

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 28, 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, June 28, 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. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Misha Jacob-Warren, Management Analyst, Budget Department; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. James McComas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Chris Presson, General Manager, Wichita Thunder Hockey Team.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Sherdeill Breathett, Sr. of St. Mark United Methodist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, May 31, 2006

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of May 31, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I believe you've had a chance to review the Minutes of the meeting of May 31st. What is your will?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 31, 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, "Next item please."

AWARD

A. PRESENTATION OF A COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD TO WICHITA THUNDER.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In May of this year, when I presented the Kansas Coliseum's monthly report, we did a recap on the excellent season the Thunder had just finished up. I believe it's now the 14th or 15th year that the Thunder has been our partner and with me today we have Chris Presson, who is the general manager of the Thunder and Joel Lomurno, the Assistant General Manager, to accept the award. But before we get into that, our friend Alan Shope over at Channel 10 put together a short little highlight film of the past season, and Kristi if you'd like to run that now."

Video of Thunder Hockey Highlights was shown.

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Well gentlemen, come on up here. We have this award that we want to give you and it’s not very often that we give a community enrichment award. I believe it’s only about the tenth time that we’ve done it in our history but before I do that, I want to say something. First of all, I have a couple of bullet points about the Thunder, most of which Channel 10 already stole but the Wichita Thunder played their first game in the Central Hockey League on November 4th, 1993 and they won 6 to 4 and they continue to provide a lot of excitement for the fans. But above and beyond the excitement that you give us on the field, what really impresses me is that you continue to be an active and visible partner in the community.

Example of some of the community spirit were seen in January, when the Thunder players delivered Teddy Bears to the Maude Carpenter Children’s Home and when Thunder Dog participated in COMCARE’s Link For Life in April. And you have really tried to be a good sports community-oriented citizen and not just play your games and then go home, but you wanted to let everybody know, by your participation, that you’re part of the community and we really appreciate that.

And for that, and for all the excitement that you’ve given your fans, this is the Sedgwick County Community Enrichment award and we thank you very, very much.”

Mr. Chris Presson, General Manager, Wichita Thunder Hockey Team, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well, on behalf of our entire organization, we appreciate it. To Commissioner Sciortino and to the other commissioners, thank you as well. It’s an award that we’re very appreciative of and one that we don’t take lightly. I want make a special recognition to our staff and our players. It was certainly, I believe, the hardest that they’ve ever worked in their lives and it certainly produced the results that we all wanted and we’re looking forward to the same type of production this year, both in the office and on the ice with our players and staff.

The players are great. They do whatever we ask them, both on and off the ice. The coach is great, as mentioned in the video. Mark took over the team on September the 3rd, which in coach-speak isn’t a good time to take over a team, considering it’s a month before the season started, but that was the hand he was dealt. He did a great job. We finished 20 or 21 games above 500 in his first year as a head coach, so a phenomenal job there. Particular special recognition to Joel. Joel has now been with the team, he’s going into his 15th season. He started with the inception of the team in 1992 and with me coming in as a new GM, I looked to him for a lot of guidance and the year that I’ve been here full-time, he’s helped steer us in the right path as well, so a special thanks to you, Joel, as well.

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To our fans, our corporate sponsors who stepped up to the plate last year, and are doing so to this point this year, as well as our season ticket base and our entire fan base, we certainly wouldn't be getting an award of this caliber if it wasn't for them as well. And last but not least, to John and Jacque, it's been a pleasure to work with them. They've given us everything, within reason, that we've asked for and they help us both during the season and in the off-season as well, in a number of community events, so we're very appreciative to them.

And then finally, to the operations guys and girls at the arena who get little to no credit. They have to put in the ice and take it down two and three times a year and make sure that our ice is good and our glass is clean and I appreciate what they do very much because a lot of our fans complain and we try to make it good for them and they're the ones that have to do the hard work, so again on behalf of our entire organization, thank you, thank you and thank you. We appreciate it very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, now just please stand by, there comes a price with the award. You have to answer a few questions. Commissioner Burnett."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Well Chris, I just want to commend you for all the community involvement that you and Joel and the team do. I know Joel goes to all the Park City Chamber meetings. He always keeps us up to date as to what's going on. That's kind of how I got to know him and you do, you do so much for the community that I just want to say thank you for everything that you guys have done and congratulations on all the awards."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well thank you and I want to echo everything that the other commissioners have said. We really do, as a group of commissioners, appreciate your playing in the Kansas Coliseum. We think you're a huge asset to the Coliseum and its operation and we want you to know that, along with all of the community things we know you're involved in.

A number of us, a couple of years ago, towards the end of the season, when we were having some rather difficult negotiating times about the Kansas Coliseum, got involved. I just want to thank you for sticking around, sticking it out, making sure it works. We want to be a part of that, so we appreciate the relationship. And I want you to know that you've got plenty of fans that are not fearful of contacting their county commissioner if things don't appear to be happening just right. But we heard them and we listened to them and we're certainly pleased that we worked out an agreement that appears to be working for everyone and just congratulations on a great season. Seeing those crowds out there was really fun and exciting to have happen and again, we appreciate you being in our Kansas Coliseum."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Yeah, we really thank you for that fan contact. We want you to know that we really appreciate all those phone calls. But seriously, and rumor has it that maybe in the new arena some of the amenities for your team might be enhanced a little bit, so we’re looking forward to hopefully having a tremendous season that first year, as we open up the new arena, because you’re going to be our anchor sports team for that arena, so I believe it holds 15,000 people, so you have a few more seats that you can sell.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Break that attendance record.”

Mr. Presson said, “We’ll give it a shot.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Seriously, good luck guys. Thank you again very much for being a part of the team. Next item please, Madam Clerk.”

APPOINTMENT

B. APPOINTMENT.

1. RESIGNATION OF DR. RALPH TERAN FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, Dr. Teran has submitted his resignation effective June 30th of this year and I would ask that you accept it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the resignation.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

Commissioner Winters said, “I would like to say just a comment. Ralph Teran has been on this board for a long time, representing the school district, and he is truly one of the really good participants in this community on working on issues involving kids and children. And there’s no way that our Juvenile Justice issues are going to work without participation from schools all over and I certainly, having been one of the original community conveners and Ralph was involved in this for a long time, I certainly want to express our appreciation to his service on this board. And Ralph is no longer going to be with the school district, is moving on, so that’s the reason for his not being here, but again, I certainly appreciate all the work he’s done.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. Any further comments, Commissioners? Clerk,

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call the roll please.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DENISE WREN (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, you have a resolution creating this board, requires you to appoint an educational professional and this will fill the vacancy just created. This is for a three-year term and I recommend you adopt the resolution.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS

C. RESOLUTION EXEMPTING PERFORMANCE-BASED PAY PILOT DEPARTMENTS FROM CURRENT POLICIES OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to give you first an update of the performance-based pay program that we're beginning here in Sedgwick County. In 2005, we were directed by you as our county commission board and the county manager to begin looking at what does performance-based pay look like for Sedgwick County and to begin that journey to figure it out and apply it and implement it in a phased approach, about a two or three year phased approach.

So we have been working over the past year with 17 departments, represented as an across-the-county look at the different organizations that we have, departments, and the needs, business needs of those departments. And these 17 representatives of these departments looked at everything from job descriptions to evaluation forms, looking at what other people did in the private sector and public sector. We looked at how to communicate this to our employees, how to train supervisors and managers, and so we've been doing a lot of exploring and research and studying of what this topic means for Sedgwick County.

I'm happy to report that now we are interested in piloting six departments into this system that we have created and they are: the Department of Corrections, Code Enforcement, Environmental Resources, management directly reporting to the Fire Chief in Fire District #1, Register of Deeds and the Sheriff- clerical. As you recall, the Sheriff's Office implemented pay for performance last year and because of the support areas were under our county policy, we are now implementing them in this phase one of our pilot project.

We, as I said, looked at employee performance reviews, changed the current form. We will now have new forms to use. We're looking seriously at the training for supervisors and managers and employees. With these pilot groups, we will be done with that training by July 15th. We will have a focal point for appraisals by 10/31, for differentiated merit awards on January 1 of 2007.

Translating that to compensation is an important piece of the performance-based pay, so we were looking at four pay tiers for those differentiations of merit pay. We will make sure, as a human

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resources department, that we are looking at the consistency across the county and exploring and studying that throughout this pilot phase. And we want to make sure that you're aware that the performance-based pay will not exceed the adopted budget for the merit pool.

That gives you a little bit of background in where this project is and what this resolution today does is it exempts the pilot departments from the current county policy that addresses appraisals, merit pay, reward, recognition policies to allow those pilot departments to work with us in this first phase of performance-based pay. With the adoption of this resolution, we will proceed with phase one. We are looking at this in a three-phased approach for county, so next year will be phase two, with the rest of the departments on the task force and others who have indicated an interest and then phase three will catch up the rest of the county, so in three phases, this performance-based pay will be implemented countywide. I'm open to any questions, but ask you today to adopt this resolution to exempt the pilot departments from current policy."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Jo. Any questions or comments? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jo, I think in the briefing you gave me, you answered most all of my questions and I'm going to be very supportive of this. But is there a comment that you could make about phasing this in, with the program you just described. It's necessary because it's too traumatic a change, or why are we . . . why don't we just do it?"

Ms. Templin said, "Certainly commissioner, I'd be happy to. We want this to work in Sedgwick County very well. We want it to be very successful and early on, we didn't want to just . . . I always said that it's like swimming in a swimming pool. You don't just jump into the deep end, off the diving board, with this type of culture change. And so, last year, what I described, we dipped our toe into it. We did a lot at the shallow end. We did a lot of research and study. We're kind of in the four-foot water right now. We're still not ready to go off the deep end, but we're taking it very seriously and want to do it right and make it successful, so that's why. And we think that it does correlate very well with our pay performance indicator project. In this organization, it's a culture improvement to become very performance-based oriented here at Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, well thank you. And I guess that's the response that I anticipated. I know that this is a major change in our culture here and I just wanted to take the opportunity to emphasize to our citizens who are watching and who sometimes have the impression that once you get a job in county government, it's a guaranteed thing. It's like an annuity. You get your raises, you know, maybe you don't have to work so hard.

The sort of typical criticism, and I would want people to know that we are serious about how we do government and we do have a focus on efficiency and I think this will lead us into a way where we can measure that, both on the individual basis and on department basis. You know, are you doing

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what you're suppose to do, are you doing it efficiently.

You know, in any organization, I think personnel costs are a huge part of budget considerations and if we can devise a plan where we can encourage our folks to produce a little more, work a little harder, then we have a better opportunity to just be more efficient, system wide, and so that if we come up against budget challenges, our citizens will know that we're doing everything we can to get the most we can out of every resource we have and personnel is a major part of that. So I'm very supportive. I'm glad that you've had the courage to make a major change in our systems, and I know sometimes it's hard to say 'Does this really apply to this particular group or category' but we've got to get started and I'm glad you're doing it and I just want everybody to know that we're trying to be efficient and we're trying to be productive and we're trying not to waste money, even in our personnel, so it's a good program, I'm glad we're doing it."

Ms. Templin said, "Thank you. I appreciate your support and we've been very pleased as well with the department head support for our task force and for this project. Thank you."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see any other comments. I'll make one, just to kind of tie onto what Commissioner Unruh has said. In the past, we had . . . you know, an employee would get a cost of living raise and then something called a meritorious raise, but it became almost perfunctory. You know, if you didn't do anything real bad, you got your Cost of Living, you got your quote, unquote 'meritorious' raise and you could just pretty well plug in 6% or whatever it is and ad nauseum. And when this board started thinking about, you know that isn't really what business does. Business gives the employees a cost of living raise, but they have to do something rather special to prove that they're really doing something productive to merit an additional raise, above cost of living. And when we first floated this around with Mr. Buchanan, I had anticipated a lot of resistance about change, you know 'wait a minute here, this is the way we've done business for 127 years, we don't want to change'. But surprisingly, the department heads embraced this because they, I think a lot of them, you know the ones at least that we've tried, have decided to embrace it, but it gives them the flexibility of rewarding maybe someone that has done an exceptional job and the person next to them not quite as good a job, so they don't get as much, or what have you.

And I believe the reason that we're going a little bit slow in implementing it countywide, it is a brand new idea and just like when a new product is first put on the line, there's a lot of testing to make sure it's going to work before you roll it out, and it allows you to tweak it a little bit if there has to be some tweaking, but the concept is good and I think the taxpayers should appreciate the

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fact that we're continually trying to be as efficient as we can with our employees and with the production that our employees do for them, so I applaud you and I think it's great and we look forward to phase two or three or whatever phase we're in. Alright, thank you very much. Commissioners, what's the will of the board on this one?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

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, Jo. Next item please."

D. RESOLUTION IMPOSING SOLID WASTE FEES FOR 2007.

Ms. Misha Jacob-Warren, Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here this morning to present to you the 2007 solid waste fees. The state law authorizes the county to impose solid waste fees to pay for specific solid waste programs. If you chose to place this fee into affect, you are required to adopt the fee prior to July 1st of any given year, so that the fees may take affect in the following year. Therefore, the action before you today would go into affect in 2007 with these fees.

These fees will appear on all ad valorem tax bills issued to every property owner in the county later this year. The fee will be paid in two installments, just as property taxes are paid. The fees in the resolution before you are intended to produce a total of \$780,975 in 2007. That will help to fund a solid waste program that is expected to cost approximately 1.7 million dollars. The remaining balance of this funding for that program will come from other operating income of the solid waste

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program, various regulatory fees that we receive and from existing fund balances. The fees that are necessary to support the program next year have been established at \$3.65 for every residential dwelling unit and a base fee of \$3.91 for every non-residential dwelling unit. From the \$3.91 there are five tiers, based on the waste generation characteristics of the individual's property. In 2007, these tiers range from \$2.93 to \$5.86. For the highest tier, which is tier five, mostly shopping malls which have many tenants, the fee is assessed at the base rate of \$3.91 times the number of tenants. Again, these fees will appear on the property tax bills that are issued later this year. We would recommend that you approve this resolution. I would be happy to try answer any questions you may have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters, you have a comment or a question."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, just a comment and a confirmation. Misha, this is not . . . 2007 will be the seventh year that we've done this, so this is not a new revelation. This is an ongoing collection of the solid waste fee that we've done. And we started . . . when did we start doing this?"

Ms. Jacob-Warren said, "In 2000, I believe."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, very good. That's the only question I have. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Misha, for the residential dwelling units, \$3.65 is considerably less than our highest amount and we have had a high of \$5.48 or something."

Ms. Jacob-Warren said, "That's correct. It's about half of what we started with and mostly those fees go to fund the Household Hazardous Waste program, which as you know has been very successful for Sedgwick County. And so because of the success and because of the number of dwelling units and the amount of fees that we collect, we were able to have approximately 2.2% increase from last year with those fees."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well I think that's the point I wanted to make, that the fee is based upon what the program is and the estimated cost of that program and it's not a tax that goes on and always gets bigger. It depends. We're managing it, I think, as efficiently as we can and I just want to point out that it's quite a bit lower than it was a few years ago, so all right, thank you. That's all I have."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “And Misha, I think . . . correct me if I’m wrong, it’s safe to say this year, basically all we’re doing is just to adjust for inflation and keep going. I mean, there’s nothing dramatic happening or what have you. It’s just a modest adjustment to keep up with inflation and keep the programs going the way they’ve been going and I agree with you. This household hazardous waste thing has just been fantastic and the public has really appreciated it, I think, as evidenced by the participation they do in it. Commissioner Burtnett.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Misha, in the backup it talks about various special projects such as the tire collection program in 2004. Do you know if there’s any special projects planned for 2007?”

Ms. Jacob-Warren said, “I don’t know of any specific projects planned at this point. I know Environmental Resources and Household Hazardous Waste will be working on a number of things, hopefully coming up in 2007.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Just be sure and let us know if you find that out.”

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “If it would please you, we’ve examined the process of gathering up old used computers and taking a look at that. And then we discovered, if you recall that our partner, Starkey, was doing the same thing and taking those computers apart, reselling the parts that they could and distributing to those second-hand vendors. We thought it was important . . . so we still get those kind of things as a household hazardous waste and my understanding is we continue to deliver those to Starkey on a regular basis. So we put that program on hold, because we didn’t want to gather all these . . . the program seems to be working this way and we’re going to try to figure out how to enhance it with Starkey.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Great, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right. Commissioners, if there’s no further questions or comments, what’s the will of the board on this?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the Resolution.

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, “Thank you Misha, very much. Next item please.”

E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE.

1. CONTRACT WITH ARROWHEAD WEST, INC. TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “July 1st is the beginning of the state fiscal year so we have a number of contracts here that need to be renewed. This first one is a contract with Arrowhead West. This is a renewal of a relatively longstanding contract that we have with Arrowhead West that serves eight individuals with a primary diagnosis of a mental illness. The contract funds residential treatment for those individuals. In other words, it helps them be sustained in the community. It doesn’t provide for their room and board there. Six of those eight individuals covered under the contract live in a small group home with Arrowhead West staff providing those services to them. We recommend that you approve the contract and I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see any. I have one, Marilyn. How much . . . is there an increase on this year’s contract over last, and if so, how much?”

Ms. Cook said, “No, there’s a small decrease. There were, when DD definitions were redefined several years ago, there were a number of individuals that had a mental illness but also a DD condition living in Arrowhead and the decision was made that since these individuals were so well stabilized, that we would sustain them in this environment, so actually this amount goes down each year. There are times that we are able to stabilize these individuals to the point where they go to

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other housing. We've had one resident last year that died, so it keeps going down. It will never go up."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, but you lost me as to why it keeps going down. You're saying some people there are dual diagnosed, mental health and DD."

Ms. Cook said, "Right, but their primary diagnosis is mental illness, in these cases so they either stabilize to a point where they could move to a less structured environment and every once in a while that happens."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, okay, so they may be moving to Starkey or someplace else like that, because the mental health side is no longer putting them or somebody else at risk or something like that."

Ms. Cook said, "Right."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So there's less people that Arrowhead has to serve, hence the . . . Okay, got it. All right, Commissioners, other comments? And if not, what is the will of the Board on Item E-1?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE OF WICHITA, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS.

Ms. Cook said, "This is a renewal of the affiliation agreement that is between COMCARE and Family Consultation Services. Our affiliation agreements are those agreements that have to be in place for our affiliates to be able to bill Medicaid for the services that they provide. This particular contract also provides for state aid and certified match and the federal portion of the children's waiver billing that we do to go to Family Consultation Services. We recommend that you approve this agreement as well."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any comments? What is the will of the Board on Item E-2?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

3. CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICES OF WICHITA, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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Ms. Cook said, “The last one, that was an affiliation agreement, this is a renewal of an agreement with Family Consultation to provide some funding for specific services that they provide for COMCARE. In this particular case, the purpose would be to fund a half-time position which we’ve been funding for quite a while at the Wichita Children’s Home. It’s a therapist that’s there and to help fund therapy positions for their children . . .for their clinicians that are providing therapy to children. Be happy to answer any questions. We are recommending that you approve this agreement.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Contract 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.”

- 4. AMENDMENT #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH STATE OF KANSAS, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, ESTABLISHING COMCARE AS A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.**

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Ms. Cook said, "There are actually two amendments to the main contract that we have with SRS that's known as the contract that establishes COMCARE as a participating mental health center. This amendment, this first amendment adds funding for a new requirement to screen children who are going into and out of level five facilities. This requirement was added pretty quickly, at the end of the year last year, in December, so we did those assessments without a payment mechanism being in place, so this amendment increases the current contract that we have with them by \$6,600 for the activities we've already performed and screening children going in and out of these facilities. We recommend that you approve the amendment."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Amendment to Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Motion has been made and seconded. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Can you tell me how many level five facilities there are for these kids?"

Ms. Cook said, "Here in Wichita? I don't have that number. Three or four of them. I can get that for you."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Yeah, I'd like to know that eventually. It's not imperative but I'm just curious as to how many facilities we have. That's all I had. I'm sorry."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Marilyn, just for my clarification and sometimes we have so many of these contracts I get confused, but is this really one of our main contracts with the State of Kansas and the Department of SRS?"

Ms. Cook said, "Yeah, the participating mental health center contract is that contract that funds the services that we provide to what we call the target population, so it is our major funding mechanism."

Commissioner Winters said, "And we do this once a year?"

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Ms. Cook said, "Once a year."

Commissioner Winters said, "And the state's year begins July 1st and that's why we do it at the end of June."

Ms. Cook said, "Right."

Commissioner Winters said, "And not all counties are the participating mental health centers. In other places, it could be other folks. Is that correct? Or are counties involved in every one?"

Ms. Cook said, "Counties are involved. I don't know how to explain this. For instance, in our area there are two community mental health centers, COMCARE and Family Consultation Services is considered an affiliate mental health center. We are the participating mental health center, which means we are the local mental health authority. There are places, like in western Kansas where 20 counties are involved. One of those counties will have the contract with, in that case, High Plains Mental Health Center, to be the participating mental health center."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well again, sometimes we just . . . I know we pass by this pretty quickly sometimes as routine business but this is our significant contract with the State of Kansas to make sure that COMCARE is doing what we need to do here in Sedgwick County and again, I think we're all pretty proud of the way that mental health services are handled here and it's not to say we've got the corner on the world, but I know there are some areas of the state that do have some difficulties and struggles and I'm not saying that we don't have our time of struggle, but I think it's just important to make note that one, we appreciate the partnership that we have with the State of Kansas and SRS and we take this responsibility pretty strongly and even thought commissioners don't analyze this contract to the nth degree, we certainly do want to recognize that this is a major contract and we take this very seriously."

Ms. Cook said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item . . . Oh, we need to vote, excuse me."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett Aye
Chairman Sciortino Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now next item."

**5. AMENDMENT #2 TO THE CONTRACT WITH STATE OF KANSAS,
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES,
ESTABLISHING COMCARE AS A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH
CENTER.**

Ms. Cook said, "This amendment, still talking about that participating mental health center contract with the state that would normally have expired June 30th but the state SRS did decide to extend the contract for six more months. The reason for that is that the State of Kansas is in the process of rewriting the Medicaid state plan for CMS, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services and it's anticipated there will be some changes in how we do business, changes in definitions of services that are provided so the decision was made to extend the contract until the end of the year, when those definitions and changes will be more clear to us.

There is one change however in this extension and that is the State of Kansas recently received a 2.6% decrease in mental health block grant funding from the feds and so they decreased all of our contracts as participating mental health centers that amount, which equals about \$8,000 decrease for COMCARE. We recommend that you approve this amendment, which will allow them to continue paying us quarterly payments."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I see no comments, so what's the will of the Board on Item E-5?"

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Marilyn, oh you’ve got two more. I’m going to wait until you get done with these two and then I just have a question for you, so go ahead. I’m sorry, E-6 Madam Clerk.”

6. AMENDMENT TO GRANT AWARD WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES/ADDICTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, “Okay, just as the participating mental health center grant was extended six months until the end of the year, this grant with SRS, with Addiction and Prevention Services is also extending our contract with them to the end of the year. The grant provides funding for substance abuse treatment services to the APS or Addiction and Prevention Services funded clients and those are individuals who receive treatment for us that meet the federal poverty guidelines and this increases our contract with the extension by a little over \$87,000. We recommend that you approve this amendment.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I see no questions or comments. So what’s the will of the Board on E-6 please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Amendment to Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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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 Burnett	Aye	
Chairman Sciortino	Aye	

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

- 7. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OFFENDERS PREPARING FOR RELEASE FROM KANSAS PRISONS TO SEDGWICK COUNTY; AND ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE ONE CORRECTIONS LIAISON/SPECIALIST POSITION, B220.**

Ms. Cook said, "This is an exciting program that we're going to embark on, with your approval. Kansas Department of Corrections has requested that COMCARE provide an individual as one of our employees that they will pay for, whose job would be to coordinate services for individuals who are reentering our community who are leaving prisons and who need mental health or substance abuse services. There is a very similar initiative going on and has been going on for a couple of years in Wyandotte that's working really, really well for them.

This individual who would need to be hired would work out of COMCARE's centralized intake program and the whole idea would be that person would get to know our system and the staff there, spend some time at COMCARE's intake and at our various programs and spend some time in El Dorado and other parts of the prison system preparing people to come back to the community. This will look very similar to the liaison position that we currently have with Osawatomie State Hospital,

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so we've been doing it for a very long time on the state hospital side. This will be helping transition people back to our community, who have been in prison. It's needed at any given time, because between 10 and 15% of the 1,500 offenders that are released into our community from state prisons have a severe or persistent mental illness or other mental health issues that need some treatment.

The goal of the grant is to target offenders who are being released who are at high risk for re-offending due to their mental illness. I'd be happy to answer any questions. We are recommending that you agree to add this addition to COMCARE's staffing table."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. We do have a question or comment. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Marilyn, is this part of our reentry effort that we're working on, or is this just complimentary to that?"

Ms. Cook said, "It's complimentary to it."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, that's a different structure, okay. Well, I'm going to be very supportive, just had that question. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm going to be very supportive. You said they're doing this in Wyandotte County. How long, do you know?"

Ms. Cook said, "They been doing it a year and a half to two years."

Commissioner Winters said, "And does the Department of Corrections seem to be committed to seeing this as really something long-term, in their estimation?"

Ms. Cook said, "That's my understanding. And they had enough success in the Wyandotte area with this and of course we have such a large population returning from prisons to our community that they really felt it would be advantageous to add this component to the program, so this was not meant . . . it is a one-year contract, but it is hoped by both parties that this will continue. It's a very needed service."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well yesterday I did attend a meeting with Kansas Association of Counties and one of the people that joined us in the afternoon were Roger Werholtz, the Director of Kansas Department of Corrections, and we didn't speak exactly to this particular program but I know they, like us, have a great concern about the recidivism of parolees that just somehow end up back in the system and this should be one more program, one more thing that we can do here to

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stem that reoccurring occurrence that none of us like to see, so I guess this is one that I would like for us to have some kind of an update before the . . . if it's for a year's commitment, some time at the six, nine month level I think it would be good for us just on this one, doesn't look like it's going to be a huge program but could be pretty significant just to have an update about how it's working."

Ms. Cook said, "We will do it."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thanks again. Marilyn, the individuals who are identified for this program, have they been receiving services while they've been incarcerated?"

Ms. Cook said, "Most of them have. It's interesting what the Department of Corrections has been doing. They have, in the El Dorado Facility, the one I'm most familiar with, have an individual now that is a case manager type person that is part of that core pathways program that you've been hearing about, that basically is trying to coordinate and identify folks who do have mental health problems and so they do an assessment before . . . actually, as they're admitted to the prison, called an LSIR that talks about their risk factors when they get out.

They start planning, at this point in the prison system, for the return to the community. And the liaison that they have comes back and forth between the community. We did have a memorandum of agreement already and a process in place, between COMCARE's intake and El Dorado to have them send records when they know that individual . . . there's a long . . . we know when these folks are coming out. They identify them six to nine months before they come back to the community, so we already have an agreement in place where we're working with those individuals and we have their records, we see what their diagnosis is and we try to see them within a couple of days of when they're coming home but we're doing that only for people with severe and persistent mental illnesses right now from El Dorado.

This position will help us identify anybody who scores high enough on that LSIR instrument, who looks like they're going to need some help and that person, we're not going to treat them specially, we're just going to be waiting for them and making sure that liaison knows what resources are out there. They might not all come to COMCARE, some of them might go to other programs in town, but it's not dropping the ball when they leave that facility."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, well thank you. I just thought we have a better chance for success if we're just continuing the interaction with those individuals. Is . . . this one position, will that be enough or will this position be an overload from the get-go? If you've got 10% of 1,500 individuals, that seems like a lot of work."

Ms. Cook said, "Well, we have a team of people for coming back from Osawatomie, but we have a lot more people coming back from Osawatomie, so it is a good start and that person is going to be sitting in on our staffing meetings. They'll be sitting in on El Dorado's staffing meetings and DOC will have to look at that. They have calculated this based on their experience in Wyandotte, so it's a start."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yeah, a very good start. All right, thank you. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. I don't believe we've voted on this. I don't believe we've even had a motion, so why don't we."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign; and approve the adjustment to the COMCARE Staffing Table.

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, "Now Marilyn, my question going back to number E-1, you had indicated like Arrowhead West, it's a mental health patient, they determine that that mental health patient is dually diagnosed, they stabilize him on the mental health side and then they put him into a less restrictive area, like Starkey or what have you, because the determination is that they're no longer a danger to themselves or others or what have you. That's what I heard. That's correct?"

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Ms. Cook said, "It's mostly correct. These are individuals that were at Arrowhead West for a long time and when the definition of DD services changed, they found this group of individuals that was larger than a . . . yeah, that their major diagnosis was mental illness, not DD, even though they had a DD condition, so they thought rather than upset the applecart here, these folks are doing well, let's continue this as long as these individuals need this level of care, so we're down to eight. We started out with 16 or 17 individuals a number of years ago."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I understand, but I think what I heard was that if they could get the mental health side stabilized, they would qualify to move into a house like Starkey that's more DDO oriented and start dealing with that side of their . . ."

Ms. Cook said, "They actually, since mental illness is their primary diagnosis, they'd be more inclined to move into supervised housing for folks who have mental illness."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, okay so they're not going to a DDO, so how do they get the work that they need on their developmental disability."

Ms. Cook said, "Well, that's being provided for them right now, in that residential setting. The six people that are in that apartment, the Arrowhead staff is providing that same kind of treatment that they would provide to DD individuals. They're just dually diagnosed."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So they're taking on the responsibility of dealing with DDO . . . DD, along with mental illness."

The reason I was getting into that, I don't want to belabor it now, you know I'm part of a task force that we're trying to look into this phenomenon maybe of a dual diagnosed and there's a lot of frustration. On some of the providers coming to us that it's almost like a hot pota . . . they were trying to analyze is there a big problem and then we could figure out what are we supposed to do about it, because it was my impression on hearing it people that provide mental health really don't know how to deal with DD people and the DD people, like Starkey and what have you, aren't staffed or geared to . . . and it's kind of like a hot potato, going back and forth, but we're working on it and it's been very enlightening to me to just get educated on that, but I thought I heard something that I apparently didn't hear. So okay, that's all I had. Thank you very much. Next item please."

F. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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DEFERRED ITEM

1. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING OF A DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT PILOT PROJECT.

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority selected Sedgwick County to participate in a disproportionate minority contact three-year pilot project. We are currently in our second year, which will be ending September 30th. During this pilot project, Sedgwick County is expected to demonstrate ways that they will identify and address disproportionate minority contact and also help reduce crime.

Our efforts thus far have enhanced our methods for gathering and then tracking this important data and we have also held several community mobilization meetings. During each of the first two years, we have been awarded just over \$50,000. For the third year of the pilot project, we are requesting \$57,500. These funds will be used to support our continued effort to focus on this issue in Sedgwick County.

Team Justice, your Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board serves as the disproportionate minority contact committee for our community and they approved this grant application on June 2nd. We are also asking for your approval so that we can continue this pilot project.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters, you have a question or comment.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Chris maybe hopefully you can help me understand this a little more. I know that we have seen this as an issue we’ve wanted to deal with for some time, maybe even prior to the pilot project beginning. But as a pilot project, if it’s a three-year project and we’re in . . . starting the end of that, do we have information or reports that are talking about what happened the first two years of this pilot and what are we expecting here in year three?”

Ms. Morales said, “Yes, I will have to defer that to Larry Ternes, our Youth Services Administrator. I’ve been told he will help with that information.”

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “If I understood you correct . . . the question correctly, Commissioner, I believe that the progress that’s been made, at least that I’ve been a part of, with the African American community, there’s ongoing efforts especially through the urban affairs section of the

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northeast community. There's been a great amount of participation with the community meetings and the efforts are just ongoing that this particular project is not specifically participating with. The efforts right now are more geared toward the Hispanic community and getting grassroots efforts developed to help them move in the same direction as the Hispanic community has done."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well, I had a call from Representative Melody Miller, who as you know was a former county commissioner and remember very clearly when Melody was sitting on this bench. She was always very concerned about this disproportionate minority involvement in our juvenile justice issues and in the detention facility. And again, I think she is . . . continues to work on these kind of projects as a state legislator."

And I just am thinking about if we've been in this three-year pilot project and we're entering year three, it might be a time to get us and any other interested party including Representative Miller some kind of update about, you know, what we really think the first two years looked like and whether we're on a good track or whether we've still got a long ways to go and I don't think there's any . . . certainly no fault in saying we've still got a ways to go. I mean, if numbers haven't changed, that is still something I think the community needs to know and we need to continue to work and maybe take new directions. But as we go forward, here entering the third year of this pilot project, and I think we were working on it even before we started the pilot projects, we knew this was an issue even from the beginning of juvenile justice reform and Commissioner Miller's work on this commission we knew that this was an issue, so I guess somehow, sometime I think I'd like to see some more detail about whether we're making a difference with this pilot program."

Mr. Ternes said, "We can certainly make that happen, Commissioner."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well, I'm going to be very supportive of moving forward and just again, Larry, want you and your folks to know that if there's something we can do to be helpful or if you would just keep us informed about progress, we'd sure like to know more about it and I'm sure Representative Miller will be asking, you know, what are we finding, what have we been able to accomplish. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I have a question. Educate me and maybe the public, what was the goal of this pilot project? Were there some outcomes that we hoped would occur or do we have a set . . . do we have goals and benchmarks and what have you?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Yes, Commissioner Sciortino, I will tell you that this project has been . . . there's a lot of work that's been happening over a number of years, as Commissioner Winters has said. There are different entities that are involved with this process, both on the governmental side, the private side and the community side. The goals that have been set, I don't have those before me."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “No, that’s fine and the only reason . . . I can maybe make it short, if when you give us an update, you might tell us ‘Okay, originally here were the goals that we had and here’s where we stand’. You know, we missed this one, we beat this one, etcetera. That’s basically what I was saying and if you could just include that in a presentation to us or what have you, once you put together what Commissioner Winters has asked for, I think that would help. Just are we meeting . . . Okay, that’s all I had. So, okay that’s all I had. Thank you.

Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to make the comment that I’m in agreement with what both commissioners have said, that we need to have some sort of feedback, but I’d also just want to make the comment that it is progress that we’ve recognized the need for this and that now we are taking some funds and some help and support in trying to address it. But we’re addressing a cultural change that we’re trying to accomplish here, from both the community in general and from the folks that these funds are targeted for. So I recognize that we’re not going to see immediate results from our efforts, because it’s going to take an evolutionary period. That doesn’t mean we should try very hard to have quick results and I notice that these funds have got some real restrictions on them. That they can’t be used to supplant other programs that are specific for this, can’t use it for lobbying, construction. I mean, the money is going right to the project, so I’m going to be very supportive and I’m glad we’re working on it. I hope we have results. I know that it does take time for this to evolve, so that’s my comment, not a question, but thanks for listening. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Any further questions or comments, Commissioners? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board on Item F-1?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget

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authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 2. KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007 CONTRACTS (NINE) TO CONTINUE SERVICES CONTAINED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN.**

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- **FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE**
- **KANSAS CHILDREN’S SERVICE LEAGUE (2)**
- **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY (2)**
- **UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 259**

INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

- **KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES, INC.**
- **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

CONSULTATION SERVICES

- **WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This past November, you approved our community funding plan grant application for state fiscal year 2007. The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority has approved our grant application and we are now ready for contracts for the fiscal year that begins July 1. So I’m here today to request your approval on nine contracts that are going to provide for continuation of

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existing JJA funded services.

As far as prevention goes, we do have five prevention programs which include six contracts. On our truancy prevention program, we contract with the District Attorney's Office for truancy diversion services and also with USD 259, Wichita Public Schools has a set contract with Communities in Schools that provides services to middle schools. We have our Family Group Conferencing program, this is a program with the District Attorney's Office and they subcontract with Episcopal Social Services for the conference facilitation component. We have a Functional Family Therapy program with Family Consultation Service and two contracts with Kansas Children's Service League, one for JIAC case management, that's Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center case management, and Parent Training.

For intervention programs, we have two contracts. Our diversion/ immediate intervention program is a contract with the District Attorney's Office and we have a contract with Kansas Legal Services for Detention Advocacy service and this is a program that directly relates to the disproportionate minority contact program in our community. And finally, we have a consultation contract with Wichita State University. This is for the professional evaluation services provided by Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland. We are asking that you approve these contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign. I'd be happy to answer questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see any questions. So Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Contracts 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

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Chairman Sciortino

Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

3. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR OPERATION OF THE PERMANENCY PLANNING AND COORDINATING COUNCIL.

Mr. Ternes said, "This contract with Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services provides funding for one staff position, to support the operation of the Permanency Planning and Coordinating Council. The original contract was established in May of 2000 between SRS and Sedgwick County to provide a program designed to accelerate permanency for children in foster care, and to promote ongoing improvement in our local Child in Need of Care system.

The position funded by this contract serves as the Permanency Coordinating Council Coordinator. In this contract, SRS is responsible for the salary and benefits of the position and Sedgwick County is responsible for the provision of office supplies and any other business related expenses. The maximum amount under this contract, payable to Sedgwick County from SRS, is \$64,466. I would respectfully request that you approve this contract and approve the Chair to sign and am available to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that there's any questions. So Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Sciortino

Aye

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

4. GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2006 HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,485 FOR ALL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I also have the privilege of asking you to accept some money today from the federal government. You heard the amount mentioned earlier. You'll also notice, this is a decrease over previous years that we have received, in terms of Homeland Security funding. Part of the reason that's happening is we're creating a new regional homeland security structure within the state of Kansas and some of the funding is being allocated at the regional level as opposed directly to the county level.

In fact, in fiscal year 2007 there won't be any funds directly allocated to the county, so this will be the last time that I'll be up here to ask you to accept this particular award. However, over the years we have utilized this to fill gaps in our capacity to deal with terrorist incidents and other disasters that may occur within our jurisdiction and we think we've made good progress toward meeting those goals. And we'll be looking at more of a unified regional effort in the future, which I think will be a very efficient use of the funds. I'd be happy to answer any additional questions that you might have. In the meantime, our recommendation for your consideration is that you approve the contract and allow the Chairman or his designee to sign as appropriate."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Randy. I don't see that there's any questions or comments. Oh excuse me, Mr. Unruh, I'm sorry."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Randy, I will be fully supportive of receiving money, but the amount of reduction from a year ago is substantial. It's like two-thirds of it and next year we won't be getting any funding at all, as you said. So does that create a hole in our emergency management program or is it just switching it to a different level of management?"

Mr. Duncan said, "With respect to your first question, there's not a specific gap in Emergency Management because even though this funding funnels through our department, very little of it actually goes to your emergency management program. Most of it goes elsewhere within the system, to law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services and so on, so no, it will not create a hole in emergency management.

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With regard to your second question, yes it's going to be moving it to a different level, in terms of regions. For example, the region that Sedgwick County is a member of, the South Central Kansas Homeland Security Region consists of 18 other counties plus Sedgwick County, so I think from that standpoint, it will be a very efficient use of the funds. And while it is true that the allocation directly to Sedgwick County has decreased, there is now a new pool of funds available at the regional level that Sedgwick County will be able to participate in. For example, in this same fiscal year 2006, there will be approximately 1.3 million in total funds available at the regional level for projects that will benefit this entire south central Kansas region."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Well just wanted to make sure that we remained whole and that we're . . ."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes sir, a concern I share with you and thank you."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I don't see any other questions. So commissioners, what is the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign all related forms, including the special conditions document for FFY 2006 funding.

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

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Chairman Sciortino

Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Randy. And by the way, if you have time, I'd like to meet with you for a couple of minutes after the meeting, if you could possibly come back over."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Hint, BEARS. Just give you that as a hint. Okay, thank you. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

G. AGREEMENT WITH ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR FACILITY AND TICKET OUTLET SERVICES.

Mr. Nath said, "Entertainment Enterprises is the operating entity for the Cotillion. Now on Select-A-Seat, Cotillion is one of the first customers when the system was first purchased back in 1989. They have continued to be a valued client on the system. They also serve as an outlet for all the other events that go in the system, no matter where those events take place, you buy a ticket to those at the Cotillion.

They continue to recognize that Select-A-Seat is not only the state of the art system, but we are the only system who provides a complete ticket solution through our outlets, phone room and the Internet. We recommend approval."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, John. Any questions of John, Commissioners? If not, what is the will of the Board?"

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

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “John, thank you. Commissioners, before we go to the next item, I’ve just been notified that we have a visitor here today. I’m going to embarrass the individual. Alex Parovich is a Boy Scout from Troop 522. It’s the Hillside Christian Church troop and he’s here working on his communications merit badge, so welcome and don’t believe everything you heard but good luck in attempting to get this badge. Thank you. Okay, next item please.”

H. SELECTION OF ONE VOTING DELEGATE AND ONE ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE 2006 ANNUAL NACo CONFERENCE AUGUST 4-8 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Yes, Commissioner Winters, you had a . . .”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to speak to this item. I do plan on attending the National Association of Counties annual meeting in Chicago the first weekend in August and in fact am going to participate with the Kansas Association of Counties in making a presentation to the group. They had over 100 folks request to make presentations and selected less than 30 and the Kansas Association of Counties, of which I’m a board member this year, was selected and so I’m going to represent the board, along with several other people, about some of the collaborative efforts that we’ve been working with the Kansas Collaborative, which includes the League of Municipalities, the State of Kansas particularly and the Kansas Association of Counties.

At this annual meeting, each county that’s represented has votes, as they conduct the annual business of the conference and select leadership for the coming year. And so in order for one of our participants from Sedgwick County to be able to vote the votes of our county in the selection processes needs to be selected as the voting delegate. I’m not sure what other’s intensions are. I know this is going to be a very busy summer for a number of commissioners, so I wasn’t exactly sure what other’s intensions were about attending the conference but if there are no other attendees, I would like to be selected as that voting delegate. If there are others of you who are going to attend, we can certainly share that responsibility, as there is a place for an alternate. So, I guess if anyone else is planning on attending that annual meeting, this would be a good time to acknowledge that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Burtnett.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well I have no problem with you being the designated delegate, but do we need to have a first alternate in case something happens, you can’t make it?”

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Commissioner Winters said, “We could add Deborah Donaldson’s name to that list. Deborah is on the board of the national association. I think she is going to be leaving early, to be back for that Wednesday’s meeting. I plan on attending the Wednesday meeting, but Deborah is leaving early. What I would suggest is that we put Deborah Donaldson’s name in there and then if something happens to either of us, the state association, the Kansas Association of Counties, Randall Allen is able to pick up our voting credentials.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay. That was my only question. Thank you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to authorize that Commissioner Winters be the voting delegate and Deborah Donaldson be the first alternative and if neither delegate is there, the state association and Randall Allen be authorized to pick up the NACo 2006 Credentials Identification Form.

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, “Next item please.”

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2006.

Mr. James McComas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of June 22nd, 2006 resulted in four items for your

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consideration.

**1) COMPUTER HARDWARE- TREASURER'S OFFICE
FUNDING: MURDOCK ACCOUNTING**

Item one, computer hardware for the Treasurer's Office, the recommendation is to accept the low quote from Dell Computers in the amount of \$43,310.63.

**2) CHANGE ORDER #1- SECURITY SERVICES FOR COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE**

Item two, change order number one for security services for COMCARE. Recommendation, accept the change order with Diamond Detective Agency to add services for Sedgwick County Offender Assessment program office at a cost of \$37,608.84 for the remainder of the current year's contract and for a cost of \$94,086.72 annually for each additional year.

**3) ALUMINUM SIGN BLANKS- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Item three, aluminum sign blanks for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept splitting the bid and accepting the bid from Vulcan Aluminum for items 1, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35 and the bid from ROCAL for items 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 36 and 37 to establish and execute contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

**4) PRE-CAST REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX WITH END SECTIONS
FUNDING: R264 IMPROVE DRAINAGE ROAD**

And item four, pre-cast reinforced concrete box with end sections and geo-tech wrap for Public Works. The recommendation is to accept the bid from Wichita Concrete Pipe in the amount of \$31,434.20 and to establish and execute contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

I'd be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that there's any questions, so commissioners what's the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Waiver of policy for Health Department to hire a Physician Assistant/Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner at step 10.**
- 2. Order dated June 20, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 21 – 27, 2006.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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 Burnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, at this time I would like to recess the Board of County Commissioners meeting, go to the Fire District, take care of that business and then come back, because I believe we have an executive session. So at this time I’ll recess the Board of County Commissioners regular meeting of June 28th.”

The Board of County Commissioners Meeting was recessed at 10:25 a.m. to go into the Fire District #1 meeting and returned at 10:29 a.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is there anything ‘Other’ that we want to discuss about before we go into . . . it’s lighting up . . . boy, it’s a Christmas tree. Commissioner Winters, I believe you were first.”

K. OTHER

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Just a couple of items I wanted to touch on. I did, as I mentioned earlier in the meeting, attend a Kansas Association of Counties legislative policy committee meeting yesterday with a number of commissioners from around the state and representatives from other county departments. We had a very good meeting. Folks that were there visiting with the KAC about state related issues were Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagnon, Bill Bider from KDHE, Rebecca Crotty and Trevor Wohlford from the State Board of Tax Appeals, Don Jordan from Juvenile Justice Authority and Roger Werholtz from Department of Corrections. And I think it was a good day spent, working on collaboration with our state partners on a number of issues, so again that’s why you saw my absence yesterday.

Just a quick comment about 4th of July coming up and celebrations this weekend and I hope I get them all right and correct. I know that there are a number of celebrations going on in the western part of Sedgwick County. Garden Plain is having an all-day event 4th of July in the city park. Clearwater is having a night event, at 8:15 at the football field. Goddard is having a celebration in the evening at one of the middle schools there and I believe Maize is also having fireworks or some

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kind of celebration on the 4th at South Middle School and Mt. Hope is having their celebration on Saturday, the 1st, so they're having a parade Saturday morning, begins at 10:00. So it's 4th of July weekend, the 4th is on Tuesday so it's not quite on the weekend but just hope everybody takes in a celebration some place in Sedgwick County. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I believe it was Commissioner Burnett was next."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Well, along the lines of celebrations, the Riverside Citizens' Association always has their annual pancake feed on July 4th, starting in the morning. Chris Cakes does the pancakes and along with that, they have a bicycle parade where the kids can decorate their bicycles and one of the community police officers leads the parade and it's a really, really fun family event. It runs from like 7 in the morning until 11 or 12.

And also there's going to be a parade for the 4th of July in Park City and that's usually a very big deal, there's a lot of people there, a lot of food, a lot of things going on but they're also having an evening fireworks out at the new Wild West World area, so it's an opportunity for people to go out and see what that place is shaping up like, so I will be at most of these events, and I don't know if I can fit in any more, but that's . . . I'm hoping everyone will have a very safe holiday too, so be careful out there."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'll dress my bike up real nice, if you'll let me go in the parade."

Commissioner Burnett said, "We'll let you. There's no age limit, I don't think."

Chairman Sciortino said, "As long as you're a kid at heart. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to mention that this morning I was speaking to a group of citizens at the North Optimist Club and they gave me this nice coffee cup. I promised them I'd drink out of it today. Good group of folks who are interested in what's going on in county government.

Secondly, mention that I was able to attend the French Trade Mission, as they met with members of the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition and really a very pleasant group of folks over here trying to establish contact and develop relationships, as they grow their businesses in aeronautics and space manufacturing. But I was impressed by the fact that they all spoke English very, very well and made me wish that I had a second language, which I don't. But anyways, very

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good, productive meeting I think and they were enjoying their visit to Wichita and Sedgwick County and beautiful weather and they mentioned the fact that they thought we were a good, friendly bunch of folks so that was a very good meeting.

And then lastly, I just want to make a comment about one of the items on the bid board agenda this morning and that is the Sedgwick County Offender Assessment program. I just want our folks in the community to know that we are taking steps with our alternative programs to alleviate the crowding in our Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. It's a major issue for county government and as you all know, we've taken steps to expand the jail and at the same time we promised that we would try to do things in the future that would alleviate some of that overcrowding and this is one of the programs we've started. I think it's going to be very effective. It deals mainly with folks who are dealing with mental health issues in their lives and we're going to try to establish programs where we can keep them out of our jail on the one hand and help them to be good citizens in the community on the other hand so I think it's a good start and I'm proud to say that we're moving down the road, trying to do what we said we were going to do, so just wanted to make that comment and that's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Well commissioners, just briefly, I am now a big supporter of bug spray. I got to go out to the Boeing Lake out there, out west by McCormick, whatever, and there was a group called the BEARS, so that will give you a hint as to what I want to talk to Randy about, the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society, and they were doing a field day which I was invited and I went and saw it. And I guess worldwide, all these amateur radio groups pick one day, it's the third full weekend . . . I forget, but it's in June and they set up portable, mobile transmitting and receiving sites simulating what would happen if there was a major catastrophe and all other communications were out, how could they keep the communication lines open.

And they were all, they had one fellow that . . . they actually have an amateur radio satellite up also and you can receive alpha-numeric information if you want to communicate on your computer or voice or CW, Morse code and it was very . . . it was very exciting and interesting and they got points for if you made contact with somebody in Chicken Lake, Tennessee you got a point and he got a point and it was a contest, it was fun, and they had to be on the air 24 continuous hours and they were setting up their tents and it was a family outing and they were bringing in food. And then

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they had this one building that they called the GOTA Building where they're encouraging young people to join their society and GOTA is an acronym, Get On The Air and they gave them a frequency that's easy to make contact with people and you'd have this fellow was doing the transmitting, this fellow was writing down what was being said and this person was logging the points or whatever. And it was really . . . it was pretty exciting watching them, but underlying it all they were really practicing for a time that there would be an emergency. And they told me that with the Katrina problem that a lot of their members actually were making contact with their contemporaries in Louisiana and getting messages back and forth to loved ones or what have you. So it was very interesting, but I did not bring bug spray and there are a whole bunch of mosquitoes out there in that field and some of them enjoyed a snack. They chewed me up pretty bad. Anyway, I thought it was very interesting, I liked it. Okay, what else do we have to come before us?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to recess into Executive Session for 45 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to legal advice and preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for public purposes and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from executive session no sooner than 11:20 a.m.

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, "We are now recessed into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 10:39 a.m. and returned at 12:07 p.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let the record show that there was no binding action taken during Executive Session. If there is no further business to come before this board, the meeting is adjourned."

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L. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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