

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 17, 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, May 17, 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; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Kristina Helmer, Public Educator, Health Department; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Kristi Wolf, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Cliff Sones, Executive Director, Wichita Independent Business Association.
Mr. Gary Winget, President, Kansans for Addiction Prevention.
Mr. Bob O'Connor, Vice Chair, Wichita Independent Business Association.
Mr. John Rolfe, President, Wichita Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
Mr. Chris Carrier, Director, City of Wichita Public Works Department.
Ms. Terry Cassidy, City of Wichita Manager's Office.
Mr. Mark Dick, Auditor, Allen Gibbs and Houlik.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Mike Gaddie of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 19, 2006
Regular Meeting, April 26, 2006

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of April 19th, 2006 and April 26, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, I believe you’ve had a chance to read the Minutes of April 19 and April 26. What is your will on these two items?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 19, 2006 and April 26, 2006.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

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A. PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 14, 2006 AS “WICHITA INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION 75TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION DAY.”**

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, I’m going to read this proclamation for the record. It states:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, independent business is the cornerstone of our local, state and national economies, and

WHEREAS, 1,300 businesses- from large corporations to home-base sole proprietors- in Wichita and across the state are currently members; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, thousands of Kansas businesses have accessed a wide variety of benefits, including political advocacy and continuing educations; and

WHEREAS, this business association has demonstrated a strong, continued commitment to education in our community through efforts such as their scholarship fund; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Independent Business Association, an alliance of independent businesses that joined together to ensure their views, concerns and needs are represented in today’s rapidly changing business world, has served as the voice of independent business in Wichita since May 1931.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2006 as

‘Wichita Independent Business Association 75th Anniversary Recognition Day’

in Sedgwick County and recognize this longtime member and partner of our local business community.

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "I believe Chris Sones or Bob O'Connor are here to accept it."

Mr. Bob O'Connor, Vice Chair, Wichita Independent Business Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've got a few pages of short notes, try to boil them down a little bit. When we talk about people who have lived 75 years, we talk about them as being either 75 years old or 75 years young. As next year's president of the WIBA, I believe that our organization is vigorous, is youthful, energetic and very much looking forward to working with our community partners in general and working with the commission in particular. And so, on behalf of the WIBA, I'd like to thank you for this proclamation."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And we have couple of comments or questions. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mr. Chair. Well Bob, I just want to congratulate you and Cliff and the members of WIBA on your longevity here, for 75 years. It is really quite an accomplishment and you provided a variety of services throughout that time that has been very valuable to independent businesses. And I know, in general, WIBA is thought of as a service to the smaller business owners in our community and while that's true, you also have some very large members also."

The definition is independent I think for WIBA, but the opportunities for networking and for education and political advocacy are, I think, very helpful to the smaller independent businesses, and so it's a great service you provide, along with the insurance program that you all provide for

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smaller businesses, which as we all know, is a real challenge for any business today is how to provide insurance for their employees.

At any rate, just to say congratulations, appreciate your service to our community and wish you good luck in the next 75 years.”

Mr. O’Connor said, “Thank you for your support and the nice words.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Burtnett.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “I also want to congratulate you on your 75 years. As a small business owner, I at some point in time, have been a member of the WIBA and really felt like I got a lot of use out of the networking, as Commissioner Unruh was talking about. Had a lot of roundtable discussions, and it really felt like, as a small business, you really cared about us and I really appreciated that, over the years, so I’m glad to see that you’re still going strong and congratulations.”

Mr. O’Connor said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Do you have any activities planned to commemorate the 75th that maybe the public would like to know about? If you do, feel free to mention it, the time, place and what have you.”

Mr. O’Connor said, “I may ask Cliff Sones, our Executive Director, to address that.”

Mr. Cliff Sones, Executive Director, WIBA, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you. We are working on a number of different things right now for the 75th anniversary. September will be the month that we’re going to put this together and we have a member, Intrust Bank, that has been a continuous member since 1937, and we’re working to get their chairman to come and speak to us during this program in September. We haven’t isolated a date yet, but that’s what we’re working on.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great. Okay, very good. Commissioners, any other comments? Seeing none, well thank you very much gentlemen. Next item please.”

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 13 – 21, 2006 AS “SEE AMERICA WEEK.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, I have this proclamation I’ll read into the

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record. It states:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Wichita is vital to our economic stability and is one of our most fundamental freedoms contributing to the success of our economy; and

WHEREAS, every citizen benefits from travel and tourism, from entry-level employees to top-level executives; tourism-related jobs in Wichita can be found in countless fields that benefit our community; and

WHEREAS, it is one of the nation's largest employers, with a total of 7.3 million jobs, and spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averages \$1.6 billion a day, \$68 million an hour, \$1.1 million a minute, and \$19,000 a second; and

WHEREAS, 3.4 million people visit Wichita each year, spending \$356 million annually or \$975,342 per day, and tourists pay \$3.6 million in taxes to Sedgwick County and \$18.9 million to the State of Kansas. Tourism provided 14,000 jobs and tourists paid \$5 million in transient guest tax in 2005.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 13-21, 2006 as

'See America Week'

in recognition of the unique significance of the travel and tourism industry in the lives of the citizens of Sedgwick County.

Commissioners, that's the proclamation. What is your will?"

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I believe John Rolfe or Olivia is here.”

Mr. John Rolfe, President, Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I, as well as several of my colleagues, are here with me from the convention and visitors bureau and certainly we appreciate your recognition and certainly the proclamation of ‘See America Week’ which certainly in our eyes, and hopefully in yours and our community, that we realize that tourism has a significant economic impact and certainly impacts all of us.

And I also want to thank each of you for your partnership in tourism and to grow our market. And certainly I know that you all have financially, as well as otherwise, supported many of our area attractions, such as Exploration Place and the County Zoo, Old Cowtown, Wichita/ Sedgwick County Historical Museum and others. And certainly I would just say thank you for that, because those are very key area attractions for us. Certainly, from a visitor’s standpoint, I’ll tell you, they certainly play a very key component to us a local residents in our quality of life, which we wouldn’t be able to enjoy without certainly the public support that each of you all provide.

And lastly, I just want to say thank you also to Commissioner Lucy Burnett and certainly Assistant Director . . . County Manager Director, Assistant County Manager Director Ron Holt for their leadership and their commitment to our board of directors as well. So again, thank you for this proclamation and we look forward to your continued support in helping us grow this area for tourism, not only locally, but also around the county and in the state.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thanks, John. You want to introduce your people, so we can embarrass them.”

Mr. Rolfe said, “Certainly. Starting to my right, to my right and the first person is our communications manager Olivia Simmons, our Vice President, and Maurine R. Hofrenning, our director of sales.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. We have some comments here. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well John, I have to applaud you and your staff for all you do every month. Being on that board, with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, I have learned so much about what tourism really is in this area and you guys bring in so many conventions, I think the general public has no idea what really does go on in downtown and in the region and that you are a huge, huge part of that, so I applaud you guys for all your work and I just really enjoy being on that board and helping serve."

Mr. Rolfe said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And the past is prologue though, John, right. Because there's very little warmth derived from the flames of past successes. It's going to be what we're going to do in the future, and I understand that there's a lot of exciting things in the works."

Mr. Rolfe said, "That's right. We're only as good as our last convention."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that there's any further comments except I was smelling something that I think is a Krispy Kreme. Is that . . .?"

Mr. Rolfe said, "That's exactly right. What we are . . . in celebrating See America Week, we are in partnership with Krispy Kreme and so at the airport this week, we have people out there during certain hours, that are providing donuts to our visitors, and local residents as well as in our offices, and so we've provided you a little bit of information and certainly some Krispy Kreme donuts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I want to go on record as saying no county commissioner on this bench can be bought, but for Krispy Kremes, we could be borrowed for 15 or 20 minutes."

Mr. Rolfe said, "And I guess I would just say, commissioners, I would be remiss, I guess one of our biggest accomplishment here most recently is the Sedgwick County Arena and we are so pleased to see your support and what you're doing with that and we look forward to it taking place in 2009."

Chairman Sciortino said, "As do we. Thank you very much, John, and thank you to all of you. Next item please."

3. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 17, 2006 AS "WALK AT WORK DAY."**

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Chairman Sciortino said, “I have one more proclamation I’d like to read into the record, commissioners. It states:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, physical activity can help Americans live longer, healthier, active lives; and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits to incorporating physical activity into your daily routine, including:

- Helps build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints.
- Helps control weight, build lean muscle and reduce fat.
- Reduces the risks of heart disease and of developing high blood pressure, colon cancer and diabetes.
- Can help reduce blood pressure in some people with hypertension.
- Reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression and fosters improvements in mood and feelings of well-being; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General recommends that children and adults have at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity each day and even broken into smaller segments of 10 or 15 minutes throughout the day provides significant health benefits; and

WHEREAS, employers across the nation are promoting ‘worksites wellness activities’ in order to help employees take charge of their health, practice healthier behaviors and reduce healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, health and wellness are important to Sedgwick County, with our Sedgwick County Health Department and Sedgwick County Wellness Committee promoting healthy eating and physical activity at home, at work and at school;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2006 as

‘Walk at Work Day’

in Sedgwick County, and encourage employees all over the community to begin a habit of living a

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healthier lifestyle by participating in brisk walk over lunch or a break, to get your recommended 30 minutes of exercise a day.

That's the proclamation, commissioners. What's the will of this board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Before you get started Claudia, do you want to talk to us about the health benefits of Krispy Kreme donuts?"

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Why is it always me. Thank you very much for your support this morning and always of worksite wellness programs and of this proclamation today. And you know my attitude about Krispy Kremes and other donuts and other things that could be considered not the best for you. Everything in moderation, but if you go ahead and indulge in these this morning, you definitely need to participate in the Walk At Work program today.

Increasing physical activity at work has benefits for employees, employers and the whole community. Benefits for employers include increased productivity, reduced or at least improved health care costs, health care costs management, decreased rates of illness and injury and reduced employee absenteeism.

Benefits for employees include lower levels of stress and I can tell you when I see my employees walking during their break together and talking about whatever was bothering them from the two

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hours before, they come back refreshed and invigorated and focused again on work, so it always makes me feel good to see that.

Employees also have increased sense of well-being, self-image and self-esteem. It certainly helps with mental health. It improves their physical fitness overall and it is critical in maintaining weight reduction and it helps to reduce weight as well.

Additionally, we know that other communities are investing in wellness and when we invest in wellness, our community is more competitive in the marketplace. Young people are looking for healthy communities to move to. Our Walk At Work event is an effort to increase awareness about worksite wellness and encourage employers and employees to consider ways to create a healthy environment for their employees and improve wellness on the job.

Our event organizer is Christina Helmer. You may recognize her from Wichi-Talk yesterday and I'd like her to share a little bit about the upcoming events."

Ms. Kristina Helmer, Public Educator, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "National Employee Health and Fitness Day is celebrated the third Wednesday in May, every year, and thousands of people around the country celebrate this day. Thanks for the support of the Health and Wellness Coalition, 24 employers in the Sedgwick County area have signed on to participate in this event, and encourage their employees to walk at work during the day. Just to name a few, the Sedgwick County is doing this, the City of Wichita, the City of Derby, Goddard School District, the Wichita School District, Koch Industries, the Wichita Area Technical College and Spirit. Those are just to name a few.

Even if your employer has not signed up for an event, employees are encouraged to walk that day and register their participation on the Sedgwick County website, and by registering, they will be eligible for prize drawings such as pedometers, water coolers, gift cards to sporting goods stores, plus the YMCA and Health Strategies have donated a year membership, along with Genesis is offering a health fair to an employer that gets the most of their employees to get out and walk that day.

So a few of their classes are the City of Wichita is giving a three-year membership to the botanical gardens plus some free recreational classes at the rec centers. We will draw for these prizes next week and announce the winners next week. The county employees are gathering today at noon at the historic courthouse and we're going to lead a one, two and three mile walk for people who would like to come and join us. Thanks again for your support for this event and supporting health."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Don't go away. I think we might have some comments. Commissioner

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Burnnett is commenting.”

Commissioner Burnnett said, “Well, I was glad to hear Claudia talk about everything in moderation, because the people at the Visitors and Convention Bureau could have given each of us a dozen donuts, and they only gave us four.

Since I’ve started this job at the county courthouse, I have decided to start doing more walking and I do walk the stairs, so I do 44 steps every morning and then usually a couple of times during the day, so that’s one of the ways I try to do it, and again in moderation. I think if people will realize that you don’t have to walk five miles a day, start out at five miles a day and cut your diet in half. If you’ll just start out with half a mile a day or a mile a day, I think you can make a big difference, and so I appreciate you having this information in the Walk At Work.

We’re actually going to the food court at noon, so we’re going to have to probably walk back from the food court to get off all those calories, but we’ll try that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Forty-four steps a day, up and down?”

Commissioner Burnnett said, “Up and down, two to three times a day.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I’ll take the elevator and walk down with you.”

Commissioner Burnnett said, “Okay.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any other comments? Well, you know, we joke about this but I really am proud that our Health Department has continued to take a proactive stance in trying to get people healthier, because in the past, health departments, even doctors were almost reactive. Once you got sick, they’d try to figure out how to get you well, but this is trying to how to keep you healthy, so you won’t have to come to us sick, and I did a little quick calculation. There’s nothing wrong with Krispy Kremes. I added it up, with the grams of calories and fat, about 112 miles walking today will take care of it, no problem.

And it’s everything in moderation too, because we’re not going to change dramatically the fact that we’re going to eat spaghetti once in a while, and you’re going to have a Krispy Kreme, and that’s fine but lets do it in moderation, lets get some exercise as part of your regimen. I personally am really into bicycling, which is kind of a lazy man’s way of walking, just sitting down while you’re walking, but it’s good exercise and it makes you feel better.

I don’t know how much it’s going to lengthen our life, but I think it’s going to increase the quality of our life if we do it, so you guys are doing great work and keep it up and I will be over there at the courthouse, walking the . . . walking with you this afternoon at noon.”

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “You’re not going to the food court.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “No, I’m going to walk, healthily, because after I eat these four Krispy Kremes, I can’t afford to go to the food court. Okay, that’s it. Thank you very much and good luck, and next item please.”

AWARD

B. PRESENTATION OF “AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION KANSAS CHAPTER AWARD – TRANSPORTATION AWARD \$2-10 MILLION CATEGORY” FOR THE GRAND AVENUE UNION PACIFIC RAIROAD GRADE SEPARATION.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “A couple weeks ago I was in Topeka at the state convention for the APWA conference. APWA is American Public Works Association, and on behalf of Sedgwick County, I did accept this award and it says: ‘2005 Public Works Project of the Year: 2 to \$10,000,000 category in transportation, Grand Avenue/ Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Project’ and that’s in Haysville and of course that was our . . . one of the largest projects we’ve ever done, it was almost \$10,000,000 and of course, a project of that magnitude you can’t do without the partnership of many people and I want to recognize those people today.

On our staff, Jim Weber and Phil Detrick, and the City of Haysville, of course was highly involved, Carol Nugent and Randy Dorner, Dondlinger Corporation, they built it, constructed it and that’s Nick Dondlinger and Matt Enlow and then of course PEC, Joe Surmeier, they did design and inspection. And we’re very proud of it. This project will be entered into the national contest, against the winners in each of the 50 states and we’ve got our fingers crossed on that. That will be pretty tough to win, but other than that, I just want to say that now a small city like Haysville, the railroad cut them in half and now they don’t have to worry anymore about a train stopping a fire truck or an ambulance or long times of traffic and that problem is gone now.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “That’s great. Is that the end? Okay, we have some comments.

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Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well thank you very much. David, I certainly want to say congratulations to you and your staff. This was a major project and with all major projects, there are some starts and fits and jumps around, but I think you guys did an excellent job.

And you know, I’m really pleased to see the senior staff of the City of Wichita here, because it reminds me back of how we got started on this process and now they have a project that is going to be significant to all of us, and as we’re certainly proud of this Haysville project, watching the Wichita Corridor Project now come together is very exciting.

I was fortunate enough, or at least I was here and involved in a very intense negotiations that went through the process that allowed us to do these projects. There was negotiation with Union Pacific Railroad, somewhat with Santa Fe Burlington Northern, the federal government and our legislative delegation was involved. The State of Kansas, KDOT, was highly involved, City of Wichita, City of Haysville, Sedgwick County and the staff of each of these organizations really did yeoman’s work on pulling this all together. I know that you, David Spears, were very involved, as was Steve Lackey at the City and Bill Stockwell, who was then with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department, really got into the grips of determining what the railroad’s future effects were going to have on communities.

And this was . . . the Haysville was the first step of what is really a major way in which we’re going to handle rail traffic through south central Kansas, so I’m glad that the City of Wichita senior staff people were here to hear about this award and I’m certain, when they get their project done, it’s going to be a really fantastic project and we really will have accomplished two major events of improving traffic flow, the project here in Wichita and the project in Haysville. So as citizens think about, you know, what it is we do in public service, I mean here is the culmination of a huge partnership with railroads, cities and counties, federal government, state government to make a project really work.

One of the fortunate things now, for those of us that like construction projects, we’re going to be . . . we’re seeing the Wichita project take place. We didn’t have the opportunity to see the Haysville project being built. Commissioner Norton of course did, but I think it’s very interesting to watch this project now come together, so congratulations, David. Again, we’re glad senior staff from the City is here to hear this presentation and we look forward to the total completion of this rail project. Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, congratulations Dave, to you and your staff. You know, I did

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get a chance to see this up close and personal. Not only did I get to see it, but I got to hear about it quite often.

I'd also like to congratulate Mayor Armstrong, Carol Nugent and Randy Dormer of the City of Haysville. You know, it was a project that involved state, federal, county, other entities, Union Pacific, construction company, but the folks that lived with it day in and day out were the citizens of Haysville and certainly they communicated their thoughts and anxieties to the mayor and his staff, so they were on the ground, dealing with it all the time and they did a masterful job. The good news is and I'll tell the staff at the city, is once it's over with, people forget real quick how much pain they had, how many times they had to stop for traffic, how many times they had to turn around and go the other direction, how many times they forgot that the project was even going along and got in the middle of a backup or whatever. That eventually goes away and they'll be very appreciative of the hard work that you're doing.

But during the process, I mean, it's very much like making sausage, nobody wants to look at the ingredients, because it's ugly. I mean, it doesn't get any better, from day to day. It's one of those projects that starts bad and ends up getting worse as you go along, anyway you slice it, so hang in there. There will be great results.

I've been attached to this project for a pretty long time. As Mayor of Haysville, I went to a lot of those very, very early meetings and lobbied for Haysville to be a part of this whole central rail corridor project, and it's very gratifying that now the county has won an award for doing the project right, bringing it in on budget and making sure that it was a quality project.

And finally, I would invite folks to stop by Haysville, if you haven't been down there in a while. You know, we took a bad hit right in that area during the tornado, and now with the railroad project, which is a quality project done, some beautification things happening at that confluence of Grand and Main, and with the redevelopment of downtown, which includes a lot of businesses, a senior housing development, parks and recreation, walking paths, street lighting, streetscaping, within the next six months, that whole corridor there, including the rail, is going to look very different in Haysville, so if you haven't been down there in a while, you might want to stop by, you'd be very surprised and truthfully, the railroad underpass is the centerpiece of that rebirth for Haysville. So congratulations Dave, I'm really proud of the group."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And commissioner, rumor has it, there's a big sign over that bridge

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saying 'gateway to paradise' or something."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, we don't want everybody to know about that, so we've kept the signage down."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, David I just want to add my voice to the others in congratulating you on this award. I would congratulate your staff and the partners that you put together. But I just want to make a statement that in my years as a commissioner here, which is still first term, that the projects that I've seen you involved in, they all deserve an award. I mean, this is not unusual or an aberration in a judgment of the work that we do. I think that you do a really outstanding job in the projects that Sedgwick County does, in all our projects, but this is great to be recognized for it and I just want to extend my congratulations also."

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well I'd like to tag on to what Commissioner Norton was saying to the City of Wichita. I will forget very quickly having to go from two lanes to one lane on Central every morning and I will forget . . . I don't know how quickly, the pleasantness of not having to wait for a train, but you do get that. You get that, you know, whenever you disrupt them. We got it every time we do a major project, but the end result is I think you're going to find the citizens of Wichita are very, very appreciative of the hard work that you're doing and I also thank you for coming here today to share with the presentation that David made, so thank you very much and good luck on your project. Commissioners, no other comment? Next item please. Thank you, David."

PUBLIC INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE BROAD ISSUE OF PREVENTION AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE USE OF JAIL SPACE.

Mr. Garry Winget, President, Kansans for Addiction Prevention, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to share some things. Do you all know what a macro is on a computer? I don't either but I thought it made a good story. Generally, you can punch one button and something is going to . . . a phrase will come out or a signature or a block, and I have a feeling that the Wichita Eagle has a macro that says 'Alcohol was involved'. I read the paper this morning, and there

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always was a comment about whether or not alcohol was involved and want to suggest to you that we have some issues, when we talk about jail space, how many of your residents are there because alcohol was involved.

As I was executive minister of United Methodist Urban Ministry for so many years, we are very certain that a minimum of 40% of the homelessness in Sedgwick County is because of alcohol, 40%. Now that's a huge social need that's created. And then we talk about family violence, we talk about more jail space, because somebody is in jail because alcohol was involved.

So I want to address the broad concept of prevention today, because as I, in my job, I have to read all of this stuff about alcoholism, about gambling, about nicotine and how these addictions work and I'm pleased that I will only be doing that another year or so, because it's not pleasant reading. But I was impressed by some things I've read recently that kind of redefine prevention for me. I'm a person that pretty much thought that if you could teach someone something, educate them, they would catch on and not do that activity. I've been in schools, I've help do some of the teaching. They are doing a fine job on these illicit drugs, alcohol, nicotine, those kind of issues. They're teaching well, and the statistics are that 77% of the students are catching on.

Well, that leaves 23% that didn't and so what we find is we have a 23% piece of our population that are often thrill seeking, adventurous. You know, my wife gets disgusted when there's been a window broken out in our neighborhood and said, 'Well, why do those vandals do that?' and I say 'They're thrill seekers'. They're the same kids that are going to start smoking or drinking. So, I have begun now to try to talk to people about how we can divide prevention up into another kind of category.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation uses the terms environmental. I think in terms of supply and demand. Education, hopefully, reduces the demand for these kinds of activities, so how do we reduce the other categories.

We know that we've had a great success in Kansas. I think it's probably almost four years now that we've dramatically increased the tax on cigarettes, 65 cents a package. Everybody said, 'Well, what will that do?' Well, it raised an additional \$48,000,000 for the State of Kansas and it reduced the number of cigarettes purchased by \$40,000,000 packages. I mean, we were all just excited because we thought 'Wow' but that's the kind of thing we talk about when we talk about environmental prevention, price especially for the teenager plays a major factor in whether or not they're going to use that drug.

If heroin is high on the street right now, heroin usage goes down. If meth . . . meth is always cheap, I think. You know, if beer . . . You know, I don't buy bottled water because I'm not sure it's safe. I like the tap water better, but I watch people pay twice as much for a bottle of water as they do for a

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can of beer and I think I would like a can of beer to be about \$5 a can. That would have an impact.

So when we talk about those environmental issues, we talk about we've been working in Topeka. I'm trying to get a tax increase on alcohol, but then I keep looking at my driver's license and I'm from Kansas and you don't get a tax increase in Kansas. That's just something true, but that's the kind of prevention activity that we think will work. In the area of nicotine, our neighboring states of Oklahoma and Colorado have gone smoke-free in public places. Kansas will be working harder on that next year, but in the article in the paper this morning, our major hospitals are going smoke-free on their campuses first of October.

We're having kind of a backdoor thing coming in. All we would have had to do is say, in Kansas we need to be smoke-free in public places because it's not the nicotine that causes cancer. That's what they're addicted to. It's the smoke that causes cancer, so I often leave a restaurant and go someplace else if it's too smoky, so we need to change that. And what we're finding is that when it becomes more and more difficult to smoke in public, there are people quitting. They say 'It's just too much trouble' and then they're catching on that if they smoke around children they're causing asthma.

So what we want to do is define prevention as more than education. Now when we talk about gambling, which a fairly pertinent issue, but very addictive, Sedgwick County has gotten it right, or Kansas has gotten it right. We know that if gambling is introduced within 50 miles of Wichita, there will be a huge population become addicted, because that's the environmental issue around gambling, is a 50 mile circle, so it's very important that we keep gambling at least 50 miles away. We would like to have it 50 miles away from everybody in the nation, which I'm not sure we'll achieve that but . . . well, I don't need to go through the horror stories, but as we talk about persons that are incarcerated, persons that are homeless, these issues become very critical to us. We can prevent a lot of the social issues from overwhelming our budgets, if we look to the future.

And we also, in Kansas, and it's not . . . my experience has been that putting money into things that are going to have an effect two or three or four or ten years down the line hasn't been very popular with government bodies in our area. It's hard for you to plan. Now, Commissioner Norton, it took a long time to get the railroad fixed in Haysville and there's some other things that we need to do like that. Now we won't see immediate benefits from every prevention activity. If you would be supportive, when it comes up next year, that Kansas needs to be smoke-free in public places, we'll see an immediate benefit but a much greater long-term benefit.

I like to do quizzes, but I won't do a quiz for you this morning. The most dangerous occupation in the United States today is being on wait staff in a restaurant where there is smoking. Did you know that? And so I go to the restaurant and I tell my waiter that. I said, 'Did you know you're in the most dangerous profession in the world?' or in the United States. Well, they don't know that, and so we encourage that.

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And so, what we encourage this commission to take a prevention positive stance and the Health Department, you've heard them talk about I'm a pound down today so I'm pleased to be able to stand here and feel good about that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Do you want my Krispy Kremes?"

Mr. Winget said, "Yes, I can certainly do that. But we generally have worked statewide, but I was talking with Commissioner Norton at a health lecture the other day and we said, 'Well, maybe we ought to think more locally about some prevention issues' and so I'm pleased that you could listen to me."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Normally, we allow five minutes. We've given you a little extra time. Do you have an idea about how much more time you might need?"

Mr. Winget said, "I don't believe in burdening people's schedules, so I would stand for questions, but otherwise I can be on my way."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Any questions or comments of the presenter? Okay, I don't see that we have any and thank you very much for addressing us. Thank you. Next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER WHETHER CITY OF WICHITA HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLAN PREPARED FOR ANNEXATION OF 55TH STREET SOUTH, SENECA TO HILLSIDE.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a map up on the screen. This is one of our post-annexation hearings that we have on a regular basis. In this particular case, it's phase three of a three phase annexation in the area of 55th Street, from Hydraulic I think over to Seneca maybe.

You can see a large area is involved. Phase one and phase two are the shaded areas, or the hatched areas. We had that hearing back in October. We're concerned today with the areas that are in black. There are several isolated parcels scattered around this map, if that's a . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'm seeing three little . . . a little triangle, and a rectangle and a little square."

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Mr. Parnacott said, "There's four actually. There's a very tiny one right up . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, I see it. Yeah, okay."

Mr. Parnacott said, "That larger triangle to the south and east actually is probably a couple of different parcels, because we had a total of six or seven notices that we had to send out for this. So it's a very small annexation, but we did have to have this hearing as required by state statute. And of course, the purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the city has provided the services they said they would provide in the service plan.

So we've sent out the notices. The service plan is in your backup, it's . . . the schedule that we're looking at is at page 49 of your backup. As usual, the city has prepared a report. That starts at page 50, that explains how they provided the services they said they were going to provide.

We had one phone call response to our letters. Somebody raised an issue that they felt they were getting better grading of roads back when the townships did it. But other than that, there were no other issues raised about water or anything else. Water was a major issue I think last October when we had that discussion for phase one and phase two. Again, that issue hasn't raised itself in this particular annexation.

Commission did approve or make a finding last October on a four to one vote that the city had provided the services they said they would provide in accordance with the service plan. So I think I've answered or made all the statements I need to make, so my recommendation is unless you have any questions, is to open the public hearing and receive any testimony and then close the hearing and make an appropriate finding."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you Bob. Commissioners, before I open the public hearing, is there any comments or questions you have of Bob? I don't see any, so at this time I'll open the public hearing. Is there anyone here in the audience that would like to make public comment on this item? Okay, I'll now close the public hearing."

Commissioner Winters said, "The city may want . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I know. Oh, is that public hearing. Okay, I'll keep the public hearing open just long enough for the city to talk to us."

Ms. Terry Cassidy, City of Wichita Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As

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Mr. Parnacott mentioned, you have received what we consider a comprehensive report of the services we've delivered over the past five years to this particular area. I do have staff members with me today that would be happy to respond to questions. We do believe we're in compliance with the service plan and hope that you agree with that today. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Anyone else that wishes to address us on this item? Okay, at this time I will close the public hearing and limit comments to the bench. Commissioners, any questions or comments on this item? In that case, what is the will of the board on item D?"

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any further comment? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Bob, is that larger triangular piece, is that the auto salvage yard?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "I'm not familiar with that area. I'm not sure if somebody from the city may have a better idea of that."

Mr. Chris Carrier, Director, City of Wichita Public Works, said, "The salvage yard is not technically in this phase. It's close down there, but it's just outside of this phase. It's in one of the other phases that we did."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, that just appears to be that area. If I see that correctly, that's Hydraulic that runs north/ south, right where it says 'flood'."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Boy, you've got good eyes, I'll tell you that."

Mr. Carrier said, "He does."

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess I don't understand which piece of property that is. It's south of Pine Bay Golf Course, it has to be pretty close to that salvage yard."

Mr. Carrier said, "It is close. I mean, that's all right down there together, you're absolutely right and our street people tell me that the salvage yard itself is in another phase."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. I guess the question is, there's a road that runs along the

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floodway there, there's been consternation whether it's township, city or county. I understand it's city now and we had talked about getting that paved, as we worked on the sandpit that was in that area and I was wondering if any movement had been done on that. It runs along that south edge of that annexation property."

Mr. Carrier said, "We have had discussions about getting that done and yes, we're working with the owner of the sandpit to get that to happen."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Thanks, Chris. That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any other comments? Okay. Clerk, call the roll on this item please."

VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

E. PRESENTATION OF THE 2005 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And I have the honor of presenting to you our financial report for the fiscal year that ended last December the 31st. I have already provided each of you with a copy of the comprehensive annual financial report, containing the audit report from our external auditors, Allen, Gibbs and Houlik.

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In the room today, we have Mark Dick and Shelley Hammond from Allen, Gibbs and Houlik and after I give you a brief presentation describing our financial results for 2005, Mark will provide some additional information to you about the audit that they conducted and I'm sure either one of us will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

In the financial reporting for the public sector, we produced statements in two ways now. The first way that I'm going to present to you is called government-wide statements or entity-wide statements and for those statements, we are accounting for the county's fiscal activities in a manner similar to that used by private businesses, using a full accrual accounting methodology.

The second way that we present financial statements is more traditional, more common in the public sector, and that's a modified accrual basis, and we refer there to the statements as fund level statements. We account for our financial activity in a series of individual funds, each of which serves a special purpose. It accounts for a particular revenue, or it shows particular expenses that we need to segregate for one reason or another and each of those funds is a self-balancing set of accounts. In effect, it is its own individual accounting system. The county's financial system is a rollup of all of those individual funds, so with the entity-wide statements, what we're presenting is a view that is similar to what a business would depict. It's a consolidation of all of that activity and one of the key measures of financial performance, on the entity-wide statement, is net assets. It's effectively a statement of net worth of the corporation.

For 2005, you can see from this chart, from the bars on the left hand side, that our total net assets were 409 ½ million dollars, up from 345 million dollars a years earlier, a fairly significant increase I'm sure you'll agree. You can see in those bars the various segments, the various colors indicating the source of those net assets. The green bar at the bottom represents net assets that are invested in capital facilities, net of any debt that might have had to sell to finance those projects and that increased slightly in 2005 primarily because of the new juvenile detention facility. The blue segment in the middle of those bars represents restricted assets, assets that are legally tied to some particular purpose and can't be used for anything but that purpose. Those increased significantly from 2004 to 2005, from just under 88 million dollars to about 143 million dollars.

You can see on the pie chart on the right hand side of the screen, the sources of those restricted assets. We have some restricted, a significant portion restricted for capital improvements, monies that have been set aside for capital projects and can only be used for that purpose. We have some

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that are restricted for debt service, taxes that have been levied that can only be used to pay county debt and some for grants and various other purposes as you see there.

The reason for the significant increase in restricted net assets from 2004 to 2005 primarily is the arena sales tax, which we started collecting in July of 2005 and by the end of the year, we had about 39 million dollars of net assets restricted to the arena projects, sales taxes that had been collected for that project, and they are the biggest source of that change. You see the unrestricted net assets at the top of the chart actually decreased from one year to the next, from 49.3 million down to 49 million dollars. The unrestricted net assets are those assets that we have the discretion to use in some fashion that we choose.

Turning now to revenues, from 2004 to 2005, total government-wide revenues increased from 272 ½ million dollars to 315 ½ million dollars. Again a fairly significant increase but again, the source of that increase is primarily the arena sales tax, which is depicted on the 2005 bar at the top by the brighter blue bar, 39 million dollars of arena sales tax. You can see that our program revenues, the green wedge, actually decreased from 2004 to 2005, because of reductions in some service charges associated with mortgages and because of some changes in Medicaid and Medicare rules and you can see that property taxes, the next wedge over, the darker blue bar, increased by a corresponding amount, about 5 million dollars.

The sales tax for operations, which is the lighter blue wedge, increased slightly from 2004 to 2005 and it's been, as you know, a source of very little growth over the past several years.

This chart identifies the 2005 revenues by source. Effectively, it takes that 315 ½ million dollars and shows you what portion of that revenue is made up from various sources. The arena sales tax, at the upper right hand side, represented 12 . . . almost 12 ½% of our revenue in 2005. That is a new wedge in this pie, because we hadn't receive it previously and because we now are receiving 12% of our revenue from that source, all of the other shares are a little bit smaller than they would be if you looked at the 2004 chart.

We'll continue to have that anomaly for another two years. The arena sales tax, as you know, we will continue to collect through the end of 2007 and so it will be depicted on charts like this for the next couple of years and then it will go away and the shares of property taxes and grants and charges for services will go back up to their historic normal levels.

Turning now to expenses, for 2005 the government incurred 251 million dollars of expenses, down

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about 4 million dollars from the 2004 level. Again, looking at the various colors on the bars, indicating different functions of government, you can see that general government, the green bars, the green sections, have been fairly constant over the four years that are depicted here. The growth of government has been occurring in the blue wedge, which is public safety, and over the past several years in the pink wedge, which is health and welfare. However, in 2005, health and welfare expenses did not increase.

We've reversed the historic trend of having a fairly significant build up of health and welfare expenses and they were actually down a little bit in 2005. The other functions of government are roughly the same from year to year, except that on this chart you'll see that the gray wedge, representing public works, shows a spike in 2003 and 2004 and then a reduction down to a more historically normal level in 2005. That's attributable to a couple of things. One major consideration is the funding that the county has provided to the City of Wichita, to participate in a couple of major capital projects in 2003 and 2004. We contributed 10 million dollars for the Kellogg overpasses, over Maize and Tyler Roads and that is a cause of the increase in 2003 and '04. We also participated with Wichita in improvements to Hoover Road, down by the airport for the Cessna Service Center project and so the funds that we contributed to Wichita are reflected in those numbers and they drive that increase.

When we get to the fund level statements, you'll see a clearer depiction of the actual operating costs that we have been incurring for our public works activity, and you'll see that it has been essentially the same over this four-year period.

This chart shows our expenditures by source for 2005. Again, it just reaffirms that our largest shares of costs occurred in public safety, which was almost 38% of all of our costs in 2005, and health and welfare, which was almost 25%. Between the two of them, more than 60% of governmental activity takes place in those two functions of government.

This chart depicts each function of government, the costs of that function, which corresponds to what you just saw and it lays next to those costs the program revenues that we received for that function of government. And you can see on this chart that no function of government is able to support itself solely with program revenues. The difference between the light blue bar, which is program revenue, and the darker blue bar, which is program costs or program expense, is made up

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by general revenues, taxes of the government and so you can see by looking at this chart, how much tax support is necessary for each of the various functions of government. Health and welfare comes the closest to paying its own way of our significant expenditures, it comes the closest to paying its own way, because we have a significant amount of grant revenue that we receive from the state for those activities. Public Works also comes fairly close to paying its own way, because much of our public works maintenance activity is supported by the demand transfer that we receive from the state that is dedicated to public works activities.

Turning now to the fund level statements and we have a different depiction now, so these numbers don't correspond to what you just saw, because we're using a different basis of accounting and we're looking at a different set of activities. Here we're looking only at the county's governmental funds and we're not looking at the proprietary or internal service funds. Proprietary fund is the Coliseum, the internal service funds are Fleet Management, the employee health funds, the worker's comp fund. So looking at our revenues in this more traditional depiction, in 2005 we had total revenue of 278.6 million dollars, up from 275.2 million dollars a year earlier. You can see, looking at those two bars, from 2004 and 2005 that, essentially, every revenue was about the same in one year as in the year before. The increase, to the extent there was an increase, occurred in inter-governmental revenues, which is the lighter gray bar in the middle of the two sections.

Our expenditures decreased from 2004 to 2005. Revenues were up about 3 million dollars, expenditure were down from 285 million dollars to 277 million dollars. Again, you can see by looking at the different colors, the different segments, what the sources of the decline were and what the chart shows you is that most of the decline occurred in the brown wedge at the very top of the chart, which is capital outlay. That was the source of most of the reduction in expenditure from 2004 to 2005.

This chart illustrates that even more. What we're doing here is taking the same data as you saw on the prior chart, but we're excluding those capital outlay expenditures and we're excluding debt service, so what you're seeing here is the operating costs to the government. In 2004, our total costs for governmental funds, excluding debt service and capital outlay, were 231 ½ million dollars. For 2005, the next year, it was 232.1 million dollars, an increase of about \$600,000 from one year to the next."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And can I interrupt for a second? Would that be basically just inflation and wages a little higher and cost for gas a little higher? It's basically maintaining status quo,

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aren't we?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Well, it actually is doing a little bit less than status quo, because inflation would have accounted for more than that and you're right, wages did go up more than that, and so other costs had to be reduced in order to accommodate that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Mr. Chronis said, "So now we're looking at fund balances for the governmental funds and you see a fairly significant increase from 2004 to 2005, from 106 ½ million dollars to a little over 125 million dollars. Much of the increase occurred in this orange bar at the top here, which represents other governmental funds, sort of a catch-all of all the small funds that we have in our financial system. But the fund balances in those funds increased by about nine million dollars. The fund balance in the general fund, which is the one that we are most interested in, because we have the greatest discretionary applications that are available for that fund increased from 33 million dollars in 2004 to 38 million dollars in 2005 but even there, some of that general fund fund balance has some restrictions hung on it. It's not all available for use.

What we see on this chart is the same data depicted a little bit differently. We're looking here at each one of those funds that were identified on the prior chart for 2005 and we're identifying what sort of restriction might be hung on the fund balances. For the general fund, that 38 million dollar fund balance consists of 1.4 million dollars that is legally reserved. It can only be used for a particular purpose, in this case almost all of it is . . . has already been used to pay bills that were outstanding at December 31st and those bills got paid in 2006.

About 21 million dollars, 20.8 million dollars of general fund, fund balance is designated. That means that although it is not legally restricted to some purpose, we have designated our intent to use it for a purpose, after the end of 2005. Most of that 20 million dollars was used to balance the 2006 budget that you adopted back in August of last year, and so that portion of the general fund fund balance is not available for discretionary use. It has already been appropriated through the annual budget process.

That leaves 15.8 million dollars of the general fund fund balance which is undesignated. That is the money that we have considerable amount of discretion over the use. The other funds, federal state assistance, debt service, debt proceeds, and the catch all, other governmental funds, all are segmented according to whether or not fund balances are designated, reserved or undesignated, but

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in those funds, by definition, an undesignated reserve is designated because the fund, by its nature, can only be used for a particular purpose.

So for example, in the federal and state assistance fund, we have 14.6 million dollars of undesignated fund balance, but that fund balance can only be used for the grant programs that we receive that federal and state assistance for. Most of it is in the human services area.

That concludes the presentation that I have. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have about it. If you don't have any, then I would ask Mark Dick to come up and talk to you about the audit that his firm conducted of our financial report."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You're not lucky enough to get off Scot free. We have a couple of questions or comments. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess mine is just a comment, and it has to do with the arena and the funds that we will be collecting and I guess it's just, as these are management tools for lots of us to look at, and particularly for us, you've got to keep them as simple as possible, as I was looking at your third graphic, slide had to do with like a bar chart that clearly had the arena tax isolated in it and you could see what the arena tax was. The next one was a pie chart and then it begins to skew, when it's included in all the revenues, it skews the percentage of property tax that, I mean, you think about we collect so much property tax as a percentage, well five years from now we're going to be confused because why was that number lower back there or why . . . so I guess I would just say, as we go forward, and I'm not asking you to change this at all, we just need to somehow keep flagging that arena revenue and arena expenditures, because they're going to be like, to me, almost a different operation. And again, I don't know how you do that and I certainly wouldn't go change any of this, but since that's going to effect our historic levels, as we look back and try to look forward, so that's my only comment."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yeah, we're aware of it, and I should have noted that in the statements, in this financial report, we have identified the arena activity in a segregated set of accounts, so that anybody who is interested in tracking what we have done with the arena sales tax, or how much arena sales tax we've received will be able to go to that set of accounts that are audited and identify exactly where we stand. That's in addition to the periodic reports that you receive and that we put on the website that we receive from the arena sales tax oversight committee that you created."

Commissioner Winters said, "Right, and I did see on the expenses and revenue and programs, where individual activities are listed, there's the Kansas Coliseum and then I would expect we we'll start seeing the arena."

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Mr. Chronis said, "In fact, when you look at the fund level statements for the Coliseum, what you'll find is a combining statement. One column is the Coliseum operating activity, the other column is the arena construction activity."

Commissioner Winters said, "But my whole point was, just during this 30-month period, the revenues, if they're folded into everything else, they're going to skew everything from now on."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Or make us confused. You all probably can understand it perfectly."

Mr. Chronis said, "We have to make note of that frequently, when we do these kind of presentations, yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, it might be just as simple, like you do on that one thing, where you showed it with capital outlay and then say 'Taking capital outlay out, this is what the real normal picture would look like, and maybe in the future presentations you could do that to us, so it can show what really the percentage of property taxes is, etcetera and so forth."

Mr. Chronis said, "Okay, we can do that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, it seems like to me we're going to have kind of two presentations today. One is whether we used the right procedures to get to our financial numbers and secondly, what are the financial numbers telling us, historically, about where we've been and maybe where we'll go in the budget process for the next few years. Is that an adequate determination?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "I have some questions. General government is defined as . . . kind of what is under general government? Would that be courthouse, judicial district, supplying them?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It is everything that the government . . . that is traditionally thought of as a governmental service. It excludes, in the fund level statements, it excludes proprietary funds, which

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are the business funds, the Coliseum and arena, the internal service funds, which are the operations of business activities that serve county customers, the fleet management department provides vehicles for use by Public Works and other county agencies and charges a fee for that service, so those internal service funds are excluded, and finally some fiduciary funds are excluded as well.

But pretty much anything that you think about as a traditional government service is in the governmental funds.”

Commissioner Norton said, “So the running of the courthouse, where the judicial district resides is there.”

Mr. Chronis said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Norton said, “The Appraiser, the Election Commission’s Office, the Treasurer’s Office, the Register of Deeds, the County Clerk.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Yeah, all law enforcement, all public safety, all . . .”

Commissioner Norton said, “That falls under general government.”

Mr. Chronis said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And the number went down.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I think that’s pretty positive. I mean, people think government is growing, but the general government that we’re responsible for stayed relatively flat this last year.”

Mr. Chronis said, “I think you’re asking a different question than I just answered. The question that you’re asking is about the general government function of government on one of those slides. I was answering a question about the governmental funds on another slide. The general government function that you were asking about is those things that you just mentioned. It is the operation of the county commission, of the central support services for the county government, finance and accounting, purchasing and human resources and data processing and it’s the court system and the district attorney and the register of deeds and all of those activities.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Right. Public safety is growing.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Correct.”

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Commissioner Norton said, “And you know, people talk about you know, ‘Well, it’s general government that’s growing’ but public safety is growing at a much faster pace, as we struggle with jails and incarceration numbers and what we do with that, how do we provide safety to our public, that’s growing at a far faster rate in the last couple of years than general government, just an observation.

The other thing is if you look at . . . and many people say ‘Why don’t you run it like a business and if it’s profitable, keep it, if not, get rid of it’. Well, none of them are profitable right now.”

Mr. Chronis said, “And I would note none of them are expected to be profitable.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Absolutely. Some of them are closer to break even. In fact, general government was closer than public safety was, as I noticed. Culture and recreation doesn’t pay out at all, other than it makes a community where you want to live. You know, I think that’s the payout there. I don’t know that . . . it’s pretty intrinsic that you’ll ever find out that that’s going to be break even and that you’ll pay for it, nor should you, should the public and it’s a very small amount, but it doesn’t pay out. And then economic development monies that we put into it doesn’t pay out, at least on your charts, but when jobs are created and wealth is started and capital is invested, in a roundabout way, that does come back to helping subsidize, through taxes and increased wealth, county government but that’s never going to pay out, just in a profit/ loss statement, or in bar charts.

I think it’s important that the public understands that, as we go through this, because we’re talking about two different things today. Part of it is are the procedures to get to these bar charts and numbers . . . have they been audited and they look like we’re doing it right. And then secondly, what is government doing, what is the historical fact of the way we’re spending our money and I think it tells a pretty compelling tale today, public safety is gobbling up more and we’re making it work with less money inflation-wise in a lot of other areas. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, I will just be brief because some of my comments would be similar to what Commissioner Norton made, but I mean the slide number 10 that I have in my handout looked to me like governmental funds/ expenditures, without capital expenditures and debt services, we might categorize that as our operating costs, of doing the work of government, not just our internal, general government but also the divisions that we’ve established that we have a responsibility for, for providing services for our citizens.

So my only point is that if we would call that operating costs, which is kind of a familiar term to

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most of us, we've been pretty much flat over the last five years. And so I think that's a compliment to not only commissioners, but to the senior management and to our division leaders, that we've been able to continue to provide services and that we, in times of really out of control inflation, we've been able to hold our budget level. So it's a compliment to financial management and all the division leaders and I just want to underscore that for our citizens to know that our operating costs are pretty flat over the last five years. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think the reason maybe that you told Mr. Norton that maybe you didn't give him the right answer, is because he said he understood your answer, so maybe . . . but actually I understood most of what you were saying and just to broad brush it, we're doing a fairly decent job of holding the line on expenses that we have control over and I think that's a compliment and I would want to say maybe more to staff that makes our job easier, because all we do is sometimes pick on staff if they're not doing what we think they should do, but you all do the hard work, every year, every year and it seems like as soon we get done with one budgeting cycle, you're back again starting another budgeting cycle, and I've always been a little bit in awe of how you can do that as efficiently as you can. So I'm very happy with the report and I assume that we're going to be getting these on an annual basis. Okay good. Any other questions or comments on the presentation? Okay, what is the will of the board on the . . . oh, we're not done yet. Oh, the second half, okay, phase two. They did it all right, perfect, and we go on."

Mr. Mark Dick, Auditor, Allen, Gibbs and Houlik, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Very pleased to be here to report to you the results of the audit of the December 31, '05 financial statements of the county and I think the first thing I need to relay to you are the results of our audit were positive and the numbers that Mr. Chronis used, just for this presentation, were reasonable and correct, as we audited them. So you can rely on that financial information and that's one of the primary purposes of the audit itself.

Now under our professional auditing standards, we are required to communicate certain very specific things to you, as the governing body that will assist you in better understanding of what or audit function is, what we did and what the responsibility of Sedgwick County and their management is.

The first thing I need to tell you is we followed all our professional requirements, generally accepted auditing standards, generally accepted in the United States, those government auditing standards that relate to the federal money that you receive and in addition to that, there's a thing

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called the Kansas Municipal Audit Guide, which covers compliance with all the laws and regulations that apply to you as a Kansas entity.

Our audit we do on a test basis. We can't look at 100% of the transactions. That's not effective, so we test the records, we review the accounting policies that the county uses to insure that they're in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals and we review reasonableness of estimates made in the financial statements.

Based upon all those procedures, we feel we have done enough work and we can rely on the audit and come to the conclusion that the financial statements are fairly presented, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for governments. So that being said, that's a mouthful there, let me get to some specifics.

In addition to all those requirements, the government auditing standards require that we test internal controls that the county has in place, over your financial activities, and that we also test compliance with laws and regulations where non-compliance could be material to the statements. As an example, it could be a case where Davis Bacon Act was not included in a construction contract and the wages paid were in excess of what was allowed under Davis Bacon. That's an example of some of the compliance things we test.

I'm pleased to report that in all that testing, we found no significant deficiencies in controls over your financial activities and we found no significant non-compliance with any laws or regulations that could impact your financial statements, so those two very key points that we need to report to you.

The other one that might seem a little strange, accounting is not a science, it's an art and management and Mr. Chronis' staff, as they prepare that 200 page document, they have to estimate some things in there. Now there are certain things that are pretty concrete. We know how much money you had in the bank. That's easy to measure, but as an example, your management has to measure what we call the incurred but not reported claims for health care insurance at yearend. There's a certain amount of those claims in the pipeline that haven't got there yet, but they are a liability, as of yearend and they have to be recorded. So management has to estimate things like that. As part of our audit procedures, we examine those estimates as to the reasonableness both of the amounts and the methodology that is used, and I'm pleased to report that we've concurred with management judgment on all of the estimates that are significant in the financials. We didn't find any differences there at all.

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As with any audit, and you guys probably have millions of transactions, I haven't added them all up, it's not unusual to have some adjustments as you prepare annual financial statements, because bear in mind those statements the staff doesn't prepare every month. It's just once a year that that comprehensive annual report is prepared, so in that process we might detect certain things that need adjustments and we did this year. None of them though were significant to the financial statements.

In addition to that, we noted some differences that were not at all material to the financials and management chose not to make those adjustments. We concurred with that judgment and in our communication to you, dated April the 20th, there is a list of those, so you're aware of it and under our auditing standards, we have to provide that to you.

Again I want to emphasize there's nothing wrong with that process. That's very typical, very normal for an audit.

Accounting policies, and alternative treatments, accounting can sometimes get a little murky and I'm pleased to report that the county did not change any accounting policies that you use from one year to the next, so that the statements this year are comparable to last year, etcetera, which is a positive. As you'll recall, that doesn't always happen. I think it was about two years ago, as an example, the state changed an accounting policy for distribution of taxes to school districts, because they were going to have a deficit balance at yearend, so they just changed the timing of when an expenditure occurred to solve the problem, so that's an example of what we're looking for. None of that occurred at Sedgwick County nor should it.

In addition, there were two new accounting principles adopted by the county. They're technical, one has to do with disclosures about your investments. We had some increased disclosures there and then some guidance on employment of assets that you may not be utilizing and both of those new pronouncements were implemented.

Other matters that we need to communicate to you, we look at major and unusual transactions that may occur during the year. We try to isolate those. We're pleased to report we found no major or unusual transactions for which there is no guidance, accounting-wise. So you might have major transactions of paying millions of dollars of debt, but there's clear guidance on how to handle those things. So all of those matters were fine.

We had no disagreements with management over the application of any accounting principles, which is a positive. We're not aware that management consulted with any other accountants as far as how to treat certain matters in the report, and that's always a positive. We didn't have any discussions with management prior to them retaining us as auditors, as to how we were going to treat something and obviously, the thing to be aware of there is you go opinion shopping and you find the auditor that you like. That did not occur, nor should it. And last but not least, we didn't encounter any difficulties whatsoever. We had full access to all the books and records that we

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requested, etcetera.

Finally, I'd just like to finish by commending Mr. Chronis and the finance staff. They did an excellent job of preparing your annual financial report. I think this is what, almost the 20th year for the . . . 24th for the GFOA certificate of achievement, which is a great award and I know it will be submitted this year again and should receive, so with that I'd be pleased to respond to any questions you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that we have any, so I'll, for the second time thank both of you for making the presentation. Mr. Chronis, was there anything additionally that you needed to mention?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Just one last observation and I make it every year. I get to stand up here and take credit for all this, but I do very little of the actual work. I know you know that, but I want to get it on record. The financial statements were prepared primarily under the direction of Shawn Henning, who at the time was our accounting director, and as you know she has moved over to the 'dark side' now and works for the City of Wichita, but comes back to visit us every once in a while and she is not in the room, so I can say whatever I want about her and she was assisted very ably by our deputy CFO, Troy Bruun and by Ann Smarsh, who now is the interim accounting director and by Ginger Radley, who is an accountant in the accounting department and a number of other people worked on it, but those are the primary individuals who prepared the financial statements that are the subject of this audit and they guide the day-to-day activities of the county's accounting department, and so they maintain our financial system extremely well and I'm very proud to be able to work with them."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Let's have a Motion on this presentation."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**F. CASE NUMBER DR 2006-06 - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WICHITA-
SEDGWICK COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS.**

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD), greeted the Commissioners and said, "One of the basic requirements of subdivision regulations is that land should be platted prior to the issuance of building permits for any structures that are planned for that land, except for a number of conditions that are specifically listed out in the subdivision regulations, where exception can be made to that general rule and those exceptions have been spelled out in Section 3-105 of the Subdivision Regulations and the applicability, Section 3-104 is the one that states the general rule about platting needing to occur prior to issuance of building permits.

Because of the way these two sections are currently structured in the subdivision regulations. There's been some confusion about how to apply those exceptions to the general rule. There was a particular case that occurred in Commissioner Winters' district that caused then the zoning administrator to consult with the county counselor's office. That led to a series of discussions with the MAPD staff and with the city's zoning administrator and the city's law department to . . . and those discussions ultimately led to the amendments that are before you today, and basically all they are are relatively minor revisions to those particular two sections of the subdivision code, to clarify some things that were not so clear previously and hopefully this will allow for easier interpretation by the two zoning administrators in the future.

These amendments to the subdivision code have been reviewed by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and they are recommending that you adopt them. They were reviewed and adopted by the Wichita City Council yesterday at their meeting. And with that, I'll be glad to take any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have been somewhat involved with this, although not in the details of the actual changing of the language. But there was a case in my

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district that clarification was not what I thought necessarily it should be and nor did others. And I think this will give some more discretion to the zoning administrator, in our case Glen Wiltse and John Schlegel, in looking at some of these individual platting cases that may be unique and different than what we think of as the standard procedure and when we're thinking about developments and new and all of that kind of thing, I think these platting requirements are much needed and they're good.

When you go back and look at some people that have been out in the unincorporated area for a number of years and have gotten caught in a trap. The regulations just gave no availability for Glen Wiltse to make any kind of 'Yes, I know this is the right thing to do, but I can't do it' and we can't do it and so now he will have the availability to investigate those cases and if he sees that some kind of waiving of some kind of requirement is simply the logical, common sense thing to do, he will be able to do it.

So because of that and again the confidence that I have in our staff, this is not meaning that county commissioners are going to start changing and waiving things, but this is going to allow our staff to do their job, which I think is critically important. So I'm sure we'd be glad to answer any questions. Again, John did say that MAPC, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission has reviewed this, held a public hearing and is recommending these changes and then the City of Wichita took action yesterday."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think it's important to note too, commissioner, it was passed 11-0, unanimous and I like also this idea of when you're dealing with the public, let common sense be interjected a little bit in that, so they don't think that we're completely idiotic, and you know, 2 and 2 is 5 because that's what the book says and I don't want to listen to your 2 and 2 is 4 thing. I think it's very important. Any further comments? Commissioners, what's the will of the board on this presentation?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the MAPD recommendation, and adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Burtnett 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	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

G. DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS.

- 1. INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #259, AND WESTAR ENERGY, INC. PROVIDING FOR LEGAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WICHITA WIRELESS NETWORK CONSORTIUM AND BUILDING OF THE WICHITA WIRELESS NETWORK.**
- 2. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND SEDGWICK COUNTY APPROVING USE OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS TO BUILD THE WICHITA WIRELESS NETWORK.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "These next two items I would recommend that you defer. The city did not take . . . the City of Wichita did not take action on either of these items and there's no sense for us to proceed. they're the leading force in this project and until they approve it, there's no sense for us to do so."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I think we have a question or a comment."

Commissioner Norton said, "They did not take action or they took action is it failed?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "They took no action."

Chairman Sciortino said, "They took no action."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to defer indefinitely Item G-1 and G-2.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

H. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ARENA.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we're here to give you an update on the arena project. Again, we want to reiterate our goal, that we're to build a modern, first-class sports and entertainment venue, an arena that seats 15,000 for basketball and the . . . written in invisible ink there, and to do this within the budget that we've been allowed by the sales tax.

Just real quickly, and I won't go through those, you see the completed steps. The plan was developed in June 2004. We completed the preliminary programming phase in February 2006. What I want to do today is to spend just a bit of time, this update will be focused on where we are in the real estate appraisals acquisitions, relocation and demolition process. You see there that we're looking at the March 2006 through February 2007 timeframe.

When we talk about the appraisals, acquisitions, relocations and demolition, we're going to talk about them from two perspectives. One, the arena site and the other is the Washington Street properties. After we selected the site, it became apparent in the study of those sites that we would have, whatever site was selected, some street improvements and a major one was Washington Street.

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On this overhead you see that we went through an RFP process and selected the fee appraiser in February. The Martens Company, Grubb Ellis, the appraisal side of their business, was selected through that process. The appraisals on the arena site started in March and were completed in early May so all of the appraisals on the arena site save one have been completed and that appraisal is the Episcopal Social Services and Martens Companies could not do that appraisal, because they had done some work appraisal-wise for Episcopal Social Services, so we had to select . . . so they had a conflict of interests, so we had to select a separate appraiser to do that appraisal. We are expecting that appraisal within the next week to 10 days. By that time, we would have all of the appraisals done on the arena site.

You know then the acquisition firm selected, again we went through a request for proposal process and Martens Company, Grubb Ellis, the commercial real estate side of the business, was selected in April to do the acquisition part of this process for us.

Acquisition at the arena site, we have noted there our timeline is May 2006 through October 2006. I would indicate to you all of the initial offers on the properties in the arena site have been made save two, one the Episcopal Social Services and the other is a City of Wichita and of course we'll be working on a process to get with the city. They have one piece of property, a parking lot, in that area that we'll be working with them on.

So all of the initial offers have been made and as of late, late yesterday, I don't have all the details, but it appears that we have our first voluntary response to an offer and it appears that in a couple or three weeks, we may have our first property acquired and we're pretty excited about that, because it gives us a sense that this project is moving forward as it needs to be.

Switching now to the appraisals on the Washington Street properties, May 2006 through July 2007 is the timeline for those appraisals. We're still working with the City of Wichita and the PEC on doing surveys on Washington Street to make absolutely sure we know what street improvements need to be made, which then impacts which properties you need to take, in full or in some part or parcel, and we want to have all of that done before we get too far out in front on that. We have sent eight property owners on the Washington Street properties a note saying we're in that process. A couple or three of those we know we'll have to acquire them, appraisals are underway on those properties and we'll be finishing that up by the end of this month on finalizing exactly which properties we need to take and we will then move forward with the next step of appraisals on those properties.

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You see there that acquisitions on Washington are scheduled from August 2006 through October 2006 is our timeline that we're operating on at the current time.

So that's appraisals and acquisitions. Of course those two go together. You need appraisals before you can make the offers and the offers are out there on the arena site properties and we're in process on the Washington Street properties.

Relocations then, relocation firm through a request for proposal process was selected. That firm is Land Acquisitions Incorporated, LAI. The relocation process for the arena site, we're noting the timeline there is May 2006 through December 2006. I would indicate to you that LAI, the Land Acquisitions Incorporated representative, accompanied the acquisition folks to each of the visits, so that that connection was made and even though we have two firms, one dealing with acquisitions, one dealing with relocations, if you will the left hand knows what the right hand is doing in that process so that we're trying to make that seamless for the property owner, even though it's two different firms, they know and have that discussion right up front, with what happens if they then . . . when they allow us to acquire their property.

Again, on the arena site, we're looking at May through December to have those relocations completed and we'll be working with each individual property owner. Some of those will happen quicker than others to facilitate those relocations and on the Washington Street properties, again no relocations can occur until accurate acquisitions have happened, and so we've set a September through January 2006 [sic] timeline for the relocations on the Washington Street properties that would be identified for acquisition.

Just some quick summary numbers, the number of arena site properties, 26 properties for acquisitions. Again, you see there 45 businesses for relocations. We had an update for that. There have been a few more businesses added there that have been identified through this offer process. There are now 51 businesses that will need to be relocated on that property, so just found that out late last night and that number needs to be updated, 51 businesses for relocation on the arena site area.

The acquisition costs for arena site properties, we've budgeted 7.7 million dollars. The appraisal values for all of those properties is at 9.2 million dollars. Now there I've included the Episcopal Social Services property, using our budgeted number rather than what the actual appraisal is. We're waiting for that number to come back, so our project budget is 7.7. Our appraised values, the initial offers total 9.2 million, as you see there, a bit over the budget.

Relocation costs in the arena site properties, the budget is just at 2 million dollars and last night we got an updated estimate for our relocation costs at 2.1 million dollars, so we're right on at least the

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estimated basis, at the budget. That's a negotiated process and so we are hopeful that we stay close to that, if not right on that number, as we go through that process.

Now the Washington Street properties, we did not have any of those properties budgeted and we know that as many as 8, we think the number of properties there are going to be somewhere 5 or 6, but 8 properties are going to be impacted in one form or another. And again, we've notified those property owners that we're in that process, the end of this month we will have that completed. We think . . . there's one business for each property, so we think there's only 8 businesses there, but the relocation folks are going through that process, looking at that very carefully and they're the ones that give us the sense of whether or not there's some tenants that we were not aware of in each of those properties.

The acquisition costs there, again we did not have those properties budgeted, so there's zero dollars budgeted there. We don't know what the appraisal values are yet. We don't have those back and the relocation costs, again we didn't have those properties in our scope of work and therefore no budget and we don't know what those estimates are yet.

Point being, we're going to probably be 4 or 5 million over our budget when it comes to relocations, acquisitions and demolitions. We will keep you posted, as we get better information on that through this process.

The next slide there focuses on demolition. Of course we can't do demolition until after we've acquired the property and relocated the owners or the tenants and so we're focusing on the demolition process, starting in August and being completed by February. I mentioned to you, late yesterday we had indications that maybe we're close to getting our first property acquired, we'll get the closing done on that. We then own it. We then will go into, as you see there, on those properties asbestos survey, asbestos abatement and then start demolition, so we're very hopefully that around August we will see some activity on the site relative to properties that have been acquired coming down.

The demolition costs, we had 2 million budgeted. Again, the only demolition costs for properties we had budgeted were on the arena site. That does not include the Washington Street properties and we don't know what those costs are going to be. We will be, very soon here, June, July, going out with a process to select folks to do demolitions for us. So that will be coming up here in about a month.

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Again, just to recap, right now in process real estate appraisals, acquisition relocation/ demolition. Our timeline there is March '06 through February '07. You also know that naming rights, sponsorships and seating evaluation is going on. It started in February. We'll have that completed in October, the evaluations. We're waiting, now very shortly, for data that will tell us how many premium seats that we need to be focusing on that comes out of this project and then the other part of this project is what should the cost of those seats be, what should the naming rights pricing be and so forth. We'll have all of those finalized by October at the latest.

The next bullet there, you see, is the public and private contract management evaluation, May '06 through November '06. We've hired a consultant to help us go through a process that will develop information, get contractors to bid on what they would see as being the pluses and minus of private versus public contract management. We will also be doing, as ahead of that, re-looking at the financial pro forma so that we will have some data that we will use to gage what kind of response to those RFP, whether or not they're realistic or not. We'll be keeping you inform of that process, as we go along as well.

Again, the Citizen's Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan, we're working very closely with folks involved in that plan. You'll note there, January '06 through September of '06 is the date that they had planned to have their plan completed. Again, we've been actively involved on that steering team. We had a meeting last night, as a matter of fact, to talk about arena designs. But a very important part of this piece, that we are pleased to announce that we have a very preliminary, but a first meeting yesterday to begin talking about an integrated . . . you see that next bullet there, an integrated comprehensive parking plan for all of downtown Wichita, based on all that's going on. And so, in earnest, we'll start working on that plan July '06 and we would expect to have a number of public meetings relative to that plan and have it completed no later than December 2007 would be our plan right now.

The second part of the naming rights sponsorships and premium seating is the marketing of those and that will start late summer, early fall and go on. We've noted December 2008 until we have all those all sold.

Again, just to recap, the arena design process, I re-listed there the preliminary programming phase, because that is an important phase of arena design. That part has been completed. We are now in the exterior design concept phase. It is our hope, and we're going to be prepared, if you are prepared to receive it, we're going to be prepared to give you a recommendation next week, a week from today on the exterior design concept phase, selecting one of those three designs that we've been out in the public on over the last month.

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The next phase after that then would be the schematic design phase, May 2006 through September. The design development phase, September through January '07 and then construction documents phase, January 2007 through May.

Also, I might mention to you that we are now targeting the renovation of the pavilions at the Kansas Coliseum, which is a part of the arena project, you will recall, from May 2007-August 2007. We'll be bringing you an update soon on this piece of the project, because we really need to start selecting contractors to work on this in November. There are some material items that have some long lead times, so we'll be bringing you an update, talking about a timeline to get started, so that we can meet this May 2007 through August 2007 timeline.

The construction bid process then, on the big arena project, May '07 through July '07. Construction then July '07, early '09 and I would just remind you that this is the timeline that we have, a great work been done by the A & E team to give us that timeline on construction, but once we go out for bids and the contractors bid on these, we get then a more definitive timeline, and even then of course it may change a bit during construction, but that timeline may be subject to change, once we go out for bids. We're not expecting that. We're hoping against that, but we are going to . . . just wanted to give you a caveat there. That's the report for today. Be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Burnett, you had a question."

Commissioner Burnett said, "A couple of things, Ron. I think you might want to mention, in with the relocation of these businesses, are we also working with the Downtown Development Corporation in helping find people, if they want to relocate in the area, that they're finding places for them."

Mr. Holt said, "We have encouraged the downtown businesses to, on their own, through the downtown development corporation. I even had some downtown property owners contact me, which I put them in contact with our relocations consultant, to try to bring all of that together to give whatever assistance we can to these downtown property owners to find new spaces, and especially new spaces downtown if they can."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Well, I guess the point I want to make is that we're working with a lot of groups to make sure that everybody gets to be where they want to be, if they want to relocate downtown, that we're really trying very hard to get them there."

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The other thing I wanted to kind of touch base with you on, when we're talking about the acquisitions and the project, that we had figured it was going to be 7.7 million for the acquisitions and you say we're over budgeted at 9.2. I hate using the word 'over budget' because when we very first talked about the budget for the arena, every thing, we said, would be tweaked within the budget and if we had to have a little more on relocation and acquisitions, that we would have to take away from another area, but keep within the budget that we had and we are keeping within that budget. Correct?"

Mr. Holt said, "We are focused on staying within the budget. As you well know, a budget is a plan. It's the best plan you have, based on the best information you have at the time you have it. We developed that budget way back in June of '04. We changed it, here at a commission meeting, we brought that before you this past January, those line items anyway, not the overall budget. We're still focused on 184.5 million dollar project and we will be looking at every aspect of this, as we go through it, to attempt to stay within that 184.5 million dollars."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Yeah, I just want the public to know that when you say 'over budget' it's not like we're going over the overall budget. You're just . . ."

Mr. Holt said, "On that line item."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Particular line item. Right. Thanks."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much. Ron, thanks for the presentation and I guess I wanted to expound on just what Commissioner Burnett was talking about. You know, we can think that on one hand, here we had projected an acquisition number and now we're going to be over that number, which you could look at as a negative thing, although I think you could look at it as the first real positive thing that is going to make a financial difference in downtown Wichita.

We chose a budget of 7.7 million to make acquisitions and thought that that was going to be adequate. As we get into the process, we can already begin to see the positive aspects that are happening in downtown Wichita and 40 years ago, the most expensive retail commercial property in Wichita was in downtown.

And it just hasn't been that for quite some time. It has moved to the east and the north and the

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northwest parts of town, where we find the most expensive real estate. Now with this project having been started and some other investors coming to town and making investment in downtown Wichita, we can see that values have already started to increase, which is one of our objectives in participating in this project and those increased values in downtown Wichita will benefit not only those people that are involved in downtown. It will benefit the entire county, as we're able to again expand our tax base by raising values in this core area.

So many people were afraid we were going to depress values or we were going to take property off of the tax rolls. Well, we're already seeing that acquisitions costs and the value of property in downtown is increasing and I would use the word 'dramatically'. So I think there is a bit of we've got to be careful of how we manage this process, because we know dollars are going to be important, but I think this is a piece of good news. I think it shows that the market is reacting to our intension to build this arena. So, Ron if you think I'm off base, tell me that I'm wrong there, but if you want to expand on that, I'd be glad to hear your thoughts."

Mr. Holt said, "Yes commissioner, that is right on target. When we put together the budget, it was really right after the first of the year 2005, and as you well know, getting further into 2005, a lot of activity came about with the . . . what is being called the Minnesota guys in purchasing property downtown. We've seen the advent of Water Walk coming along. We've seen the river corridor improvement happening and in fact I think what the real estate folks are telling us is that 2005, the market conditions in downtown changed considerably in 2005 and we're seeing those reflected in the appraisals that we're getting in May 2006, so that's absolutely right. It's an indication of what's happening with the market conditions in downtown Wichita, based on activity that's going on."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, well thank you very much for those comments. Thank you Mr. Chairman. That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I don't see there's any further comments, but I have a couple of questions and then just a statement. You had mentioned earlier into your presentation that there was a parcel of land that was owned by the city, a parking lot that we were negotiating with them and maybe I'm naive, but I was just under the assumption that the city might just donate that land."

Mr. Holt said, "The reason we haven't followed up on . . . we did the appraisal. The reason we haven't . . . because we need to have those kinds of discussions and we don't want to limit it to just this property. There's a bigger discussion to have about street improvements, about other properties and so we're holding all of that until we can talk about the full and complete package, rather than just one parcel of property."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And the other thing too, commissioners, and I am . . . well, we

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don't have to worry about it, by state law, this tax goes off in 30 months. There's no way, again, we keep saying this to the public, there is absolutely no way that we can do anything to extent that. It goes off and it would require another vote of the people, another action by the legislature to . . . to instate another tax.

We're a little bit fortunate in that it looks like, preliminarily, we're receiving sales tax somewhat above what we estimated and that's the comfort level I take, that if something unforeseen happens, cost of construction, material, acquisition, it gets a little bit above what we had estimated, we still have a comfort level there that we can use, because we are going to build a state of the art entertainment and sport venue that's going to have the wow factor within the amount of wampum we have to spend and I am still extremely convinced that for the next 20 to 25 years, all of the citizens of Sedgwick County are going to point to this with pride so I'm very happy about that.

Any other questions or comments? What is the will of the board on this presentation?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE

I. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT TO COMCARE FOR THE PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT PROGRAM.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "COMCARE contracts with the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education, or it's pronounced WCGM as the shorten version of that, for third-year residents in the K.U. psychiatry program and they provide services to us, at the Community Mental Health Center and in the process they also gain some experience in working with mentally ill folks who do come to program at a mental health center.

That contract with WCGM costs us a little bit less than \$60,000 a year, and it provides us with one FTE equivalent, depending on the year, how many residents are in it. Sometimes there are four, sometimes five residents and they work a day a week each, but it's about one FTE.

This item is an agreement between SRS and COMCARE and it's in the form of a grant to COMCARE for the amount of \$45,246, which covers the majority of the costs of that contract that we have with WCGM. COMCARE provides the remaining approximately \$14,000 of that contract, out of the budgets of the four programs that those residents provide services at and that's our Crisis program, our Community Support Services program, Outpatient program and Children's program.

I want to just make a quick comment on the term of the contract. If you notice, the term is 2005 and ends June of 2006. We had this money in an ongoing way for many years and when there was a new director of mental health in the state level, with SRS last spring who was hired, he asked some individuals in his own organization, 'Are community mental health centers spending this money?' and got the response 'No, they're not'. So they withdrew this money from us in our contract last year. We did appeal that and demonstrated to them how much and how important this is to us to be able to have local residents be part of our program and have some help from them paying for that, so that's why this is so late. We anticipate that we will have a new contract with them starting July 1st as well.

We are recommending that we accept this money and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that there are any questions, Marilyn. So commissioners, what's the will of the board on Item I?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My report is for the activities at the Coliseum for April 2006. For the month, we had almost 65,000 people through the doors, 10 events, 36 individual performances. Net revenues were over \$151,000.

Now, highlights for the month, Tornado Alley came back. This is something we started a couple of years ago, and did a paintball tournament in the arena building, had over 800 people in attendance for this. Now these kids just absolutely love this activity.

Sunflower Cluster Dog Show, one of the top five dog shows in the country."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What is that?"

Mr. Nath said, "It's a Sharpi."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It's a dog?"

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Mr. Nath said, “Yeah, it’s a dog. Isn’t it cute. We talk maybe a little bit big and a little bit small. There’s a little bit of something for everybody at the dog show this year. The Shrine Circus was back and we had over 25,000 people attend the Shrine Circus this year.

Park City Bluegrass Festival, it’s the 13th annual, had over 1,100 folks in attendance at Park City. And the Thunder had one of their playoff games, and we had 3,200 people in attendance at that. Thunder did again very, very well this year, as I presented to you in one of my past reports.

One of the things I’d like to share with you at this point is kind of like a little snapshot of what the promotions fund has meant to the Coliseum. The challenge to all of the public assembly arenas, like the Kansas Coliseum, is booking events, 40-50 events. Well, you go out and you make strategic alliances and partnerships with sports leagues, promoters, local promoters that put on family shows, Sports, Boat and Travel shows, those kind of things. That doesn’t fill up your event calendar. In the business climate, over the last ten years for arena, arenas have had to become more of a steerer of their own destiny. They’ve had to become more proactive. Now how do you do that when you’re dealing in public sector? You’re not going to risk tax dollars, so what we have done is we’ve gotten our concessionaire to put up a promotions fund, which we manage. And what has that meant to us so far?

Well, so far in the first quarter of 2006, it’s been eight percent of our total event calendar, 13 performances, all and all and it’s ranged from the PRC Rodeo to Nickleback concert to Rascal Flatts to the go cart races which we’ve been doing to the Nine Inch Nails concert, eight percent of the event calendar. What that actually relates to is 15% of our total attendance so far this year, 23% of our total revenue. These are for events that would not have happened at all unless we had the promotions fund. Unless we were able to actually go out and buy the event ourselves and put it on, or to become an at-risk partner with the promoter, who would otherwise be hesitant to bring the Nickleback or Rascal Flatts or Nine Inch Nails into the market.

It has been very successful for us. It’s important that we understand that, that that is where our business is going to, being able to generate your own events and to kind of direct your own destiny, so to speak.

Coming up we have Goddard High School graduation tonight, the Mid-America Flea Market is this Sunday. We also have Derby graduating in the main arena this Sunday. May is always ‘Graduation Central. East graduates on the 22nd, Heights on the 23rd, Southeast on the 24th and Northwest on the 25th and on the 25th we also have the Kansas Arabian Horse Show moves in and runs through the end of the month.

Commissioners, if there are any questions, I’d be happy to answer them at this time.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “John, it seems like a very good report. I don’t see that there’s any

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questions. So commissioners, what's the will of the board on John's report?"

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	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "John, keep up the good work, thank you. Next item please."

K. AMENDMENT TO THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE THE DESIGN PHASE OF CIP #R-304, WIDENING MAIZE ROAD FROM 45TH TO 53RD STREETS NORTH.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Public Works has requested a CIP amendment to fund an agreement with the City of Maize to revise and accelerate a project on 45th Street.

Here is R-304, the project in question as reflected in our CIP last year. At that time, the cross-hatched area was a county KDOT project that was planned to go from 45th Street to the OTT railroad tracks. Maize had a project that went north from the tracks to 53rd Street. Now that's changed. Maize applied to the Wichita area Metropolitan Area Planning Organization and obtained additional federal funding and we've now reached an agreement for a single project that will extend from 45th Street to 53rd Street.

Reflecting that change, Public Works has reached an agreement to share the design costs and split the matching funds requirement for the construction phase of the project. And here are the costs.

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Maize will now assume responsibility for overall management of the project. And I'm happy to note that this agreement, by restructuring and obtaining additional federal funding, reduced our share by over \$300,000. We propose to fund our share of the design with savings from a total of seven different recently completed projects, and the CIP Committee recommends approval. Do you have any questions?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I have one question. If I understand this right and maybe . . . I know we've got another agenda item here, but with this being expanded into the Metropolitan . . . what do I want to call it?"

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, said, "The Urban Area Boundary."

Commissioner Winters said, "The Urban Area Boundary funds, we're actually going to be able to accomplish more road for less funds from Sedgwick County. It's going to be an additional half a mile and us less funds, because we have more participants. Is that right?"

Mr. Spears said, "Commissioners, that's absolutely correct. Before, costs was \$850,000, plus or minus. Now we're talking about \$511,000."

Commissioner Winters said, "Good. Sounds like a good deal."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any other questions or comments, commissioners? What's the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

L. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 807-S ½ J, WIDENING OF MAIZE ROAD FROM 45TH TO 53RD STREETS NORTH. CIP #R-304. DISTRICT #4. COUNTY AGREES TO PAY ONE HALF OF COST OF DESIGN AND LOCAL MATCH FOR PROJECT CONSTRUCTION.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-1 is related to the CIP amendment that you heard in the last item. We are requesting your approval of an inter-local agreement with the City of Maize to fund the design and construction of a widening project on Maize Road from 45th to 53rd Street North. The City of Maize has obtained an economic development grant through KDOT and together we have obtained additional KDOT funding through WAMPO inside the urban boundary. Under this agreement, the city and county will split the cost of design work in 2006 and split the local share of construction in 2010. Our share of the design work will be \$231,350 in 2006. Our share of the construction cost will be \$279,575 in 2010 or about 4% of the total construction cost. Total construction costs at today's estimate is about \$6,000,000. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any questions? We have one from Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "David, I did hear you say that construction for this project will be in 2010?"

Mr. Spears said, "2010, although let me say that we've had several meetings with WAMPO."

Commissioner Winters said, "And WAMPO is who again?"

Mr. Spears said, "Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Right."

Mr. Spears said, "And those fund . . . in a nutshell, there's more projects than there is money, overall, City of Wichita, all the projects inside the urban boundary, and we're now restructuring it to see where all these projects are going to fall, so this could fall later. I don't want to guarantee 2010. There's a lot of reshaping to do. Federal government has been here, their representatives, the state, we've had several discussions and there's just simply more projects than there is money, especially with inflation going the way it is now."

Commissioner Winters said, "And is that a . . . is that what we call a connecting link, Maize Road through the city of Maize?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, that is a connecting link."

Commissioner Winters said, "So that is a road that we have a high level of interest in and so I guess in the reshuffling, I'm sure Commissioner Burnett knows, how much activity is going on along that Maize Road corridor. If there's any way that we could push that forward instead of push it backwards, it would certainly I think be of benefit to all of the activity that's taking place in that northwest part of the community."

Mr. Spears said, "Well, the other important factor to remember, if the northwest bypass happens someday, that will come there south of 45th and so that link between the northwest bypass and up to K-96 is Maize Road and it will definitely have to be four lanes to accommodate the traffic."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Thank you very much. That's all I had."

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

Commissioner Burnett said, "Well, as Commissioner Winters just said, the activity and the traffic along there has been growing, daily it seems like, so I'm hoping also that we can get this pushed forward, if we possibly can, but of course I'm very supportive of this."

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

- 2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BRIDGE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BRIDGES WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS DESIGNATIONS OF BRIDGE WEIGHT POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COUNTY BRIDGES WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS. ALL DISTRICTS.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-2 is a resolution that updates the bridge weight posting requirements for all county maintained bridges. We have a total of 651 bridges, of which 134 are posted, four are closed and 513 are open. Open load limit bridges are defined as those bridges that can handle any Kansas legal load. As far as posted bridges are concerned, in 1985 we had 318 and as of this date we have 134, which is a significant reduction over a time period of 21 years. This resolution designates bridge weight posting requirements for all of our bridges in accordance with procedures outlined by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Therefore, we will remain eligible for federal funds. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the board?"

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Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2006.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of May 11th results in three items for consideration today.

**1) BIKE PATH- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PAWNEE BIKE PATH**

The first item, a bike path for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Cornejo and Sons Incorporated in the amount of \$392,018.43.

**2) PARKING LOT & SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT LAKE AFTON OBSERVATORY- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: REPLACE COUNTY PARKING LOTS**

Item two, parking lot and sidewalk replacement at the Lake Afton Observatory for Facilities Department. The recommendation is to accept the low bid from PPJ Construction for \$63,000.

3) DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY & DEBRIS REMOVAL- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

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FUNDING: RELOCATE FIRE STATION 33

And item three is demolition of property and debris removal for Facilities Department and the recommendation is to accept the low bid from Cornejo and Sons Incorporated in the amount of \$37,700.

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that there’s any questions, Iris. So Commissioners, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

N. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Cold Mix Project R-175D on 87th Street South between Meridian and Broadway. District #2.**
- 2. Letter terminating month-to-month lease of office space for COMCARE at 1919 North Amidon, Suite 220.**

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- 3. Agreement with Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. for purchase of real estate for railroad right-of-way used to support Stillwell Complex functions located at 1015 Stillwell.**
- 4. Order dated May 9, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 10 – 16, 2006.**

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, “I have a motion and a second. Any questions? David, would you explain number three to us.”

Mr. Spears said, “That’s our . . . Stephanie is here and I think she’s been working on that. I know a little bit about it, but she knows more.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Just for the public, comment on the consent agreement [sic], we have an agreement with railroad company for some purchase of some real estate and some of the commissioners just wanted that explained a little bit more.”

Mr. Stephanie Knebel, Director, Facilities Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item 3 has been a long time in developing, working with the railroad and our Legal staff and their legal staff. The intent of this purchase is to purchase from the railroad existing railroad right-of-way that begins at Seneca and the railroad at Seneca all the way east to Osage, which is that next block going east, behind our Stillwell complex. That existing right-of-way is approximately 50 to 75 feet wide, it varies in width through there. Purchasing from the middle of the railroad tracks north, all along the back edge of our Stillwell complex, if you will.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “So is this a track that’s been abandoned or they don’t use it for trains anymore?”

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Ms. Knebel said, "It's not been abandoned. The railroad still has trains there, but it's property that we, as the county, have been using continuously, since at least 1970-something. We've just used it. We assumed continued using it, to provide traffic flow through the new fleet building. The purpose is our rent there has continually increased since we entered into this lease agreement with the railroad company and it was felt that by simply purchasing the property, flat-out, it will eventually pay itself back in eight to nine years. So it's not any new property, it's just the existing property. Now we would own it, rather than the railroad company."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And that would be more efficient for us just to own, instead of keep paying rent to our lease."

Ms. Knebel said, "Exactly. The lease is not real favorable to us."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. It was just something that was a little bit out of . . . we didn't know about it, so we wanted to ask a question. Thank you very much. Any other questions or comments on the consent agenda? If not, Clerk call the roll."

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, we're at that part of the commission meeting under 'other', if anyone has any activities going on. Yes, Commissioner Burtnett."

O. OTHER

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Commissioner Burnett said, "I just wanted to give everyone a short update on last week I missed the commission meeting because I was touring some jail and reentry programs in different states around the United States. We had a very good tour. Learned that the difficulties with the jails are the same all over the country and we are just trying to figure out ways to help get our inmates back on the streets, when they're ready to, with education and job skills and a little more hope for their lives. And we toured some very interesting places, on how they have helped do that.

I think we, as Sedgwick County, will have to do a hybrid of the three that we looked at, because they had a lot of money to devote to the facilities that we're not going to have, but the Sheriff was on this tour also and I believe we that we got some really good information that we'll be sharing with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council over the next few months.

So I think it was a very good tour, I think we learned a lot, maybe too much. There's sometimes too much information going around in your head, and it's like 'How do we process all this?' but I think a hybrid will do us really well in this county and we'll be able to get some very good programs going."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a reminder to people in Haysville and on the south side, that the household hazardous waste outreach will be at the Haysville Activity Center from 9 to 1, I believe, on Saturday morning. It's a great time to get lawn chemicals, paints, other toxic elements out of your garage and out of your storage sheds and disposed of properly. You can stop by there and there will be trained professionals to take it off your hands and it should be a good way to clean out your garage this weekend. It comes at a great time, spring cleaning is happening, so it's a perfect time for people to get that stuff out of their garages and disposed of properly."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And it's all free. Okay. Well, just a couple of things on my own. I'm going to be . . . well, first of all, I'm going to go across the street and walk a block or two, with the employees, but this weekend, Sunday, I'll be out at Lake Afton. The Oz Bicycle Club has their annual 'Wicked Wind 100'. They also have a 25-mile loop and a 50-mile loop, but also Lake Afton is . . . a lot of people . . . I don't know that they understand all the activities that go on out there. While we're having this ride, and there should be upwards of 200 bicyclists out there on this, at the same time there's a triathlon being done there, and I hope we're riding around Lake Afton for one loop, before we go out on the county road, while they're swimming, so we don't have to interact with their bike riders, but plenty of fun activity and a good healthy exercise, to offset the Krispy Kremes.

And that's all I have, except that I will probably make myself available for the downtown food court once or twice more, before the festival is over. The drumsticks, the corn on the cob and funnel cakes, that's my fun things."

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “Fried pickles.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is there fried pickles? I saw something about meatballs on a stick. I haven’t tried that. That sounded kind of intriguing, Italian soul food. Okay, so if there’s nothing else, this meeting is adjourned.”

P. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

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