

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

September 27, 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, September 27, 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. Sheena Lynch, Senior Project Assistant, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Mr. Mark Sroufe, Superintendent of Parks; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services; Mr. Ray Vail, Finance Manager, Department on Aging; Ms. Marilyn Cook, COMCARE; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Wendy Johnson, Chair, Board of Directors, Wichita Festivals, Inc.
Ms. Janet Wright, President/ CEO, Wichita Festivals, Inc.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Cathy Northrup of First Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 30, 2006
Regular Meeting, September 6, 2006

The Clerk reported that all commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 30, 2006 and September 6, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I believe you've had a chance to review the minutes of our meeting of August 30th and September 6th. What is your will?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 30, 2006 and September 6, 2006.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2006 AS "MISTER ROGERS NEIGHBORHOOD SWEATER DRIVE MONTH."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I believe that this is being deferred. Is it not, Mr. Manager?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so we'll defer Item A and go on to the next item please."

AWARDS

B. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

1. CULTURAL/DIVERSITY AWARENESS

- **CAROLYN BELL, CORRECTIONS**
- **MARIA CAMARILLO, DIO**
- **CLAUDIA CASH, CORRECTIONS**

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- **VANESSA HARRIS, TREASURER**
- **SHERELL HOWARD, DIO**
- **BARRY HUGHES, HEALTH**
- **KASHAM LAINE, CORRECTIONS**
- **JUNE MOSES-PATTERSON, CORRECTIONS**
- **KEYETTA REA, TREASURER**
- **DEBBIE ROGERS, TREASURER**
- **DAVID SHAY, DIO**
- **JODI TRONSGARD, CORRECTIONS**

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **JEFF ANSCHUTZ, TREASURER**
- **MARIA CAMARILLO, DIO**
- **CLAUDIA CASH, CORRECTIONS**
- **CONNIE HALLACY, CORRECTIONS**
- **SHERELL HOWARD, DIO**
- **KASHAM LAINE, CORRECTIONS**
- **LANA LANGLEY, TREASURER**
- **ROSEMARY MONTOYA, DIO**
- **JACQUELINE SWANSTROM, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

3. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

- **PAUL GIBSON, EMS**
- **VANESSA HARRIS, TREASURER**
- **DWIGHT HEDRICK, SHERIFF**
- **CONNIE HUBER, FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**
- **LEE ANN KRAMER, CORRECTIONS**
- **JENNIFER MEAD, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
- **KAREN MILES, APPRAISER**
- **KAREN PEPPERD, FLEET MANAGEMENT**
- **JOHN RAMIREZ, CORRECTIONS**
- **JOY SPILKER, CORRECTIONS**
- **VINCENT WALKER, SHERIFF**

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Ms. Sheena Lynch, Senior Project Assistant, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have a large number of individuals here to receive their career development certificates. I would just like to say that each certificate has a required number of classes, as well as electives, and this can be a lengthy process, depending on the availability of our classes and their schedules. I would like to thank the commission and the manager for their support of career development, as well as the supervisors and managers for giving the employees time off to go to training.

Since we have such a large number, I’m going to break it down by each certificate and if I could have those receiving their certificates for the Cultural Diversity Awareness, please join me on this side of the room.

Our first recipient is Carolyn Bell from Corrections, Maria Camarillo from DIO, Claudia Cash from Corrections, Vanessa Harris, Treasurer’s Office, Sherell Howard from DIO, Barry Hughes from the Health Department, Casham Laine from Corrections, June Moses-Patterson from Corrections, Keyetta Rea from the Treasurer’s Office, Debbie Rogers from the Treasurer’s Office, David Shay from DIO and Jodi Tronsgard from Corrections.

May I please have all those receiving their Professional Development certificates join me. Our first recipient is Jeff Anschutz from the Health Department, Maria Camarillo from DIO, Connie Hallacy from Corrections, Sherell Howard from DIO, Kasham Laine from Corrections, Lana Langley from the Treasurer’s Office, Rosemary Montoya from DIO and Jacqueline Swanstrom from the DA’s Office.

Our last group of individuals will be receiving their certificates from the Supervisory Management. Will you please join me on this side of the room. Our first recipient is Paul Gibson from EMS, Vanessa Harris from the Treasurer’s Office, Dwight Hedrick from the Sheriff’s Office, Connie Huber from the Forensic Science Center, Lee Ann Kramer from Corrections, Jennifer Mead from the DA’s Office, Karen Miles from the Appraiser’s Office, Karen Pepperd from Fleet Management, John Ramirez from Corrections, Joy Spilker from Corrections and Vincent Walker from the Sheriff’s Office. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you and have a lot of fun this weekend.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “Before you all leave, I just want to, you know on behalf of the commissioners, I think we really do appreciate the effort you put in above and beyond what one would normally think your responsibilities are. And we do appreciate your effort in making the effort, making the request for your supervisors to participate in these continuing education opportunities. It’s very important for the entire organization and a number of us are very active in the continuing education and training that’s happening in our community and again, we thank each and every one of you who have participated in these opportunities, so thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, now get back to work. Let’s just take a couple of seconds to allow the people to leave. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please.”

PRESENTATION

C. UPDATE FROM WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Wendy Johnson, Chair of the Board of Directors; Wichita Festivals, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m pleased to stand before you, having had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Wichita Festivals board of directors for the last year.

When we had the opportunity to talk to you back in May, prior to the Wichita River Festival, one of the things we heard and one of the things that you and others shared with us is that you would like to hear from us on a more regular basis and so we wanted to take this opportunity to come to you and give you an update. We’re not here to ask you anything, other than your continuing support and your appreciate for the work that Wichita Festivals does in the community.

Before I go any further, I’d like to recognize the members of our 15-member board that are here today, many of them, we probably have seven or eight of them here. If you all would raise your hands there and be acknowledged, including your very own Lucy Burnett and of course our president Janet Wright, whom you will have a chance to hear from in just a few moments. I’m going to share a little bit of information with you about the Wichita River Festival, in terms of our successes and it’s fitting that we’re here on such a beautiful day, because we had nine of them back in the beginning of May to celebrate the festival, and then Janet is going to share a little with you about the Wichita Flight Festival.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “It looks like a campaign promotion, ‘I promise’.”

Ms. Johnson said, “Well you know, in a way it was. We made some pretty aggressive promises to

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the community back in I believe it was January, when we announced the lineup, when we announced the button price and when we announced some of the goals that we had for our 35th anniversary event and frankly I'm proud to stand before you, on behalf of the board, and tell you that we met those promises. We came to the community and said we were going to bring big name entertainers, that we were going to bring a wider variety of items to the food court, family focused events, more parking and we found that the shuttle system worked quite well for us this year, and of course the change in the format of the festival guide, which was a big deal then and was a big deal now. We heard great feedback about that.

I'm pleased to share with you the results of the 2006, 35th anniversary Wichita River Festival. We had record crowds and like I said, nine days of absolutely beautiful weather does a whole lot for the success of an outdoor oriented event. We had an estimated 370 to 390 attendees participate in one or more Wichita River Festival events. Because of the success of the weather and the record turnout we had, we saw economic impact of over \$25,000,000 to our community and the sponsors that we told you about were there in force throughout the festival and we had 163 companies and entities, including Sedgwick County, that contributed nearly \$2,000,000 in investment to help support the costs that it takes to run the Wichita River Festival.

If any of you had the opportunity to join us on the first weekend for either the Nick Lachey concert Friday night or the REO Speedwagon concert Saturday night, you know that we had a lot of warm bodies over at the West Bank Stage. We had between 20 and 25 thousand people at each one of those shows, very well behaved crowds, again great weather, great sound, great music. It was a great way to start the Wichita River Festival.

Security was certainly something that we are always concerned about for the safety of our community and the ongoing well being of the event and so we thought this was an important feature to share with you. In 2005, there were 132 arrests and last year there were 27. Certainly that's due to weather. That's due to management of events. It's due to the public safety support that we have. It's due to a lot of things, but I think this shows us that the community really appreciated what we did. The gating of some events to control crowds was a very positive thing and so that's something we're proud of and we think reflects very well on our community.

We also have culturally diverse crowds at many of our events and some events that were targeted at culturally diverse audiences. I'll touch on a few of those in a moment, but as I hope you remember, Sedgwick County was an active part in supporting diversity events

I mentioned gating events, we did gate a number of events. The gating at the West Bank Stage worked well and some of the concert events and such that were down on Kennedy Plaza and then

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finally, button sales, I'm proud to tell you that we met our projections for the 2006 event. I think we had some skeptics that really wanted to see if this community would support five dollar buttons for the Wichita River Festival and they did, we met our goals and we're very proud of that.

I mentioned diversity events, Sedgwick County's investment helped to support the gospel concert on Monday night, the poetry slam and the play 'Dearly Beloved' and the play in particular, at Mary Jane Teal Theater was packed each night it was conducted, so we know that's something the community supports and we hope to bring more activities for a more culturally diverse audience throughout our community, as the Wichita River Festival continues to grow into its next 35 successful years.

Lastly, to share a few of the challenges with you that we know we're facing, in terms of conducting an ongoing, successful, large community event certainly sponsorship and the continued opportunity to gain community support, business investment to conduct an event without any ongoing public tax support. We're proud of that. Certainly we come to you, we come to the city each year and request your partnership as a sponsor, but we know that we need to continue to grow resources and stage quality events, quality begets more quality and we will continue to do that for this community. And certainly the increase in costs, as we bring in larger name entertainers, have larger events, the natural operating costs that you all deal with in your budgets every year are certainly something that we look at as well.

And then finally, green space downtown is one of the issues that we know, over time, we will have to be aware of and contend with, as more and more development occurs downtown. That's a very good thing. It will certainly cause us to evaluate plans, make sure we're aware of what's happening along the riverbank in areas that are used for parking and other places that have been traditionally critical areas for us and to make sure that we're prepared to grow, as downtown development grows in the areas that we have traditionally used for River Festival Events."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now if you need a space for a concert very soon we'll have a venue downtown that you could probably avail yourselves of."

Ms. Johnson said, "We had the distinct pleasure of hearing about that venue from Mr. Holt at our board meeting a week or so ago, so that's something that we're very interested in making sure we keep aware of and determine how we can partner with Sedgwick County, as the arena comes on-

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line, taking advantage of the shuttle systems, the trolley systems, it sounds like you all are planning as part of that whole project, I think that will be very good for us in the nine days we conduct the Wichita River Festival downtown, but certainly the community at large. And jumping ahead to the end, before I introduce Janet, one of the things that we did hear as we met with community leaders over the last year is that the Wichita River Festival and Wichita Festivals, Incorporated has a role to play in the cultural development and we're still trying to figure out what that role is, but we know that things like the arena, the water walk projects that will enhance quality of life downtown are things that we want to make sure and be aware of and determine how we can partner and support to help make . . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well keep your dialogue up with Ron, because I was serious when I was talking about that I'm sure there's something we can work out for the betterment of the whole community and the festival so lets keep talking about it.”

Ms. Johnson said, “Absolutely. We appreciate the time that he took to come and visit with us.

In closing, we kept our promises to this community, in terms of the enhancements that we were going to make during this 35th anniversary year. Wichita River Festival and Wichita Festivals, Incorporated is financially sound, which we're very proud of in this community and we look forward to the next 35 years. I am pleased to turn the microphone over to Janet Wright, and then when she concludes with a Wichita Flight Festival update, we'll be glad to stand for any questions that you might have.”

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Janet Wright, President/CEO, Wichita Festivals, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, “We appreciate the opportunity this morning to come and visit with you. Thank you very much for giving us that opportunity and your time on your schedule.

I'm here to kind of give you an update on where we are, what result we found from this year's Wichita Flight Festival. This was the second year that we have the opportunity to help manage this event and really take responsibility for how it turned out. It's obviously a new event for our community and something that we think has great potential and future and we are pleased to have you all participate in that with us, so we wanted to share some of the information related to what happened with this particular event.

I was many of you on Friday evening at the concert and others of you on Saturday and Sunday. We appreciate your attendance at the event and your participation. That says a lot about your interest in how the event goes. We secured the sponsorship from 30 different companies to help support the festival this year. That amounted to about \$237,000 worth of cash and in-kind support. Our

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attendance was better than last year, although still not what we were hoping it would be this year. I think weather had a significant impact on that. Unfortunately those nine days we had of sunshine and warm weather in May transcended a little bit into August with the rain and not exactly the best conducive weather for an air show, but it did work out that every day we had a great air show and the weather cleared and it was a beautiful afternoon. It did however I think impact significantly the numbers of people that came out, because it did both mornings look a little gray as we moved forward.

We did recognize individuals came from a variety of different communities though, through a raffle drawing that we had to ride on the B-25, which was one of the hits of the air show. There were 26 different communities represented in the raffle that we held and we thought that was a pretty good representation of who was coming and participating in the event.

We also used the bus system that was transporting people from the Raytheon parking lots to Jabara Airport to do some surveys to find out what people thought about the air show and who they were. One of the interesting things we learned is that most people were coming either on Saturday or on Sunday. They didn't come Friday and Saturday or Sunday or they didn't come Saturday and Sunday. They came one of the two weekend days, the greatest majority of them. So I think that's interesting for us to learn, not that they came more on Saturday or more on Sunday, but just that they picked one or the other of those days to come.

We also learned that this crowd that comes to this event is a little older crowd than perhaps the River Festival, although I've noted here that the greatest majority of attendees were between 30 and 60, a more significant portion of them were actually between 40 and 60, so I think that helps us understand better who our target audience is and our market, as we proceed for next year.

The other very encouraging statistic from that survey was the percentage of those who responded about the quality of the air show, 88% of the attendees who filled out the survey said that they felt it was excellent, so we really felt pleased with the response that we got to the air show and the activities that were provided to the community for that weekend.

Want to share a couple of comments with you that we received via e-mail. As you can imagine, our e-mail is pretty public, just like yours, and so we get lots of comments, many times not always wonderful, but this time we really were the recipients of widespread praise, not for our work so much, but for the entertainment that people enjoyed and you'll see from these comments that they just felt like the flying acts were superb, they loved the transportation from Raytheon, it really made

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life much easier for people. They enjoyed bringing elderly parents. We heard that from several people, WWII veterans that came out and were able to experience some of that history that they actually lived through. And then people just felt like it was a wonderful event, overall, and we were a lot about that from them.

One of the comments that we also heard repeatedly was from the air show performers who had come to participate in the event. They felt like this was probably one of the most quality events they had participated in over the year, certainly that we treated them with great hospitality than many others, so that really showcases I think not only our community, the hoteliers and the people who provided transportation, all of our great volunteers. That really was a comment to the quality of the execution of what they did for us, so we are very pleased with that.

We also want to thank all of you guys for coming out and sharing the weekend with us. In terms of the concert, unfortunately we had to make that decision at 8:00 in the morning on Friday about weather and we did move it inside to Century II. I think that dampened our attendance, without question. It's a lot more fun to have a big concert and fun evening on the airfield at Jabara than it is at Century II, but we still had about 1,700 people that attended. They enjoyed the music and it was a good event, and we appreciated the cooperation of those of you who came and all of our other sponsors. That was a hard move to go from being at Jabara and planning what you were going to do there, to moving to Century II and people did it in a very cooperative spirit, so we appreciated that a great deal.

The air show itself, as I said, had a lot of things to offer, for the whole weekend. We had eight nationally known entertainers that came from all over the United States. Plus I hope that you got to see the P-51 . . . excuse me, the F-15 Eagle that came in from Eglin Air Force Base. That was a spectacular conclusion, both Saturday and Sunday, to the air show and when they did the heritage flight with the P-51 Mustang, it was quite a sight to see, so I hope you did get to experience that.

We also have approximately 50 static aircraft that were on display, representing all kinds of planes, from vintage aircraft, very old like the B-25 and one that was actually made here in Wichita, the Mystery Ship, in 1929 to war birds, to experimental aircraft, so we had something of everything and I think people really enjoyed it.

I think too, what people enjoyed was the opportunity to see different things. The Kansas Aviation Gallery was another means for people to learn more about our aviation history here in Wichita. It featured all the airframe manufacturers here, as well as Airbus and a variety of museums from across the state, so we tried to make sure that people had something to not only experience and enjoy, but also learn something about the heritage that is Wichita's aviation community.

In terms of education seminars, I think one that I particularly enjoyed was one of the men who

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actually a Tuskegee Airman who lives here in Wichita came and spoke to us about his experience and we did have a Tuskegee aircraft also on display, so it was a nice tie for people to be able to experience both his life and what it was like for him and the plane that he flew, so that was a real highlight for us, certainly for me, I enjoy those kinds of things.

In terms of financial results, we're going to receive a shortfall of approximately \$190,000. It was a budgeted shortfall of \$96,000 that the City Council approved when they initiated this event with us.

Due to ticket sales and difficulty in securing sponsors because of the timing of when the contract was executed, we are going to see a shortfall of about \$190,000. We are disappointed with that but we also feel like this is an event not unlike the Wichita River Festival was in its early beginnings. It takes a number of years to get on its feet. We need to make commitments to do it earlier. That's what we believe is one of the keys to its future success. We need to know now that we're going to move forward again for next year. We need to have well-rounded community support and we really appreciated your investment again this year in this event. I think it is something that will, in time, build into a great event for our community. We have to give it time and I hope you will, if you're interested, will continue to look at how you might support this event in years to come.

We hope that the format can continue, that the time of year for the event can continue to be the same, because I think that is what will put it in its proper place in our schedule of activities and quality of life issues here in Wichita, as we move forward, so that's little bit about the Flight Festival. Wendy is going to wrap up our presentation today, to give you some insights into what we've been doing, our board in particular, over the past year and some of our initiatives. Thank you very much."

Ms. Johnson said, "That header that just flew right by and off the page said 'Wichita Festivals Roll In Economic Development'. This gives you an idea of what we have been talking about, what's important to our board, what our stakeholders tell us is important to the community. We know that quality of life is critical to the Visioneering effort through economic development considerations and the things that we know help you all bring businesses to the community. We've got to have a strong quality of life. We believe we have a role to play in that.

Our board has spent the last year talking with community leaders that are involved in projects such as the river corridor improvements, water walk, I mentioned Ron Holt and arena. Those things are all very important for us to continue to engage in, to receive information, to share information about what we're up to, so we can make sure and be active partners in the economic development of quality of life efforts in our community and I commit to you, on behalf of our board, that we will continue to do that and it will remain a critical focus for us, over the next several years.

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One of the things we also heard in those meetings with community leaders was that Wichita Festivals is a great event resource in the community. The organization that Janet leads has shown that they know how to conduct successful events and that there might be additional roles for us to play, as we partner, whether it's with these entities noted on your screen or others in the community, to conduct other events that would add value to quality of life.

The last thing I would leave you with, if you would make note of October 19th on your calendar, at 5:30 on October 19th at the Wichita Center for the Arts we will host our annual volunteer party to recognize volunteers from the Wichita River Festival and the key sponsors. This will also be the night that we premier the documentary that was developed in the 35th anniversary festival year, highlighting the Wichita River Festival, its growth, everything that it takes to make it happen and it's actually a program that will be shared, I believe, with PBS and we hope that we'll get some national acclaim for the work that's done in our community to support community celebration, which is our mission. So 5:30 on October 19th, Wichita Center for the Arts, you will be receiving an invitation soon for that, but I hope you can make note of that and plan to join us. Thank you for your time and at this point, Janet and I would be happy to take any questions you may have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And we do have some questions or comments. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well first of all, I'd say Wendy and Janet, that was very comprehensive and informative report. Thank you for taking the time and thanks to your board members for taking the time to be here too. I know you are busy folks so coming here for this presentation, we appreciate it.

I had a couple of question though about River Festival. How many folks attended? I mean, do you have estimates for specific events, like the parade itself and the block party?"

Ms. Johnson said, "We do. We try to look at each event and use the estimates provided to us by the police department and others. The parade we estimated between 75,000 and 80,000 people were down there that evening. The block party is one I don't remember right off the top of my head. I think it was about 60,000. We do have them for each particular event."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well that's the preface to the real question I want to ask. The real question I want to ask is where did they park? Parking is kind of an issue right now, at the commission, and so just . . . where do all those cars park?"

Ms. Johnson said, "Well, if you'll recall, on the festival guide that we provided with each button purchased, there were 27 different parking lots I believe that were targeted in the main, downtown area to identify places for people to park. We also provided shuttle service throughout the nine

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days that went two different routes, one north of Douglas, one south of Douglas so that people could park in those lots and see where the trolley would come by and pick them up and transport them to the primary festival area.

So we really didn't have too many complaints, actually, about parking this year. That was one of our initiatives is that we wanted to make sure people could easily access festival events and it's going to become even more significant for us in this coming year and the year after, as Water Walk and the arena and all those new initiatives get off the ground."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, well thank you for that response. You know parking, people ask that question of us a lot about our projects and so with 75,000 people at one time, that represents I don't know how many cars but if it was handled without complaint, that gives us some optimism, as we face our problems.

All right, one other question Mr. Chairman, or really a comment, I just . . . about the air festival, it seems like one of the things that really adds to the potential for success is a word that you use in your report called 'hospitality' and you know, we can do a lot about logistics and planning and the actual event itself, but if you can engender and cultivate a sense of hospitality among not only your volunteers, but among the whole city of Wichita, I believe it's great to go some place where you really feel welcome, so that was a great comment you made."

Ms. Johnson said, "Thank you. We agree with you and I think the efforts to transport people and encourage them to park at Raytheon and take the shuttle was one of our efforts to provide that hospitality, because it did make it much easier for people to get out of their car and be moved right directly to the front door of the event and we did have a great many people that responded that they felt like that was a wonderful way to move and have the opportunity to not exhaust themselves with walking."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, very good, thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well I don't have any questions, just a couple of comments. I want to let the board know that I'm glad that the board members that showed up, this is great to see you here. It shows their commitment to the festivals and serving on that board, I have really enjoyed serving on this board, because these people are very engaged in moving festivals forward and they're always thinking and networking and talking about what we can do to make things better, and working with them, we also do a lot of volunteer work of building button packets and it was the first experience for me and boy, was that a lot of work. And when you look at how much effort it

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takes to put these kinds of events together, it is just, it's mind-boggling, so I have really enjoyed being on this board. I think they did a great job. I think you will do very well in the future and I hope I can still be a part of that, so thank you very much for your report, it was great."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well thank you. I just want to add my thanks to both the staff of River Festivals and to the volunteer board members. I know a lot of you have worked at that for many years and we certainly appreciate the hospitality you showed to the commissioners in trying to make available the inside story of what's happening. So you all just continue to do a great job and it's a great event for our entire region for sure."

I just wanted to follow just briefly on Commissioner Unruh's comment about the parking downtown. You know, I've tried to and I've started and I try not to sound facetious when I say this but when I get the calls about 'what about parking for the arena?' I've started saying 'well, we're just going to use the River Festival plan'. And you know, I think if you can develop a plan to handle 75,000, 80,000 people downtown, and I attended a couple of those events and I was able to park, I've got a great deal of confidence that we can figure out how to make a plan to have a service to a building that will house 15,000 for basketball, but most all the events will probably be less than 7,000 people."

So as the nay-sayers continue to worry about parking in downtown, I'm confident, in just watching your activities through that 10-day event and how many people end up in downtown, get there, find what they're doing and then are able to leave, parking is just something that I think we can plan for and you all do a marvelous job of coordinating a lot of things that people never see, but make it available, so again, good job and thank you for coming today."

Ms. Johnson said, "Our pleasure."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And Janet, to pick up on what Tom said, somehow I have a feeling that if we told you next year's River Festival we'd only have 7,500 people, could you find parking spots for those people, you probably would think you'd died and went to heaven, so maybe we'll get you on board to do this plan, but seriously . . ."

Ms. Wright said, "I really don't want 7,500 people at the River Festival. I want zeros after that."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "But the one thing, since we're talking about parking, that we are trying to do is we're trying not to be . . . we are going to have a parking plan. The public is going to be very happy with the plan, but we're not being short sighted and just thinking about ourselves as an island. We're working with the City of Wichita for a blended parking plan because they have a lot of ideas on how to develop the core area around the arena and there will be parking needs there, so we're trying to work with them to come up with a blended plan that will fit everybody's needs and we do take the River Festival example to heart. If 150,000 people come downtown on a weekend and can find somewhere to park and get to the events that they want to have and get home, coming up with something once or twice a year that might require 15,000, we will be able to satisfy that.

The other thing that we have been talking about are satellite parking facilities to kind of ease the crush of everybody trying to park in a small space and then trying to get out again. That could be . . . so that will not be a problem, but we're not rushing to this. We're taking our time, so that we get it right and I think it is very important that we work closely with the City of Wichita for a blended plan and we'll be . . . well, we are working on that and will continue.

You guys are doing a good job, keep it up. You have delivered on your promises and for the most part, I think that you're to be very commended on that and the air festival has a little challenges but with the leadership of Janet and the people that work with her, I'm sure that will be accomplished. It will be a tremendous event in the future. Mr. Norton, you have something you wish to say."

Commissioner Norton said, "The Norton family loves the River Festival."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, end of comment. That's it?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No pontification."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, great. You can tell he's not running for election this year. Thank you again, ladies. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- D. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE CITY OF WICHITA HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLAN PREPARED FOR ANNEXATION NUMBERS 00-23 AND 01-11 (21ST STREET NORTH AND HOOVER ROAD).**

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is one of our post annexation hearings that we have five years after the annexation of an area by the city, in this case the City of Wichita. I'm going to use the cursor on the screen I think, if I can find it. What we've got, this street that's running north/ south is Hoover and then down here we have 21st Street, 29th and 37th so you're seeing a series of shaded parcels on both sides of Hoover running from just above 21st, almost all the way up to 37th."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All the dark shaded ones."

Mr. Parnacott said, "That's correct sir. The purpose of this hearing, of course, is to determine whether they provided the services that they said they would provide, set out in their service plan. This is phase three and phase four, had a six phase annexation. You heard phases one and two last December and you made an affirmative finding last then they had provided the services they said they were going to provide."

We sent out notices to approximately 50 landowners. Received no phone calls at all that had anything to do with services, complaints or any questions about services being provided by the city. The city has also provided us a report. There is a schedule of services on page 65 of your backup and then starting on page 66 is the city's report, showing the services they have provided, so at this point, my review shows that they have provided the services. I haven't heard anything contrary from anybody in the public, but this is a public hearing, so I would recommend that you open the public hearing, receive any comments either from the city or from members of the public and then close the hearing and make any findings that are appropriate."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. At this time I will open the public hearing. Is there anyone here in the audience that would like to speak against this item? Is there anyone here in the audience would like to speak for this item?"

Ms. Terry Cassidy, City of Wichita Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Mr. Parnacott indicated, we have provided a comprehensive report of services that had been delivered over the past five years to these two particular areas. We do believe we're in compliance with the requirements of the service plan. Would hope you would find in our favor this morning. I do have a number of city staff members with me today, if you have particular questions about specific services or specific things that had been provided for these citizens."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that there’s any . . . “

Commissioner Winters said, “Why don’t you ask one more time if there’s any citizen.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, I will. Is there anyone else here from the audience that would now like to speak for or against this item? Seeing none, I’ll close the public hearing and limit the comments to the bench. Mr. Parnacott, is there anything else that you wish to discuss with us?”

Mr. Parnacott said, “No.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, if you have no comments, what is your will on this item please?”

MOTION

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

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. Terry, you squeaked through another one. Next item please.”

E. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NFPA 70 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2005 EDITION, AS AMENDED.

Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Basically, this is an adoption of our new . . . a new adoption of our electrical code. These codes are rewritten nationally on a three-year basis, and this is just the newest version that we are wanting to adopt. Our trade board has reviewed this. They’re recommending adoption. We’ve also talked to the

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Wichita Area Builders Association and they have no problems with the adoption of this. There are no fee increases, so it's just the re-adoption of a new version of the electrical code and we're requesting approval of this."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioners, any questions or comments? If not, what is the will of the board on F-1?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Does this require a public hearing?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, I guess it does? Okay, I'm sorry, it does require a public hearing so I'll open the public hearing and ask if there's anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against this item? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing and limit comments to the bench. Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett 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, "I'm sorry, I was just a little confused. I notice we have another one coming up on the plumbing code and there wasn't a public hearing on that one. I didn't know? There must be something about the electrical code that requires a public hearing and the plumbing code that doesn't? Mr. Euson?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "When you adopt a resolution, when you adopt a code by reference. When you initially adopt it, you're required to have a public hearing. When you amend it, you are not."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "I see, okay, thank you. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

F. CODE ENFORCEMENT.

1. RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PLUMBING CODE, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE V, OF THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE*.

Mr. Wiltse said, "This amendment is only because the state has passed some new regulation requiring plumbers and mechanics to have continuing education and it's in a two year block. And the way we issued licenses did not match the two year time frame that the state laid out, so this only changes the date that we reissue the license. There's no changes in the actual, on this one here, the code itself, it's just the dates on when we issue the licenses. The board has reviewed this and our plumbing board has reviewed this and they are recommending the adoption on this."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioners, any questions or comments? What's the will of the Board on item F-1 please?"

MOTION

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. REVISED SEDGWICK COUNTY SANITARY CODE, TO BE SUBMITTED TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Wiltse said, "We have numerous resolutions that . . . how we govern our private wastewater systems and one of them the state has to approve all of the amendments to that. We are cleaning up this resolution and removing some of the construction standards out of this portion that the state actually approves, and by doing this, it will give us easier access to change and do amendments to the code, as we need to, to operate here in Sedgwick County. So this is basically removing some of it. It will go back into another portion of our code, which will be brought back to you after the state approves this, that we submit to them. And our wastewater board has reviewed this, it has been presented to the Wichita Area Builders Association again, and all of these different organizations have approved this and recommend adoption of it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you very much, Glen. Commissioners, any questions or comments of Glen? If there are none, what is your will on item F-2 please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the revised Sanitary Code.

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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Chairman Sciortino left the meeting room at 9:56 a.m.

G. AGREEMENT WITH EAGLES REALM, L.L.C. FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2006 FOR THE GREAT PLAINS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.

Mr. Mark Sroufe, Superintendent of Parks, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today requesting approval of an agreement that would allow the fall event at Sedgwick County Park, the Renaissance Festival. This year's event will include sword theatrical shows, heavy armor combat shows, Amira Bell Dancer Shows, various musical performances and vendors selling goods and performing demonstrations. This is the fourth year for this event. It's been a real good relationship with Eagles Realm and we're requesting approval of this agreement. If you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them at this time."

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, "Commissioner Winters, you have a question."

Commissioner Winters said, "Yes. Mark, I was just curious about how many people attend these events. It may have been in here and I just missed it, but is the attendance pretty robust on this?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "It's a well attended event. I don't have exact numbers, but it is a very well attended event."

Commissioner Winters said, "But yet it's not large enough as to cause crowd control problems? It all seems to flow pretty well?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I have a question."

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, "Okay."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Mark, does this create any unique liabilities for us? Are we requiring insurance coverage from these folks?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "Absolutely. They're required to cover the normal liabilities insurance, I believe is a half a million dollar policy and they provide that to us."

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, well as long as we’ve considered it and address it, that’s all I needed to know.”

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, “Commissioners, if there’s no other questions, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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	Absent

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, “Thank you. Next item please.”

H. CONTRACT WITH FRAN-MAR INVESTMENTS INC. FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 337 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS, IN SUPPORT OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ARENA.

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agenda item requests your approval of the fifth parcel out of 26 properties needed to construct our downtown arena. This particular project, as with all the others, the fee appraisal information was developed by the Martens Company, as part of their overall review of the entire site. A quick description of this particular property at 337 South St. Francis, it is a property that’s about 24,500

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square feet and all that property is a metal warehouse and that metal warehouse is approximately 24 feet by 60 feet.

In addition to this purchase price of \$245,000, the county would again be responsible for closing costs and relocation costs. I request your approval and am available for questions.”

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, “Commissioners, are there any questions? Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Stephanie, this price is consistent with other prices that we have, or other values that we have placed upon properties that are essentially vacant? Is that consistent with those?”

Ms. Knebel said, “Yes it is.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Then I guess I just noticed that it was 24,500 square feet, it’s about \$10 a square and that’s the same value that we had on parking spaces or vacant lots.”

Ms. Knebel said, “The parking lots we’ve previously purchased have been valued at that same value, yes.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. Well I guess, because of some of the recent publicity about it, I just wanted to make sure that everybody understand it. This appraisal process has produced some consistent values.”

Ms. Knebel said, “And that was one of the key reasons that we brought forward to you a recommendation to hire one fee appraiser to do all of the properties, is to have that kind of consistency throughout the entire project site.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. That’s all I had, Madam Chair.”

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, “Is there any other comments or questions?”

Chairman Sciortino returned to the meeting room at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION

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

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, "Next item please."

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

I. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE USDA COMMODITIES.

Mr. Ray Vail, Finance Manager, Department on Aging, greeted the commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present an agreement with SRS and the Sedgwick County Department on Aging to distribute USDA commodities. The contract allows for us to coordinate volunteer pick up for the small cities in Sedgwick County. Both Finance and Legal have approved the document and I ask that you approve it and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any questions or comments, commissioners? If not, what is the will of the board?"

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. AGREEMENTS (11) WITH RURAL COMMUNITY GROUPS TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE USDA COMMODITIES.

- **BENTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
- **CHENEY FOOD BANK**
- **CITY OF CLEARWATER, KANSAS**
- **CITY OF GODDARD, KANSAS**
- **CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS**
- **CITY OF PARK CITY, KANSAS**
- **COLWICH COMMUNITY SENIOR CITIZENS**
- **MULVANE AREA VOLUNTEER SERVICE**
- **MOUNT HOPE SENIOR CITIZENS**
- **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Mr. Vail said, "Commissioners, these are the contracts for the small cities in Sedgwick County to distribute the commodities, in association with the first contract. It's been approved by Legal and Finance and we're asking you approve it and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any comments on this item? Yes, Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well it is just a comment, because I know in the past couple of months I've had some questions, people asking me if Sedgwick County is providing these and we're really providing volunteer services and coordination. There's really no cost involved to the county. Is that correct?"

Mr. Vail said, "That's correct. It's USDA."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Right, so we're just helping another entity."

Mr. Vail said, "Distribution of . . ."

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Commissioner Burtnett said, "I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. What is the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE.

1. AGREEMENT WITH KEITH BOMHOLT TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING UNDER A HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "COMCARE has an agreement with landlord Keith Bomholt for housing for our Transitional Housing project. The contract provides HUD funding for 14 one-bedroom apartments and two two-bedroom apartments and one apartment that our staff uses as an office, to be near the consumers that they serve.

The original grant was provided to us in 2003 and this August they renewed that for two years, so

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this is a consequence of that. It allows us to now contract once again with Mr. Bomholt. We recommend that you approve the contract.”

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

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Do we have any other contracts with other people for this type of housing?”

Ms. Cook said, “No. We do . . . no, this is transitional housing for people that have co-occurring disorders, they have a mental illness and a substance abuse disorder. We do contract with the Mental Health Association to provide some transitional housing for folks that are leaving local or state in-patient hospitals, but this is very specific to the population with co-occurring disorders.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay, great. Thank you. That’s all I needed to know. Thank you, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “What is substance abuse disorder? I mean, if a guy is an alcoholic, that’s substance . . . what’s the difference? What is the disorder? Is that just another . . . I mean, what is that? I never heard of that as an illness, substance abuse disorder.”

Ms. Cook said, “Well, you could have either an abuse or a dependence problem and depending on how much it impacts your life, I’m using that as a generic term to describe someone that has either had a problem with alcohol or drugs and some of those individuals have abuse problems where they drink or use drugs too heavily and some have a dependence, so I lump them all together.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, all right. Thank you. What’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters 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 Burnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. AGREEMENT WITH HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC. FOR COMCARE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SUPERVISION AND CONSULTATION SERVICES TO STAFF SPECIALIZING IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY.

Ms. Cook said, "This is a renewal of an agreement that we've had for some time with Horizons Community Mental Health Center in Hutchinson. COMCARE provides up to three hours a week of the time of our board certified child psychiatrist, Dr. Deann Jenkins, and she provides supervision to the Advanced Nurse Practitioners, or ARNP that are practicing in Hutchinson at that center and she does that by way of the tele-video unit, so there's really no travel involved. We're recommending that you approve the agreement."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments on this item? If not . . ."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Mr. Chair, I just wanted to make a comment. This is just another good example of how governments and agencies collaborate with one another to maximize dollar investment, so that we can provide services and do a good job. I think there are many examples. I know this is just one of them, but every now and then we just need to say that again so that people understand that we are doing the best job we can to reduce redundancy and create efficiencies in all of our service areas, so I appreciate what you're doing. I'm very, very supportive."

Ms. Cook said, "I'd also share as a resource that a lot of community mental health centers don't have a board certified child psychiatrist, they're fairly rare in the state, so the urban areas I think do have an obligation to help the more rural areas serve that population who really need that specialty."

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Again I’ll ask the question, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

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.”

3. AGREEMENT WITH NORTHRIDGE FRIENDS CHURCH FOR COMCARE TO USE THEIR GYMNASIUM AND SEVERAL CLASSROOMS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PSYCHOSOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Ms. Cook said, “Our children’s program provides after school psychosocial groups for children with severe emotional disturbances and this is an agreement with the Northridge Friends Church to rent five classrooms, the restrooms, the gym and the kitchen from that church and the program is for middle and high school students. It’s held five days a week, but students attend depending on what their treatment plan would dictate. We recommend that you approve the agreement.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioner Burtnett, a question or comment.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well, I probably should have read the backup first before I ask this, but is this a year round policy or just during school?”

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Ms. Cook said, “Just during school. It ends June 30th.”

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Commissioners, what’s the will of the board on item J-3?”

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, “Next item please. Thank you.”

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2006.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of September 21st results in four items for consideration today.

**1) TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: INSTALLED TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

The first item, traffic signal equipment for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the bid from Mid-American Signal Incorporated for items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the amount of \$30,715 and accept the bid from Gades Sales Company Incorporated for items 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the amount of \$90,130. And as a note, these are low bid per item.

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2) COURTROOM CHAIRS- DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT

Item number two, courtroom chairs for the District Court. Recommend the low bid from Scott Rice and to establish and execute contract pricing for one year, with four one-year options to renew.

3) VIBRATORY SHEEPSFOOT ROLLER- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Item three, vibratory sheepsfoot roller for Fleet Management. Recommend the proposal from Logan Contractors, option one, for a cost of \$107,650.

4) ASBESTOS SURVEY & RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE ARENA PROJECT- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: SPECIAL SALES TAX

And item four, asbestos survey and related environmental services for the arena project for Facilities Department. And the recommendation is to accept the proposal from American Metropolitan, option one, for \$13,765 and establish and execute contract pricing for additional environmental services and on-call services as required. Be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Iris, thank you. I don’t see that there are any questions. You have one? Excuse me, Commissioner Unruh has a question or comment.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Yeah, just one question Iris. Item number four on this, you know we received some contact from one of the bidders who I think was unsuccessful and he had several questions, of which I don’t know the technicality of all those, but all those issues have been considered and addressed?”

Ms. Baker said, “That is correct.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, I think that’s the answer I was looking for. Thank you Mr. Chair.”

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

MOTION

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

Chairman Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much, Iris. Commissioners, there is a fire agenda . . . Yeah, next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Attachments A and C to the Administrative Services Contract with Harrington Benefit Services, Inc., DBA/Fiserv Health - Kansas, for the Sedgwick County COBRA/Retirement Health Program.**
- 2. Assignment Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. and Global Tel*Link Corporation for Inmate Pay Telephone Services.**
- 3. Addendum to Agreement with Breakthrough Club of Sedgwick County adding State defined criteria for serious emotional disturbance.**
- 4. Sixth Addendum to Lease with Brittany Center Associates for space used by the Treasurer's Office for its Tag Office function located at 2120 North Woodlawn, Wichita, Kansas.**
- 5. Plat.**

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

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Nicholson Commercial Addition

6. **Order dated September 19, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
7. **Payroll Check Register of September 22, 2006.**
8. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of September 20 – 26, 2006.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

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, “Commissioners, is there anything else that you all would like to talk about before we close this meeting and then open up the Fire? Commissioner Burtnett.”

M. OTHER

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well, if we’re to the ‘other’ part, Kristi touched on this, the Senior

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Expo is going to be tomorrow and it's really kind of a fun thing to go and network with some of these senior citizens and it will be at Botanica, Exploration Place and the Wichita Art Museum so even if you don't want to network with the seniors, it's great just to go see the museums.

The other thing going on this Friday, at Lawrence Dumont Stadium is the opening of the . . . let's see what it's called, Kansas Book Festival and this is the first annual and it will be in the . . . the opening ceremonies are in the infield of the Lawrence Dumont Stadium and then the festival will take place there. So we're supposed to have great weather this weekend and it sounds like, from what Kristi said earlier, there's a lot going on, but this a free event so you can just pop by for an hour or two and see what's going on."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So this is the inaugural event. Great. Okay, is that it? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to remind everyone that the Komen Race for the Cure is taking place this weekend, on Saturday. I think the activities start about seven, with breakfast and 8:00 is the first timed race, it's a 5K race, so everyone needs to limber up and get out and get ready to run that. Then there's a walk, un-timed walk later on and then a family walk after that. There's a lot of activities, it's really a fun event and the proceeds go to the Mid Plains Chapter of the Komen Foundation and about 90% of those funds stay here in Kansas, so it's a worthwhile activity, money stays here and recommend everybody try to take advantage of it.

And I noticed Commissioner Burtnett is dressed in pink today to kind of commemorate that and she's got on her little pink ribbon of hope, so a lot of folks are aware of this activity and aware of the problem that cancer presents in our society, so I hope you all can find a way to get out and be supportive."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Where will this be?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Oh, I'm sorry, at the Towne East parking lot, there by Cinemas 4. There is a full page ad in the newspaper today, if you'd double-check the facts on this, in case I didn't get them quite right."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, great."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just wanted to update everybody on Exploration Place for another week. We've had another great week with Sue the T-Rex. They're up over 15,000 people that have attended since it began, and last year was about 3,000 people at the same time period, almost a 500% increase. So the revenues are really good in the store. The revenues are good in the cafeteria and it continues to be very strong. With fall coming on and Halloween coming on, with some of the events they have going on there, I think we've done a pretty good job and it looks like the revenue is up over \$62,000 for that one event, with the Cyberdome, so good news for Exploration Place as they try to reinvent themselves and bring us back to the fold."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well thank you. Just very briefly to report that last Thursday and Friday I traveled with a group of members of the board of the Kansas Association of Counties. We traveled out to Liberal and Seward County. And Thursday evening had a very nice reception with elected officials from Seward County and surrounding counties and Friday toured some of the things that are happening in Seward County and then had a very productive board meeting. And so we certainly were treated well out there. They've got a really aggressive board of county commissioners. They've just completed a 300,000 square foot warehouse for cotton, for a coop out of Texas that is taking full advantage of new cotton production in Kansas. They've got an ethanol plant on the ramp and so again, Kansas Association of Counties had a very good meeting out in Seward County last Friday, so just wanted to let you know where I was last week. Thanks."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Okay commissioners, if there's nothing else to come before the board at this meeting, I'm going to close the board of county commission meeting."

N. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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