

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 1, 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, November 1, 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 Burnett; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Christy Hillard, Dental Clinic Program Manager, Health Department; Mr. Jim Marlett, Assistant Director, Sedgwick County Zoo; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. Troy Bruun, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Eric Key, Executive Director, Kansas African American Museum.
Cadet Lathrum, JROTC.

Mr. Ray Boese, 13414 W. 23rd St. N., Wichita, Ks.

Mr. Chris Bohm, Agent for Applicant, Ruggles and Bohm.

INVOCATION

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, October 11, 2006

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2006.

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, I believe you’ve had a chance to review the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 11th. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2006.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, before we go to the first item on our regular agenda, we do have a couple of proclamation that have to be considered.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to consider two off agenda proclamations.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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OFF AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I’ll read the first proclamation for your review. It states:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Kansas African American Museum was established in 1974 under the name of the ‘First National Black Historical Society’; and

WHEREAS, Doris Kerr Larkins led the initiative to establish the museum and save the church in which the museum was housed; and

WHEREAS, the Doris Kerr Larkins Heritage Luncheon is named in honor of the museum’s founder and recognizes community persons for their lifelong commitment to the development of our community; and to celebrate the rich heritage and artistic excellence of people of African descent; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Doris Kerr Larkins Heritage Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 11, and will feature guest speaker Dr. George C. Fraser, Chairman and CEO of FraserNet, Inc., accomplished author and publisher, Dr. Fraser is renowned for inspiring talks on success principles, effective networking, wealth creation, business ethics and valuing diversity.

WHEREAS, this year, honorees Roland Banks and Charles ‘Goose’ Doughty, who will be presented Doris Kerr Larkins awards; Francis J. Jackson and Riley Williams, who will received the Torch Awards and Dr. Charles Coleman, who will be presented the Museum Service Award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2006 as

‘Doris Kerr Larkins’ Day’

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to participate in the Doris Kerr Larkins’ Heritage Luncheon and to visit the Kansas African American Museum.

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

MOTION

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Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. And we have someone here to accept this proclamation I think.”

Mr. Eric Key, Executive Director, Kansas African American Museum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Indeed it is a great day, so I’m going to start off it’s my birthday. Good morning to the Board of County Commissioners and the managerial body here at Sedgwick County, I simply want to thank you. I want thank you on behalf of Carolyn McGinn, our board president, who could not be here this morning, for the many things that she does in the community, she’s also student teaching this morning, so I want to thank you on behalf of her.

And also to thank you on behalf of the entire board at the Kansas African American Museum, the staff and all of the people that we serve annually. The 9th annual Doris Kerr Larkins’ Heritage Luncheon and Award is a community-wide event and we encourage all of the community to come out and celebrate with us, as we recognize the names that were mentioned in the proclamation for their hard and long work in our community and particularly those serving the youth in our community. Charles Coleman, we can’t say enough about Charles because Charles has always been there, volunteering his time and his service and dedicating really his life to youth in the community.

Also want to thank the Board of County Commissioners for its long-term support of the Kansas African American Museum. As you know, we are beginning to unveil a capital campaign to build a

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new facility here in Wichita. We have just hired the architect firm of Schaefer, Cox, Johnson & Frey to get us on task with that campaign and we're glad to say we are going to meet our target date.

Just a couple of updates, I'd want to invite the entire listening audience and all of you to come to the Kansas African American Museum, visit the new exhibition that opened actually back in September, will be there through December 31st. It's called 'Looking Back, Looking Black: African American, Latino and African Images from the Robert H. Holmes Collection'. It will be there through December 31st. Then come out and visit us on December 1st, as we decorate the museum in the spirit of Christmas and then after the first of the year we're into Martin Luther King celebration. All are events that are geared towards the community and the community is welcome, the at-large community, please come out and support us.

Again, a reminder, I want to thank the county commissioners, I want to thank the listening audience for supporting the Kansas African American Museum and I want everybody to remember we are a regional arts and cultural museum that's dedicated to Wichita, Kansas, the region and the nation of sharing the experiences of African Americans. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes, sir and just one second. I think we have a comment or question here. Commissioner Burnett."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Both a comment and a question. I was able to attend the Doris Kerr Larkins' Luncheon last year and it was very well attended. Do you still have tickets available for this year?"

Mr. Key said, "Yes. Just call the museum at 262-7651."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Okay, and that was answering my question as to where to call, because it was very well attended and it was a very nice luncheon, so I hope people will get out and participate."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Will there be cookies?"

Commissioner Burnett said, "There will be dessert of some sort."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I'll come."

Mr. Key said, "For you, Mr. Sciortino, we'll have a cookie on your table."

Chairman Sciortino said, "There we go, okay, I'll be there. Okay, anything else commissioners? Thank you very much and we wish you continued success."

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Commissioners, the next proclamation I'll read into the record for your review. It says:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, JROTC was officially implemented in American high schools in 1916, began in Kansas in 1917 and in Wichita to 1994, and

WHEREAS, cadet leadership programs were started in selected middle schools in 1997 making Wichita a leader in the Nation in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the JROTC and leadership programs are recognized in Wichita for building citizenship and good character in our youth; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 2,200 Wichita youth participating as cadets in eighteen of our public schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 6-12, 2006 as

'Wichita JROTC Leadership Week'

in recognition of these fine young men and women who are becoming better leaders and citizens for the future through their involvement in the JROTC and leadership programs.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation.

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	Absent
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “And I think we have an individual here to accept our award.”

Cadet Lathrum, JROTC, greeted the Commissioners and said, “First, on behalf of all of the JROTC cadets in the Wichita public schools, I would like to thank you for this proclamation. Also I would like to thank our instructors and those who have helped make this possible for us. We have asked that you make this presentation also at the Veterans’ Day ceremony, which will be at 10:00 on November 9th in the Exhibition Hall at Century II. We will have our keynote speaker, Senator Schodorf, which will be directly followed by a luncheon held at the IFC.

At this ceremony there will be over 2,000 cadets present. They will be in formation and hold pass and review to honor the veterans and those who have previously served our country. Also on November 11th, on a Saturday at 11 a.m. we will have the Veterans’ Day parade. This will be the largest Veterans’ Day parade that we have had in Wichita. There are 56 entries and we would like to invite all of you to join us for this and to be in this parade.

Senator Dole was supposed to be our Grand Marshal for this parade. However, due to health concerns he is not able to attend and in his place we will have the Deputy Adjutant General McIlhenney be the grand marshal. This will be hosted by the Wichita public schools and Junior ROTC and we hope that all of you can attend. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great, now just stand by. We have some questions and comments, young lady. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I just want to make sure that we know who is accepting this proclamation and what her position is and where she attends school and what perhaps are in her plans. So could you please give us your name again and tell us just a little bit about yourself.”

Cadet Lathrum said, “I’m Cadet Lathrum. I’m currently holding the position of City Corps Commander. This means that I am in charge of that corps of 2,200 cadets. I am also the commander of the unarmed junior varsity drill team at Wichita High School East. I also am in the IV program. I am in the process of applying to the academies and hope to be able to continue my schooling there.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, thank you. And I know there are a couple of people with you today. Could you introduce those people to us and tell us who they are.”

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Cadet Lathrum said, “With me, over here in the flight jacket is Colonel George. He is my instructor, senior instructor at Wichita High School East and also Colonel Hester. Colonel Hester is the Junior ROTC instructor for all of Wichita’s schools.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, well thank you very much. Commissioners, I had the opportunity several years ago at the invitation of Colonel Hester to attend the event that they have at Century II which this year is going to be on Thursday, November the 9th and for anyone who wants to see an impressive group of young people, that is a very impressive event and I would encourage anyone who wants to honor veterans or to take a look at what some of young people are doing, that is a place to do it.

And then, as you indicated, you all are sponsors and making arrangements for the Veterans’ Day parade on Saturday the 11th, so we certainly hope the citizens of Sedgwick County participate in that. But I just want to say thank you to all of the cadets who participate and to all of the professional leaders who assist them. Working with our young people in this fashion I think is very, very worthwhile and we just give you all of our appreciation and thanks and thank you and best of luck to you in your endeavors to attend one of the academies. We wish you the best of luck. Thank you.”

Cadet Lathrum said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Young lady, I want to say that if you’re an example of what the youth are of today, then us old people are going to be able to rest easy in our retirement here. And let me encourage the U.S. Navy Academy. I sort of have a little prejudice toward that and those ships are really nice and you’d look really good in a sailor cap. Good luck to you.”

Cadet Lathrum said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please, Madam Clerk.”

DONATION

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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A. DONATION OF \$8,460 THROUGH A MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF THE LATE DR. CHARLES ORTH, TO BE USED IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC.

Ms. Christy Hillard, Dental Clinic Program Manager, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We were chosen by Dr. Charles Orth's family for a memorial in his name, because of his request that donations be made that would benefit children and their oral health needs. Because the children's dental clinic provides dental care for uninsured children in Sedgwick County, as you know, we are very much appreciate being given this opportunity to help fund our clinic.

This sizable donation by Dr. Orth's patients, friends and colleagues reflects the respect of Dr. Orth in this community. The recommended action is to accept the donation and authorize the Chair to sign a thank you letter."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, what is your will on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much."

Ms. Hillard said, "We do have some family members here."

Commissioner Winters said, "Please introduce them."

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Ms. Hillard said, "I have Ms. Orth and two of their daughters, and two of their grandchildren."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And would any of you like to say anything about the doctor's donation or anything? You can feel free."

Ms. Charles Orth, Dr. Charles Orth Memorial founder, greeted the Commissioners and said, "He just cared so much about dentistry and children and so we thought this would be a great fund, and I was so glad that we go so much donations."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, we really, really do thank you for the generous donation. It will be put to good use. I can guarantee you that. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item please."

PRESENTATION

B. SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO UPDATE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Commissioner Unruh said, "I have the privilege this morning of representing the Sedgwick County Zoological Society Board of Trustees, of which I'm a member at your graciousness in appointing me to that board. Each week, I have the honor of kind of giving an update on activities at the zoo, at the end of our commission meeting, when we come to that topic we call 'other' and I really enjoy do that.

But on today's agenda we have the word that says 'update' and really what I'm here to do is to give an announcement about a new exhibit at the zoo. This is really quite an exciting announcement that we're really proud to make at this time, but we're going to hopefully initiate the activities it's going to take to establish a new Asian Tiger exhibit. It's really quite exciting, because the tigers are really one of the most frequently requested exhibits, not only for our zoo, as we ask folks what they want, but at zoos across the United States.

What has happened in the development of this is that there is a citizen in our community who has donated \$1,000,000 towards this project, with a stipulation that the community come forth with another \$1,000,000, at which time this donor will also contribute a third \$1,000,000. This is a total of a \$3,000,000 project to put this exhibit together. So we're very thankful. We think that our community will step up to this challenge and this will become a reality in late 2008 or early 2009.

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I thought I'd just share a couple of factoids about Asian Tigers this morning. I have nine pages of information here, but let me just give you a few bits of information. The tigers are the largest species of cat in the world. A male Siberian Tiger can grow up to the size of 675 pounds. They can leap 33 feet in one leap, so if they jump on you it's going to hurt. They're big.

And in the wild they live about 15 years, but in captivity they can live up to 18 years. A tiger's roar, which they use to kind of advertise their location, either to keep other tigers away or to attract a tiger to them. It can be heard for two miles. And their vision is five times better than human vision at night time. And because tigers have symbolized beauty and power and fierceness for over 5,000 years, they've been identified in Asia as conquerors of evil.

So it's an exciting thing. The entire board of trustee's, the zoo director Mark Reed, the chairman of the board Allen Alford were all very excited to make this announcement, and hope that the community will respond.

Now here today is Mr. Jim Marlett. Jim, you want to step up here. Jim is the assistant zoo director and if you would like to ask a question about how this is going to roll out of ask a question about an Asian Tiger, well Jim will be the one to answer that question. So is there any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I just have . . . at present we don't have a tiger, is that correct? Is this what this exhibit is going to be funded for, that the acquisition of a tiger?"

Mr. Jim Marlett, Assistant Zoo Director, Sedgwick County Zoo, said, "That's correct. No tigers in the zoo at present and we've had them in the past, but they were replaced years ago, with Amur Leopards and now we'll bring them back."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Do you normally do like Noah's ark, a male and a female and then hope for the best?"

Mr. Marlett said, "We expect to design an exhibit that will handle two pairs of tigers, so whether we actually get two pairs of tigers will depend on a national committee that oversees the breeding of tigers but I expect that we'll have a good group of tigers. Tigers are solitary though, so it takes a bit more doing to get two pairs of tigers than it would a pride of lions, for instance. Tigers just don't seem to like to get along that well."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I see. We won't go into that. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Jim, I know that the last several major exhibit projects have really done away with kind of the old traditional cage and bars kind of exhibit and I would assume that there would be something similar to that, along the magnitude of the lion exhibit now

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or the gorillas. Or how big will this new projected exhibit be?"

Mr. Marlett said, "It will be a bit bigger than the current lion exhibit. It will fill up the space that's between the Uganda island portion of the Downing Gorilla Forest and what we now call the Asian Forest Exhibit. It will show tigers, we hope lesser pandas, we'll have Eld's Deer as a prey predator, predator prey, however you look at that, exhibit and whether it will have the exact characteristic of the lion exhibit, the same feel, we really hope not, because we're trying to create a different kind of feel in the exhibit."

Commissioner Winters said, "But it still moves away from this old, traditional type of exhibit into a really more open space, and a lot visual difference."

Mr. Marlett said, "The one thing I can guarantee you is no barred cages."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well thank you very much for the presentation sir. Thank you. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- C. CASE NUMBER ZON2006-00032 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM "SF-20" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO "NO" NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 21ST STREET NORTH, APPROXIMATELY ¼ MILE EAST OF 135TH STREET WEST. DISTRICT #3.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, " You can see the location of this zoning request, along 21st Street, just to the east of 135th Street. You had a . . . you considered and approved a rezoning of property immediately to the west at your meeting last week.

This site is a 2.2 acre site just to the west of the Cowskin Creek. The applicant is proposing to develop the site for office and medical use. There was a question at the last meeting about how . . . well, last week's application site related to the floodplain of the Cowskin Creek and you can see the application area that you have under consideration today shown in bold on the graphic in front of you now. That . . . I don't know what color that is, kind of a greenish color area along the Cowskin

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is the floodplain, as determined by FEMA and that would mean that you know, about 90% of this site is within the floodplain and that would mean that they would have to provide for the appropriate minimum pad elevations for any buildings that are constructed on the site and would have to make any floodway reserves that might be needed. I do not know exactly where the floodway boundaries are for the Cowskin in relationship to this site, but that would be something that we would know at the time of platting and if there are any floodplain areas on this site, and I suspect that the Cowskin is too far away to really have any of the floodway actually on this site, but if there is any, then it would have to be platted as a reserve when they get to that stage.

Backing up to the vicinity maps, you can see the area around the site is zoned 'SF-20'. You already know about the rezoning of the property immediate to the west that you did last week, and immediately to the south, on the other side of 21st Street is an area that had been rezoned a while back to 'GO' and is now being developed for medical office buildings.

The aerial photo shows the surrounding land uses, primarily it's still agricultural in nature, although the area is starting to urbanized, with the medical offices to the south, the YMCA building off to the west of 135th Street.

When this item was head by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission at its meeting on September 7th. The applicant offered a protective overlay at that time that would prohibit certain uses that would otherwise be permitted by right in the 'NO' district that they are seeking. And that overlay district would then prohibit five uses that would include all residential uses, golf course, limited and general group homes, parks and recreation and automatic teller machines.

There was one adjacent property owner that appeared at the planning commission meeting. His support for the requested rezoning and the proposed protective overlay, although at that time he also expressed some concerns about the entrance and exit to the property off 21st Street, the increase in traffic in the area and the potential impact of this development on the floodplain.

With that, the MAPC voted unanimously to approve the request for NO zoning, subject to platting within one year and the protective overlay and with that, I'll be glad to take any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "John, do you have other slides in your presentation that you can show us of that area?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "We have a series of photos. You can see, on this one, this is the site looking to the north. And then back to the west, to the property that was rezoned last week and the church that

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was on that site. This is the construction of the medical office buildings to the south of this site. Again, another shot of that construction site. This is in a southwest direction, over towards Eberly Farms. That's it."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any other questions or comments? I don't see any, so what's the will of the board please?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I'd like to ask if there's anyone here who would like to speak."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, is there anyone here in the audience that would like to speak for or against this item? Please come to the microphone and tells us your name and address, sir and we'll try to limit you to five minutes."

Mr. Ray Boese, 13414 W. 23rd St. N., Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "My property is right north and my property line is north of that, west. And I am happy with the overlay. I have a concern about traffic. The Y has brought a lot of traffic out there and there's a hill to the west and I am . . . I just can't see how we're going to have to control that traffic. I recommend a frontage road, but they tell me that's not in the plan.

The other thing I'm concerned about is the floodplain. In February the 1st, this whole thing, what I've been told, will be in the floodplain. And I just don't know how they're going to have to keep these buildings from whatever they do in a floodplain. He is moving dirt in there and he's packing the dirt down, but I am concerned about the traffic and the floodplain and how he's going to operate with and whose going to control it, whose going to watch it. That's my big concerns. Any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that there's any at this time, sir. Is there anyone else that would like to speak for or against this item, please. Just for the record, again please give us your name and address for the record."

Mr. Chris Bohm, Agent for Applicant, Ruggles & Bohm, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I can address the floodplain issue for you if you wish. Right now today, that property is not in the floodplain. However, when the new Sedgwick County Floodplain maps are adopted in about February of next year, it will be. So what we've done in the meantime, we've acquired the state permits and the Army Corps of Engineer permits necessary to place fill, even though it's not in a

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floodplain. We've got these permits to get that work done. It will be elevated such that it's a foot above the new, if you will, BFE elevation on the new maps. So, . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You're constructing this as if it were in the floodplain."

Mr. Bohm said, "We're constructing it as if it were in the floodplain today and then we'll go through the removal process, once the new maps are out and everybody has been alerted to the fact that we're doing this, so that's all underway."

In regard to the traffic, that's really a platting issue, but you know obviously we'll get with the traffic engineer at the time of platting of address any concerns that may be. I know they take that into consideration during the platting process, so if there's an issue there, we'll deal with it at the time of platting. And with that, I'd answer any questions you may have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We have a light on, so Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Chris, just one quick question then. Would it be the applicant's intension to ask for annexation into the city to obtain sewer and water for the further development of this site?"

Mr. Bohm said, "Yes, it would be."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that there's any other questions or comments at this time. Does anyone else in the audience want to address us on this item, either for or against or give us other information? Okay, seeing none, I'll limit the comments to the bench. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I've got a couple of questions for John. After reviewing this and having been very familiar with this site, and I live just a bit to the south, a couple of miles south, so I travel this route pretty well, I'm going to be supportive of this. 21st Street is going to continue to be just a very active future development place for lots of things."

I am concerned about a couple of the things that Mr. Boese raised though and one I guess, in thinking about the traffic, John talk to me just a little bit or the commissioners again. You know we hear a lot that that's . . . this will be handled in the platting process. But if in the platting process it's determined that there needs to be turn bays to ease the excess. And I know that again 21st is a two-lane street. The YMCA has been a very positive and successful event, so I mean, there is

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considerable traffic now on 21st Street and continual slowdown to make turns is always an issue. Will the engineers that are involved in platting, they'll . . . how will they approach what they need to think about on this particular entrance and exit onto 21st Street?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well, it's like you said, that's an issue that will get addressed at the time of platting. Now it's not clear, because I really don't know their timing on annexation, as whether or not then that would be something that would be reviewed by the county engineer or the city engineer, but in both cases they would look at the impacts that the potential development of this site would have on the street. And if they felt that acceleration or de-acceleration lanes were needed in order to accommodate that development, then that's typically then what the engineers would ask for the applicant to provide.

Now because it's a relatively small site, it would . . . I would be hard pressed to predict exactly what would be needed. And they have not revealed any plans for the size of building or buildings that they would put on the site, so it's really something that would have to be taken care of at the time that they platted."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well, I think I'm . . . it's sufficient for me, at least if those who are working on the platting process know that there's concern about that, I'll certainly leave it to the professionals to decide what that actually needs to look like.

The other part is again, and I'm always confused by the floodplain and the floodway and what you can do in one and what you can't do in another. And I'm confident in my mind that this two and a half acres is not going to have a substantial impact on the Cowskin, particularly since it's right up next to 21st Street, the Cowskin does go under a bridge not far from this site, so there's already . . . 21st Street is fairly high so I mean this raising . . . this parcel of property, I personally don't think it's going to have a major effect. If we start talking about all of the land that surrounds this piece of property though, onto the east to the Cowskin and to the north till we get to the Cowskin on the northern edge of this. I think this is a piece of property that if the long term plan is to raise all of this piece of property, I think that could begin to have some kind of interesting dynamics on how the Cowskin reacts right there.

I'm going to be supportive of this zone change. I think it's one more opportunity to see things happen along 21st Street and 21st Street is again going to be a major corridor in the northwest part of Wichita. So I guess I certainly will leave it to the engineers to make sure that if turn bays are needed here, deceleration lanes are needed, they'll determine that and again, I don't think this is going to have a significant impact on the Cowskin Creek, but if we look at the other whatever is around it, 80 acres or so to the north and the east of it, I don't know what I think about that. So with

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that, Mr. Chairman, I think I've had my questions answered."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. John, excuse me for being absent part of your presentation, but this has been approved by both staff and the MAPC?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right. Well I think I appreciate the comments by Mr. Boese and Commissioner Winters, but the findings as listed in our backup material seem to be pretty persuasive to me and it's in conformance with the comprehensive plan, so I will be supportive of this request. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see any other comments or questions, so what is the will of the board on Item C please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the zone change to "NO," subject to platting within one year and provisions of Protective Overlay #178; adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; direct staff to prepare an appropriate resolution after the plat has been approved; and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

D. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The agenda item before you is a request to allow the Health Department to accept additional funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to pay for special training for one of our employees who serves as the case manager coordinator for the south central region for the Early Detection Works program.

She has been asked by the state regional coordinator to go to this training and bring back the information for the other regional coordinators. The Early Detection Works program has been with the Health Department for about 11 years. In addition to providing direct services, we provide the coordination of the case management program for the 18 surrounding counties, as well as Sedgwick County, to insure that women who are screened for breast and cervical cancer and who have an abnormal finding are case managed through the system, so that they can get the assistance they need and so that's what this training is about and I recommend that you approve the request. It will increase our budget by \$1,574. It will increase the grant amount by that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, is that all Claudia, right now?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "That's all."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's it. Okay. Commissioners, any questions of Claudia on this item? If not, what is your will?"

MOTION

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

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	Absent
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Claudia, thank you very much. Keep the pandemic things rolling. Next item please.”

E. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

1. RESOLUTION REVISING THE CELL PHONE POLICY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Troy Bruun, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “At the request of the County Manager, Finance reviewed and revised our current cell phone policy to insure compliance with recent IRS regulation changes. The IRS has recently defined cell phones and other wireless communication devices as listed property, which means an employee, in order to have a legitimate business expense would have to document each phone call as business or personal. If business, who they talked to and what they talked about. The cost of these requirements excludes it from being a viable option, so the cell phone policy in front of you will shift most county owned phones to employees. The employee will own the phone. The employee will pay for the plan. The county will in turn give each employee a cell phone allowance on their paycheck to cover the business use of that cell phone. I’d be happy to answer any questions. If there are none, I ask that you approve the policy and sign the resolution.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “We do have some questions or comments. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Troy, what is the net financial impact of this change? I mean, can you . . . You probably don’t know exactly, but can you give me is this going to cost money, save money or is it neutral?”

Mr. Bruun said, “Right now, it would be a guess. I’m sure that some county-owned phones will be cancelled. I’m sure that some of the allowances will be changed, so it’s hard to tell right now. In addition, when we pay these cell phone allowances, the county will be responsible for paying the FICA, since now it will be taxable on the employee’s paycheck. So right now, it’s tough to tell but

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I'd be happy to come back in a couple of months and give you a comparison of before and after."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, if that's as good as you can tell me right now. I mean, this is something we're more or less compelling to do, to stay in conformance with IRS regulations, whether the cost is saving or whether it costs us a little more, is that correct?"

Mr. Bruun said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So we're . . . we don't have many choices here."

Mr. Bruun said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Do you anticipate that this will change the effectiveness of communications? Or is that too early to tell what will happen there also?"

Mr. Bruun said, "No, I don't think so because currently we require employees to have a business need to have a phone, so the new policy, if you have a business need to have a phone, the county will pay for that cost."

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

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I can't craft this question quite right. I guess I've got a couple of questions. One is will the employee that needs to have a phone be able to take advantage of some of the plan rates that Sedgwick County currently has? I know a number of years ago, we went through a process of figuring out did we have the best plan rate possible and if you've gone in to buy a new cell phone recently, I mean you've got just dealing with one company you've got to be some kind of math wizard to decide what the best plan for you is. So how are people who have a business need for the county but it may be very low or it may be a very high demand, how will they know and be able to go through all that gymnastics that our purchasing went through to determine

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what is the best phone plan for everyone to have? How will they do that as individuals?"

Mr. Bruun said, "Current vendors offer discounts to employees, if they're buying it for local government use. Vendors have those discounts, the same discounts that the county would receive if the county was buying the phones, the employee will receive those same discounts if they mention county business."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, so . . . Mr. Manager?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Commissioner, we have some people in Purchasing that help do that, and I would see that their role . . . we haven't worked out all the details yet, but I would think that their role would change somewhat, but act as a consultant advisor for employees to point them in the right direction. So certainly give people choices, do you want to be on one system or another, but if you're on this system, here's the kind of plan that you need."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Well, to follow up Commissioner Unruh's question about financial impact, he made that in a general kind of way. How about from the employee's aspect, what's the financial impact to the employee?"

Mr. Bruun said, "There should be no financial impact to the employee, because they will calculate their business use of the phone and the county will reimburse . . . or not reimburse, but the county will give an allowance to cover that business use."

Mr. Buchanan said, "That's not . . . I certainly wouldn't want to disagree with a Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Chief . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But go ahead and give us the other side of the story."

Mr. Buchanan said, "You provide me with a cell phone that's paid directly for by Sedgwick County. The policy currently allows me to use it on occasional . . . for occasional private purposes, call home, do whatever you need to do. In a rough calculation, the last couple of months, I calculated somewhere between 15 to 20% of the phone time I use could be classified as personal. If my phone bill now is \$100 that Sedgwick County pays for, Sedgwick County would pay I'm assuming \$80 and I would pay 20."

Commissioner Winters said, "Would that \$80 then, that shows up on your paycheck then, be

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considered a business expense for the county and thus a non-taxable item to you, or does it show up as a taxable item?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "It shows up as a taxable item."

Commissioner Winters said, "And so then what we're going to do is we're going to take a step backwards and I'm not saying that this is not the right thing to do, because the IRS has asked us to do that, but we're going to have employees that have a legitimate use and thus are more efficient because they have a cell phone. And I've been out in the field with many county employees that are constantly on their cell phone, coordinating and checking with folks, and now they're going to be put at a disadvantage I'm afraid. And again, it's not our . . . I'm not saying, Troy, that you or the management team are putting them at a disadvantage. The IRS is putting us at the disadvantage. And you know we could all go back to sending smoke signals as a way of communication and there wouldn't be any question, but we would be a lot less efficient organization. And I'm just . . . I hope there's some way that we can, particularly those employees that have high usage and I'm confident we've got some that probably have more than \$100 a month cell phone bill because their pickup of their whatever, construction shack is their office and that's how they communicate is with that cell phone."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But I would think that if the concern is that the employee is going to have to pay taxes on it, that that could be calibrated into the amount of reimbursement that you give the employee, so the employee . . . it's a wash. I mean, I would think that could be taken care of."

Mr. Buchanan said, "For our customer service awards, we calculated up so that we cover . . . not only do we take care of the customer service . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So it's 80% plus what the tax impact would be and so they get . . ."

Mr. Buchanan said, "So it's not unusual for us to do that. We have not worked out the de . . . we're putting the policy in place and then we'll come back to you with how the mechanics are going to work at the first of the year."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, well I would hope that we could make some kind of arrangement to make sure that this doesn't become a burden to any employee that uses a cell phone for business use. I mean, I was just in Kansas City a few weeks ago and there was a front page story about cell phone use. I don't remember which city or which county up there, but there were those people who were taking after public employees for having cell phones and Blackberries and you know, it's the way business works today. I mean, if you don't have a wireless communication device, you're out of touch. You're not connected to your organization and being connected makes

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you more efficient. So I just hope this plan . . . I want to ask staff to just try to make sure this plan doesn't take us a step backwards in the efficiencies of how Sedgwick County employees are able to work, because we utilize wireless devices. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Burtnett, I believe, is next."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Since you don't have all the kinks worked out of this yet, you may not be able to answer these questions, but since there are so many providers for cell phones, are you going to require the employees to have certain providers or are they going to be able to do . . . go with whomever they wish?"

Mr. Bruun said, "For a cell phone?"

Commissioner Burtnett said, "For a cell phone."

Mr. Bruun said, "There will be no requirement on specific providers."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, and then maybe you said this and I just didn't catch it but is there going to be a flat rate for the cell phone allowance on their check, based on a percentage of over the months, or is this going to be every month you're going to have to determine 'Okay, this month they had 50% of calls, and next month they had 80% of calls'?"

Mr. Bruun said, "It will be an annual . . ."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Annual."

Mr. Bruun said, "Annual election that will go . . . it will start the first of the year and it will be the same allowance throughout the entire year. Each year, you will recalculate your allowance based on . . . I mean, if your usage goes up . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But I mean, is that up to the employee to keep all their records and say 'Okay now, this last year, here's all my records, here's all the phone . . .' so we'll still have to keep all that tracking and all that stuff?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "The intension is that the supervisor and the employee will have a discussion about cell phone use for the year. If the employee is reassigned where the cell phone use goes up or goes down, we'll be able to adjust that, but we're not going to lock people . . ."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, got it."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "We're going to try to do what Commissioner Winters suggested and make sure that this tool is used for efficient . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yeah, you just don't want to disincen people from using a very valuable tool. Got it. Anything else, commissioner?"

Commissioner Burtnett said, "No, that's it. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Unruh, another question or comment."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Just I guess I just want to emphasize the point Troy that we're compelled to do this by IRS regulations. This is not primarily an efficiency move or a cost saving move or a cost shift, but we've got to do this. And in the doing of it, you're going to make sure that it's the most effective and efficient way for Sedgwick County government."

Mr. Bruun said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, well then we'll look for those plans. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I just have a couple of things. When does this have to go into effect? When are we required to have our plan in place? Is it January 1st or . . .?"

Mr. Bruun said, "The policy goes into effect today. We will work, over the next couple of months with purchasing and with each department and have an orderly transition from county-owned to personal-owned, and the information will be brought out to the departments."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well the one thing that I see is I'm taking a lot of comfort from the manager saying and Troy saying that they're going to try as much as they can to have not an unintended negative effect for an employee. But from a business point of view, I like it because we'll just have a known expense and there won't be any surprises this month, 'Oh my gosh, phone use has gone up 50% this month' and etcetera. We'll know at the beginning of every year what our expense in this area is and I like that from an accounting point of view. So I think the pluses outweigh the downs. But again, like Commissioner Unruh says this was put upon us by the IRS and we're going to be in compliance and go for it. But I think we'll be able to iron out the kinks and make it a more efficient way of accounting for expenses, so I'm going to support it. So anyway,

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okay, is that it on this presentation. So, we're talking about E-1 so what is the . . .?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. RESOLUTION REVISING THE TRAVEL POLICY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Bruun said, "At the request of the Manager, the Division of Finance also reviewed and revised the current traffic policy. The major changes to this policy eliminate the per diem and eliminate travel advances. This has nothing to do with IRS regulations, but it was changed to promote the use of county issued credit cards, which are the most efficient ways to procure goods and services at the county.

Other changes in the policy clarify the language to help employees know what is allowed and what is not allowed when they travel on official county business overnight, when they take day trips on official county business, when they have meetings in Sedgwick County and it also clarifies when mileage reimbursement will be paid and it asks for business justification if an employee would need to rent a car on official county business. Those are the major changes in the policy. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, Commissioner Unruh."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Troy, does this create a greater bookkeeping, accounting problem for our Finance Department to . . . I mean, it seems to me like getting rid of that per diem means that we're just going to have a ton of little receipts that you're going to have to go through every month."

Mr. Bruun said, "It actually makes it more efficient for Accounting. We have people up there who love to work with numbers, so when we get those receipts, that's what they like. Currently, if you have a per diem or a travel advance, Accounting handles that documentation prior to your trip. When you return, they're also reconciling that, so they're handling all that documentation a second time."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay."

Mr. Bruun said, "So if employees use the county-issued credit card, Accounting is handling it once. It makes it more efficient for Finance."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Is this a sort of procedure that's used . . . I mean, do most counties follow this type of deal or most counties do per diem, or are we kind of in harmony with what most people do, or are we doing something new and different?"

Mr. Bruun said, "I would say we're doing something new and different. I think most counties, most governments in general allow per diem. The federal government has a website on per diem and they allow that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right. Well, just first thought, I thought that this would be more cumbersome for you, but if you say it's more efficient, then that's good. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I need to . . . per diem, that means per day, right? I mean, that's what the words stand for?"

Mr. Bruun said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't remember ever on the few times that I've ever gone anywhere on company business or county business . . . is that like an advance, like we're going to be gone four days, you're going to be in New York City and the federal government says in New York City you need a hundred and x number of dollars a day to exist, so here's your advance?"

Mr. Bruun said, "That's exactly what it is, yes."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, so there's employees that do that? Because I've never done that. I just go and if I have an expense, then I bring back the expenses, but there are employees that use per day. Now, is that . . . that's set, right? I mean, if you're in Chicago it's probably different than if you're in Tulsa."

Mr. Bruun said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And is that then, the employee then just gets that and then that employee can decide if they want to live in a fifth class hotel and eat a hamburger. I mean, can they make money on it? Or do they have to justify that if it's per day, they still have to justify that they've spent it."

Mr. Bruun said, "The current policy doesn't require the employee to document the per diem that they've used."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Mr. Bruun said, "The IRS however does require any unused per diem to be returned to the county and that statement is not in our current policy."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so this is a good thing, because . . . okay, let's just say it's \$100 a day and an employee says 'well, I could eat . . . I could skip a lunch, or I can eat just a cheeseburger and golly, I can make \$30 a day'. In theory then, they're supposed to turn that back or the IRS could go against them, I guess, on their income tax or something?"

Mr. Bruun said, "Or the county could then include that as taxable income on their . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, so the employee still has to have backup data that they legitimately spent the per diem."

Mr. Bruun said, "Correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So there's no extra labor, I mean, if we're going to go with credit cards or whatever, the employee still has to have the record that he's spent or she's spent what they spent. So I don't know that that's going to be that much more of a labor on the employee. Well, what am I talking about? I never go anywhere anyway. So Commissioner Winters, what did you . . .?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well I was going to ask a question about the last item. On the cell phone usage then, can . . . will the policy still then allow managers to require employees to carry a

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cell phone?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Winters said, “That’s in the policy.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Well I don’t know . . .”

Mr. Bruun said, “I don’t know if it’s . . . I don’t believe it’s actually in the policy, but it is a managements right.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, well I think we just all need to be clear on that, because if we ask the employee to provide a cell phone that could get five, six hundred dollars worth of charges on it and he says ‘No, I’m not’ or she says ‘No, I’m not going to get my own cell phone’.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We require in certain jobs driver’s license and so this would be no different than requiring some other business tool to be in your possession to stay on the job.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Burtnett.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay. Getting back to this item with the credit card, I can understand how it would be more efficient for you to use the credit cards, but the employee is still going to have to document . . . bring back the receipt for the credit card. But when you have the bill that will come to the county, it will be easier for you to just document at that point. Right?”

Mr. Bruun said, “Yes.”

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see there’s any other questions, so what’s the will of the board on E-2?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. AGREEMENT WITH MEDIATION CENTER OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE MEDIATION SERVICES TO DISTRICT COURTS LOCATED IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What you have for your consideration today is the 2006 contract with the Mediation Center in the amount of \$8,000. It's a small organization and runs by volunteers and they've been busy doing the work all year, rather than getting the contract signed. So we do now have a signed contract. Their quarterly reports that they have been sending us show us that they have been delivering services all year and I would ask for your approval of the agreement."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I don't see . . . Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "And Irene, we've had this agreement for a number of years and as far as you're concerned and experienced, this is . . . they're doing a good job and this is the right thing to do, moving ahead with this?"

Ms. Hart said, "Yes, sir. We've had an agreement with them for at least 10 years and they continue to deliver a high level or quality services that the courts appreciate and our customers in the community appreciate. They're just a little slow on some of the paperwork related to accounting."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE

G. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SERVICES AT COMCARE'S CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICE.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "COMCARE utilizes an Advanced Nurse Practitioner from the Wichita Psychiatric Consultants group. We've had the ANP with us for a while and she provides medication management and evaluation for clients that come to our crisis program. This amendment extends the contract through April of next year, in order for us to be able to fill vacancies on our medical staff. Be happy to answer any questions you have and we recommend that you approve the extension."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well I have one. It's not on a per hour basis, but we're doubling the number of hours that we feel that we need. Is that . . .?"

Ms. Cook said, "We do pay her an hourly basis, pay the group an hourly basis, but we're extending the contract for six more months, so that it is a six month contract, so it doubles the hours that she'll be available to us."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Oh, it’s because we’re extending the contract. Okay, got it. Okay. So it’s actually the same thing, we’re just extending the contract six months. Got it, understand that. Okay, commissioners, what’s the will of the board on Item G please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Amendment to 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	Absent
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Order dated October 24, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 2. Payroll Check Register of October 27, 2006.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of October 25 – 31, 2006.**

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

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recommend you approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much. Commissioners, I think we have a brief executive session, but why don’t we go ahead and handle ‘other’ right now. Commissioner Unruh.”

I. OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to say that I had the privilege of attending the Airborne Laser Low Power System Integration Active Rollout. A lot of words but what it basically means, out at Boeing, they’ve kind of completed a phase in their one part of the systems for this airborne laser system. It’s a modification of one of the . . . 747 I believe is the aircraft that gives us the technology to detect and destroy enemy missiles, just as they’re leaving the launch pad, so it’s quite an innovation in our defense system.

I think what we can be proud of is the engineering and technology advancement that American citizens can come up with. I think we can be proud of the manufacturing capability that we have here in Sedgwick County and Wichita, Kansas out at Boeing and they way they’re able to make this thing work and it’s also quite a step in our defense system. It’s, as the general that is in charge of this said, it’s not the prettiest airplane he’s ever seen but it does the work, so something for our folks in this area to be proud of and want to congratulate the folks at Boeing for completing the phase of that project.

And then secondly, in Commissioner Norton’s absence, want to say something about Exploration Place and how well they’re doing with the exhibit T-Rex Named Sue. That exhibit is finally

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closing, but through the exhibit's run, the increases in attendance and total revenue, I think the total revenue increase as compared to a year ago is 385% of the total revenue, like \$265,000. So it's just kind of reporting a number to let folks know that Sedgwick County made a decision to be heavily supportive of Exploration Place and it looks like it's paying off and becoming successful.

The next exhibit they're going to have at Exploration Place is called 'In the Dark'. It's about nocturnal animals and so I think it will be very interesting and informative I guess and a lot of fun for kids. And then later on, after the turn of the . . . the year turns over, well I believe that the Titanic exhibit is coming, so good things are happening at Exploration Place. And with that, Mr. Chair, that's all I have."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, just wanted to remind folks of a couple of things. One, we're not going to have a meeting next week. Election Day is November the 7th, so we'd certainly encourage everyone to vote then, but also remember that you can vote now at the Election Commission Office, in the old historic courthouse and yesterday, October 31st, about 12 or 14 advanced voting locations opened up around the county. They'll be open today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday so these places around the county, I would certainly encourage folks that if it's difficult to take off work on a work day, they can . . . Saturday is clearly a day that they could do advanced voting from . . . if they find one of the places, if they have questions, they can call the Election Commissioner's Office, they could call the Commission Office, they could get on the Internet, but we certainly do everything we can to make sure people have an opportunity to vote, either on November the 7th, next Tuesday, or take advantage of the advanced voting.

Then I would just encourage folks, we had a presentation from Junior ROTC and they're program and event that they have at 10:00 on Thursday, November the 9th to see over 2,000 young people standing at attention and marching in, in an orderly manner, is very impressive and if you have any desire to be . . . to look at some young people you can be very proud of, that would be an event to do it. They're also sponsoring the Veteran's Day parade with the school district on Saturday the 11th, so would encourage people to participate in that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I want to just echo what Commissioner Winters has just said. Election Day is November 2nd . . . 7th, excuse me, I'm sorry, but they can vote on November 2nd and I would encourage you to please make the effort and get out and vote. Vote for the candidates that you feel best represent your points of view, your views on issues and items. This is something that

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we can sort of get complacent once in a while because we've lived in freedom for so long, but I just want to encourage you to make the effort. I think it's going to be the easiest way to vote this time, with all the advanced locations and you don't have to live in the area that the advanced voting location is. You can go to any one of the sixteen, I guess, if you want to include the Election Office, no matter where you live in Sedgwick County, if you find yourself close to advanced voting locations, stop in. They'll have all your information. You can vote there. If you wait until November 7th, you can vote the traditional way or I believe you can still call in and get a paper ballot mailed to your home, if you want to vote by mail. So please make the effort to vote. I think it will improve government, as the percentage of people that are registered to vote, that can do nothing but make better government, so again, encourage you all to vote.

Okay, so if that's the end of that, what is the next item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from executive session no sooner than 10:25 a.m.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "We are now recessed into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 10:15 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, for the record we’re back from Executive Session and please note that there was no binding action taken while we were in Executive Session. Is there anything else to come before this board, Mr. Euson? Mr. Buchanan, anything? No, okay this meeting is adjourned.”

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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