

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 20, 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, December 20, 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. James Weber, Assistant Director, Bureau of Public Works; Pastor Kermit Opprieht, Eastminister Presbyterian Church; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Larry Turnes, Department of Corrections; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, MAPD Ms. Lori Usher, Executive Director, Workforce Development; Ms. Irene Hart, Director; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Mr. Ray Vail, Finance Manager, Housing Department; Mr. Perry Shockman; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Mark Sroufe, Superintendent of Parks; Dr. Jaime Oeberst, Deputy District Coroner/Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Ron Estes, Sedgwick County Treasurer; Ms. Diane Gage, Purchasing Department; Mr. Mick McBride, Director, Risk Management; Ms. Sonja Armbruster, Health Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Jackie Burgess, Raytheon
Mr. John Nath, Kansas Coliseum
Mr. Ken Martins, Law Firm of Hite, Fanning and Honeyman
Ms. Kathy Sexton, City Manager, City of Derby
Mr. Rod Smith, Derby Fire Chief
Mr. Joe Ray, Derby Police Chief
Mr. Robert Mendoza, Derby Public Works and Parks Director
Mr. Dan Squires, Derby City Engineer
Mr. Jim Means, Interim President, WATC
Ms. Marybeth Jarvis, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs
Mr. Roger Ramsire, Director of Public Affairs
Mr. Darryl Dugan, Burnham Composites Structures Inc.
Mr. Todd Dugan, Burnham Composites Structures Inc.
Mr. Tim Champ, Wichita Production Manager, Swift-Cor
Ms. Jackie Berger, Raytheon
Mr. Wayne Wallace, Raytheon
Ms. Pervy Savla, Student, WSU

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INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Kermit Opprieht of Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, November 29, 2006

The clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the regular meeting of November 29, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, "What's the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 29.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

RETIREMENTS

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A. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have several long-term employees who have chosen to retire and leave us. We would like to thank their family and friends and co-workers for coming today and supporting them in this. We want to wish them well in their retirement and just recognize them for their long-term quality, public service.

1. RANDALL D. SMITH, DIVISION OFFICER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Randall this certificate recognizes your 31 years of service to the citizens of Sedgwick County and also we want to present a memento from the citizens of Sedgwick County to let you know what time of the day it is and you will know that you won’t have to come in and punch in anymore. This is for you and I want to thank you very much and ask you if you would like to say a few words.”

Mr. Randall D. Smith, Division Officer, Emergency Medical Service, said, “How do you sum up 30-plus years in a few minutes. Once I started putting notes together, the word philobuster came to mind, so I (inaudible). For one, I want to thank Commissioners, both present and past for the opportunity you have given to me. It’s been a short time, I mean it really has. But a service based on medical need, you saw the future and filled that need in ‘75 and since that time, marvelous things have happened. I can’t think of any group of people that I would rather work with, that I have been associated with in this time. Thank you for the opportunity, my family for the opportunity to allow me do something that I love just as much today as I did 30-plus years ago. Thank you.

2. JAMES H. ARNCE, FIREFIGHTER, FIRE DISTRICT #1, WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Chairman Sciortino said, “James, again, this is a certificate that recognizes your 30-years of service to the citizens of Sedgwick County, and also a small token of our appreciation, this clock will let you know what time of the day it is. And also, if you would like to say a few words, tell us what you are going to do now that you’re retiring.”

Mr. James H. Arnce, Firefighter, Fire District #1, said, “I just want to say thanks, 30-years went

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by pretty quick. I want to thank my wife, Lynn, for putting up with 30-years of being gone. Now she's got to put up with me being home every day. Now the clock will come in handy so she can throw it at me. I have no idea what I am going to do yet, depends on how my surgery went. I would just like to thank everybody and will see you later."

3. KAY LARKIN, FISCAL ASSOCIATE, APPRAISER'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Chairman Sciortino said, "This is a certificate to recognize the 28-years of invaluable service to the citizens of Sedgwick County, and this clock is a memento from the citizens, it is very heavy, just to let you know how much we have really appreciated what you've done, and please say a few words.

Ms. Kay Larkin, Fiscal Associate, Appraiser's Office, said, "I'd just like to say thank you and I have enjoyed my time with the county and I will miss everybody."

4. GLADYS FERN SILVA, DATA CENTER MANAGER, DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS, WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Chairman Sciortino said, "And once again, this certificate, Gladys, recognizes the 28-years of service that you've given to the citizens of Sedgwick County and we also have a small memento of appreciation. I'll hold on to this while you say a few words and tell what you are going to do when you retire.

Gladys Fern Silva, Data Center Manager, Division of Information and Operations, said, "Thank you all for everything, I plan to spend a lot of time with my family and grandchildren, now that I will have the free time. It has been great here, thank you."

5. JAMES E. PUNTCH, JR., CHIEF ATTORNEY 2, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE FEBRUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE.

6. CHARLES M. SELLERS, REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER 3, APPRAISER'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 17 YEARS OF SERVICE.

7. DARRELL F. WESTERFIELD, INTENSIVE SUPERVISION OFFICER 1,

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CORRECTIONS, WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 13 YEARS OF SERVICE.

8. BEVERLY A. SALE, OFFICE SPECIALST, CORRECTIONS, WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2007 AFTER 12 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Madam clerk, will you please call the next item."

DONATION

B. DONATION BY HITE, FANNING AND HONEYMAN OF VARIOUS GAMES AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$500, FOR THE JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH.

Mr. Larry Turnes, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, the local law firm of 'Hite, Fanning and Honeyman' has donated approximately \$500 worth of games, arts and craft supplies and sports equipment as a Christmas gift to enhance the 'Judge Riddel Boys Ranch' recreational activities. I would first of all, recommend that you accept this donation and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation and furthermore would like to add that today we have Ken Martins with us, senior partner for the law firm. So if you would like to ask him any questions, he is available."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, we would ask him if he would like to say a few words to us as to what motivated this and what have you, because it is a very generous gift."

Mr. Ken Martins, Senior Partner of Hite, Fanning and Honeyman greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of my partners at the law firm, I would like to say that we are aware the county runs a really good program at the Boys Ranch. And every year we look to find ways to give back to the community and this was a good opportunity. We don't seek any recognition or publicity and we appreciate the opportunity."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any questions? Then why don't we make a motion to accept the donation."

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters 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	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “And again, please pass on to your partners how much we really appreciate it, a lot of those young people are working hard to try to find an alternative to anti-social behavior and I am sure the gifts will be very much appreciated. Thank you. Next item please madam clerk.”

PUBLIC HEARING

C. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER WHETHER CITY OF DERBY, KANSAS HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLAN PREPARED FOR THE ANNEXATIONS SET OUT IN CITY ORDINANCE NUMBERS 1736 AND 1742.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is one of our post-annexation hearings. We have five years after unilateral annexation by a city, I have got you map up on the screen that shows some shaded areas. The purple is the City of Derby in general. The dark blue and the dark red are the areas that are involved in today’s hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the city has provided the services it said it would provide in the service plan that it prepared in connection with this particular set of annexations.

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The notices were sent out to all the landowners in the area that were landowners and we received maybe five phone calls out of about 80 notices received. None of them had any complaints about city services, a couple of them raised a couple of issues about some particular property conditions located close to their property that we referred back to the city and I believe those issues are being resolved.

There is a service plan or a set of service plans that set out on page 26 of your back up that you can look up if you like. They are fairly standard service plans, there aren't any specific services that were promised in terms of special improvements, unless there were petitions filed, we weren't aware of any petitions filed. Otherwise it would be just your standard set of city services being offered, police, fire, and code enforcement, those kinds of things. So, again, we've had no complaints, I think that certainly raises the inference at least that the services are being provided, but we do have representatives of the city here to answer any questions and they may want to make some comments. So at this point, unless you have any other questions, I would recommend open the public hearing and receive any comments from the public or the city representatives and then we can close the hearing and you can make the appropriate finding."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you Bob. At this time I will open the public hearing. Is anyone here in the audience that would like to speak against this item? Is there anyone here that would like to speak for the item? Yes, Ms. Sexton. Kathy Sexton, City Manager of Derby. And Kathy, if you would, you probably already anticipated, but why don't you introduce the folks that you brought with you."

Ms. Kathy Sexton, City Manager, City of Derby greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have with me today the Fire Chief of Derby, Rod Smith; Joe Ray is our Police Chief and Robert Mendoza our Public Works and Parks Director and our City Engineer, Dan Squires. These guys can answer lots of questions, but I do have a few, just overview comments for you.

I do want thank Bob Parnacott for his fabulous communication and work on this item. He helped us get prepared for our first review with you all. And I left on your tables a copy of our quarterly newsletter that just hit Derby mailboxes this week. It's a nice publication put out by our Public Information office and I think many of you are familiar with one of the people that put that together,

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Allison Morting, former county employee. We really enjoy having Allison on board and love putting out this kind of information to both our residents in Derby and certainly our newly annexed areas and it is a comment to the quality services we like to provide to all the residents of the community, and a good communication about those services.

We are happy to have these two annexation areas in the city. As was mentioned, we have not received any petitions in the Oakridge Estates; the first annexation in 2000; for sewer, water, streets or streetlights. And there were no petitions for those kind of things, but we do have five residents that have connected to city sewer since they were annexed, they did that from an existing main. That did get five people on the sewer system, which was a great improvement for them.

We have lots of logs of public works efforts in this area in terms of ditch cleaning and street repair and as well as police services, as you can imagine for this area. I would also say our service plan does include our volunteer fire and EMS, which has all been improved, so actually they are getting much better service than what we anticipated we were able to give in 2000 with our full-time fire department and medical response.

The Prairie Acres, Prairie Acres II and Farnborough Estates addition in 2000, that annexation in 2001, the second one in question today. Again, no street or water petitions. We have received requests for streetlights and those have been installed in Prairie Acres and requests for sewer and those have been installed in two lots at Prairie Acres and two lots at Prairie Acres II. So you can see, the people who do want the additional services are being given those, and again, routine police, fire and public works services in these areas.

We are certainly available for any questions you have, otherwise thank you all very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you Kathy. I don’t see there are any questions at this time. I’ll ask just one last time, is there anyone here in the audience that would like to speak to us on this item. Seeing none, I’ll close the public hearing and limit comments to the bench. Commissioners, any questions or comments on this item? Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Is the bullet area, is that just north of Garrett Park? Am I looking, is the green area below, is that Garrett Park?”

Mr. Parnacott said, “I see a nodding head in the audience, so I think so.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And those are pretty good size lots, are they not?”

Mr. Parnacott said, “Yes.”

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Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. It is in a nice part of the city. I don’t have any other questions. I just couldn’t see exactly where that was.”

Chairman Sciortino said “Okay, I don’t see that there is any other questions or comments so I have to say that this might pass, but let’s just make it official. What’s the will of the board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to make a finding that the City of Derby has extended services as provided in the service plan.

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, “That was tough one Kathy. Maybe there will be some better ones later on. Thank you. Next item please.”

NEW BUSINESS

D. RESOLUTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL BY CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR ISLAND ANNEXATION, GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF 21ST

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STREET NORTH AN 159TH STREET EAST.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Parnacott said, “This is an island annexation requested by the City of Wichita and we have a map up on the screen that shows you the kind of; maybe maroon or burgundy, I am not quite sure what that color is, but it’s over at 21st Street North and 159th Street East.

The purpose of this hearing is, when you have land that’s not adjacent to city limits, but the landowners want to consent to annexation by the city and the land is completely within Sedgwick County, they can ask the city for an island annexation, city then has to come before the Board of County Commissioners and you have to make a finding whether or not the proposed annexation will hinder or prevent the proper growth or development of the area or in any other city within Sedgwick County. As you might be aware this borders on Andover, but Andover is not in Sedgwick County, so you don’t make a finding in regards to any development issues regarding Andover. But I do believe Andover is where they have been working through the zoning process and there will certainly be some shared transportation issues between the city of Wichita and Andover on 159th Street between the two.

In any event, we have a backup report that’s prepared by MAPD for the City Council, it will be included there in your backup, it’s at page 73. It’s about 127 acres, it’s going to be commercial development, some office and a school will be located there so one of the landowners is in fact the school district in that area.

It is within the city’s growth area and there is no other city that will be effected by this. So all in all it looks like a fairly appropriate type of island annexation to approve and then the finding you make is whether or not it will hinder or prevent the proper growth of development of the area or in any other city in the county.

I believe we have representatives of either the owner and/or the city here to answer any questions you might have. It’s not a public hearing, but at this point I would turn it back to you and see if you have any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Alright, thank you Bob. Commissioners, any comments or questions on this item? It’s not really required of a public hearing”

Commissioner Winters said “My only comment was I think we ought to ask if there is anybody here that wanted to say something.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Even though this isn’t required as a public hearing, is there anyone

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in the audience who wants to speak to us on this item? Okay, I don't see any, so. I don't know who went first, Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Bob, what school district?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "I want to say 385. I need to double check"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think it is. It's Andover school district."

Commissioner Norton said, "It is Andover school district?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "Because I know Circle, somewhere up in there drops in there too doesn't it?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's Andover, Commissioner."

Commissioner Norton said, "What, across 159th into Butler County, just to make sure there is a continuity, is that corner looking to be commercial too? Or how is it developed right now?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "I don't have that information. I don't want to put Mr. Schlegel on the spot, but we do have the planning director here if he has any information. Are you aware of that?"

Mr. John Schlegel, Metropolitan Area of Planning said, "I have not seen the plans for the development that's proposed on the other side of 159th street, but my understanding is that it'll be a mixed use type of development and that they are proceeding with that."

Commissioner Norton said, "It just seems like to me that all four corners there, take 21st and 159th, will be corners for developing into something. You wouldn't want two of them to development into residential, high density residential, with the kind of commercial that's going to be there. So maybe we just need to make sure to communicate with Butler County."

Mr. Schlegel said, "You may recall that I recently presented you with the zoning case for this property. And this, what their proposing on this property is a mixture of commercial and residential and the developers are trying real hard to notch it up with what they are doing on the other side of the street in Butler County."

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Commissioner Norton said, “As we move forward, it makes sense because as that develops, 159th Street is the county line that’s going to be pretty invisible to people as they travel back and forth through there. There just needs to be a real good continuity of what that’ll look like. That’s all.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Norton, some response to your question. The developers on both sides of the county line have varying degrees of partnerships with one another, so they are working in conjunction to make sure that this development goes forward very rationally and productively. As Mr. Schlegel said, they have both commercial there on the high traffic streets and then planned residential beyond that, on both sides of the county line. There’s going to be a school, a grade school, put in just on the east side of the county line, northeast of that, where it is adjacent to the county line, where this development is. And another grade school, I think, in the very southwest corner of the proposed annexation, but all in Andover school district. They are thinking ahead and making sure this is planned well, but there’s a, I have a couple questions about streets and I don’t know if, did you say there is a City of Wichita representative here?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “We may have an agent for the (*inaudible*).”

Commissioner Unruh said, “My comment is just that we need to take a real forward thinking look at how the 159th Street is paved going north from 21st Street. I think right now their just planning on a minimum type of black top surface, and I don’t know the correct terms for that. And with that school up there, it’s going to have a lot of high traffic because that school is going to be full when it opens, if they don’t put in an appropriate road way, they are going to be redoing it again shortly. And I am sure that you are all aware of this, and I know that there is some discussion going on between the developers now, but I have been contacted by the Mayor of Andover who is trying to seek some assistance from City of Wichita and from the developers in trying to get that road done up to a curb with gutter standard so that they are not having to redo it again in just a couple of years. I know current statutes say when a city comes up to a road, that they are supposed to annex the entire road, they become responsible for it. Somehow between....”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, let’s maybe ask the question of Mr. Schlegel or somebody, does this annexation include the taking of the 21st Street area and the 159th by the City of Wichita?”

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Mr. Schlegel said, “My understanding is the annexation would include to the center line of 159th Street, which is the county line. I think that, what needs to happen is there needs to be, actually a three-way conversation between Sedgwick County, City of Wichita and the City of Andover to figure out who’s going to have jurisdiction over what parts of 159th Street”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Let’s ask the question about 21st Street, because that’s all inside Sedgwick County. Are they only annexing to the centerline? Are they taking all of 21st Street or none of 21st Street?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “According to the legal description provided in the resolution by the city, they are not taking the part designated at 21st Street North nor the part designated at 159th Street East, so they excluded the Right-of-Way from the annexation. A fairly standard practice, as the Commissioner noted. New law says if we determine it is appropriate, you can notify the city and they would have to annex that Right-of-Way into the City of Wichita.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, as far as 21st Street goes, I know that is under consideration right now for improvement from K-96 to the county line and we were involved in that project and I think the city now has taken responsibility for that with some of our government funds. The completion of that road has been moved back currently and I think there is consideration to put it more forward in the CIP, which I think needs to be done, and as this development grows out here it’s just going to make that a more critical traffic issue if 21st is not improved to 4-lane road with a turning lane. So I hope the City of Wichita will consider moving that forward, I know that’s under their authority now. But I also think that Andover and the City of Wichita and the developers need to find a way to make 159th Street a good road up to that school or it’s just not going to be satisfactory.

Having said all that though, Mr. Chairman, just about the issue before us, I generally am opposed to island annexations, I have to be convinced that it is a good idea, but each request has its own set of circumstances and logic to it and I believe that this is perfectly logical and rational and that we be approving of this. In talking with different groups of constituents, I haven’t found anyone who is opposed to it, everyone thinks it is just inevitable and to go ahead

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with it now since we have city water out there now, I believe. They are bringing a sewer into that property, so it's going to have all the services. It makes sense to me to go ahead and take care of this now before it gets all developed. So I am going to be supportive...And I have talked with one of the engineers, Mr. Rob Ramseyer, come up and gave me details about what they are planning and I think it is something that we should be approving. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Mr. Euson, just for the record, if we didn't try to muddy the water by mandating today that this annexation gets approved only if the City of Wichita takes over 21st street, we would wait and would want to resolve the issue about the three jurisdictional problems on 159th. Is that something that we could at any later date, enclose on the City of Wichita if we felt that is was appropriate?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor said, "Yes, I think you could do that at a later date. And really, the only issue before you is whether or not the annexation would prevent the proper growth within the area."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Are you comfortable with that Commissioner, to do that at a later date?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "I think that people who are trying to do good for the community are going to come up with a good solution. I guess I just wanted to make sure the City of Andover's concerns about that was known to both the developers and the City of Wichita at this point."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that there any other questions or comments so what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to make a finding that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth in development of the area, or that of any other incorporated city located in Sedgwick County, and therefore approve the annexation request.

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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 Burnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

E. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

- 1. CASE NUMBER ZON2006-00047 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL TO “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF 45TH STREET NORTH AND HOOVER ROAD. DISTRICT #4.**

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Schlegel greeted the Commissioners once again and said, “This particular case, the applicant is seeking to rezone this approximately, just a little less than 4-acre site from its current zoning of “LC” to “SF-20” and that’s for purposes of incorporating this parcel of land into a single-family, residential sub-division that is being planned for this site.

As you can see from the graphic in front of you, just to the east of this site is all limited commercial. The same owner that owns the property on the other side of 45th Street, that would be the subject of the next item on the agenda. And these two zonings are being done in conjunction with one another.

If we go to the aerial photo, you can see that just to the east of Hoover Road, is the Kingsbury tract. You can see just a little bit off to the edge of photo the area of the landfill. That site is currently undergoing sand and gravel extraction, it’s under an agreement with the City of Wichita and eventually that site will be developed as a park site.

Adjacent properties to the south and west and north of this property are all currently zoned for “SF-

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20”. When this item was heard by the MAPC at its meeting on November 16, they voted unanimously to approve the rezoning subject to the staff recommendations which are contained in your backup. No one was present to speak at the MAPC hearing, and we have received no protests regarding this rezoning. So the MAPC recommendation is to approve the zone change subject to staff recommendations.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, John. Even though this isn’t a requirement of public hearing, it’s been sort of a tradition on zone changes to ask if there’s anyone in the audience that would like to speak to us. So I will make that request now. Seeing none, I will limit the comments to the bench. Commissioners, what’s the will of the board on this item? Commissioner Burnett, you had question or comment?”

Commissioner Burnett said, “Just wanted to comment, this is in district 4, which is my district, and I’ve had absolutely no comments from anyone, from the public.

MOTION

Commissioner Burnett moved to approve the zone change to SF-20, adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC), and authorize the Chairman to sign a related Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you John, next item please.”

- 2. CASE NUMBER ZON2006-00048 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL TO “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF 45TH STREET NORTH AND HOOVER ROAD. DISTRICT #4.**

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Schlegel said, “As you can see on the graphic in front of you, this particular resigning request is immediately across the street from the prior one. What the applicant is seeking to do is have this portion of this property, which is zoned “LC” changed to “SF-20” to be incorporated into a single-family residential and to have this small portion that is currently “SF-20” rezoned to “LC”. So the result you would have is a continuous small strip of “LC” zoning along Hoover on both sides of 45th Street North.

Altogether, we have a little over five-acres of land involved here. The portion that is currently “SF-20” is just like a little over an acre in size and the portion of the “LC” zoning that’s changed “SF-20” is just under four-acres in size. When this item was heard by MAPC at it’s meeting on November 16, they voted to approve it, the applicant’s request. Again, no citizens were present at that hearing to speak on this item and we have received no protests.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Thank you John. As in the item previously, I will just ask is there anyone here in the audience that would like to address this on this issue? Seeing none, I will limit it also to just comments to the bench. Commissioners, any questions or comments of John on this item? Seeing none, what is the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the zone change to LC and SF-20, adopt the findings of the MAPC and authorize the Chairman to sign a related Resolution.

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you , John, next item please.”

F. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WATC) FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM FUNDING TO ASSIST WATC IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO CITIZENS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY AND SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Lori Usher, Executive Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In recent years, Workforce Development and Technical Educational Training have been on the public policy platform. Because of the potential of worker shortages projected to negatively impact economic development in the region, Sedgwick County has made this item a priority in recent years. It became a more important priority when Legislature passed a bill that separated the Wichita Area Technical College from Unified School District 259.

USD 259 prepared a required transition plan to separate Wichita Area Technical College from receiving political and financial support. In the spring of 2004, as you know, the Board of County Commissioners became engaged in discussions regarding the role Sedgwick County should play in technical education and training. After several months of discussion, the Board of County Commissioners determined Sedgwick County’s vision for technical education and training for the region as an integrated, flexible system that is effective in providing training services in response to ever changing needs of the business community, while simultaneously creating high quality programs and facilities which appeal to a wide range of potential students.

In August of 2004, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution creating the Sedgwick County Technical Educational Training Authority. The purpose of the authority is to a broker of technical training that fits the needs of businesses, and at the same time serves as a Board of Directors for Wichita Area Technical College.

Prior to, and during the formation of the authority, two separate and independent technical educational training experts consulted with community leaders regarding technical education and training. Both experts, that you know, Dr. Ken Braden of Georgia and Mr. Terrance Sullivan formally of South Dakota, acknowledged and express recommendations that a strong Wichita technical college was necessary to be a part of a larger, flexible training and educational system.

In October of 2005, the authority identified three strategic priorities. The first of those was to advance and promote the development of a world-class technical education facility and delivery

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system. In that bane, the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution in April of 2006 to bond finance at a \$40,000,000 technical education facility at the Jabara Airport in northeast Wichita.

Most recently, the county developed a proposed operations model for the Jabara campus project that restructures WATC's governance and leadership to support a lead role for the institution as a managing partner for the project. This new delivery model has been supported by stakeholders in the region and at the state level. The county has asked that with this new model, WATC establish a workforce develop focused mission to serve the short-term and long-term needs of businesses in this region.

With WATC's focus on business driven, market driven needs, and training opportunities the college can be positioned to become a nimble, responsive world-class technical education institution to serve our community and region and in collaboration with their partner institutions in the area, become a model of service delivery for the state.

In that bane, supporting the advancement of a strong, relevant technical college for our region, the short-term finding for WATC is tied to the following expectations. Number one, that WATC perform a full three-year cost benefiting analysis of current administration programs and report to the County plans for phasing out under-performing offerings and unnecessary administrative costs. And at number two, WATC is a Jabara campus project legion partner. Consider proposed programs in the Jabara campus project and report to county collaborative plan and timeline for launch and delivery of all new programs. During the 2005 Kansas Legislative session, Sedgwick County committed to earmarking funds, save from reduction in community college out district tuition to technical education training programs and Workforce Development. Legislation was passed reducing the community college out district tuition from \$12 per credit hour to \$6 per credit hour beginning July 5, 2005, and from \$6 to \$0 on July 1, 2006. Anticipated annual savings to Sedgwick County is estimated at \$2.1 million annually. Of the \$2.1 million, a million is being requested for Wichita Area Technical College. The remaining savings are reserved for Sedgwick County Workforce Development to be used to further the mission and develop a world-class technical education and training system and facility in Sedgwick County to serve South Central Kansas region.

Mr. Jim Means, Interim President of WATC, another key personnel, is in attendance today, should you have any questions. The full board of WATC has not had a chance yet to review the funding agreement that was drafted for your consideration that you see in your packet. Therefore, staff is recommending the following, that the Board of County Commissioners approve \$1 million in short-term funding for WATC authorizing the Chairman to sign, subject to any technical changes requested by the WATC Board and approved by County Manager and legal department."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Could you explain what that meant, that last part, the any technical

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changes. Do technical changes equate to dollars and cents or what does technical changes mean?"

Ms. Usher said, "No sir, it refers to, not dollars and cents or really content necessarily, but just moving some dates around. There was some question about whether those reporting dates were at the right place during the year for WATC. So we just make some minor changes to it as reporting dates."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And by this we would just authorize the manager on our behalf to go ahead and negotiate that?"

Ms. Usher said, "And our legal department."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And legal department. Thank you. Commissioners, I don't see that you have any questions, excuse me, Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, one of the things that has always struck me as we move forward is this is an even dollar amount. I am always suspicious when it's an even \$1million that we really built up the budget, we understand where the moneys going, what it's needed for, and it's not just let's put some money in there and they will figure out a way to spend it. I just want to be sure that there is good prudence that evolves out of this. That we know where that \$1 million is going for technical education. We've had this discussion for the last couple of years that just putting money into it and propping it up and not knowing where every dollar is going, and what it is used for, what programs it's used for, what outcomes are going to come out of that money, it is very, very critical. So I hope we have that integrated into the plan."

Ms. Usher said, "I think that will be part of that reporting mechanism that we discussed when we do the cost benefit analysis."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So the dollar amount, when we get down to the dollars and cents, it might be a little less than a \$1million but it's the cap that is what we're putting on it right now, a million? I think Commissioner Norton was wanting a detailed "this is what we need" not "bank, here it is"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, it'll go over a course of a year, I hope. I hope that it doesn't just go until June 1st, when all the funding changes and everything. It will support programs, I suppose, for the rest of that year and will prop up any short falls that they may have. We will have

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to make a determination. I just, like a lot of other things, would rather have seen it, “here’s what \$300,000 is going to buy us, here’s what \$250,000 is going to buy us, here’s what \$50,000 is going to buy us”, of the programs and offerings and things that are going on at the college as apposed to “here’s a \$1,000,000.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “The one question Commissioner Norton had, is this funding for an entire fiscal year or just funding until July and they are going to ask us for more money after July.”

Ms. Usher said, “When we visited with, this request actually came to us during our budget planning period last year, and as you recall, we did isolate a \$1,000,000 in case this request was considered by the commission. We asked WATC that last year, and in future years, that they approach us on our budget cycle and not theirs, because their fiscal year is different than ours. So it would be anticipated that this \$1,000,000 is for our fiscal year, January through December.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. And no restrictions, they can spend it all the first six months or none until their next year?”

Ms. Usher said, “That is correct.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Before we move on, is there reason, because we are going to a more expanded training model and less of an academic model that we have to stay on that budget cycle? And not go to what the County’s cycle is? I guess that’s a long-term question that we need to talk about.”

Ms. Usher said, “It’s probably governed by the state and Board of Regents, I suspect that’s restricted. I don’t know, I don’t have an answer to that question.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. We can have that discussion some other time.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “I should have been keeping notes for all my comments that I wanted to make and say, but let me say first of all, as far as the amount of money that’s being requested in this grant, it is less than half than what the college requested from their Board of Trustees as they considered their needs going forward to carry out on the program. That’s just a response that I think that this will all be used and put to good use and the decisions won’t be, the decision will be made with the approval and consent of the Board of Trustees, who are directing not only the college, but the activities as we go forward at the Jabara campus.

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It will have plenty of opportunity for scrutiny on exactly how those funds are applied to the best use of the college and the best use of Workforce Development. I would also say, that in the last three years or so that I have been involved, Wichita Area Technical College has gone through quite a lot of changes that have been, I don't know what the right word is, but they've required a great deal of self analysis in what's been going on at the college and as they were spun out from USD 259, the college went through a very painful process of evaluating work programs that were productive, putting people in better paying jobs, and how much was the cost of those programs. And there was, not everyone was happy with the decisions that were made, but decisions were made that tried to make the college efficient and productive in our community. As this grant goes forward, I think there will be plenty of scrutiny, we are already giving it what I consider to be a pretty lean, mean organization, and requirements we have on it is that they become even leaner and meaner if you will accept that.

I do think that since Jim Means, who is currently the acting president of the college, if he's here, perhaps he might want to respond to the question of these funds will be used to the best benefit of the college and the community as we go forward in workforce development. I mean, Jim, maybe you want to make a comment."

Mr. Jim Means, Interim President, WATC greeted the commissioners and said, "Well, we certainly will meet whatever expectations the County has to provide accountability for the way these funds are used. We certainly would expect that and we will work with County officials to make sure that we do that. Because our request was really more than \$1,000,000 there is more than a million things we can do with that and we are half way through our fiscal year and these dollars really will be used to support that. I'm not sure that the time and focus is best spent on how will that \$1,000,000 be spent penny by penny as making sure that we are, whatever we are using that money for is carrying us forward into this whole new vision and whole new structure that we will be embarking upon with our new board and a more focused vision. I guess that's why I would see that we're committing this \$1,000,000 for is laying the foundation that will get us going in the future knowing that it's a departure and change of focus for us."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Thank Jim. Mr. Chairman I don't think I have any other comment at this time."

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

Commissioner Burtnett said, "I was just going to make a couple of comments. Lori, throughout this whole process, it's been confusing with WATC, KTTI and all the different partners, then we get the Sedgwick County Technical Authority. We're working towards the technical Jabara campus, and I think a lot of people, it does get lost as to where we're trying to focus and I think

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using the terminology that we're restructuring WATC's governess, to me, I see it more of a clean slate and we're starting new so I think people get confused with that. Mr. Means alluded to the changes and assurances that there will be changes as the Jabara campus develops, and I guess that I just want to hear that also, that it is more, and like I say, I want to see it as a clean slate, we're kind of starting over even though we have a lot of people involved who need to be. But I think the general public just says "oh it's going to be business with WATC as long as we are calling it a restructuring of WATC." But that's really not the case is it, or is it? Am I misunderstanding?"

Ms. Usher said, "I would agree Commissioner, probably doesn't say enough to say it's been restructuring but we've called it the reinvention of WATC. I would say that we showed a chart a couple of months ago, or the manager did, of all of the different factions, groups that are working at Workforce Development and this is really an opportunity to streamline the whole system. Those who haven't been as close to it as we are can't appreciate what it took to get here, but I really have great confidence in the fact that we are starting with a whole new approach that has WATC as a center piece, but certainly doesn't exclude the important partners out there, throughout the region."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Well, thank you, because I think that's what I need to hear. And as I'm not going to be on the commission to follow through with all of this, I will be watching, I can assure you. I think that's what the people need to hear, is that there is going to be a lot of change going on."

Ms. Usher said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Thank you. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think, and I don't have to put words in Commissioner Norton's mouth, he has the ability to speak very eloquently, but I think what I was hearing from him was just... and I have to assume you and your staff has really looked at, you've seen what their total budget is and what plans they have and am I right in assuming that you're comfortable that it's a workable plan, that is does have the ability to succeed and that our \$1,000,000, that encompasses two of their fiscal years, will help them achieve that goal? Like we did Cowtown, we saw the plan and we'll contribute to the success of the plan because we're comfortable with the plan. Are you comfortable with what their plans are?"

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Ms Usher said, “Well let me just say, the reason that we have those expectations tied to this particular funding agreement, which is different than what we done in the past, granted funds without any written expectations. It’s simply, they approach the year with a known deficit, that their programs today are not covered by their anticipated revenues from the state and from their tuitions. So that is why they approached the county. It’s important for us to really understand that, to be able to, at their expenses program by program and help us understand a really business driven analysis of what their offering today and whether that makes sense. And I think that’s where we get to where Commissioner Norton’s looking.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I mean, there’s a legitimacy here, they said they needed \$2,250,000 to be able to do what they want, we only come up with a \$1,000,000, where is the other \$1,250,000? You said you needed this and we could only give you this, okay fine we’ll take it, okay. Enough said. I have a lot of confidence that you’re going to be able to work with them and staff will work with them so we can all achieve the goal we want and that is a successful WATC. Okay. I don’t see any other questions or comments, so what’s the will of the board on this item please?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Winters seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Winters you had a question or comment?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just wanted to make a quick comment. I am sure that most of you know my wife is employed by Wichita Area Technical College. Some months ago, at the request of Rich Euson, our County Counselor, he did enquire of the Kansas Ethics Commission about the availability and the properness of my voting on issues with Wichita Area Technical College and after review they determined that there was not a conflict for me to vote on these issues. It is my intention to be supportive and vote on this issue. But I certainly wanted to make that clear.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “So noted, and I see no other comments so madam clerk, will you call the roll please.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burnett Aye
Chairman Sciortino Aye

G. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO BURNHAM COMPOSITES STRUCTURES, INC. FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR INTRAFUND TRANSFER OF BUDGET AUTHORITY.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In the past few weeks I’ve brought to you two different kinds of business incentives that were offered to help our businesses grow. We have talked about industrial revenue bonds, we’ve talked about EDXs or Economic Development Tax Exemptions. Today I am bringing you three agreements that reflect a third type of incentive and that is a forgivable loan.

Forgivable loans are a part of a package that is put together by the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition or Council or GWEDC. And it is a part of an array of state and local incentives that come into play when we need to be competitive with another community on retaining or growing jobs. When the incentive itself meets the minimum threshold of a returning investment in that for every dollar we would invest we would get a 1.3 dollars in return. And that the investment leads to job retention or growth in expansion or capital investment within a community.

So this first item is with Burnham Composites Structures Inc. They have manufactured composite structures and assemblies in this community for a number of years. Their customer base includes they major local aviation manufacturers as well as others that are located outside this community. They have very recently restructured into Burnham Composites Structures and is one of the leading companies in the development of the composites industry.

Their rapid growth has led to the need for a new manufacturing plant and corporate headquarters. A number of sites were considered both within Sedgwick County and outside Sedgwick County, but the GWEDC did manage to put together an incentive package that included a \$62,000 forgivable loan from Sedgwick County and inderstructured property tax abatement if the facilities were located in Sedgwick County. The incentive, again, exceeds the required 1.3 return on investment. The company accepted proposal and has decided to locate here in Sedgwick County. They plan to maintain the current 29 jobs and add 60 jobs over the next 5-years, averaging over \$30,000 a year. The company plans a capital investment of over \$5.5 million.

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Today, we have Darryl Dugan and Todd Dugan of Burnham Composite Structures here and who can answer questions and we recommend this agreement for your approval.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments? I see Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I really don’t have a question, just a couple of really quick comments. I have had an opportunity to tour part of Darryl Dugan’s operation and was very impressed. As we all hear more and more about composites, this company is already on the move and in that field and doing extremely well. So I am going to be very supportive of this and, again, was very impressed by the work that this company is already doing. This is not one that, it’s like taking a chance, these folks are doing excellent work and have got a very good customer base right now that they’re working on it. As we talk about this future composites cluster that could develop here, I think this company could be huge part of that. So, I am going to be very supportive of this.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Well just to dove tail on what Commissioner Winter’s was saying, I think we have got to really look at where we’re putting our money in aerospace and particularly composite, the new composite research, the new composite manufacturing development is one of those places where we need to be sure we’re helping that develop. When we came back from Richmond, one of the five tenants that we said we were going to work on had to do with an advance materials research center and incubating composites and advance materials in our community. I believe this is a chance where that, we can kind of put our faith in those things that we said we would do for Richmond. And this is one of the first ones. I am going to be very supportive.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chair. Well, I would echo the comments of Commissioner Winters and Norton, I think this is a good investment. Sixty jobs increased over the next five years for this amount of investment, this seems to be like a very good investment and the fact that it has exceeded our return on investment threshold also reinforces that, so I am going to be very supportive and once again, make the comment that this shows how smaller companies have the ability to engage in this type of economic development process. We’re often criticized, “well you guys only help the big guys” but last week and this week again we’ve had an opportunity to show that good ideas-we’re supportive of them. That’s all I have Mr. Chairman.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Burtnett?”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Not that this has any bearing on my decision, but I’m just curious, looking through all the information it doesn’t show...I am unfamiliar with this company and I’d like to just know where they are going to locate, if that’s possible to know. Not that, like I said, it’s a big deal, just curious.”

Todd Dugan, Burnham Composites Structures Inc. greeted the commissioners and said, “We’re going to locate in Echo Park, on Hoover, south of K-42.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay. Thank you. Just curious since I’m unfamiliar with the company. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “The question I had, I know the company has stated they were going to make a capital commitment of \$5.5 million, could they, do they have a time-line as to when that commitment is going to be executed, or when you’re going to be spending that money in the community?”

Ms. Hart said, “I’ll need to ask Todd Dugan again.”

Darryl Dugan, Burnham Composites Structures, Inc. greeted the Commissioners and said, “ We’ll initiate the purchase of the land the construction of the building very quickly, then additionally, we’ll buy additional equipment. Hopefully we would have most of this done in a year’s time period, but I would also tell you that things haven’t moved as fast as that we would have planned on some time ago. I think most of it will be done within the year.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great. Well I just want to echo what Commissioner Unruh said. We are very happy that we’re able to carry this concept of trying to help businesses out and it’s not just the big businesses that we’re looking at, we are very happy that we are able to help a smaller business like you become successful and grow, because a job is a job. And if I look at this, we’re investing about \$1,200 a job, which is a very inexpensive investment in my opinion. So we wish you continued success. I assume we are going to pass it, we will find out in a minute.”

Darryl Dugan said, “We thank you for your consideration and we believe, also, that it will be a good investment.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you Mr. Dugan. I don’t see that there’s any other questions, so Commissioners, what’s the will of the board on this item please?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well Mr. Chairman, I’m ready to make a motion. Just to enhance that answer just a bit, when I did visit with Mr. Dugan and looked at part of his facilities, they’re located in a number of facilities now, there’s some of them quite small and they need to get all consolidated before they can really take the next road step. So when you talk about how soon, I think they’re anxious to get started as soon as they can. I think they’re being conservative, they were just reluctant perhaps to give you the date, but I can tell by their business that they’re ready to go.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you and good luck to you. Next item please.”

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO INVISTA S.A.R.L. FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR INTRAFUND TRANSFER OF BUDGET AUTHORITY.

Ms. Hart said, “This one is a little different, it still is a forgivable loan but it’s an entirely different kind of company. In 2004 the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the State of Kansas put

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together a package of an economic development incentives that allowed Invista to locate their cooperate headquarters to Wichita. It was a subsidiary of Dupont that had been purchased and their headquarters were in competition with other communities and the incentive package helped relocate the entire headquarters to Wichita. At that time, the focus was on creating at least 200 jobs over five years with at least \$105,000 annual salary, so there are fewer numbered very high paying jobs and cooperate headquarters.

Early in 2006, Invista informed the GWEDC that they were planning to consolidate all their legal and accounting functions from the various divisions into one centralized location. And that could have been anywhere. They were considering Wichita, along with other locations. Invista ultimately selected Wichita for consolidation of these professional services with a commitment to add at least 60 jobs with an annual cash compensation of at least \$80,000.

The forgivable loan offered by Sedgwick County is part of this incentive package is \$125, 000. The cash would be used to build out and equip the office space for this new division in Invista's global headquarters facility on North 37th Street.

Marybeth Jarvis, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs and Roger Ramseyer, Director of Public Affairs are here to answer any questions you might have, and we would like to recommend this agreement.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Unruh, you had a question or comment?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I would like to just ask Roger or Marybeth if they could tell us how are you doing on the first part of this?”

Ms. Marybeth Jarvis, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs greeted the Commissioners and said, “It is really, actually a nice time for a progress report, if you will. We had a five-year goal, as Irene mentioned, of adding just over 200 jobs here at our Global Headquarters and we are actually up above 275. We have acceded that, the cash payroll threshold and the job numbers very, very quickly. We have relocated about 100 employees from around the world, 25 states, three foreign countries and as Irene mentioned, we moved headquarters from states like Texas and Delaware and from other parts of the world here to Wichita. Our Global Headquarters has become a hub for the growth and success of Invista. So we might not be one of those small companies, we're more on the big guy side, but we are proud to make Wichita home and I think that's been echoed by the employees that we've brought in from around the world to live here in

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Sedgwick County and be consumers and taxpayers and community volunteers and members of the Sedgwick County family.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. Thank you. A follow up question would be, of those folks that you brought in from different parts of the United States, and these are more executive type folks, how do they like Wichita and Sedgwick County?”

Ms. Jarvis said, “I’ll tell you, there was actually a letter to the editor of the Eagle last week from one of our folks who came into town on her husband’s coat tails, having been employed by Invista. She took the time to write a letter to the paper saying “I don’t know what you folks are bagging on each other about, this is a great town, and we chose to come here and we are choosing to make this a home for our family and have enjoyed every bit of it.” And we hear that from around the halls of Invista’s newly expanded Global Headquarters everyday.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. Well, that’s a good report and if I hadn’t anticipated that I wouldn’t have asked the question. You’re bringing in high quality folks and they are, besides economic impact, there is I think a huge cultural impact, this type of people, as they become involved in the different community aspects. I believe this is a win for us, in a lot of ways; we appreciate folks at Invista, and your willingness to help make our community a great place, which I think we all agree that it is. I will be supportive of this, especially in light of the great success you had on the first leg of this.”

Ms. Jarvis said, “Well, we really appreciate the fact the County believes we’re a good investment. We obviously think and believe it will be a great return for the County on its dollars. And as you say, beyond those that we’ve relocated here, or the new jobs we’ve added in Wichita within Invista and the folks we’ve pulled over from Koch, then begin becoming new job openings over in Koch Industries headquarters. We also bring in, as a Global Headquarters, a tremendous amount of visitors. Our own business leaders, plant managers from 50 manufacturing facilities around the world, come here to do three days of training at the Hyatt. We have visitors, vendors, trade delegations and business executives from around the world that fly into Mid-Continent and stay in the hotels and patronize the restaurants. We think that reverberations of this investment by the county are very positive for the area.”

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Alright, very good. Thank you. That's all I have Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, just one quick comment. Marybeth and Roger, we appreciate very much your coming today to share with the Commissioners. I think we continually try to make investments, in whatever our decisions are, that are going to have a benefit and a long-term plus for our community. Clearly some of those investments, some are easy to see, some are more difficult to see, with your company I think we do have the confidence. I just think it's a real kind dichotomy, I mean we've got Darryl Dugan and his family organization here that are really on a cutting edge of a new technology, we've got one of the largest companies in the nation here that you all represent. Again, we feel an obligation and a privilege to do business with you. We appreciate your coming and we're going to do business here with a couple more companies just in the next couple items. But again, show the wide range of investments that we believe we are making in this community. Thank you for being here."

Ms. Jarvis said, "We appreciate that. I think one of the points that sometimes gets lost is really that these kinds of incentives do make a difference. When Invista was purchased two years ago, it frankly was a company that had some real issues and the cultural change and the collecting of our Global Headquarters here in Wichita and the kind of people and the kind of effort and focus that you can get with the Workforce here in a place like Wichita has been a big factor in being able to that business around and achieve the success that Invista has achieved. So, being competitive with large cities, small cities and countries around the world, I think it's important here in Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Would somebody refresh my memory, how much of an investment did we make on that first go-around? How much was that, Irene? It comes from the County's?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager said, "The local investment was about \$5.1 million, of that the county's contribution was \$3.1 million cash."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So we're a partner? Looks like the partnership is working. Great. Okay. I don't see that there is any other comments, so Commissioners what's the will of the board on this item please?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman 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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO SWIFT-COR AEROSPACE, INC. FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR INTRAFUND TRANSFER OF BUDGET AUTHORITY.

Ms. Hart said, “Swift-Cor Aerospace is headquartered in Gardena, CA. The company has a 50-year history in the aerospace industry as a leading manufacturer of precision sheet metal parts and sub-assemblies. The company produces complex structures and components for commercial jets, regional business aircraft, military aircraft and vehicles and helicopters and has customers’ worldwide.

In August 2006, Swift-Cor chose to expand its company into Sedgwick County over competitions from communities in other states. The GWEDC coordinated a package of incentives from the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the State of Kansas, which was a critical factor in the company selection of the Sedgwick County site at 2823 West Pawnee.

As part of the incentive package, Sedgwick County offers a forgivable loan in the amount of \$30,000. Swift-Cor Aerospace has committed to 200 new full-time jobs over five years with an average salary of \$39,000. The benefit cost ratio of this forgivable loan is 1.77, which certainly exceeds the minimum threshold rate. Tim Champ, who is the Wichita Production Manager of Swift-Cor is here today if you have questions.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Just to refresh everybody’s....what is the threshold ratio that we try to achieve a minimum of?”

Ms. Hart said, “1.3.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “1.3? Okay. Thank you. Commissioners, any questions?”

Commissioner Norton said, “If Mr. Champ is here I’d like to have him make a comment.”

Mr. Tim Champ, Wichita Production Manager, Swift-Cor greeted the Commissioners and said, “First off, I would like to thank you for this. Just to tell you a little bit about the company. At the time the owner of Swift-Cor contacted me, I worked for a company in Tulsa, OK, in the aircraft industry. I was supposed to work with them to find a city to start a company. The first thing you would think, well why not Tulsa? Well, I know a little bit about Wichita and I know this is the aircraft capitol of the world. This is the best place to do business. As we said, we started in the eighth month and we’re already exceeding our goals for hiring people. We’re even looking at another facility, about 40,000 square-foot, so we’re growing fast. Any other questions?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “No, I like that word about this is the best place to do business and we might want to call upon you to say that in brochures...Commissioners, any other questions or comments? What’s the will of the board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Burtnett seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Oh excuse me, go ahead.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Where is Swift-Cor located?”

Mr. Champ said, “At 2823 West Pawnee. It’s the old Caps building, as a matter of fact we do a lot of dealings with Barney Caps and he’s building more and more, he’s buying more and more. Bought the Food 4 Less building over there on Meridian, so he’s growing too. It’s pretty good that we’ve got going on right now.”

Commissioner Norton said, “We just didn’t hear where you were located, what part of the city and

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everything. That's all I have Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What is your present employment, how many people presently do you have employed?"

Mr. Champ said, "Well, we started, in the eighth month we started with two gentlemen working for me and right now we are at 15. We're looking for possibly another six people, even by the end of the year.

Chairman Sciortino said, "So you feel that commitment of 200 full-time employees over five-years is easily obtainable?"

Mr. Champ said, "I do. I mean, I guess one of the biggest things since it is hard to find people in the aircraft industry, when you talk about younger people. I guess one of the biggest things is the knowledge base in aircraft. We are losing it. And we have some young people that are working for us and when we have meetings with the groups, that's one of the things we talk about. Young people don't understand aircraft anymore, or because their father's or grandfather's were in it, but nobody's taking charge of really wanting a job to do that. The sick part about the whole thing is it's all going overseas, but it won't all go overseas because the big companies, the Spirits', the Raytheons', everybody else, they need somebody local to make these parts and that's one of the reasons, definitely why we came."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We're hoping our new technical campus that we're going to put at Jabara Airport will start being incubator to kick out trained employees for you and for the larger companies."

Mr. Champ said, "That sounds like a great idea. That's what we need."

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much and good luck to you. Next item please."

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4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS FOR RAYTHEON AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Hart said, “This item is a more traditional economic development incentive in issuing industrial revenue bonds. In 1998, the county issued a letter of intent to issue over a billion dollars, making a billion dollars of private money available to Raytheon Aircraft. This is, I believe, the 17th time we’ve issued bonds on this account. Raytheon is here asking for us to issue bonds for the purpose of paying the costs of additional construction, new facilities and purchasing machinery and equipment. The total amount is \$33,500,000.

Today we have, all the documents have been reviewed by county legal, county bond council, Sara Steel from Gilmore-Bell is here in case you have any questions, Linton Hinkle from the companies bond council, Jackie Berger and Wayne Wallace from Raytheon are here to answer questions if you have them. And I believe they have a presentation to give you more of a feel of what this \$33,000,000 has purchased over this past year.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Yes, please, Jackie.”

Ms. Jackie Berger, Raytheon, greeted the Commissioners and said, “What I wanted to do was just actually give some explanation and show some slides on actually what we’re doing to spend that \$33.5 million. The break down is \$29.7 million, for tooling, which is new and replacement tooling for upgrades across the whole product line. And the remaining \$3.8 million actually covers improvements to facilities, lien initiatives, machinery, equipment and miscellaneous items across the business too. And I just wanted to point out that Raytheon Company (inaudible) also invests significantly in research and development for new aircraft models and enhancements.

I can confirm, since 2003 alone, we’ve introduced eleven new models of aircraft. So, a significant investment.

I just wanted to enjoy a few things with you here with regard to the business. We have two of the most respected brands in aviation. Beechcraft, which is home here to Wichita and Hawker, home to England for me. Number two and number three best selling general aviation aircraft in the Hawker 50XP and the Hawker 400XP. And the number one turbo prop in the world, which was, again, born here in Wichita. Currently, you know that something that people don’t know about our business, we are the, we have the leading and the best selling military trainer in the world, right here again in Wichita.

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A little bit of a business update, deliveries, as you can see we've grown from 2003 to 2006 and I can assure you we are moving those aircraft out to meet that 478 for this year right now, right through until the 31st of December.

On employment, we'll probably end the year with 6,548. Last year we ended the year at 6,268. So around over 300 growth. Our payroll is \$350 million and we pay annual property taxes of \$2.5 million. We also spend with our local suppliers \$133 million. Current job openings, 150, we do struggle a little bit at the moment, we're trying to grow those. The growth at the aviation business is fabulous for all us but we're all actually based here in Wichita and we're trying to attract the same talent. So sometimes that's tough.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let me interrupt for a minute. You have current, 150 job openings, are you expecting that to grow to 300 or will there be a 300 addition to the 150 that you're lacking right now."

Ms. Berger said, "That will be an addition of 300 next year. And we're hoping that offices and new training center will help us with some of that too. Some great news for the business, and the best in the history of the business, and we started in 1932, we sold 112 aircraft in the biggest show of the year for the aviation industry, totaling a billion dollars.

We also introduced two brand new aircraft at the show too, the Hawker 750 and the Hawker 900 XP, and already exceeding expectations, we took an order for 48 of those aircraft and jets. So, analysis shows that the industry is, the market is strong and is growing. We see it as exciting times for our business.

Just a couple of things I wanted to show you, that the breadth and depth of our products. We actually started the single-engine piston right through the to the super-mid sized jet. So really, the broadest in the industry. And the Hawker line is really bought by CEOs, CFO's, major corporations and the Beechcraft line is really the individual buyer, and usually the person that actually flies the aircraft.

This is one of the new aircraft that we've introduced and the engine, that isn't the new color for the engine, I am just trying to show you it's the new engine that makes the difference. It really is the best selling super-mid sized jet in the world. With the new engines, it gets better range and we'll make sure that we maintain that leading position.

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Chairman Sciortino said, “That’s the 900?””

Ms. Berger said, “That’s the 900, yes. And basically that is the model of the 800 series, which is currently the 850 XP today. We’ve taken that fuselage and wings, it’s the 900 XP, but then if you look at this one, it’s actually the same fuselage and wings, we’re calling it the 750. No winglets on this one. And basically we’re bringing that into a new category, which is a mid-light category. And what we found is that sometimes we may lose some customers when they have a light aircraft and they move into the mid-size category, so we are trying make sure that we keep the customers in our family. And this is slightly lower priced. We’ve actually taken some of the central fuel tank out to make room for more baggage. And it will be more of a standard interior, rather than the customized interior for the bigger aircraft and 900 XP. So with that, you’ll see that we’ve grown the Hawker line to four aircraft and continue to look at growing all the products.

One of the things we do with all of our commercial aircraft is we special missionize them for governments and for countries around the world and that could be air ambulance, it could be surveillance, you know, sort of surveillance at borders, etc. But it’s something that I don’t think many people know about and it’s one of the things which is a key differentiator, but also helps us because as you know, the aviation industry goes through that cycle, so when we get to the down cycle, these sorts of products and alternatives actually help us through those periods, as does the T-6 military trainer. Again, it helps us, it’s sort, of as we say, immune to the industry cycle, it is the leading trainer, we’ve already produced 400 of them for the U.S Navy and the U.S. Air Force and also for the Greek Air Force and Canada. We’re actually going to be building this aircraft for the U.S. through 2017 and we will support them through 2050. And we’re looking at lots of international clients as well. So a great product and a continual production line for Wichita.

One of the things I said that you’ll be spending some of the money is in looking at lien initiatives to actually improve our production process. And I just wanted to show some of that here, sort of explain how we improve the flow of production. Make it so much easier for the Workforce, in fact the Workforce helped us in the process in trying to redesign their work areas to actually make easier and to improve productivity. The before and after, the after looks so much better.

And I am actually going to end with a video of our Hawker and 4,000 super mid-sized jet. We actually certified that on November 21st. Had lots of celebrations with our employees. It truly is an extraordinary aircraft and the most advanced super mid-sized jet in the world today.

It’s a fabulous, fabulous aircraft.”

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “Was that the \$14 million model?”

Ms. Berger said, “This is a 19, more or less \$20 million actually.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is that the end of your presentation?”

Ms. Berger said, “Yes.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, any questions or comments? Commissioner Winters?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I just am going to be supportive of this request. I’ve certainly been involved with Raytheon over the years as I’ve been a Commissioner and been supportive of the work they do. I think, compared to a few years ago, the horizon is very bright at Raytheon Aircraft and we’re pleased to be a partner with you. I would want to remind citizens or those who are watching as we take this action on this \$35 million industrial revenue bond, it, again, is not money coming from Sedgwick County’s fund or any kind of situation where we’ve got a direct monetary involvement in these issuance of these bonds. But by this action it will be, hopefully helpful in making an advantageous, attractive investment package for private investors. We will invest in these bonds and we will take the financial risk. Again, our part is really not a huge part of this plan, a huge part of it is the success of this company and their ability to sell these bonds in the market place. But these numbers and reports that you’ve given us about what the past year has been and what the future years look like now with all of the advance orders, this is the kind of partner we want to be involved with, so I am going to be very, very supportive with this.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chair. I would echo Commissioner Winters’ comments. We’re very pleased to have you as a partner with the job growth and the product growth it looks like you have at Raytheon. One point from your presentation, though, that I wanted to underscore, many folks in our community think that these types of industrial revenue bonds imply that you pay no property taxes. The line in your presentation showed what, \$2.5 million?”

Ms. Berger said, “The property taxes were \$2.5 million.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “And I think that’s something that we just need to make known that you’re one of the sixth or seventh largest property tax payers in Sedgwick County and so we appreciate that part of the partnership also. Anyway, thank you. That’s all I have.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "I will most definitely be supportive of it. Its companies of this size, we need companies of this size to have the critical mass that allows us the ability to support smaller companies too. One thing that you mentioned, I think we talked a little bit about it yesterday, the job shortage that is being felt throughout the entire industry and Sedgwick County has really stuck its neck out in really working towards this Jabara Technical Campus. And we've gone out and made some presentations to the larger aircraft companies, asking for their participation. Do you have any feel for when Raytheon might be willing to make a commitment to the Jabara Technical Campus and partner with us on that?"

Ms. Berger said, "As I said, we see it as very important to helping us with our skills base for the future. As you know, we're actually looking at strategic alternatives for our business and as soon as we're through that process we'll be able to have a further discussion and commitment on what we will be doing in the future. But right now that process is sort of holding it up a little."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You don't want to share with us any of the negotiations that might have been going on over the last few days?"

Ms. Berger said, "I'm sorry, I don't have anything I can share."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Alright, thank you very much. Commissioners, I don't see that there is any other comments or questions, so what is the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much.”

Ms. Berger said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

**5. SEDGWICK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
ESTABLISHING WRITTEN POLICIES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE
SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County Housing Authority is a Section 8 only housing choice voucher program, which means we issue vouchers to families who go out and find an affordable place to live and then we pay a portion of their rent. We believe that people of any income level need stability in their housing and often times people on Section 8 will fall until they hit that stability and try to get on with their lives. A lot of our clients are elderly, people with disabilities and single mothers. Once their housing needs are met, they can focus. And what our goal is, we don’t have a lot of control over this goal, we’d like a short-stay, people who’ve reached stability, gained some success and they go on and leave the program and let the assistance go to someone else.

We are governed by federal regulations and where there’s leeway in the regulations, we and other local agencies can set your own policies, craft a policy, so this document is our guideline for day-to-day operations. Everything we do is in this manual and when there’s a problem, when there’s a disgruntled client, and comes to us or to HUD or somebody else, we’d say, “This is our plan, this is our procedure, this is what we followed.” And usually that will take us out of the scrape.

There’s two new policies that we’ve put in this revision. One is the victim’s (*inaudible*), a “Violence Against Women” act and the “Limited English Proficiency”. The “Violence Against Women” act covers both woman and men, male victims of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The “Limited English Proficiency” we’re already following with that, is that we’re a proactive, when people come to us who do not use English as their primary language, we arrange or coordinate services for oral and written translation so they can have the best access to our programs

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as possible.

If there are any questions, I would be glad to answer them at this time.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I see we have at least one question or comment, Commissioner Burtnett?”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “In your policies, you were talking about who you liked to get people, help them and then they get on their feet. Is there a time limit as to how long they stay on Section 8 Housing?”

Mr. Snapp said, “No, there’s not.”

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. I see no other questions or comments so commissioners, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the plan and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman 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 very much Brad. Next item.”

H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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1. AGREEMENT WITH NONPROFIT CHAMBER OF SERVICES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF SEDGWICK COUNTY NONPROFIT AGENCIES. Presented by Deborah Donaldson, Director.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This contract is with the Non-Profit Chamber of Service of Sedgwick County and their focus on building capacity and quality with non-profit organizations, many of whom we do business with. This is the third year with the contract and it’s for \$45, 000.

This has been a very active organization. I think a good example of that was the Good Works 2006. This was a training session for governing board members, potential and current of the various non-profits. And as we’re aware, that’s very critical, to have quality governing board members if you want a non-profit to succeed. This has occurred for several years now, very successfully. And this year there was 120 participants and 40 matches with 30 organizations. And so I think that is just an example of the many things that they have done over the last year.

I would recommend approval and I’d be glad to answer any questions. And with me today also, is Perry Shookman, who is Executive Director and he would also like to make a few comments to the board.”

Mr. Perry Shookman, Executive Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “One of our key objectives in my first full-year with the non-profit chamber was to increase our membership, we’re a membership organization and we set our goals at 20%. We are most proud to report that our membership increased by 72% this last year, so we’re at about 108-110 members at this moment. As a matter of fact, we celebrated our 100th member in the middle of the summer and it happened to be the hottest day of the summer and a number of the folks in attendance at that holiday, at that summer reception actually increased our membership above the hottest temperature of the day for the summer, so it was very, very successful.

One of the other things that we try to do is to try engage and bring folks together from the differing boards and from the elected officials. If I may, for just a moment, I’d like to just quickly introduce Pervy Savla, who is my graduate assistant from Wichita State University. She is in the Hugo Law

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School of Urban and Public Affairs. We just wanted to recognize Sciortino for his being co-host of our holiday reception on December 6th and so we brought a certificate for you as appreciation of that. And just to let, just to indicate that Santa is very, very happy with Chairman Sciortino, we also have a photograph of Chairman Sciortino with Santa Claus as well. So we just wanted to present that to the Commission this morning as well.

We appreciate your past support and look forward to working with the County in the future. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, any questions or comments? This organization has really, I think, assisted, has assisted the not-for-profit organizations, in trying to make this transition from where they used to be, maybe just a faith-based organization or one that just relied on the contributions of two or three people, when they started getting into wanting to provide services to governmental entities. All of a sudden now, there was more emphasis on outcome measurements and, you know, government always wants to have a few strings attached. And I think this organization is really benefiting their members in becoming more professional and in making that transition to organizations that really have to look at a performance based measure where before that wasn’t really high on someone’s agenda. I think, apparently the organizations believe you’re very profitable to them or they wouldn’t be joining and as the numbers that you’ve indicated, they are joining. I’ve been very happy to have been just a small part of it and it’s my sense that the town is going to want to continue being a partner with you because of the success that you’ve shown in this last year. Commissioners, any other questions or comments? I don’t see there are any so what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING

2. CONTRACT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE SELF HELP NETWORK SERVICES.

Mr. Ray Vail, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to present to you a contract with the Wichita State Self-Help Network. This contract is for the facilitation of the Department on Aging strategic plan process. This contract has been reviewed by Finance and Legal and I ask that you approve the contract and authorize the chair to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Alright. Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments? Commissioner Burtnett?”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Yes, before the manager leaves the room, I have a question. I think he’s going to be able to answer because this is a question regarding the Self-Help Network. This particular item is just for the Department on Aging, but the County contracts with Self-Help Network in other areas too, is that correct?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We have had in the past, contracts with them and I think there may be an open contract with the Health Department for strategic planning.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Okay. It seems I see the Self-Help Network everywhere and they really do a lot of good, so I think this is a great contract. I just wanted to make sure that we knew that this was just for the aging department. Thank you, that’s all I have.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

3. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING FOR THE SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING FOR KANSAS SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT

Mr. Vail said, "Commissioners, this is a contract that shook the senior health insurance for Kansas organization for special project, for new volunteer recruitment. These new recruits will assist seniors with insurance issues. This contract has been approved by Finance and Legal and I ask that you approve it and authorize the chair to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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 Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

COMCARE

- 4. NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR A PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS FORMULA GRANT.**
Presented by Marilyn Cook, Director.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a two-year grant award from SRS that essentially funds three positions in COMCARE'S homeless program. It's a competitive grant and one that COMCARE has been receiving for over ten years.

One of the out-reach workers funded under this grant told us that she's recently been working with a very pleasant and gentle man, in his mid-50's, who's been living in the streets of Wichita for a little bit over three years, kind of unnoticed. He's diagnosed with schizophrenia, but he has the type of schizophrenia that is relatively rare where he's happy all the time, even at times he shouldn't be.

Because of the affable nature of his, his contacts with law enforcement and shelters and others have been fairly uneventful, so his needs didn't necessarily rise to the surface. So that out-reach worker, who is employed because of these funds, has been watching him and for two months has been approaching him saying "Hi, how ya doing? Is there anything I can do to help you?" and he is very pleasant and said, "No". But about five weeks ago he did agree to accompany her to our center-city program and he is now living in a shelter for the first time in three years, getting regular meals. He's agreed to see our psychiatrist and has started to take medication. He was assigned a case manager, who's helping him get a Kansas ID, which is important in terms of getting mail and other information. And he agreed to participate in one of our community integration groups in our community support services program. He has been very social, but he has been enjoying socializing with other people indoors at this point. The next step, over time, will be to find him some permanent housing. Without funding like this program, people like this gentleman would continue to slip by unnoticed but still have some significant needs.

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So, we're recommending that you approve the grant award so that we can continue this good work with mentally ill, homeless individuals in our community."

Commissioner Unruh said, "This gentleman is still happy?"

Ms. Cook said, "He's still happy."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Notification of Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman 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 very much. Next item."

I. CHARTER RESOLUTION REPEALING SEDGWICK COUNTY CHARTER RESOLUTION #32 AND PROVIDING FOR A TRANSIENT GUEST TAX LEVY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have before you a Resolution that eliminates our collection of transient guest tax. If you recall the City of Wichita and Park City both collect that tax for their municipalities and the only tax that we collect would be in the unincorporated areas or any other city in Sedgwick County that has a hotel or motel.

In the past years, there was an error in who got the money and so Sedgwick County did not receive transient guest tax for several years. This year is the first year that we've begun to receive it again. We calculate that Sedgwick County's receipts would be similar, between \$12,000-\$15,000 annually

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on that tax.

Because of the request of a number of, the City of Derby and because of other things that are occurring in other cities in Sedgwick County, that it might be appropriate for us to allow those cities to collect that tax and use it as the state law prescribes. Such things as tourist attractions that may be appropriate for those cities.

I know it's hard for the chief financial officer and I to come to you recommending that we eliminate a revenue, but in this case I think it's appropriate and we'll gladly do so.

Chairman Sciortino said, " Comment Bill. I think it reads the way I think it is. What we're saying is if a hotel or motel is either presently in one of the other incorporated cities or will come into an incorporated city, they could at their discretion pass a resolution authorizing a bed tax, but we would still retain any hotel or motel that would develop in the unincorporated area."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I don't see that there's any questions or comments. What's the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Charter Resolution and direct the County Clerk to publish the Resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official County newspaper.

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

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Chairman Sciortino

Aye

J. DIVISION OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION.

1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CITY OF WICHITA AND HISTORIC WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC. (OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM).

Ms. Hart said, “For a little bit of back ground information about the Memorandum of Understanding, because the City of Wichita owns the land and a number of buildings at Old Cowtown Museum, the County has agreed to work with the City in planning for the future of the Old Cowtown Museum. City staff conducted an assessment of Historic Wichita, Sedgwick County, Cowtown to identify deficiencies and develop a stabilization plan. Following a month of detailed assessments, City and County representatives concluded that Cowtown faces three major challenges.

The first is the present and projected budget deficit. Second is museum collection and visitor safety related to the condition of the historic structures and facilities. And third is the organizational and capacity deficiencies of the Board of Trustees.

City staff developed and presented a museum proposal that outlined city assessments, conclusions and recommendations to the Cowtown Board of Trustees general meeting on August 28th. The Board of Trustees countered by developing their own proposal that they presented the following months during the board meeting. Ultimately the two sides have agreed on the memorandum of understanding that addresses the City/County concerns listed above while outlining funding allocations from both the City and the County.

So now we have before us a Memorandum of Understanding that addresses the challenges identified by City staff assessment and clearly defines the role of the City, the County and the Museum Board of Trustees in managing and overseeing the museum. Specifically the City staff will act as a consultant to the Board of Trustees on behalf of both the City and the County. City staff will work in conjunction with Cowtown’s interim executive director in an advisory capacity in preparing budgets, developing operational plans with a goal bringing financial stability to Cowtown.

Cowtown’s Board of Trustees will trim its staff to meet its budgetary and operation requirements and will operate the facility on a limited basis until fire and safety violations are rectified.

A restructured Board of Trustees will implement and adopt a five-year strategic plan. The City will hire a structural engineer and historical architect to act as consulting and inspect the facilities. And upon completion of the inspections, the consultants will deliver a report on the conditions on each

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building within the museum, which will then be used to develop work plans for the upkeep and historical preservation of these buildings.

Work plans and maintenance work that needs to be implemented will be the financial responsibility of Cowtown as well as all other administrative expenses incurred by the strategic plans being developed. At the request of the Cowtown Board, the County will no longer have Cowtown employees on the County payroll, they will all be on the Historic Wichita, Sedgwick County, Inc. or the old Cowtown payroll.

More funds provided by the County for the 2007 Cowtown budget will be used for payment of any expense incurred in 2006 or earlier. So any funds that we provide for next year are for next year's expenses. Of the County funding, Cowtown will reserve \$200,000 to be allocated to a contingency fund for use in buildings, grounds and facility maintenance, repair and preservation. The remaining County funding may be used for 2007 general operating expenses.

The Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Cowtown Board of Trustees on Monday and by the Wichita City Council yesterday. And we present it for your consideration today."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Alright. Thank you. Commissioner Burnett, do you have a question or comment?"

Commissioner Burnett said, "Is this funding we're talking about equal to the amount of funding we've done in the past?"

Ms. Hart said, "Yes, it is."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Is that to the dollar?"

Ms. Hart said, "Yes."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Okay."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Excuse me, Commissioners. It may be even a little better deal for Cowtown because if you recall we funded positions and if those positions were vacant, we would not provide them the additional funds, we would only provide them the funds when the positions were full. So this guarantees them a set amount, which will be greater than what they have received in the past. Although we budgeted the same amount of money. Does that make sense?"

Commissioner Burnett said, "Yes. And that's great, and I'm all for the stability of Cowtown and

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for helping with the funding as we have, at a level of money we have in the past. And since I'm not going to be here to follow through with all of this, I just want get some comments out. I know that over the past year we have also expended money for a consultants report and I see in the paper that there is going to be another consultants report. I just want to share that I want Cowtown to succeed, but I, as a lot of my constituents have told me, are getting a little tired of consulting after consulting and no actual work being done. So I'm glad to see that our monies are going to be used for, not necessarily specifics, but for getting things done, rather than constantly doing consultant fees. Thank you for the work, and I truly do hope that every thing work out over the next few years. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It should be noted the consultant that is being mentioned is going to funded wholly by the City of Wichita, not by Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "I was talking about the overall general Cowtown."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mr. Chair. This amount of money is what we approved in our budget process. So it is just a different way of allowing them to use the money and not a different amount for us. Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I will just make a couple of comments because I was intimately involved with this whole transition thing with the Cowtown Board. In essence, what we have done, is given them the flexibility so they could execute their budget and make their decisions on personnel and etc. I do think it was very wise of us to hold out \$200,000 of the funds, which had to be specifically spent on the infrastructure deficiencies and what have you. And, if they were not to do that, then the argument is, our contribution would \$200,000 less.

I think right now, Cowtown has an excellent opportunity because, embodied within this is coming up with a five-year strategic plan as to how their going to implement it. They have cut, if I read it right, about \$6000,000 from their budget over last year, so they are making, I think, an honest attempt to reach fiscal stability. And then once they do that, and have a five-year strategic plan, my sense is that they are going to find it a lot easier to go out to the private sector and say "Would you invest in this, or would you invest in this", because I think most of the private sector wants to invest in something they think has an excellent chance to succeed, not just pour money down the black hole. I compliment them, it has been a little tenuous at times, but I think they're definitely on the

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right track and I think the City of Wichita is coming forward now, understanding that this is something they want to see succeed and I just wish them the best of luck.

Okay, I don't see any other questions or comments, so what's the will of the board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign; and approve adjustment to the authorized Staffing Table to delete Old Cowtown Museum positions.

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

2. AGREEMENTS (SIX) WITH DELEGATE AGENCIES FOR FUNDING BY SEDGWICK COUNTY.

- **ARTS COUNCIL, INC.** **\$13,500**
- **DERBY RECREATION COMMISSION** **\$25,000**
- **KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC.** **\$23,304**
- **SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.** **\$21,500**
- **THE KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, INC.** **\$162,450**
- **WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, INC.** **\$96,573**

Ms. Hart said, "Commissioners, these are six projects that are included in the budget for 2007. The contracts before you today are the legal method of implementing the exchange of funding. I

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will go through them one at a time.

The Arts Council for \$13,500. That buys some certain art and cultural activities benefiting Sedgwick County.

Derby Recreation Commission in the amount of \$25,000. That provides an after school and weekend recreation programs in Oaklawn, which are prevention activities.

The Kansas Junior Livestock Show for \$23,304. That supports the largest youth live stock show in the state of Kansas at the Kansas Coliseum. Last year they had 6,700 youth representing 92 counties in attendance.

The Kansas African-American Museum in the amount of \$162,450. Provides general operating support for the museum.

The Sedgwick County Fair Association, Inc. for \$21,500. Supports the county fair held in Cheney, Kansas in Sedgwick County. Next year it will be held July 11th-14th and we expect over 20,000 attendees.

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum in the amount of \$96,573. Provides generally operating support. Next year, their goals include, reaccreditation, four special exhibits and a membership drive. So I'd be happy to try to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Alright, thank you. I don't see that we have any questions or comments. Commissioners, what's the will of the board on item J2?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

3. AGREEMENT WITH TERMINIX INTERNATIONAL FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is our standard agreement for advertising rights. What is does it continue our relationship with Terminix for an additional three-year term. More importantly the revenue we derive from this advertising agreement helps us offset a necessary and normal expense from our budget, which is pest control services. We recommend approval.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

4. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE IV OF THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE* RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARKS, LAKES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

Mr. Sroufe, Superintendent, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to request approval of our Resolution governing Lake Afton Park and Sedgwick County Park for fees and

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special events and waiver some fees. To highlight the request, the first change would be the increase of a .50 per day service fee for field permits increase to \$2 per day. The second request will be for a special event fee that we didn't have previously. This will provide for groups or organizations to use portals of the park for an event without the use of a shelter. And the last item will be the waiver of fees for people that want to fish at Lake Afton. We will waive the fees starting in 2007, as we enter Lake Afton into the Community Fishery Assistance Program, which is a program administered by Wildlife and Parks.

If you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer for you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Winters?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess, Mark, to put my words around this, the first one of these is significant. If somebody drives into the park and doesn't stop and get a permit, instead of charging a .50 fee on top, their going to charge them \$2 fee on top of their regular fee?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "And the other one now, is that anybody that wants to go to Lake Afton Park and fish, can do so without buying any additional permit other than their regular fishing license?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "So there is no fee if you go to Lake Afton to be a fisherman?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "Correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, that sounds a good deal."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And the one thing, as it was explained to me, the reason for raising that from .50 to a \$2 surcharge, a lot of people would go in and purposely not stop and pick up their ticket, I think hoping that one of the staff people wouldn't catch them and they could go free. And then when we start going down the line and collecting, well I got caught, here's your .50. Well, that takes a lot of personnel time and effort, so, if they want do that, fine, but we want to put a little financial emphasis on them to stop at the gate and do it so we don't have to have them going up and down the whole shoreline picking up and extra fee. So I think this is done, not to be punitive, but just to maybe give them the proper incentive to do it the right way the first time. Commissioner Unruh, I'm sorry."

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank your Mr. Chair. Mark, folks can come out and visit the park, drive around without the fee at all?”

Mr. Sroufe said, “That is correct.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. And the enforcement of this, you’ve considered the ramifications of that, do you think you can handle collection enforcement? It seems like, it’s all spread out, how do you do that?”

Mr. Sroufe said, “Based on feedback from other community lakes that have been in this program for two years, it hasn’t become an issue for them. That’s kind of the reason why we’ve stayed out of the program for a couple of years, I wanted to see from my partners how that’s worked, and it has seemed to work fairly well.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Alright, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I don’t see that there is any other comments, so what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

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

K. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

1. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO JUVENILES IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES. .

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita Medical Practice Association, has been providing medical services to the juvenile offenders that we serve, residing in the residential facilities of the Department of Corrections since 1988.

This morning we are requesting your approval of a sixth-month extension of the existing professional services contract. The extension will provide Sedgwick County with the time necessary to determine any modifications which may be needed due to a possible change in state requirements. The Medical Practice Association agreed to provide services at the same rates as the existing contract for the six-month extension. The cost of the contract before you today, reflects a maximum amount that will not exceed \$132,500. I request that you approve this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign and I am here to answer any questions that you may have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that there are any questions. Commissioners, what's the will of the board on K1?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett 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	Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

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

2. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH DR. DEBORAH JOHNSON, ADJUSTING DUTY DAYS AND PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Dr. Jaime Oeberst, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here today to present an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Dr. Debra Johnson, who is our part-time pathologist. The amendment does provide for a reduction in duty days, there would actually be two days per month and also we will reimburse her for her malpractice insurance coverage. Our recommendation is that you approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's it? As far as the presentation is concerned?"

Ms. Oeberst said, "I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't think we have any, so what's the will of the board, Commissioners, on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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L. TREASURER'S OFFICE REORGANIZATION.

1. AUTO LICENSE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Ron Estes, Sedgwick County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm asking for approval for a couple of agenda items this morning. Changing some staffing table positions within the Treasurer's Office. We split those into two different agenda items because one of them affects the Tax Department, which is a general fund and the first one is the Auto License, which is actually operated out of a separate fund based on the registration fees that come in.

We've done some reorganization base upon a couple of different things. One of them is just that as we focused on customer service within the last year I have been in office, and particularly our mail room processing, as you're well aware our office has a lot of contact with the citizens of Sedgwick County and primarily we almost contact everybody, whether it's dealing with their auto license registration or whether it's dealing with their property tax. We've made some adjustments trying to streamline that process and trying to focus on customer service.

Also, over the years, some of our work assignments and duties of our employees have changed into, whether changes in law or changes in department of revenue, rules and regulations. And also we've had new computer systems implemented, which has also changed what people do on a daily basis.

The third reason that it's wise to talk about this is that we have also had some positions that did not match the current county staffing table. We wanted to make sure that we were in compliance with that. So, with that, I think it's, these two agenda items are of a good way to provide improved customer service to the citizens of Sedgwick County and it's a good way to treat our employees in terms of their work assignments as well as compensation for the work that they do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioners, do you have any questions or comments on the first item, which is the adjustment to the Treasurer's Auto License staffing table? Commissioner Winters?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Ron, the only question I have is, and I can tell by the backup that you did request that Human Resources get involved in all of this salary and this reallocation. Is that correct?"

Mr. Estes said, "That's correct. That is one of the things that we wanted to make sure that we did is that we followed the typical Human Resources approach and make sure that we also follow the

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staffing table, so that was, a lot of work was done by the Human Resources Department to help get us to this point.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And I would assume that they are in the room, so I assume they are in concurrence in agreement with this presentation that you’re making, I see them shaking their head yes. I just wanted to say thank you. County’s structure of government is sometimes something unique to a lot of folks, and I think we have got an excellent team of elected officials here and your position is of course is elected by all the citizens of the County. But I really do appreciate, and I think we all do, your using Human Resources of Sedgwick County to help manage your people the best way possible, and I know there could be other alternatives, but I appreciate your team effort on this. Thanks.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that there is any other questions or comments. Commissioners, what’s the will of the board on L1?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the adjustments to the Treasurer’s Auto License Staffing Table.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item.”

2. TAX DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Estes said, “This next item just deals with the Tax Department, which as I said earlier, is a general fund, so actually you have approved the budget for the fund and all activities we do

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there. So that is why we separated this act from the other.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Very good. Commissioner Winters, you have a comment?”

Commissioner Winters said, “And I would just ask the same question, this range reallocation for the Tax Department, the Department of Human Resources all showed up to perform this salary survey and for making sure that these are in line with what is good common practice.”

Mr. Estes said, “Right, we work with the Human Resources Department. One other thing I try to take into account, that even though there are two separate departments and two separate organization structures, that I try to be consistent with those departments and also working with Human Resources to try to match that up.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the adjustments to the Treasurer’s Tax Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

M. ADJUSTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE A PARTIALLY GRANT-FUNDED HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION, B321.

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Ms. Sonja Armbruster, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I appreciate the opportunity to ask for the staffing table adjustment today. You all approved a grant application for us to apply for Sunflower funding over the summer and we have received that award and part of that project was to find an educator, so the funding provided in that grant application funds this position. So we're asking for the staffing table adjustment for a full-time Health Educator for January, 2007 to December, 2009 and we just ask that you approve the staffing table adjustment and authorize the Chair to sign. And I'm happy to answer any further questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Sonja, when we hire someone for a position like this, are they aware that this is going to be a grant filled position? And the grant funds are there at the end of the term, so be it and if there, it's a different story?"

Ms. Armbruster said, "Yes. We will make that clear to that position and we will make a decision as that funding approaches. My intention is that we will find other grant funds to continue this position. It's the states, the governor has pushed in her efforts for a healthy Kansas, focusing on physical activity, nutrition and tobacco and that's what this health educator will do. I'm anticipating the funding through another funding string. But I will make that clear to the staff, yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the adjustment to the Health Department Staffing Table.

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

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

N. ADJUSTMENT TO THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS (DIO) STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE A CUSTOMER SUPPORT ANALYST POSITION, B322; AND A SYSTEMS ANALYST POSITION, B325.

Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, the Register of Deeds has asked that the IT Department expand the technology support we provide his office and he will fund these two positions out of his technology enhancement fund. The last three years, several major technologies have gone live from his office and more is coming and it is time to dedicate a full-time support analyst to support these technologies. The office needs a programmer for about one year to build a new recording and e-notary system, which when finished will give us customers a completely electronic transaction process from beginning to end. I ask that you approve the adjustment to the staffing table and am available for any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Richard, you mentioned that funding for that first position and funding for that second position was from where?"

Mr. Estes said, "Both from the Register of Deeds."

Commissioner Winters said, "Both of them are Register of Deeds? Okay, very good, I understand that then. Thank you, that is the only question I had."

Chairman Sciortino said "Commissioners, are there any more....."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the adjustment to the DIO Staffing Table.
Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

O. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2006.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of December 14th results in seven items for consideration this morning.

First item, change order number one, from Microfilm Processing Services to the Register of Deeds. Recommendation is to accept the change order with Imaging Solutions Company in the amount of \$57,652.44.

Item two, banking services for the Division of Finance and the Treasurer's Office. Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from UMB Bank for an estimated three-year cost of \$207,151 for banking services and an estimated three-year revenue of \$87,750 for purchase cards and to execute contract pricing for three-years with two one-year options to renew.

Item three, ANI/ALI Controller and Netclock for emergency communications. Recommendation is the negotiated low proposal from AT&T/Plant CML/Vesta 911 for an initial cost of \$1,191,009.79 and execute a contract for a total five-year cost of \$1,823,407.83.

Item four, firewall security maintenance for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is to accept the quote of Fishnet Security in the amount of \$37,068.93.

Item five, 2007 recommended insurance renewals for Risk Management. Recommendation is to accept the 2007 insurance premiums listed for an estimated cost of \$555,132.00.

Item six, Juvenile Court, District Attorney facility remodel for facilities department. Recommendation is to accept the low bid from National Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$10,040,00.

Item seven, medical supplies and equipment for Emergency Medical Services. Recommendation is to accept the low bid for item one, for cost of \$10,980., for more medical.

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Low bid meeting specification for items two and seven for a cost of \$30,820 from Products Unlimited, low bid meeting specifications for three and four and low bid for items for six for a cost of \$9,316 from Accurate Safety Distributor. And low bid meeting specifications for item five for a cost of \$4,722 from Progressive Medical International. For a total cost of \$55,838. We would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thanks Iris, we do have a question or comment. Commissioner Winters?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Iris, on item number three, the automatic number identification locator, I assume we have one of those now, but I assume with the new Emergency Management 911 Center we need a new one or is this going to be a better one?”

Ms. Baker said, “That’s correct. The old system will not.....Diane Gage can answer that.”

Commissioner Winters said, “The second part of this question is will this also enhance cell phone locator, location and all that kind of stuff?”

Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Basically it’s the new telephone system to go into the new building. It’s replacing a system that we purchased back in 1995. And it will enhance even further what we’re doing right now with wireless. Right now, if we answer a wireless call, the information comes up, if it’s not current, tells you it’s just the tower information, you’ve got to rebid it manually. This system will rebid it automatically so you’ll actually be able to follow the phone call traveling down the road. For right now, to get the information, we are manually having to put it back in and enter the information.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So, can we say that this will be a significant improvement over the system we have or will it just be a new system in our new building.

Ms. Gage said, “It will allow us to improve not only with the wireless telephone calls, it’ll allow us to improve our whole call handling. You can max out the system right now, we won’t be able to do that with that telephone system.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So this really does more than just as an automatic number locator. I mean it’s the phone system that will be in the new facility?”

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Ms. Gage said, "Correct. It's everything from where it connects into the building all the way to the dispatcher's handset. And includes not only our new center, but we'll also have the equipment in place to operate our back-up site as well."

Commissioner Winters said, "Alright, thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Yes, it answers my question."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Unruh?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mr. Chair. Iris, you may want give a high sign to Mick here, I want to ask a question about item five. Just a comment. The premiums in 2003 were approaching a million dollars and now they are \$555,000. I'm assuming we are still maintaining top of the line coverage, we may perhaps, have assumed some of the risk, we are doing job, I mean, just tell me how we are saving that money."

Mr. Mick McBride, Director, Risk Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The easy answer is that we have assumed some of the risk. We started self-insurance programs we did not have before. A good example is auto insurance that was, I think, approaching \$250,000-\$270,000 a year, all told. Now we are doing a self-insurance program. And the same with the other stuff is that we have adopted self-insurance programs. Now what that means when we do that is we assume the risk and we still have to pay claims. Our claim expense has been less than those premiums each year, so we have done well in managing our risk."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Bottom line is we're doing a better job in managing it and saving money in that expense category?"

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all Commissioner?"

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Commissioner Unruh said, “That’s all I have.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, I would request that you would take an off agenda item regarding capitol improvement with the Haysville Senior Center.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I was going to do that right after the consent agenda, but we can do it. Do the consent agenda.”

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Easements for Right-of-Way.

- a. Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 636-7-1972, bridge replacement on 71st Street South between 295th and 311th Streets West. CIP# B-384. District #3.

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- b. Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 618-2-4100, bridge replacement on Central between 375th and 391st Streets West. CIP# B-431. District #3.
- 2. **Resolution approving a conditional use to allow sand extraction, Case Number CON2006-00013, located on the northeast corner of 77th Street North and 87th Street West.**
- 3. **Resolution stating findings to be made by the BOCC after deferral from the post-annexation hearing held April 19, 2006 for City of Wichita, Kansas Annexation No. A98-16, Ordinance No. 43-980.**
- 4. **Amendment to Agreement with Mary Dudley, M.D.**
- 5. **Addendum Number Two for the 2007 Group Medical Insurance Plans with Preferred Plus of Kansas, providers of a Health Maintenance Organization.**
- 6. **Notice of Public Hearing January 10, 2007 regarding petition for attachment of land to Rural Water District No. 1, Sedgwick County, Kansas, and for release of land from Rural Water District No. 5, Butler County, Kansas.**
- 7. **Donation by Snelling Search of \$100 for COMCARE's Public Awareness campaign.**
- 8. **Plat.**

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

Royse Estates Addition

9. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Patrick D. Crowell	Crowell Enterprises, LLC dba General Station
Mark O. Branham	Quick Trip West, Inc. #392
James W. Peters	Jeymanco, Inc. dba Schulte Country Store

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Mark C. Reed	Sedgwick County Zoological Society, Inc.
Sam G. Eberly	Eberly Farm, Inc.
John F. Richards	DJR Golf, Inc.
Kevin Eastman	D'Mario's Pizza/Cheney Lanes, Inc.
Christopher P. Rickard	Bomber Burger
Gwen Turner	Kwik Shop, Inc. #706

10. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V06063	\$402.00	3	Fieldstone Apartments
V06064	\$400.00	2	Mulvane Housing
V06065	\$86.00	5	Hearth Hollow Apartments
V06068	\$168.00	Butler	Savannah Park Apartments
V06070	\$234.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apartments
V020040R	\$298.00	4	Sundance Apartments
V020075R	\$389.00	Butler	Andover Crossing Apartments
V94116R	\$294.00	5	Springcreek Apartments

11. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V915	\$251.00	\$221.00
V2000	\$294.00	\$363.00
V020079	\$217.00	\$192.00
V04081	\$240.00	\$211.00
V200108	\$311.00	\$273.00
V20127	\$357.00	\$352.00
V04091	\$162.00	\$145.00
V04096	\$256.00	\$225.00
V05096	\$200.00	\$196.00
V98004	\$149.00	\$164.00
V05093	\$309.00	\$54.00
V020006	\$409.00	\$384.00
V020080	\$112.00	\$69.00
V020075	\$394.00	\$389.00
V05098	\$352.00	\$352.00
V05106	\$317.00	\$301.00
V06006	\$497.00	\$518.00
V05100	\$295.00	\$297.00
V02007	\$325.00	\$322.00
V03100	\$374.00	\$240.00
V99079	\$475.00	\$475.00
V05107	\$321.00	\$293.00
V2009	\$414.00	\$360.00
V05094	\$547.00	\$485.00
V20143	\$505.00	\$519.00
V94116	\$321.00	\$294.00
V05092	\$495.00	\$495.00
V06005	\$211.00	\$207.00
V04097	\$550.00	\$542.00
V2002	\$313.00	\$292.00
V04002	\$321.00	\$294.00
V040098	\$321.00	\$456.00
V05103	\$596.00	\$225.00

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V05101	\$452.00	\$685.00
V020002	\$200.00	\$187.00
V05105	\$320.00	\$412.00
V05081	\$187.00	\$179.00
V04078	\$201.00	\$233.00
V03096	\$297.00	\$283.00
V05088	\$162.00	\$175.00
V04083	\$321.00	\$321.00
V2001	\$240.00	\$222.00
V0509	\$152.00	\$144.00
V94101	\$231.00	\$205.00
V06002	\$334.00	\$317.00
V97069	\$322.00	\$289.00
V010168	\$320.00	\$289.00
V06003	\$163.00	\$366.00
V05102	\$238.00	\$242.00
V06046	\$610.00	\$414.00
V06057	\$470.00	\$205.00
V03061	\$22.00	\$0.00
V05093	\$54.00	\$184.00
V05054	\$339.00	\$229.00
V05039	\$600.00	\$600.00
V03100	\$240.00	\$269.00
V05073	\$319.00	\$251.00
V06054	\$385.00	\$385.00
V06053	\$475.00	\$328.00
V05057	\$342.00	\$300.00
V06019	\$571.00	\$297.00
V06036	\$105.00	\$14.00
V05043	\$188.00	\$200.00
V05068	\$515.00	\$228.00
V04067	\$201.00	\$476.00
V05058	\$170.00	\$270.00
V05070	\$300.00	\$0.00
V06003	\$388.00	\$163.00

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- 12. Order dated December 12, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 13. Payroll Check Register of December 15, 2006.**
- 14. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 13 – 19, 2006.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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, “Next item. And now, Commissioners there is a need for an off agenda item. If I could have your authority to do so.

Commissioner Norton moved to take the off agenda item.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, the stated language in front of you authorize for the staff to enter into agreement with the City of Haysville, Kansas, for capitol improvements for the Haysville Senior Center should include the phrase, “For capitol improvement up to \$25,000.” And we would add that, that gives us a clarity that we need to process whatever we need to process. I would recommend that you would approve this.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Any questions or comments on this item? Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “I won’t spend a lot of time on it, but I’m very supportive of this. In the next year, Haysville is going to be working on building a new senior center and I want to be sure our Department of Aging and, we are part of that because, as we look at building new senior centers around our community and we’re so definitely tied because of the Department of Aging, I want to be sure that we are putting the kinds of new amenities in there that will help project what we want in senior centers to look like in the next twenty or thirty years. And I think there is a place for us at the table, but it also helps them retrieve some federal grant money by having other partners, so I think it’ll important that we are a part of that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, I think personally, it’s a very worthwhile cause and being in that age group, I think that we have an obligation to help those of us who are more chronologically gifted. There is an argument that I am going to be spending more time now in some of those centers, so I might be visiting Haysville. I usually hang out in the Derby Senior Center and the Oaklawn one. I’ll be coming over and spending a little time there in Haysville too.

Okay, I don’t see there is any other questions or comments, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to authorize staff to enter into the agreement.

Commissioner 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

Q. OTHER

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think Mr. Unruh was first."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I just wanted to mention the fact that this last weekend, I had the opportunity to help serve breakfast to nearly 500 people as they had breakfast with the Grinch out at Willie C's on the west side of town. Envision, which is a local non-profit organization who helps people who are blind and has low vision, it was a fund raiser for them and there were a lot of people, it was crowded, it was a lot of fun.

The Thunderdog was there and the Grinch was there and they got fingerprint kits and they had brail stations and read a story. It was a lot of fun. A lot of work but enjoyable, worthwhile and I think very productive. So I would like to congratulate Linda Merrill and Mary Shannon for putting on a fine event and I did find out standing on your feet, running a restaurant for four hours is really a lot of work. And more than that I guess I want to say, Merry Christmas to everyone. I hope everyone enjoys their Christmas holiday. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters, I believe you were second."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much. I wanted to mention, back on December the 10th, and I didn't talk about this last week because our meeting was very long last week and I think we were all ready for the end. On Monday the 10th, the REAP organization met out at Colwich, Kansas in the City Hall at Colwich and certainly want to thank Colwich for hosting that group.

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But the interesting thing was after we had our regular REAP meeting, we divided into two groups, and two local businesses there, in Colwich. One was CMI, the construction engineering and design firm, which is designing ethanol plants all around the country and maybe even the world, but right there in Colwich, Kansas, they have approaching 500 employees in their engineering and design team and then some of their work there is involved in manufacturing, some of the intricate parts of ethanol plants.

After having a wonderful tour there, we crossed the railroad tracks to the north and toured the Abingoa Ethanol Plant. Now these two companies are not connected to each other, they are entirely different companies, but involved in the ethanol business.

There were a number of us from Harvey and Newton, were there and Butler County and our tour group and had very interesting tour of an ethanol plant that is producing some 20 million gallons of ethanol a year and with their plant expansion that will start next year, will move that up into the high 80's or 90 million gallons of ethanol produced at Colwich.

So we appreciate the hospitality of the City of Colwich and the hospitality of those who accompanied us, showing us what's going on in the world of ethanol. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well yesterday, Commissioner Winters and I had the privilege of going to the new EMS ribbon cutting in Maize, and Maize is just really growing by leaps and bounds. Behind the EMS building will be the new City Hall that will also house their Recreation Commission and some other offices. Things are really, really growing around there and it's very exciting to see.

And then I also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope everyone has a great time with their friends and families over the next week. And to encourage you, if you can, to please help anyone who is less fortunate than you this year, because there is always a need."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let me just echo, we will not have a meeting next week and our next official meeting will be after the first of the year. So not only a blessed Christmas to everybody that's watching but also a very prosperous New Year. I'm very excited about the direction that the Commission is going with job preservation and public safety and I, although I still will officiate one more meeting, I just want to wish all of my colleagues a very happy Christmas, very prosperous New Year and to everybody watching, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Shalom, all the different things in this holiday season that people celebrate.

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But we really must understand, this season, it seems like, you say, well did you get the Christmas spirit? But there is some kind of thing that happens during this time of the year, if you're shopping at the mall and people are saying Merry Christmas to each other. It's just too bad we can't continue with that intensity 365 days of the year. But we are going to have a nice one, my son's coming home with a young lady, my wife is all excited, thinking that there may be an announcement. I know my son and I don't think there is going to be an announcement. But it would be nice to see who she is, we haven't met her. My daughter's here, everybody is healthy. So we are looking forward to a very happy time. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, Tim always says at Christmas time, "God bless us everyone." So that's all I've got to say."

Chairman Sciortino said. "I don't think there is anything else to come before us, so this meeting is now adjourned. Thank you."

R. ADJOURNMENT

They're being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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