

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 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, October 18, 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; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Captain Doug Williams, Fire District #1; Captain David Matthews, Fire District #1; Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. Glenn Kurtz, Captain, Sheriff's Office; Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Chris Morales, System Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Ray Vail, Director of Finance, Department on Aging; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Public Works; Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works; Mr. James McComas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Karen Wedel, West Wichita Rotary.

Irenia, Ukrainian delegate.

Ms. Amy Stanbaugh, Co-chair, Mental Health Association.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Douglas Luginbill of Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, Ks.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, September 27, 2006

The Clerk reported that all commissioners were present at the Regular meeting of September 27,

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2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, I believe you’ve had time to review the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 27th. What’s your will?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 27, 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.”

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

A. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING UKRAINIAN ROTARY GROUP.

Ms. Karen Wedel, West Wichita Rotary, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the Sedgwick County Rotary Club, I thank you for this opportunity to visit today and to bring our guests to a Sedgwick County Commission meeting. With us today are folks from the Ukraine. This particular program is sponsored by the state department and is called the Open World program.

The Open World program encourages and accommodates visits from folks in new democratic countries to come to our country, gain ideas, exposure, exchange ideas. It’s been an exciting time this week and we thank the commissioners, Manager Buchanan and other employees of the county who have assisted us in hosting this group.

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These folks are all involved in social welfare types of work in their home country of the Ukraine. Therefore, our visits this week have included United Way, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters. We are going with Charlene later today to visit COMCARE and Sedgwick County Department on Aging. Those are the kinds of things that we've been doing this week.

We also included a little bit of fun and I want you to know that at the zoo yesterday they feed the elephants, so thank you to the zoo people also. So thank you very much for allowing us to come and I would just ask that our Ukrainian visitors stand and I will introduce them to you by their first names. We have Constantine, Irenia, over then to the next row we have Maria, Katya and Natalia and Vladimir is the interpreter. Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Would one of the delegation like to say something to us?"

Ms. Wedel said, "Well I'm sure they would. Irenia."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Irenia is the new honorary chairman of the county commission."

As interpreted by Vladimir

Irenia, Ukrainian delegate, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the delegation, I'd like to thank you for having us and for our delegation to be present at such an honorary meeting. I want to underline the fact that all the meetings that we so far visited, all the meetings that we so far were able to attend were very interesting, very useful and we picked up many ideas.

We were interested in all those meetings because all the members of our delegation belong to the area of human services in the Ukraine. We are positively impressed with the efforts that unit government, religious organizations, non-profit organizations, in helping needy people here in Wichita. We already know what positive moments of experience, what best practices we can use in Ukraine upon return. Thank you so much for this opportunity to be with you this morning."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Does anyone want to say anything?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I'd just make one quick comment. I would thank the Rotary Clubs for being involved in this process. I know there are two very active west side rotary clubs and the rotary club that meets on Tuesday I believe at noon is the sponsoring west side rotary club and so we appreciate all of the rotary club's efforts in these kinds of endeavors."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Yeah, I'd like to . . . is rotary alive and well in the Ukraine? Or are these folks members of rotary? Do you have that organization?"

Irenia interpreted by Vladimir said, "As it occurs, we do have rotary clubs in Ukraine. It's just appears she didn't know about that. But typically, rotary as you see in Ukraine does not help the service organizations, human services, that's why she didn't know about that, but certainly will know now."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you all."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. All right, Madam Clerk, next item please."

PROCLAMATION

B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 18, 2006 AS "DISABILITY MENTORING DAY."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I'll read this proclamation into the record for your consideration. It says:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than one million people with disabilities have entered the labor force since the passage of the American's with Disabilities Act in 1990; and

WHEREAS, as taxpayers, consumers, and workers, people with disabilities are contributing to our society and to their own fulfillment of the American dream; and

WHEREAS, both students and job seekers with disabilities have the right to maximize their potential by making the most of their intellect, talents, and abilities in an environment free of physical, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers; and

WHEREAS, Disability Mentoring Day provides an opportunity for students and job seekers with all types of disabilities gain insight into career options by spending part of their day in the workplace 'shadowing' an employee as he or she goes through a normal day on the job; and

WHEREAS, the efforts are made possible through a broad partnership with the American

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Association of People with Disabilities (supported by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy and a host of private corporation) and a dedicated local team of organizers from businesses, non-profit organizations, school districts, and universities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 18 to be:

‘Disability Mentoring Day’

in Sedgwick County and encourage citizens to recognize the enormous potential of people with disabilities and work toward their full integration into the workforce.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the Proclamation 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, “And who is going to accept the proclamation for us?”

Ms. Amy Stanbaugh, Co-chair, Mental Health Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is Tiffany, she also works at the Mental Health Association. We just wanted to say just a few

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words about today. It's actually occurring from 9 till 3:00 and then after they get done with their shadowing events, at 3:30 that have a reception at the Exploration Place, where they'll get an award and they'll get to meet some of their mentors a little bit and kind of have a little reception, they can talk with them and kind of discuss about what happened during the day, so we have about 30 people involved this year."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. Well, good luck to you. Madam Clerk, next item please."

AWARDS

C. RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN DOUG WILLIAMS AND CAPTAIN DAVID MATTHEWS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS EARNING THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER DESIGNATION; AND RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF GARY CURMODE FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2006 RAY PICARD AWARD BY THE COMMISSION ON FIRE ACCREDITATION INTERNATIONAL.

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "About ten years ago, the fire service in partnership with federal agencies, the city . . . the International City/ County Manager Association of States established a program to recognize achievement and establish professional standards not only for organizations, by establishing an accreditation program for organizations, but establish a professional designation program for fire officers, for chief fire officers. Their intent is to lay a pattern of development for officers that encompass not only the technical skills required to be a leader on the fire ground, but the managerial skills to lead, manage a fire department, things like human resources development, budgeting, and those elements which make up a well-rounded chief fire officer.

It is a very prestigious process, which requires individuals to demonstrate their skills, proficiencies and knowledge in those areas to a peer assessments group, again consisting of a significant number of folks from a lot of different entities. We're very fortunate in recognizing two of our own today, Captain Doug Williams and Captain Dave Matthews, who have achieved this honor and were recognized at the recent symposium down in Dallas, which brings the International Fire Association together.

I will say that former assistant county manager Jerry Harrison was one of the first commissioners and initiators of this process, so Sedgwick County has been involved in this process for a long time, so I'm very proud to recognize Doug and Dave today."

Captain Doug Williams, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd just like to say thanks to the county commissioners for supporting our program and also for giving us the

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opportunity to go. It's been a great program and we appreciate that opportunity."

Captain Dave Matthews, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd just like to mirror Doug's comments. We appreciate the support for the fire district and we look forward to continued support. Thank you."

Mr. Lamkey said, "And next I'd like to recognize our own fire chief, Gary Curmode. Chief Curmode received the Ray Picard award. He's the eighth recipient of that award and I'm not sure I'd call Gary a legend yet, but the people who have received the award in advance of him have been legends in the fire service. People who have been involved in the development of professional standards and the improvement out of the fire service as a professional organization for many, many years. With the blessing of the Manager and you, we've allowed Chief Curmode to engage in support of his professional service as both a commissioner for the Chief Fire Officers program as an assessor of other organizations in the accreditation process and as a peer assessor. He's done about 100 peer assessments in which he's received the information and reviewed them and made his recommendations to the commission for that . . . for folks to achieve both organizational and individual recognition under this program.

So for his work and for his efforts, he was surprised among 300 of his peers with this recognition and honor. And again, it basically says Chief Curmode is the eighth person to receive the award that recognizes superior leadership and outstanding contribution to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International Program and their accreditation process. And so this is a distinctive honor and I would like to recognize our fire chief, Gary Curmode."

Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Bob. It's a very humbling time, a very nice surprise also here. But you know, it wouldn't have been done if I wouldn't have been on the outstanding department with men and women that we have and again two of our . . . probably the happiest thing today is two of our captains getting Chief Fire Officer. That is probably the most rewarding thing to me, to see them advance and they're future leaders for the fire district. They're all leading in the captain's area now and they'll be . . . they're your future chiefs and they're doing a superb job.

You know, I want to thank the county commissioners for supporting the fire district and supporting accreditation, also supporting professional certification. You know, I've got three fantastic bosses that have urged me to continue this and that's been the Public Safety Director Bob Lamkey, Ron Holt my Assistant County Manager, the one I report to, and then also Bill Buchanan the County Manager.

Again, as you can see, they've pushed for certification. They've also pushed for professional recognition, again to set that benchmark higher each year and that's what we've tried to do as a

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team and I'm just very fortunate to be part of the Sedgwick County team, so thank you very much for this honor."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you Chief, and congratulations. We have some comments or questions. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well Chief Curmode, to you and Captain Williams and Captain Matthews, we're very pleased to have an opportunity to recognize your achievements in gaining these professional designations. We're very proud of our Sedgwick County fire department. We know that we have this pride because we have great people working for us, folks who take pride in what they do, take their job seriously and provide a valuable and necessary service to our constituents, so we're very proud of you and appreciate the opportunity to congratulate you on receiving these designations.

And Chief, did he say that everyone that you're associated with now is a legend? Is that right? So you're a legend in your own time. I don't know many people like that. That's great."

Chief Curmode said, "Well, I think that's a little bit . . . probably blowed up a little bit, but I was in awe of the people that have been selected before me, that have been my mentors in the fire service and superb leaders and to be mentioned along with their name is just an honor. So again, and it couldn't be here, if I wasn't on the best fire department in the United States, and I feel that way. I really truly do. We have great men and women and you know, they're here to provide service and do what they can each year to be better than they are today. So again, we all thank you for your support."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I had a chance to participate a couple of years ago in Dallas with the fire accreditation, and I think one thing needs to be noted here. Of all the many departments around the United States with oh so many people that participate as first responders and fire members, we have a large portion of our people that go through the program, are accredited and there are so many . . . You'd be surprised, so many fire districts, so many fire departments that haven't reached this level, throughout our United States. It's a pretty elite group, so we're the elite of the elite and that's pretty spectacular in my mind."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that there's any other questions or comments, so congratulations to all three of you and keep up the good work. Thank you, next item please."

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PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY 2007 ANNUAL PLAN.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Filling in for Brad Snapp. Brad was on vacation and the way the story goes is he was defending a pack of young people from an oncoming, rushing, angry bear and injured his knee while he was doing it. I mean, the story gets bigger and I'm sure there will be another couple of hundred kids added before he gets back, but he had knee surgery yesterday and is recovering well."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's the truth? I mean, as far as you know it right now?"

Ms. Hart said, "That wasn't the first report we got."

Commissioner Winters said, "But he did have knee surgery."

Ms. Hart said, "He did have knee surgery and he's recovering very well."

Commissioner Norton said, "He didn't say it was a live bear either."

Ms. Hart said, "Okay, what he has on the agenda today is a public hearing regarding the annual housing plan. The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development requires public housing authorities to submit an annual plan for their approval. Now the Housing Authority's jurisdiction is Harvey County, Butler County and Sedgwick County, outside the city of Wichita and the Housing Authority provides rental assistance to over 300 households annually.

They develop the plan that is available for your public hearing today with the assistance of their tenant advisory board. It's met all the qualifications of legal notice, being available for inspection for 45 days. One of the good things, we come before you each year and tell you that the Housing Authority has achieved a high performance rating in the quality of the work that they do and they've done that for a number of years now. One of the benefits of that is that their annual plan is now only 21 pages long, rather than the inch thick stack of documents that HUD usually requires, so another example of good quality performance and it pays off in the amount of paperwork that they don't have to do.

I would try to answer any questions you might have on the plan. There's no significant changes in operations from the current year. They're successful and they'll continue their success and their Tenant Advisory Board recommends the plan to you."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, do you have any questions or comments before I open up the public hearing? Okay, at this time I’ll open up the public hearing and ask if anybody in the audience would like to speak to this item? Seeing none, I’ll close the public hearing and limit comments to the bench. Commissioners, any further comments or questions? If not, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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1. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING PROCESS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm really pleased to be here this morning to give you an update on the pandemic influenza preparedness and response planning process. In April, I came before you to provide information on pandemic influenza and to urge our citizens to get informed and be prepared. And I explained how Sedgwick County was working with state and federal agencies and other key stakeholders in the community to prepare for a possible influenza pandemic. And thanks to your leadership and support of our planning efforts, we have moved right along with the process.

What we know at this point about avian flu is that H5N1 influenza is the flu virus strain that we're most concerned about. It is a changing virus. That birds and migratory fowl have been infected in 55 countries on three continents. That was as of October the 3rd and I think the numbers have already increased a little bit. For number of cases, there are 252 cases and 148 deaths worldwide and so far no sustained human to human transmission and I think that's really important to remember. We are still in the planning process, but we don't have a pandemic right now.

We have been very busy, working with our pandemic influenza workgroup. This workgroup was formed in November of last year and it represents many community groups. It was a large group that met monthly until September, when they decided that they would develop a different kind of a structure, using a steering committee that represents the different committee heads, and there are 15 committees, and that steering committee will meet monthly, but the overall pandemic influenza workgroup will meet quarterly. The subcommittees will continue to meet as needed.

Our plan, which is a work in progress, was completed early this year and it was followed by a biological incident annex that we did to comply with our state grant and that was completed in June of 2006 and now we're working on developing standard operating guidelines, basically procedures to help us operationalize our plan. Our plan is available for review on our sedgwickcounty.org website.

A really important event that occurred for us was the tabletop exercise in August. That was kind of the culmination of the planning process for the pandemic influenza workgroup. And we had, at that event, 64 participants, two observers and six controllers. And the event was really designed to stimulate dialogue relevant to the current plan. What did we need to work on, what areas were strong, what were new areas that we hadn't thought about before? And this dialogue was really

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helpful. What we learned is that we needed a plan for mass care. We also needed a plan for people with special needs and we needed a plan for homeless and we needed to involve the faith community and we also needed a plan for animals. And I will tell you, that group in particular has moved along very quickly and they have completed their plan.

So we have lots of work still to do. I think the biggest learning though is that the committee in general, the work group looks to the Health Department, looks to Sedgwick County for leadership in terms of communication and they want to rely on us to give them accurate, clear and timely information about pandemic flu preparedness and if we have an event, it will be a long-term event, they'll look to us for the latest information. They will help disseminate that information, but they will rely on us for that and we're very fortunate to have a wonderful communications department that supports that process.

We have provided regular updates to the Board of County Commissioners. This is the third one for you and we are also providing a newsletter, twice a month. We'll be going to once a month, to keep you updated. That newsletter also goes to city officials and the pandemic influenza workgroup. We have a county review team that was formed by the county manager early this year to provide technical assistance to the Health Department. It represents senior management and expertise from different areas in the county to provide us oversight and help us think of things that maybe we wouldn't think of on our own. And then we also did a special training for you, to clarify roles and responsibilities and just make sure that you understood all the information that we had at this time.

The community plan that was completed in March covers many different topics. It includes a description of how detecting, tracking and investigation of suspected cases of influenza would occur, talks about coordinating healthcare resources during an emergency and of course relies on the Emergency Management Department to help us with that and also includes a plan for distribution of anti-virals and administration of vaccinations, if that's needed and appropriate.

We have really gone beyond the planning process when it comes to distribution of drugs. In fact, we had an exercise not too long ago that tested our ability to give medication to our first responders in the community. We opened 14 sites and our partners of course, they were the ones that opened most of the sites and it was a really good exercise, taught us a lot.

Our community plan deals with the importance of educating the public about preparedness and how to protect from illness. And what's really important is that in today's paper there's a special insert. It is four pages. It is packed with wonderful information that informs our citizens about the difference between seasonal flu, bird flu and pandemic flu. I'll talk a little bit more about that. It talks about how to stay informed, how to be healthy, mental health needs, how to be prepared and also about the pandemic influenza workgroup. So I urge you all to kind of point this out to citizens

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today and remind them that if they don't have this, they can access this same information on the county website.

Special emphasis has also been placed on encouraging businesses to get informed and be prepared and we have created this pandemic influenza business continuity guide. We are urging businesses to create a continuity of operations plan that will help them survive for several months with maybe 40% of their staff out sick. And we have 4,000 of these. We're mailing them out to businesses and we are making a special effort to contact businesses who we consider to be part of the critical infrastructure to the running of the community. And so this is a really great resource, also found on the county website.

We have received, or we will receive \$177,000 in grant funds from the state Health Department. That is passed through federal dollars to help us refine and operationalize our plan during the next year. And just to quickly remind you of some of the highlights of the insert, there is a difference between seasonal flu, avian flu and pandemic influenza. Seasonal influenza is that changing virus every year we'll see flu. We do have a vaccine for that flu. We do see 36,000 to 40,000 deaths every year from regular flu right now, not in Sedgwick County but nationwide. Sorry. Right now we do have a vaccine on hand at the Health Department for high risk individuals and we do encourage you to get your flu shot.

Seasonal flu is different than avian flu. People get confused about avian flu. Avian flu is really bird flu. There are lots of different strains of bird flu. It is found in birds, but there's a particular strain that we're really concerned about and that's the H5N1. That is the strain that scientists think may mutate and cause a pandemic and we don't have any of that in the United States at this time.

And then a pandemic flu and you've heard me say this many times now, so you could probably recite this, is a global outbreak of disease that occurs when a new influenza A virus appears or emerges in the human population, it causes serious illness and then spreads easily from person-to-person worldwide and there would not be a vaccine readily available because it's a new virus.

So we are recommending that people prepare and that they plan for extended periods of absence from work. That they understand what their work and school policies are. That they have water, food and especially I like to emphasize that they have enough medicine to get them, if they have a chronic disease, to get them through a long period without medical care.

And of course you're going to be more resilient and respond better to any illness if you have good nutrition, eat your five fruits and vegetables a day, exercise 30 minutes a day, get enough rest, stay

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home when you're sick and that's checking your sick leave policies and understanding what the policies are where you work. Washing your hands frequently, using a hand sanitizer, an alcohol-based hand sanitizers if you don't have soap and water available and covering your cough with a tissue or coughing into your elbows and I know that you all are really good that.

The most important message at this time is that again, if we have an influenza pandemic, our healthcare system will be overwhelmed, people will need to take responsibility for themselves, and so we ask people to stay informed, be prepared and please avail yourselves, remind citizens that we have fact sheets and updates available to answer their questions and I'm going to show you several websites, ours of course, but then there's also the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and pandemicflu.gov that has lots of information.

It is especially important that citizens and employers stay engaged in this process. I know that when we start talking about it and then it doesn't happen right away, people kind of lose interest, so it's our job to remind people that, you know, we're not trying to panic anybody, but we need to be ready. And then, if we plan as a community and respond as a community, we will be stronger as a community, so again, thank you for your support."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We do have a couple of . . . are you finished now Claudia? Because we have a couple . . . I don't know who was first. Commissioner Burnett."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Claudia, I know you're doing a good job of getting out to the public because . . . I can't remember the guy's name . . . Aaron was at the Valley Center Chamber meeting yesterday and gave an excellent presentation on businesses being prepared for this and unfortunately, in Valley Center, a lot of the businesses are very small, with one or two employees, so it will impact them dramatically. But he gave very good information, I think there was probably 15 or 20 people at that meeting, and they walked away with a much better knowledge of how they need to be more prepared and I think the communication is a big thing for that.

I don't know if your plan includes possibly getting the newsletter to those groups that you've talked to. I know he had said he'd been at the Wichita Chamber meeting earlier that day, then he hit the Valley Center meeting, so I know you're getting out there but it might be a good idea to follow up with these folks that you're doing, as information becomes available, and just e-mail the directors, so they can share the information with their groups."

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Ms. Blackburn said, "Absolutely. It's easy enough to distribute that newsletter electronically, so thank you for that."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "He did a great job. It was a 15 to 20 minute presentation, and it was very well received by the group."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Good. His supervisor is in the room, so she'll be glad to hear that."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Oh, good. It was, it was a very good presentation. That's all I had."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, my comment was along the same line. It was to ask if you do have people to go out to civic clubs, business organizations and visit about this and if someone wants to do that, who should they contact? What phone number should they call to secure that information?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "They can call 660-7300 and just say that they want a speaker."

Commissioner Winters said, "And you do have people who are prepared . . .?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Absolutely. We do that a lot."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, very good. Well thank you. This is again, a good update. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Claudia, good presentation to us today. You know, the traditional responsibility of a health department is surveillance and prevention. Sometimes that pretty hard to see what's going on, even when you're doing a good job at that, but here's a good example of how you're staying ahead of the curve on this, ahead of any sort of crisis, and I just want to express my appreciation for the information in this particular document that's available to everybody that gets the newspaper and anybody else who wants it, as you said. But this

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is very clear and helpful, I think, in getting some definitions and help people understand perhaps what some of the potential is and some practical things they can do to get prepared. You know, a common saying is you know it's not so much what we don't know that hurts us, but what we think is true and it really isn't, and so this helps I think on both sides of that issue, in helping folks be prepared and we don't want to get to the point where everyone is so alarmed it creates a panic, but on the other hand, this is a serious potential and we need to be prepared. So your job and the help of all your supervisors I think is really achieving that and it's truly beneficial to our citizens so appreciate what you're doing."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see there's any further comments, so will someone make a motion that we receive and file this report."

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION THROUGH THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR FUNDING OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Ms. Blackburn said, "You have before you an agreement that allows the Health Department to receive approximately \$10,000 from the Kansas Health Foundation, through the Kansas Association

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of Local Health Departments, to support our continuing education for staff and also to provide membership dues for certain organizations. This has been a wonderful gift from the Kansas Health Foundation for the past 11 years and we certainly couldn't keep our staff as well educated as we do without this support, so we are extremely grateful and I would recommend that you approve this agreement and allow the Chair to sign any associated documents."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the Award 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, "Thank you, Claudia. Next item please."

F. CONTRACT WITH HARRY KOURI, JR., D.D.S. TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES FOR INMATES IN THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY.

Captain Glenn Kurtz, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to request that the county commissioners approve a 12-month contract with Dr. Harry Kouri for emergency dental services for the inmates in the Sedgwick County Detention Facility. Dr. Kouri

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has provided on-site service for the Sheriff's Department for more than 20 years for the detention inmates. In 2005, Dr. Kouri treated more than 1,000 inmates inside out facility and by the end of August 2006, he's seen over 500 inmates. The contract calls for a 3% increase and the total price of the contract will be \$43,428 for the 12-month period. I ask that the board approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign. Do you have any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, captain. We do have a question or a comment. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Captain, this contract is for just emergency services, as you said? I mean, there's no cosmetic or cleaning and that sort of thing."

Captain Kurtz said, "This is for truly emergency service, abscessed teeth, teeth that are damaged by either lack of care when they're on the outside, inmates on the outside, or if they're you know, injured in a fight or something inside the facility. This is not cleanings, this is truly just extractions, care for abscessed teeth, issues along those lines."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And we're required to provide the service?"

Captain Kurtz said, "Yes, we are. Just general health of the inmates and that's really what this care is about, to maintain their physical health through dental care."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just have one question, just out of curiosity. Is there a dental clinic at the jail, where they perform it or does the inmate have to transfer to Dr. Kouri's office?"

Captain Kurtz said, "We have a full dental office in the facility itself, including x-ray. If there are procedures that require additional equipment and staff, we have an arrangement with Dr. Kouri where we will transport the inmates to his facility."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "But this isn't necessarily an on-call dentist. It's just he has certain days of the week he comes in, correct?"

Captain Kurtz said, "Correct. He comes in two afternoons a week to see inmates and then if we need beyond that, he'll make arrangements to cover the duties."

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay, thank you.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

G. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

1. GRANT AWARD FROM THE PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT FOR FUNDING OF EQUIPMENT.

Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you this morning, you have a grant award from the

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Department of Justice, in the amount of \$95,000. This grant award is more commonly known as the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act. The funds are 100% federal dollars. There's no local match dollars involved in this and these dollars will be used to replace an aging gas chromatograph and mass spectrometer that we have in one of our laboratories. This will negate the need for us having to come to you next year for replacement of this particular piece of equipment. I would like to recommend that you accept this grant award and authorize the Chairman to sign. I stand ready to answer any questions you may 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 Norton moved to approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I have a Motion and a second, Clerk call the roll. Excuse me, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Dr. Dudley was here either last week or the week before about the accreditation and I just wanted to take this opportunity, because it's the first time Dr. Rohrig has been here since that accreditation, but just to say thank you to him for all of his work on his end of that whole forensic science center. We're certain very proud of the whole facility."

Dr. Rohrig said, "I appreciate that and I mean, we've got a great staff that works with us that made that accreditation and our others be achieved quite easily."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well thanks for all your work and the staff's work."

Dr. Rohrig said, "Thank you, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Call the vote please."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Aye

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

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

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR THE DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT.

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County is one of three pilot sites that has been selected by the state for projects that study what we call DMC, which is Disproportionate Minority Contact in the juvenile justice system. The Corrections Department assumed this responsibility and we have just begun our third year of this pilot project. The state has now notified us of the availability of supplemental funding for this fiscal year in the amount of \$41,000. This is one-time funding and only the three pilot sites are eligible to apply."

The application before you seeks \$41,000 for a DMC intervention project in two USD 259 middle schools and those are Brooks and Coleman. The project will attempt to raise test scores among African American and Hispanic youth through the use of tutoring, mentoring and increased parent involvement. The funds will primarily be used to hire two coordinators. One will be working with the parents and the other one will recruit and train tutors and mentors. A national consultant will also be engaged and will be working at the two middle schools. Your Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board heard presentations from the principals at these two middle schools at their September meeting and they are recommending approval of this application, so that we can submit it to the state. Be happy to answer any questions you have too."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Chris, this is the third year of this process, or this application. The third year of this project on the disproportionate minority contact?"

Ms. Morales said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "Have we seen any positive indications over the first two years, or is this still a work in progress?"

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Ms. Morales said, “There have been many accomplishments and I don’t want to steal Dr. Craig-Moreland’s report here. I understand she’ll be presenting to you in the coming weeks. She has just completed her evaluation report and that will be included in that.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Oh, well that’s very good, because I’m certainly going to be very supportive of this and in fact was going to say, you know, at the end of this cycle we’d sure want to hear about it. But if we’re close to getting a report, I think that would be terrific. I know that there are this board of commissioners very interested in this subject. I know we’ve had some former county commissioners, I know Representative Melody Miller is very interested in all of this area. So if there’s a time when we can get more detailed reports, we’ll look forward to that. I won’t press for that information now, but we’ll just wait for Dr. Craig to give her summary there. Thank you very much.”

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

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 authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

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.”

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H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

1. GRANT APPLICATION BY SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING/CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR THE KANSAS FIRE-RELATED INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT.

Mr. Ray Vail, Finance Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present to you a grant application between the Sedgwick County Department on Aging and the Kansas Fire Related Injury Prevention program. The purpose of this grant is to increase the number of homes with adequate smoke functional alarm coverage and to increase the knowledge and skills related to prevention of fire-related injuries. The application has been approved by Finance and Legal and I ask that you approve the application and authorize the Chair to sign and I'll answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that there's any questions. So commissioners, what's the will of the Board on Item H-1?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett 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 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."

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR FUNDING OF THE “RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.”

Mr. Vail said, “Commissioners, this is a grant application for the RSVP program. This program currently is managing over 550 active volunteers. And this has been approved by Finance and Legal and I ask that you approve this application and authorize the Chair to sign and I’ll answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I have one.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “I know what you’re going to ask.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, do you want to ask it instead.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “That’s okay. Go ahead.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I notice it does require a 30% match. Do we have the funds already in the department to cover that match, if we’re fortunate enough to get the grant?”

Mr. Vail said, “Yes, we do. We’ve been doing this program for several years.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Was that what I was going to ask?”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Yes.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. My secretary there, she tells me what I’m supposed to say. Okay, I don’t see there’s any other questions.”

MOTION

Chairman Sciortino 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 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.

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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."

I. KANSAS COLISEUM.

1. AGREEMENT WITH E. L. BAILER FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agreement is our standard agreement for advertising services. However, it's a new area. E.L. Bailer is going to be placing advertising in the restrooms. And I see that when you go out to some restaurants around town, you see some advertising above the area where the guys stand or the ladies sit, they get to be able to see some things and we're going to turn it into some useful space. And the terms are we get paid a minimum \$6,000 a year or 15% of net revenues, whichever is larger. We recommend approval."

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Discretion is the better part of valor. Shut up commissioner, don't say anything. Next item please."

2. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Nath said, "Our report today on our activities in September. As you know, September is traditionally the end of the very slow period for arenas and there's no exception, but we did have some activity. For the third year in a row, we hosted a regional cross-country meet with Valley Center High School. They really love running down through the grounds and through Weidemann Park and the kids have a great time. They had 450 participants this year."

We had the Kansas Paint Horse Show. This is an annual event that occurs over in the pavilions. It's a smaller paint horse show. It's not to be confused with the one we just finished last week, which was the World Wide Paint Horse Congress.

We had the second annual Park City Barbeque Championship. Now this is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. We had 25 participants from around the country and one foreign country and that's a list of the champions. I just happened to be one of the judges on the judging day and it was quite the honor and it was very good too."

Commissioner Winters said, "John, before you get off this slide, Councilman Carl Brewer, did he participate?"

Mr. Nath said, "I don't believe so. I didn't see Councilman Brewer out there that evening."

Commissioner Winters said, "Because I know he's a great barbeque guy and I just wondered if he had participated."

Mr. Nath said, "Well hopefully it's coming back again next year, so we'd love to have him."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And before we get off this, is there any possibility some of us might

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share in that honor of judging?”

Mr. Nath said, “Absolutely.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I assume judging means eating, right?”

Mr. Nath said, “There is some tasting involved, yes.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “If you ever need some help, that would probably take an awful lot of time. If you need some help in that area, why don’t you contact us. We might be able to assist you.”

Mr. Nath said, “I’ll pass that on. We also had the Mid-America Flea Market. As you know, we do ten of these a year, over in the pavilion. And we had one of our favorites, the Kansas Junior Livestock Show with 8,000 in attendance.

You know, last month I told you we were going to institute the new bar code scanning with the tickets and that started October 2nd with the World Wrestling Entertainment event and continued on through Disney on Ice. Well, to date, we’ve scanned over 20,000 tickets and it’s working fine, without a hitch. We are still working to introduce the print-at-home tickets and hopefully next month I will have a demonstration of that for you, so you can get an idea on what it’s like to just get on the Internet, purchase your tickets and print them right off on your home computer.

Coming up we’ve got opening day with the Thunder versus Tulsa this Friday. We’ve got quite the advanced ticket sale for that. Oklahoma City on Saturday, that’s even bigger, so we’re looking for a really good opening weekend with the Thunder. Mid-America Flea Market comes back the 22nd, Wheatland Poppin’ Johnnies, the old John Deere tractors, the 27th and 29th. The Thunder is back playing one of the new teams in the league, the Rocky Mountain Rage on the 3rd. They play in Bossier Shreveport on the 4th. The farm show returned the 7th and the 9th. We go back into hockey on the 11th and the 17th. For the fifth year, the Turkey Classic Go-Cart Races, the prelims start on the November 18th. Now we hold the races every year over Thanksgiving. We get people from 17 states and we fill up not only our arena building where the track is built, but the Pavilion II acts as the pits and that’s full and Rodney Carrington in concert, an 18 and older concert on November 18th. Commissioners, if there are any questions, I’d be happy to answer them at this time.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “The only question I have, is this schedule about normal what we get in

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fall? Or have you seen any hiccup or kick down?”

Mr. Nath said, “It’s about normal. Actually, we’re under what we normally would have. It’s a bit quite right now.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file.

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, “John, thank you. See you next month. Clerk, call the next item.”

J. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS AND WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE. ALL DISTRICTS.**

Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The agreement before you is a supplement to the original memorandum of understanding dated February 12th, 2002 between the Kansas Department of Transportation, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita that established the general ground rules for funding of the Intelligent Transportation System’s projects. 2002 MOU stated the overall funding split would be 60% KDOT, 20% Sedgwick County and 20% City of Wichita for all local match requirements or non-funded higher level requirements.

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Now this supplement outlines specific funding for the traffic signal upgrade portion of the larger ITS program. This project will replace all traffic signal controllers with the type of controller that meets the current communications protocol for ITS devices. In addition, this will be the first time in more than 25 years that the city, county and state will all use the same type of controller for signals in the region.

Our share of the signal upgrade will be \$5,316 out of a total of more than 3.3 million dollars, which includes 1.99 million in federal funds. Our small share is due to larger than 20% shares in future portions of the ITS project. So I would recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any comments? I don’t see any so 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 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.”

- 2. RESOLUTION RECLASSIFYING WEBB ROAD BETWEEN 103RD STREET SOUTH AND 111TH STREET SOUTH AND 103RD STREET SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND WEBB ROAD FROM THE ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM. DISTRICT #5.**

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Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item J-2 is a resolution reclassifying Webb Road between 103rd and 111th Streets South and 103rd Street South between Rock Road and Webb Road from the Rockford Township system to the Sedgwick County highway system. The reason for the change is that we will construct cold mix asphalt on these roads and we are better equipped to maintain a paved road than the township. I recommend that you adopt the resolution.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any questions or comments on this item?”

MOTION

Chairman Sciortino 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 very much, David. Next item.”

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2006.

Mr. James McComas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of October 12th, 2006 resulted in four items for your consideration.

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**1) SECTION 125 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS- HUMAN RESOURCES
FUNDING: HUMAN RESOURCES**

Item one, Section 125 flexible spending accounts for Human Resources. Recommendation is to accept the lowest responsible proposal from Application Software Incorporated, ASI, for an estimated first year cost of \$90,000 and to establish and execute contract pricing for three years, with two one-year options to renew.

**2) OILS & FLUIDS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Item two, oils and fluids for Fleet Management. Recommendation is to accept the low bid on items one, two and ten from Universal Lubricants; the low bid on items three and six from Andale Farmer's Coop; and the low bid on items four, five, seven, eight, nine and eleven from Heathwood Oil Company Incorporated to establish and execute contract pricing for one year, with four one-year options to renew.

**3) CHANGE ORDER FOR SHERIFF RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM-
FUNDING: COURT TECHNOLOGY**

Item three, change order for the Sheriff's Records Management System for the Sheriff and District Court. The recommendation is to accept the change order with Intergraph Public Safety for \$6,000.

**4) ACTUARIAL VALUATION SERVICES- DIVISION OF FINANCE
FUNDING: FINANCE**

Item four, actuarial valuation services for the Division of Finance. The recommendation is to accept the proposal from L & E Actuaries and Consultants for an initial not to exceed cost of \$14,000 and to execute a one year contract, with three one-year options to renew. I'd be happy to answer any questions and would recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just have one. Just on item . . . Commissioner Unruh, I'm sorry."

Commissioner Unruh said, "That's all right. You go ahead if you want."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No, go ahead."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well my question, James, on the item number one there's a huge discrepancy between the AFLAC bid and the ASI bid. Could you please comment on that?"

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Mr. McComas said, "One of the things about the AFLAC bid was that it was kind of an incomplete bid. They didn't respond appropriate to the questions that we were asking. They actually assigned . . . their pricing is conditional or allowing them to come in and present all of their voluntary benefits options to all of the county employees and this is not an options we were looking at wanting to do. They also didn't include pricing, or complete pricing we should say in all of their areas. They had negotiated for the debit card to have the administrative fees at a zero cost, but they didn't tell us what the additional fees for cards would be, if . . . that was only for the administration portion of it, not the other portions that were involved with managing that aspect of it."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, so the contract was for . . . the request was specific, just for a single item, it was managing the health account."

Mr. McComas said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you. That answers my question."

Chairman Sciortino said, "The only question is on item four. There just seemed to be a tremendous disparity in these bids. I mean, one person is bidding \$43,000. We award it to the person that bid \$14,000. I mean, that's a tremendous disparity and you know, these other companies better get their act together if this person can bid it a third of what somebody else is bidding it. But you're comfortable that this company can do the job that they said they were going to do? And everything is okay and we're just saving beaucoup money on it."

Mr. McComas said, "Correct. They can be very, very comfortable with it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, fine. Okay, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "On number one, what do we estimate the total cost to be if 2,550 people do take the package?"

Mr. McComas said, "The \$90,000 is the estimated cost."

Commissioner Norton said, "\$90,000 is the estimate."

Mr. McComas said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "As we look at this, I mean, the AFLAC bid is significantly lower. Have we thought about any portions of that that does make sense? I mean, more and more our employees are going to want other options, because the insurance package is evolving and changing

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and they may want supplemental kinds of things. I know we've had that debate over and over and over here, but as companies and employers start to move out of benefit packages and insurance packages, it's going to have to be a menu to at least allow employees a chance to build their own packages if they want to spend the money. Not that I'm advocating for AFLAC, but at some point we're going to have to deal with that issue, because the trend around the United States is for employers to get out of the insurance business in providing that as a benefit. It's not going to be employee-based health care and it's going to be dealt with in a different manner and the more that we start thinking about that, the better prepared we're going to be in the future, so I'm probably okay with this for today, but I think there's a deeper philosophical dialogue we have to have on this issue, as we move along because it's not going to stay the same.

I've heard from a lot of employees already this year, personally, that they're not particularly enamored with what we've done with healthcare, because it is putting a little more burden on them. It's challenging them more to be involved in their healthcare. It challenges them more to maintain a healthy lifestyle, but it also diminishes some of their coverages and expects them to pay a little more, and I don't think that's going to change. I think every year or two we're going to be dealing with that same phenomenon until it shrinks down to maybe even being out of that business. I don't know how that works, but that is certainly the trend nationally. Corporations are that way now and I don't know that government can stay away from that trend forever. I think we'll be caught up in it ourselves. So, a comment and a thought about this particular bid. I mean, if you look at it, it's not a lot of money on a \$90,000 contract, but it is half, not totally."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "That's not quite true, commissioners, because the item that was one of the things that we were interested in was the debit card that employees . . . we're going to, as you recall, we're going to put \$75 in everyone's account and whether you choose to use that or not is your choice, but we're going to give you a card to go to the grocery store so that you can use that card without having to be reimbursed and this bidder chose not to include that."

Commissioner Norton said, "I know it's not a complete thing."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No, but I think basically what you're saying commissioner is that if we keep doing the same thing, over and over, we're going to keep getting the same results and if those results are starting not to be acceptable, we need to at least start thinking out of the box and conceptually I support that."

Commissioner Norton said, "This is not the day for the discussion, but it's the day to talk about having a discussion at some point."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Sure, okay. Anything else? What is the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

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

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.”

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36; widening of 63rd Street South between Rock Road and the Butler County line. CIP# R-275. District #5.**
- 2. Communications System Easement/Release to AT&T Corp.**
- 3. Notice of Post Annexation Public Hearing December 20, 2006.**
- 4. Plats.**

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

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Garden Springs 2nd Addition
McNeil Estates Addition

- 5. Order dated October 10, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of October 11 – 17, 2006.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I think we have an executive session. Before we recess into there, is there anything under the ‘other’ category that any of you would like to discuss? Commissioner Unruh.”

M. OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well I’ll just make a comment about the Sedgwick County Zoo.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, that's something different. You never do that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I took a tour of the progress on the penguin exhibit that's going to be open on Memorial Day next year and it's coming along quite nicely and I think our citizens of Sedgwick County and actually the citizens of the whole area . . . one of the statistics that we heard last night is that 52% of the admissions to Sedgwick County Zoo come from outside Sedgwick County. So this is really a good economic engine in our county.

But the penguin exhibit is coming along nicely and it's going to have 43,000 gallons of water, starting off with 20 penguins and it's going to really be a unique way to see these little guys waddle from where they live to get into the water and have a great viewing area so anyway, good exhibit.

And then want to encourage folks to, if you've got little ones who you don't want to put them out on the streets on Halloween, well Halloween weekend we do have Night of the Living Zoo for three evenings I think out at the zoo and it's a great opportunity to take the kids to a great environment and do their trick or treating out there, so it will be a fun evening.

One of the things that we had at the zoo meeting yesterday was a benchmark presentation, showing how our zoo compared to zoos all around the country and just a couple of little factoids for the commissioners here, we rank 7th in the United States in total acreage in all the zoos in the United States, so we are a large zoo. But we're 48th in the number of full-time staff, which I think indicates that we're doing a good job in being efficient and having some good folks out there to take care of a great facility. We're 49th in operating budget and we're 50th in admission prices, so just some way to kind of rank the zoo. There's a whole packet full of comparisons that's made so you can gauge the zoo, but these are just a couple that I thought were interesting. It indicates that we've got a great place, great asset in our community and encourage everyone to go out and take the opportunity to visit our zoo and that's all I had, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well you probably know what I'm going to talk about."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let me see . . ."

Commissioner Norton said, "Nope, Haysville Fall Festival. You thought you knew, you only thought you knew. This weekend, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday is the Haysville Fall Festival. They'll have some events and a concert Friday night. The parade is Saturday morning at 9:00 and if you like candy, stop by, I'll throw some candy at you. They have a concert Saturday night and then activities on Sunday. Sedgwick County will have a booth out there I'm sure, but I will also have an

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individual booth this year.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is that at the park, there on . . .”

Commissioner Norton said, “At the park, it’s in Riggs Park in Haysville and I would encourage people, with beautiful weather, to come to Haysville and not only stop by Riggs Park but stop and see Haysville because I’ll tell you, in the last year it’s changed a lot after the railroad underpass and with the new downtown development, I think people that haven’t been there in a while will certainly be surprised at what they see.

The second thing I’ve got is I met once again this morning on the homeless task force. Bill Buchanan was there, Ron Holt was there and a score of other people appointed to that and we plow ahead. Sam Muyskens talked about Inter-Faith Ministries and their ministry to the homeless. Captain John Spear from Wichita Police was there today and gave us an idea of what the community

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

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