, maternal and child health, family planning, children's primary care, immunization, a prescription drug assistance program and STD/ AIDS. And there is a match requirement for this grant. It is \$474,578. That is the match for the proposed budget. We may not get everything that we've asked for."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What was the match again?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "\$474,578."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And do we have that in the budget? So I mean, the best case scenario, that we get the full grant, we have that money set aside for us in the budget? Okay. Are you finished now with your presentation?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I'm assuming that match is fairly consistent with our program, as we've been going along. I mean, the same things we've had this year, and we're just looking at the future, to keep providing our health department services."

Ms. Blackburn said, "This match is . . . the formula funding from the state is spread out over lots of different positions, and the match helps to pay for those different positions. I brought Lori, who is really an expert on this grant, in case you have any specific questions."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I think that answers my question mainly. This is just kind of a continuing evolution of our involvement and our financial commitment but without the grant, we don't get the money and without the money we can't run our Health Department and it's critical to our community, so I'm supportive. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. I don't see that there's any other questions or comments, so what's the will of the Board on this item, please."

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially

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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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Once again, now I can say thank you very much. Next item please.”

K. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2006 RIVER FESTIVAL DIVERSITY EVENTS.

Ms. Sheena Lynch, Management Intern, Manager’s Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Wichita River Festival. In recent years, Sedgwick County has sponsored a variety of events at the River Fest. By entering into this agreement, Sedgwick County will be sponsoring several diversity events, which include the gospel concert, a play ‘Dearly Beloved’, and the ‘Urban Speaks Poetry Slam’. The River Festival is scheduled from May 12th through May 20th. We recommend that you approve the agreement and I would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I see that we do have some questions or comments. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Sheena, our involvement last year, our financial involvement was at what level?”

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Ms. Lynch said, "I don't have that."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "It was \$15,000."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So it is substantially reduced. Okay, thank you. That's all I had."

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

Any further comments? Do you have something, Mr. Buchanan?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "It should be noted, commissioners, if it would please you, that this is the last time Sheena is going to appear before us as an intern."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Will she be going someplace else?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We will be going to Human Resources Monday."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, congratulations Sheena, very good. So we're going to keep a good person. You know the award for good work, in a capitalistic society, is simply more work. Well, it really see. Congratulations and good luck to you."

Mr. Lynch said, "I'm very excited. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. Would you call the roll on this item."

VOTE

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, “You know, before we go to the next item, we’ve been very successful with this intern program.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “This year.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, this year yet, because we batted 100% this year, but this has been a good program, where Bill and his staff can take a look at these interns and as various positions come available, evaluate first hand their work for six months or a year, as to whether or not they’d like to have them apply for the job and it would be neat if you could have everybody that you ever wanted to work for you, work for a year as an intern to decide whether or not you want to give them a full time job, but it’s a neat partnership that we’re having with W.S.U. Yes, Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, I just want to dovetail on that comment. There was some conversation in the newspaper and the public about the interns here recently, and someone made a comment that their job with an intern was babysitting and I just want to let everybody know that interns at Sedgwick County work themselves to the bone. We use them a lot. They’re very efficient. We appreciate the help that you give us.

But I have observed that you folks are busy, so if anyone gets a wrong impression about Sedgwick County interns, they need to be really set, because our guys work.”

Mr. Lynch said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Anything else, Mr. Buchanan, on this item?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Just to follow up on that, we have very intentionally brought interns in, to have an experience of local government and an opportunity to do all kinds of tasks, some of it menial. Much of it is research and writing and helping me respond to citizens and developing policies and it doesn’t get better than that and that’s hard work.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Good, okay. Have we already had a roll? So, we’re done with this item? Next item please.”

L. DIVISION OF FINANCE – BUDGET DEPARTMENT.

1. AMENDMENT TO THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 32.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today we have two requests to amend the 2006 CIP from Facility Project Services. Both are for construction of Fire Stations, that are the initial priorities in the fire district relocation plan. And as you’re well aware, the relocation plan is designed to adjust for changes in the Fire District boundaries and to optimize service for all the Fire District constituents.

Here’s an artist’s renderings of new Fire Station 32. It will have six bays and will be 11,320 square feet in size. It will also house an administrative wing to replace the current wing, located at 4343 North Woodlawn. The Hazardous Materials Response Team and their vehicle are also located here.

Here’s the location of the facility. It’s going to be located on Wild West Drive and that’s just south of 77th Street North and generally opposite the entrance to the dog track and just east, of course, of the interstate and it will replace a facility that’s located at 500 East 53rd Street North.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Where is the city limits of Wichita, in relation to that ‘x’? How close is the city limits of Wichita there, ballpark?”

Mr. Giroux said, “We’ll let the Chief respond to that.”

Fire District #1 Chief Gary Curmode, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes, it’s just south of Park City. Right now, the city borders up Valley Center, the City of Park City and Wichita all border up together and it varies along 53rd Street, west of Broadway. Wichita will go up as far as 53rd and just a couple of other places north of there, and then Valley Center takes off.

If you look at the fire station right now, we’re right on the border, north of 235, then you go right into where the boundary is for City of Wichita and Sedgwick County.”

Mr. Giroux said, “Cost of the facility is estimated at \$3,061,577. Funding is proposed from the unencumbered balance of the Fire District #1 general fund. Both staff and CIP Committee have reviewed the project in detail and recommend approval and we have both the Director of Public Safety and Chief Curmode, as you’ve already discovered. They’re available to answer questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any questions on this item? Commissioner Burtnett.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well, actually not a question, just some comments. I know, since I

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got on to the commission we've been talking about this relocation and it's really exciting to see it actually coming to happen and I think the location is just great. I know we've looked at a couple of other locations, but I think this is going to be very successful and very good for the Fire Department, so happy to see it finally coming to fruition."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any other questions, commissioners? I have one of Bob Lamkey, if you'd like to come up and this is in regards to not only this item but the next item, which is the approval of another . . . construction of another fire station. Back some time ago, we went to the City of Wichita discussing and wanting to find out whether or not they were interested in reunification and had asked them, because of our need this year, to start making some decisions on this. Would they get back to us and let us know by the end of January whether they were interested in the concept. And I haven't seen anything formally back from them. Have you received any formal information back from them on that?"

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Bureau of Public Safety, said, "No, sir. I know that the counsel and their staff have met, but as far as I know, neither you nor the manager nor have I received any feedback."

Chairman Sciortino said, "My question is, . . . I have a question, then you can . . . does the approval of these CIP projects preclude us from having someone . . .?"

Mr. Lamkey said, "No, sir. In fact, as we started this process of discussion with them, I think we were pretty clear that we would put on hold the three remaining fire stations, pending discussions with them, but these two fire stations and their locations would be needed, regardless of whether we were unified or not."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's it. Mr. Buchanan, you had something?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I wanted to make sure, for the record, I did receive a letter yesterday from George Kobl regarding the fire unification. I have not read it yet."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, all right. I just wanted to make sure what we were doing didn't . . . even though they haven't responded formally to us at our request to respond by the end of January, that this wasn't something that would say 'well I'm sorry, since you didn't respond, we've got to go forward with these projects'. These two won't, the other three will."

Mr. Lamkey said, "Correct, and those three we haven't taken any action on, pending on what we

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decide in regards to this process.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, great, thank you. That’s all I had. Okay, commissioners, what’s the will of the board on this L-1, the first CIP project?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett 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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Next item.”

2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2006 CIP TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 33.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Giroux said, “The second CIP amendment request is to add new Fire Station 33 to the CIP program. Again, here is an artist’s rendering of that facility. Station 33 is a four-bay station. It will be 8,650 square feet in size and most of the remaining stations in the relocation plan will be this basic design. We anticipate that Station 33 will be the first station to actually begin construction. Fire Station 33 will be located at 10625 West 53rd Street North. That’s in the northern boundary of Maize. Cost of Fire Station 33 is estimated at \$1,581,856 and again, we’ve proposed to fund that from the unencumbered balance of the Fire District operating fund. Again, we recommend approval of this project. Do you have any questions?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Yes, we do have a question or a comment. Commissioner Burtnett.”

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “Actually, another comment. Again, this is in my district and I’m getting kind of excited. I get two fire stations in my district. Again, I think the location is really good. It has very good access to the highway system, so I think we have found a very good location for this and again, I’m glad to be seeing this coming to fruition and getting done. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. If we . . . Pete, if we don’t move forward with unification and that influences our decisions, that the remaining three fire stations, they’re expected to cost about 1.6. Is that what the budget is?”

Mr. Giroux said, “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “All right, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, no further comments. What’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett 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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

M. DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. FORCE ACCOUNT AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATH PROJECT ALONG PAWNEE BETWEEN WOODLAWN AND ROCK ROAD. CIP# R-296. DISTRICT #5.**

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item M-1 is a force account agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to reimburse Sedgwick County for construction engineering services, which is inspection, performed during construction of the pedestrian/ bicycle path along Pawnee, between Woodlawn and Rock Road. This project is designated as R-296 in the Capital Improvement Program and will have 80% reimbursement. The maximum amount of federal funds the county can receive is \$8,699.52. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, David. Any questions of David on this project? No. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, David. You have one more item I believe."

2. CONTRACT WITH MKEC ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECTS. DISTRICT #3.

- **B-363 - 15TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 327TH AND 343RD STREETS WEST; 622-5-2376**
- **B-413 - 135TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 23RD AND 31ST STREETS SOUTH; 803-S-942**
- **B-414 - 23RD STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 151ST AND 167TH STREETS WEST; 624-16-1385**
- **B-415 - 23RD STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 151ST AND 167TH STREETS WEST; 624-16-2700**
- **B-416 - 199TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 47TH AND 55TH STREETS SOUTH; 795-V-3802**
- **B-434 - 343RD STREET WEST BETWEEN 63RD AND 71ST STREETS SOUTH; 777-X-1640**

Mr. Spears said, "Item M-2 is an agreement with MKEC to design six bridges this year in accordance with the Capital Improvement Program. These bridges will be constructed in 2008. For the record the bridges are: B-363, located on 15th Street South between 327th Street West and 343rd Street West; B-413 on 135th Street West between 23rd and 31st Streets South; B-414 and B-415 both on 23rd Street South between 151st and 167th Street West; B-416 on 199th Street West between 47th and 55th Street South and the Sixth Bridge is B-434 on 343rd Street West between 63rd and 71st Streets South.

The total cost for design will be \$95,000. The budget is \$112,500. We received proposals from four consultants: MKEC, TranSystems, Cook Flatt & Strobel, and Parsons Brinkerhoff. MKEC had the lowest Fee. I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "David, these are all in Commissioner Winters' district. Perhaps maybe we should defer this. He might have an objection and since he's not here, should we defer any action and let him decide? No, I'm just joking."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "I thinking Mr. Winters will be approving of this."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think he would too."

MOTION

Chairman Sciortino moved to approve the Contract 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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2006.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of March 9th results in ten items for consideration today.

**1) ROAD IMPROVEMENT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

The first item, road improvements for Public Works. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Brown and Brown Incorporated in the amount of \$1,072,000.

**2) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item two, bridge improvements for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid of

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King Construction Company in the amount of \$1,574,818.62.

3) ROCK SALT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIAL

Item three, rock salt for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid of Lafarge North America in the amount of \$72,540.

4) 3/8" CITY SURFACE MIX- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIAL

Item four, 3/8th inch city surface mix for Public Works. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Kansas Paving in the amount of \$83,700.

5) CM-B SAND- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIAL

Item five, CM-B sand for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid of Associated Material and Supply in the amount of \$28,000.

6) CS-2 CRUSHED STONE- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIAL

Item six, CS-2 crushed stone for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Lee Nichols Trucking for \$45,500.

7) ONE-TON TRUCK- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Item seven, a one-ton truck for Fleet Management. The recommendation is to accept low proposal from Don Hattan Chevrolet in the amount of \$26,811.

8) ANNUAL HARDWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL OF DATA STORAGE CHASSIS- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: SYSTEMS & SECURITY

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Item eight is an annual hardware maintenance renewal of the data storage chassis for Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Xiotech for \$42,108.

**9) LICENSE AND MAINTENANCE RENEWAL FOR ONBASE IMAGING- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT**

Item nine, licenses and maintenance renewal for onbase imaging for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Automated Business Systems in the amount of \$86,042.

**10) HARDWARE/ SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DATA CENTER**

And item ten, hardware and software maintenance renewal for the Division of Information and Operations and the recommendation is to accept the quote from Storage Technology in the amount of \$47,008.80.

Be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Iris. Any questions of Iris on these items, commissioners? I don’t see any, so what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

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

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	Absent

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Commissioner Burtnett Aye
Chairman Sciortino Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, very much Iris. You have a nice day. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

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- 1. Temporary Construction Easements (two) for Sedgwick County Project 588-25, 26; recondition roadbed plus 6" bituminous surfacing and replace bridge 588-26-574 on 125th Street North between Meridian and Broadway. CIP# R-255. District #4.**
- 2. Addendum to the Foreign-Trade Subzone Operations Agreement acknowledging transfer of ownership of the Subzone from Abbott Laboratories to Hospira, Inc.**
- 3. Amendment to the Truancy Prevention Program Agreement with Wichita Public School District #259 modifying program referral criteria.**
- 4. Amendment to the Truancy Prevention Program Agreement with Cities in Schools modifying program referral criteria.**
- 5. Program line item adjustments to the Juvenile Justice Authority for the Functional Family Therapy Program.**
- 6. Amendment to Agreement with Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance to other Kansas providers in the Projects Assisting in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program.**
- 7. Lease with Builders Inc. for space used by the Health Department at 1530 South Oliver.**
- 8. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

Contract Rent District

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V06014	\$288.00	4	Robert Brunch
V01064R	\$315.00	5	Springcreek Apts Phase II
V05010R	\$321.00	5	Springcreek Apts Phase II

- 9. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V03027	\$270.00	\$262.00
V05013	\$262.00	\$257.00
V03010	\$650.00	\$643.00
V03015	\$110.00	\$116.00
V03029	\$264.00	\$294.00
V04018	\$148.00	\$144.00
V03031	\$219.00	\$225.00
V04023	\$686.00	\$597.00
V05010	\$329.00	\$321.00
V01044	\$336.00	\$302.00
V01064	\$323.00	\$315.00
V020019	\$455.00	\$395.00
V99022	\$150.00	\$112.00
V03011	\$510.00	\$470.00
V03028	\$296.00	\$289.00
V99021	\$165.00	\$148.00
V03017	\$306.00	\$299.00
V05017	\$279.00	\$279.00
V05024	\$214.00	\$219.00
V871020	\$310.00	\$301.00
V05016	\$264.00	\$280.00
V05014	\$127.00	\$133.00
V04026	\$301.00	\$278.00
V04031	\$190.00	\$144.00
V05023	\$213.00	\$226.00
V05022	\$235.00	\$136.00
V05020	\$171.00	\$164.00

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V05055	\$575.00	\$179.00
V05098	\$615.00	\$615.00
V05094	\$533.00	\$547.00
V06010	\$350.00	\$0.00
V01081	\$0.00	\$331.00
V04077-R	\$377.00	\$172.00
V06003	\$215.00	\$400.00

- 10. Schedule post-annexation public hearing for May 17, 2006.**
- 11. Orders dated February 28 and March 7, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 12. Plat.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2005 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Afton Lakeside Estates

- 13. General Bills Check Register(s) for the weeks of March 1 – 14, 2006.**
Mr. Buchanan said, “You have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

MOTION

Chairman Sciortino moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, we are going to have to have a Fire District meeting, but before we close this meeting, anything going on this weekend or last weekend that you’d like to discuss? Commissioner Burtnett.”

P. OTHER

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Actually there is. I’d like to do a little quick overview on the National Association of Counties meeting that I attended, along with Commissioner Winters last week. One of the things that came up in today’s meeting was the report on e-government, and one of the seminars I went to was talking about what has the county done for me lately, how to report to the public. I think Sedgwick County does a fine job on our website of reporting things to our public. I think we can do a better job, but I think we are doing a fine job. I think we need to also find those who do not have Internet access, maybe don’t get as much information as we need to, so I’m talking to the Communications Department and we’re trying to figure out ways to maybe get some sort of news letter out that encompasses all of our districts. I know some of us do area, district newsletters, but we need to do a little bit better.

A couple of the other seminars that I went to were on immigration reform and reentry legislation. Obviously, the reentry is hitting home to us because we’re looking at the alternative programs with our jail and the expansion of the jails. They were very timely for me to sit in on those seminars. And during one of those general sessions, we had a great report from the Montana Meth Program, which I brought back some CDs and have shared with some of the other commissioners. Montana is doing a statewide advertising concept, trying to get kids to not try meth even once and it’s a very graphic and very good advertising campaign that they’re putting on, and I think we can always learn from other states and what they do, so I really felt like it was a very good conference and I’m glad I went. So, just wanted to kind of update, very quickly, on what went on.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Sure. And I think it should be noted, for the general public, that in case you start calling wanting us to put on this meth program, that it was funded by a private individual that came forward and felt strongly enough that he wanted to help out and he was funding it, so if anyone is out there and really feels you’d like to fund it for us, we’d be happy to . . . call Commissioner Burtnett. Any . . . Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I had a couple of things I wanted to share. First, on kind of a global or big picture perspective, I had an opportunity to sit in on an economic development seminar last Friday morning that was hosted by the GWEDC that our commissioners

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and our government participates in actively and just one bit of information out of that that was shared was that this group did a survey of 8,100 young people to ask where they would like to locate, where they would like to live and three out of four said that they would . . . these are young people, under 28, three out of four said they would chose a place to live based on value of place over the type of job they had. And it struck me that it just reinforces our involvement as county government in making sure that we do a good job in providing safety of our citizens and providing human services that are appropriate and high quality, that we're involved in developing appropriate infrastructure and that we are involved in these things that we've got involved in lately that has to do with economic development and cultural improvement of our community.

All this kind of goes together, but the point of my comment really is that we want to encourage our citizens that we're working towards that end. We want citizen input in our decisions and we want to be engaged in conversation, so that we can achieve that end, of having a high quality place to live.

How this relates back to economic development simply is that businesses will not locate where there is not talent and talent will not come here to live if we don't have a high quality community to live in. So on the one hand, I'm saying that I think we're involved in the right things and we're doing the right things. We just need to keep doing more of it and keep doing it better.

The second thing I'd want to bring up is probably a little more specific to county government. We got a note last week that we just passed the one-year anniversary of our agreement with health care for our detained and incarcerated individuals in the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and by the decisions we made, an investigation we made, through Sheriff's staff and our Finance staff and commission involvement, after one year's time, we've saved over 1.2 million dollars in healthcare cost at the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. I think it's important that our citizens know that we are paying attention and trying to do better.

And then lastly, I just want to say that I'm very pleased that I'm now involved in the mentoring program. I just met my site-based little . . . last week, and I meet him again tomorrow."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Little what?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Little brother."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, little brother. You said little. You didn't say what."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So I get to go meet with this young man. I'm looking forward to a good relationship there. And I would encourage everybody else. Mentoring is a big issue in

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Visioneering and it's a helpful thing for our population if we can have that type of involvement, so encourage everybody to look into that. But anyway, that's all I had, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Go, Shocks. And Commissioner Unruh may want to comment on Visioneering. He's one of the co-chairs and they had their first annual update last night and several of us attended, but you might want to comment on that, Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, thank you Tim. You were there and you are engaged and understand how this all works, so I guess you could make the comment, but the reports back were very favorable that we have had success during this first year of Visioneering. The six strategies are moving along with organization and momentum. Yesterday, at the steering committee meeting they adopted three more strategies and all the strategies of moving forward have benchmarks, so we want to try to measure how we're making progress in achieving the vision that's been adopted by our community, so it was positive, but I think the subliminal message here is that we've got to persevere, we've got to hang in there, we've got to keep doing it. It doesn't happen over night, so in things like healthcare development in a college mecca, in mentoring, in entrepreneurial, are some of those strategies. We just have to stay at it, but I appreciate the opportunity to talk about it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But go ahead and talk about it."

Commissioner Norton said, "No, I think you've summed it up very well."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, for me I didn't have anything nearly as important. Our bicycle club all met at Freeman School Sunday, in the middle of the hurricane winds, and we decided to ride west, to Tyler Road, and ride south to 119th and then ride east, which that leg was nice to Peck. Never been to Peck, Kansas. It's a little unincorporated town, I guess. We had green bread that some lady made and we continued to ride for a little while and finally made it back to Haysville, where Freeman School is located, about a 22-mile ride. It wasn't very pleasant because of the winds, and it's kind of tough pedaling these heavy crosswinds or headwinds, but it was good fellowship and it makes you appreciate the days when it's not very windy, so that was the only benefit of riding Sunday but we did get to pedal through beautiful Haysville, a nice community."

Okay, well that's it. What I'm going to do is close this meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

Q. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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