

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

January 3, 2007

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, January 3, 2007 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 Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, CDDO; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Ron Estes, County Treasurer; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Dr. Jaime Oeberst, Deputy District Coroner/ Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services; Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Bureau of Public Works; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Terry Houck, Member, American Legion Patriot Guard.
Mr. Mario Goico, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging.
Mr. Grant Tidemann, Member, Sedgwick County Board of Zoning Appeals.
Dr. Dwight Allen, Executive Director, Medical Society of Sedgwick County.
Mr. Craig Hanson, Member, Patriot Guard.
Mr. James W. Baker, Member, Board of Mechanical Examiners and Appeals.
Ms. Carolyn Risley Hill, CEO, Starkey, Inc.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Scott Goltl of Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, December 6, 2006

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular meeting of December 6, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I believe you've had a chance to review the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6th. What's your will on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve to Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2006.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

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DONATION

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE

A. DONATION BY PEOPLE TO PEOPLE OF 15 PERSONAL CARE KITS AND BLANKETS, VALUED AT \$300, FOR COMCARE'S CENTER CITY HOMELESS PROGRAM.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're pleased to accept a donation recently from a group called People to People and they donated 15 self-care kits. I brought one, just so you could see what they donated. They have them in shoe boxes and there's a nice warm blanket in here, deodorant, shampoo, warm socks and they donated these recently and they did that in response to an article on homelessness that was in the Eagle so I also thank the Eagle for having written that article and provided that awareness. We are recommending that you accept the donation and recognize the donors with a letter of appreciation."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

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AWARDS

B. PRESENTATION OF 2006 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD.

Chairman Sciortino said, "This is something that we started . . . I think, was it Commissioner McGinn or Commissioner Norton that started the Chairman's award. Anyway, it's been many years when once a year the Chairman gets to pick an individual or a group of individuals that have really contributed to the betterment of our community and I got involved with these folks here last year. What I'm talking about is the Kansas American Legion Riders and the American Legion Post in Mulvane invited me to a celebration that they were having down there and I hadn't realized that this entire movement started in Mulvane and it's now a national movement that they go around and they pay honor and tribute to fallen soldiers that have died and protect them from what I would think, without curtailing anyone's freedom of speech, from undue harassment during a time of sorrow.

So this year I chose the American Legion Riders, the Kansas Patriot Guard. So Terry, if you would come up here for a second, I'd like for you first of all to accept this award, on our behalf of the entire Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners to honor you and your group for the good service that you do for our fallen soldiers. And I'd like for you to maybe give us a little history of your organization, maybe introduce the gentlemen that have come with you and accept this with our gratitude."

Mr. Terry Houck (Darkhorse), American Legion Riders, Freedom Riders, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Ben said, he's one of our members also with the Patriot Guard. This all . . . Ben has been a great supporter too. We've had him in quite a few of our welcome home ceremonies. Also, when we had our memorial service for all the fallen soldiers of Kansas, we had him down there and he rode with us in one of our big parades into Mulvane.

I would like to introduce Craig Hanson, would you please stand up. Craig is the American Legion Rider State Kansas Chairman. He's goes around and sets up these chapters. He's also a co-captain for the Patriot Guard. And then Greg Hanson, he's the Director of 406, American Legion Riders, also an area . . . American Legion Rider Director, a member of Post 136 and a Patriot Guard Co-Captain. Wild Bill Logan, he's a member of the American Legion Riders, Post 136 and one of our lead road captains when we go out on these missions. He runs front left or front right. My name is Terry Houck, as Ben said. We all have ride names. I carry the name Darkhorse from my Vietnam days. Bronco, Craig Hanson is also Bronco and then Greg, the one in the center is E-Bay. We all have ride names.

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We all have quite a few duties. I won't go into all that. I do want to thank Ben and all the commissioners for this Chairman's Award. We're very honored to part of that and I do accept it, on behalf of hundreds of Patriot Guard, American Legion Riders, Combat Veterans, Christian Motorcycle Association, the Christian Calvary Ministries Association, the Blue Knights, Rolling Thunder-Carry the Flame, Rolling Thunder- Run to the Wall, Sons of Silence, Blue Knights, Silent Brothers, all these motorcycle groups across Kansas ride on these Patriot Guard missions to pay . . .

Chairman Sciortino said, "How many missions, like last year, how many missions did you all go out on?"

Mr. Houck said, "It's right around 40 and a lot of us give up our own time, our own money. We're self-contained, self-propelled. We do not sell anything to make money. We all pay our own way. And I'm very proud of the fact that there's thousands of us across the nation that do this. We have state captains in every state. Things don't always run smoothly. The commanding general, she's not here today, she's my wife. She's the one that came up with this in August of 2005. Her name is Carol. We've been married 38 years, all our adult life. And this was her idea and I got with these guys here and half a dozen others, presented it to our Post 136 in August of '05 and American Legion Riders, American Legion Headquarters, they backed it and we do this with the permission of law enforcement. We always contact them, let them know what they're doing, the families of the fallen soldiers, and we've had a few incidents where things don't run smoothly but we get the job done."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just want to say, just in closing, as long as these people continue to ride, patriotism is never going to die."

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, "Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please."

C. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE RECOGNIZING DWIGHT ALLEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, FOR OVER 42 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we take the opportunity to recognize a longstanding partner and friend of Sedgwick County. Dwight Allen has served as the Executive Director for the Medical Society of Sedgwick County for over 42 years. In that time, Dwight has aided and immensely and immeasurably in the founding and development of Sedgwick County EMS and the promulgation of high-quality pre-hospital care in our community."

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Dwight, in partnership with committed local physicians, has long had a passion and a vision for improving the communities' emergency medical service. In fact, his interest started in the early '60s, just as he came aboard with the medical society and he was the catalyst and organizers of the first definitive text on pre-hospital care, call 'Immediate Care of the Sick and Injured', the book a collaboration of work by local physicians was used and adopted locally as a training device across the nation, in the U.K. and by the World Health Organization, so it has wide reaching effects across the world.

He's a leader among those who worked on establishing EMS in the '70s and worked on the first city/ county agreement that created our ambulance service. Has been an important link to the physician community, as we have moved to the next step with our emergency medical services system, in partnership with Wichita.

A point of interest, before working for the Medical Society, Dwight worked for the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Health Department and during that period of time, I think it was December of '62 and January of '63, Dwight was the one who organized and developed and planned for the oral polio vaccine that occurred across the nation that time, so his initial impact was as a member of the Health Department.

He has promoted health and wellness to the uninsured and under-insured, as an important partner in bringing Project Access to Sedgwick County and I think we were the second community in the nation to have that program. Dwight has been a valued resource, advisor and support of Sedgwick County for medical and healthcare matters all of those 43years.

He's been instrumental in connecting the evolving Health Department Epidemiology efforts with the Medical Society physician subcommittees and the Pandemic Flu/ Influenza workgroup. And if you remember in 2004, when you had the countywide/ nationwide flu vaccine shortage, Dwight with the Health Department in bringing the physician community together to deal with and set up some guiding rules for the delivery of vaccine during that critical time.

Under his stewardship, the Medical Society has grown from about 300 members to over 1,100 and has been an important, involved organization improving health and wellness in our community. Dwight retires from his position on Friday, January 5th. This plaque is a simple way of saying thank to a modest man and he never takes credit for what he does, who has done much more than can be conveyed in just a few words, so Dwight . . ."

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Dr. Dwight Allen, Member, Sedgwick County Medical Society, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you Bob for those kind words. I didn’t realize that I’ve been involved in all of that. I think one of the things that I have that I’m really proud of or is most rewarding to me and that I wanted to say thank you for is my involvement in helping develop the Sedgwick County EMS program, from what it was to what it is today and to what I hope it will be tomorrow.

So again, it’s not me that should receive these thanks, but it’s you, the members of the commission, the county manager of the past and the present and hopefully in the future, because if it wasn’t for your visions and for your seeing the need to develop a coordinated, countywide emergency medical system, there would be not system as we have today.

The system we have today in emergency services in this county is one of the finest in the country, and again it’s not because of me, it’s because of you all seeing that need and providing the funding. And it’s not only you all, but it’s also the staff over at the Communications Center, the first-responders and the paramedic people and then the supporting administrative staff, so I would like to reverse this and say, rather than just thanking you for the kind words, I would like to extend the appreciation and the sincere thanks on behalf of all the physicians and the members of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, as well as the entire medical community for your supporting the Sedgwick County EMS, and especially those patients who receive the care through our current EMS system.

My reward for all of the time and efforts that I have spent is seeing, every day, when I see the red fire first responder driving down the street and then the paramedic unit serve, going to help those people in needs and again, our sincere thanks to you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now wait a minute, don’t go away. I think there’s going to be other embarrassing comments made about you or something, I have a feeling somebody’s lights going to go on. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I haven’t been around watching this since 1962, but the observation I’ve made several years ago when there was some acrimony and some tough times with EMS, trying to create the system and make sure we understood the nuances of how we deliver that in the best manner in our community, Dwight sponsored many meetings at the Medical Society and I know I went to several, trying to figure out what is best for this community and how to deliver that service seamlessly across all lines, across all borders and I applaud Dwight for that.

Because at that time there was a chance that we were going to be fragmented, after all the work over

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all those years, there was some acrimony and it looked like we'd be fragmented and he was the glue that held it together and stayed on message and said 'here's how we have to deliver that in our community' and I applaud you for that, Dwight. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And I also would like to make a comment, dovetailing with Commissioner Norton said, a few years ago we did have a little problem stating and there was a lot of emotion involved in it and I had meetings with Dwight and he was able to just look at it just objectively as to what's in the best interest of the people and put aside emotions and his quiet demeanor, yet sometimes forceful, because he would tell you how the cow ate the cabbage, as far as how best to have an integrated system and the end result is I think we have a very good system working now and it's due, in no small part Dwight, to your work behind the scenes and being willing to stand up and tell all of us how it should be done and separate partisanship, separate everything, separate turf, let's just get the program done to the betterment of the citizens, and that's because of you my friends, so thank you very much."

Dr. Allen said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And we can get together afterwards, because I also am getting ready to retire. We can figure out what the heck we're going to do with ourselves. Next item please."

APPOINTMENTS

D. APPOINTMENTS.

1. **RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARIO GOICO (COMMISSIONER WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we've prepared this resolution for this reappointment to a four-year term and I recommend you adopt it."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is Mario with us today?"

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Please raise your right hand."

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, so help me God."

Mr. Mario Goico, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Goico said, "Thank you commissioners for this opportunity to serve the community. Thank you for your leadership in all these programs, working on the commission on Aging, I've seen the impact that we're making in the community to try to help very . . . a lot of needs that we have in the area. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We have a couple of things here. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I would just like to certainly thank Representative Goico to be willing to understand one more part of county government a little better. And we know that you have lots of issues on your plate and as a state representative, this is a particularly busy part of the time, but I think when you can see what one part of county government is doing locally, get a little more information than maybe you need, but yet have it there available to you, I just appreciate your efforts to stay connected in this one part of what we do on a daily and weekly basis, so thank you very much for your continued support and participation in this advisory council."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And Mario *spoke in Spanish*. I told him I was really mad at him because he had more hair than I did. Thanks a lot, Mario. Next item please."

2. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GRANT TIDEMANN (COMMISSIONER

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UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this resolution is for a term to expire in April of 2009 and I recommend you adopt it."

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Please raise your right hand.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals, so help me God."

Mr. Grant Tidemann, member, Sedgwick County Board of Zoning Appeals, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I will."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Tidemann said, "Thank you commissioners for reinstating my appointment and I'm glad to serve on this committee."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Winters, you had a comment."

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Commissioner Winters said, “Yes, Grant is Commissioner Unruh’s appointment, and Dave is out of the city today, but he did indicate to me that he was certainly pleased that you had agreed to do this again, be on this advisory board and all of these areas where we pull in citizen input are very important, so thank you Grant for being willing to serve. Thanks.”

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

3. RESIGNATION OF GARY WETZEL FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF BUILDING EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, at this time I would ask that you accept this resignation.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Accept the resignation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

4. RESOLUTION APPOINTING TIM LEBLANC (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF BUILDING EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, we’ve prepared this resolution for a three-year appointment and I would recommend that you adopt it.”

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Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

5. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEVE SHEPHERD (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "And commissioners, this is also for a three-year appointment and I recommend you adopt this."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

6. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) REAPPOINTING TOM SALTER AND JAMES W. BAKER (AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS) TO THE BOARD OF MECHANICAL EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, these are likewise three-year appointments. I recommend you adopt these resolutions and the backup indicates that both of these persons are present."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Mr. Salter and Mr. Baker are here? No, oh Mr. Baker, yeah, please come forward sir and be sworn in."

Mr. Brace said, "Please raise your right hand."

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I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Board of Mechanical Examiners and Appeals, so help me God."

Mr. James W. Baker, Member, Board of Mechanical Examiners and Appeals, said, "I will."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Sciortino said, "If you'd like to say a few words, Mr. Baker."

Mr. Baker said, "Well, I appreciate this opportunity to serve the Sedgwick County. I've been on the board, I guess, for a few years now. It's hard to remember back how far it was, but it's been fun. It's . . . I think it's going to be some challenges coming up here in the year and adopting new codes and I look forward to it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great, thank you for your service. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

7. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) REAPPOINTING MIKE BRAND AND SUSAN ERLLENWEIN (AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS) TO THE BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, these reappointments are also for three years and I would recommend you adopt the resolutions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you and I believe Susan is here to be sworn in, not at."

Mr. Brace said, "Please raise your right hand."

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Board of Plumbing Examiners and Appeals, so help me God."

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Thank you for the reappointment and I look forward to working with Code Enforcement on plumbing and sewer issues. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you Susan. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

8. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) REAPPOINTING TROY ALAN PHILLIPS AND RICHARD E. LANDERS (AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS) TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, these are also three-year terms of reappointment and I would recommend you adopt the resolutions."

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Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Is anyone here . . . no one is here to accept that. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

E. RESOLUTION APPOINTING TIM R. NORTON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITY.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we have a resolution appointing Tim Norton to the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority and we would recommend you approve it."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm sure we'll have some discuss, but . . ."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters, you had a comment?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I just had a very quick comment, and that is to

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acknowledge that we do have confidence in the ability of Commissioner Norton, particularly in this area where I think he has spent a great deal of time and effort, as almost now I can say all of us have spent a great deal of time and effort on what technical education and training means, so this is one more step in our go forward plan.

I remember, I don't know how many years ago it was, when Commissioner Norton said 'some day we've got to really stop talking about this and move forward' and we are doing that, so I'm going to be completely supportive of this resolution."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I also, because Tim actually took this in his hand and ran with it when a lot of people were just sort of ho-humming and talking and talking and you've got to get started on something and Tim was there at the beginning and it's only appropriate that he be there now at the culmination of it because it actually isn't the end, it's just sort of the beginning of the end and you were there trying to get everybody ginned up on the importance of focusing on technical education, job preservation and it looks like now we're going to really get started and working on it and there's no one else on this commission that I could think of that would be better suited to serve in that area and I just really appreciate that you're willing to keep working on it, so anyway, I'm going to be 100% supportive of it. Clerk, call the roll please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "And Commissioner Norton gave me his proxy, in case there was going to be some problem, but I guess we don't need so he'll just take that. Tim."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think I'm going to get sworn in real quick. We can do that and then I have a couple of comments."

Mr. Brace said, "We can do it from where you're . . . please stand. Raise your right hand.

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I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of County Technical Education and Training Authority, so help me God.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I will.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations commissioner.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, first I want to acknowledge that this has been a team effort. I mean, there’s been yeomen’s work done over the last five or six years, but most recently in the last year and a half and I’ll have to applaud Dave Unruh, who has taken on a great challenge, as we went through all the trials and tribulations of where we’re going with technical education, what that’s going to mean to WATC, how is it all going to fold together, and Dave’s not here today to hear that, hopefully he’ll see the rebroadcast, but he is imminently qualified to continue that work. He and I talked about it. I’ve been working with KTTI since its inception and that’s all folding into WATC. I’ll tell the commission that I guarantee you won’t have anybody that’s more dedicated to making sure the system works and that all the key parts and ingredients and players are going to be at the table, working together, delivering what I consider one of the most important economic issues in our community and that’s how to grow the workforce so that this economic engine is taken care of for years and years and years.

I look at communities all over the United States that are now just discovering the aging of the population is killing their workforce, and we’re years ahead of that, lightyears ahead with this Jabara Center and what we’re doing with technical education and WATC and all the partners that we can pull together, I think there’s a bright and rosy future for education and training on a technical level in our community and I’m glad to be a part of it, so thanks for having faith in me, appreciate it.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well Tim, all it took was a vision, it was your vision, and the courage to continue leading until that vision became a reality, and you’ve done that. All right, next item.”

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NEW BUSINESS

F. PRESENTATION REGARDING ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ATTAINMENT OF NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BY STARKEY, INC.

Ms. Carolyn Risley Hill, CEO, Starkey, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today. I come for two reasons, to share our good news and to thank you for your support. Sparkey has a proud history that began in 1930, when Haddie Starkey started teaching two children at her kitchen table. She believe that all children could learn, including children with mental retardation, at a time when they could not obtain an education in the public schools.

Today, we serve 400 people with developmental disabilities in Sedgwick County. We have a proud history of the services we’ve provided and we’ve sought and obtained national accreditation in the early 1980s. The organization gave that up in the year 2000, due to the difficulties they were going through at that time and their inability really I think to achieve accreditation then.

At that time, the county stepped in and did a number of things to intervene to assist Starkey, and one of the very positive things you did, the bylaws were modified and a representative from the county was selected from a pool of people that you proposed to serve on our board of directors, and that has resulted in some excellent board members for us. The one coming on board is Jo Templin, your HR director, who is here this morning. I also want to take this opportunity to recognize Ron Tursey, our board president, who is here today.

Since 2001, when I joined Starkey, we’ve been on a journey to address the issues, which arose to heal the organization and to once again obtain national accreditation. I’m pleased to inform you that we’ve received a full three-year accreditation from the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and we had only three recommendations for change and we received three commendations for exemplary conformance to the standards, so we are all very proud of where we are today.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Sedgwick County for its support and its assistance, both in the past and in the way they supported parents who were trying to make change and up to and including the present. Most importantly, I want to recognize the leadership and the support of the Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization, Colin McKenney and his entire staff. Starkey and all of the organizations in Sedgwick County enjoy a partnership with the CDDO as we attempt to provide the highest quality services and outcomes for the people we serve.

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And I was not going to say this and then I decided I should go ahead and say it, you know we are the best model in the state, the Sedgwick County model and I think you can hold up the performance of Sedgwick County to anywhere else in the state and we look exemplary all around.

I also want to thank you and to recognize your leadership in examining the problems related to people with developmental disabilities and mental illness and really your courage in attempting to address those issues in Sedgwick County. Once again, your providing leadership for the entire state and we very much appreciate that, so thank you and I'd be happy to respond to questions if you have any."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, this is a bright day. I can remember the first time, Carolyn, when you came on board. I was a relatively new commissioner, but we set down and you had furrowed brows, trying to figure out not only how to worry with the loss of accreditation and other things, but how to save the organization, because there was some pretty tenuous times and this is a pretty bright day to be able to come and say you've got commendations and accreditation, things are going well, you have 400 clients that are being taken care of in the best manner, without political overtones and infighting and I think that's just wonderful, congratulations."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I also you know, have to say something and I don't know if it's just my initials but I always like to say things. I was involved during some of the dark times that we had, working with Ron and it was really heartening to me that when we got together and we started figuring out that we had a problem, we got out of denial, okay we've got a problem, then how do we solve the problem. And working together, we were able to solve the problem and this is just an end result of what can happen when you decide that there is something wrong and how do you change it and that might just point out the fact that there's no gain without a little pain. I mean, sometimes you have to just, whoa, sit back a little bit, understand that you've got a difficulty. Everybody that I worked with the organization, especially with Ron, identified that the reason for the existence of Starkey was not the employees of Starkey, it wasn't the bricks and mortar that was . . . it was the clients and Starkey served and when we started talking about that, then it seemed like the results were very easily attainable. We just changed direction and Starkey is now back at where it really justifiably needs to be, and I echo what you did say, it is the finest example, I'd like to say in the country, not just the state and thank you very much. Next item please. Excuse me."

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION**

**1. PRESENTATION OF FOLLOW-UP REPORT REGARDING
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC TASK FORCE ON
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND MENTAL ILLNESS.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, CDDO, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Prior to making this report, I too want to congratulate Starkey on all the progress they've made and I also want to thank Starkey for their efforts in making the needs of the population we're about to discuss here, you know, an urgent concern and then making sure they hold us all accountable for doing the right thing in this respect.

You'll remember that a little less than a month ago, we had the report from the Ad Hoc Task Force on Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness presented to you and it made good sense to us at that time to not let a lot of water go under the bridge before we came back to you with a progress report and some statement of recommendations and prioritization to make sure that this important issue continues to move forward and that you're all apprized of the fact that we are making strides in this area.

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During the course of nine months of meetings, members of the task force learned a great deal about people who do not fit well into traditional community programs. It's not always clear why individuals who demonstrate extreme aggressive behaviors do that. The behavior may be a result of co-occurring mental illness, a way of communicating their dissatisfaction with what's going on around them or maybe a direct outcome of their disability. You just don't always know what's at play there.

Because the people who engage in these behaviors are as different as the reasons the behaviors occur, there is not simple and consistent solution that will work for everyone. The taskforce developed a total of 19 recommendations for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners and Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Each of the action steps serves to address one or more aspects of the problem that was identified during the course of discussion during those nine months.

It probably would not be effective for us to say we're going to address all 19 of those recommendations simultaneously, in part because in only 11 of those were made to the Board of County Commissioners and eight were made to the State of Kansas, but also because you know there's a process to things and part of our role as a community developmental disability organization is to determine how all that plays out. It certainly our intent to play close attention and make good progress on all those recommendations, you know, but there has to be a process set in place to make that happen.

So I'd just like to walk you through some considerations that we've had to this point. Just a quick reminder of the charge of the taskforce was to determine whether services are adequate for persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness, determine consequences and risks to others that services are not adequate, to offer recommendations to improve services and protect the safety of those individuals and others.

Again, there were a total of 19 recommendations, 11 of those seeking local leadership from you and us to add to the system or to implement procedural change that allows us to do a better job in meeting the needs of these individuals. The remaining eight recommendations seek assistance at the state level to enhance access to resources and make the statewide system more responsive. As you're all very well aware, we do have a good partnership with the State of Kansas and they play part of the role and we play part of the role, and we're able to have the good system of supports that we have here in Sedgwick County.

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Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization will take the lead in utilizing those recommendations to affect problems identified by the taskforce. The number of recommendations required to prioritize we're about to describe here. Enhanced communication with state officials is one of those issues that rose to the top for us. Discuss has already begun with state system managers concerning the taskforce report. We had a good discussion, frank discussion with them a couple of weeks ago. They'd had a chance to review the report, they expressed some concerns about it, which I think we've address and we expressed our desire that they be good partners with us in moving forward on it.

Testimony has already been provided to legislators regarding unrealistic expectations of community providers, you know, things in terms of having to serve individuals after they've already demonstrated they are a real danger to themselves and to the community may not be a realistic expectation. They types of liability that goes to community service providers and trying to meet the needs of these individuals is not always realistic, so we have very good dialogue from legislators and we're seeing some preliminary indications of some very good outcomes of those discussions.

Also want to communicate the goal of serving people appropriately, rather than seeking to deny service to them. I said briefly that the state had some concerns. One of their leading concerns was you're just looking for an opportunity down there in Sedgwick County to find a reason not to serve people, and after they read the report, I think they were far more convinced that that was not our goal in any way, shape or form. Our goal is to find the most appropriate way to meet the needs of these individuals and not to, you know, try to avoid our responsibility for meeting their support needs in their home community.

Another key recommendation was specialized settings and that took two forms, we need a temporary location when person's behaviors get out of control and we cannot meet them in their typical living setting, we need a place where we can meet their support needs and so we want to be pursuing a temporary location for these individuals that would not become their home, but when these types of behaviors arise, since they're cycling, we're able to relocate them and safely meet their needs and keep others safe as well.

We also understand that other individuals have these types of support needs on an ongoing basis. They need specialized, long-term, residential support settings, day program settings that are designed to make a safe environment for them and to allow professional support staff who are qualified to meet their needs as success as possible in doing that.

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It's going to require some training, you know, there's some costs associated with that. That's going to require some special design of homes. You can't just rent any home, you know, in the community and expect that that's going to be a safe environment. I think one of the examples that we've talked about previously is shatterproof glass, plexiglass, those types of things, the windows always seem to be the first portion of these homes to get sacrificed when the behaviors flair up and so we need to find ways to remove, you know, that type of liability and the dangers that come with breaking glass.

Identification of program criteria, one of the other concerns expressed by the state was, you know, by what process are you going to say we're not going to serve people, so we're talking about suggesting criteria be developed that allow providers to deny services to some individuals. It seeks to protect providers and others from harm. You know, sometimes it just makes good sense to determine what is safe and what is not safe. As that process moves forward, it creates a potential that there's no backup plan there and that is not an option. There must be a backup plan for every individual, so we need to focus on criteria for specialized services. If a typical community setting is not appropriate for someone, due to their behaviors and their support needs, there needs to be another option for them and that gets back to a previous slide, talking about the types of specialized settings that we need to create. As part of the process of identifying what these criteria look like and how they would come into play, we would engage providers and other community stakeholders to help identify appropriate criteria and we will continue to apprise you of how that's developing.

Another key issue here was the need for a crisis intervention team. Sometimes it's not a matter of do we need to find a new place for this individual, do we need to find another service option. It's they're having behaviors that typical staff are not able to address, how can we address those needs where they currently live, work, participate in the day activity, so we need to come up with a good model that allows us to engage representatives from various support systems, not just developmental disabilities, to meet the diverse needs of these individuals. Respond on-site to help reduce the risk of harm, without incarceration, hospitalization or relocation. We have an individual right now, you know, that a lot of people are meeting to discuss how are we going to allow them to be successful, as he moves up to adult support services and there's a real concern that he might need to be institutionalized, only because you know, once every couple of months, every few weeks, you know he will have these type of behaviors. That's absolutely not a reason anybody should be considering institutionalization for that individual. You know, with the appropriate crisis intervention team, if these behaviors occur, we can respond in real time, help insure his safety and we might have several months before it happens again. So this person can be successful in the community, we just need to have a new way of doing business here.

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Design and costs of this recommendation will be identified through a planning process. There was really no way to give you any good figures on exactly what this is going to look like in the last four weeks, so this will be an ongoing process and you have our commitment to put the details to this.

Expansion of training, you might recall that four of the recommendations spoke to additional training for different segments of people who are affected by this, most obviously direct care professionals who work with these individuals on a daily basis, both mental health and developmental disabilities case managers need to have a firm grasp of who these individuals are, what their support needs are and what resources are out there to meet their needs.

Emergency responders, we don't always think about this, but when someone calls 9-1-1 and says someone is out of control here, they may not understand exactly what the situation is and then who they will be interacting with, so whether it's police or paramedics or fire or whoever may respond to such an incident, we need to make sure that they understand, as much as possible, of what we understand about these individuals. And social service professionals from various systems, again you know this is not just confined to the developmental disabilities system. This involves people from the mental health system, foster care, education, health, additional systems, so we need to do a good job of making sure that people have the information, education, resources they need to be successful.

How are we going to do this? Well, training efforts will include developmental disabilities and mental health system cross training. We've had some success with that in the past and we need to reinvigorate those efforts and get them up and running again. We have a plan in place at this point in time to try and take this type of specialized training directly to law enforcement officers. We also receive support from the Kansas legislature last year to fund the college direct supports, which is a specialized training module, containing more than 100 units for direct care professionals and this would be part of that training that they receive, you know how do you appropriately try to meet the support needs of people who don't fit into a typical support pattern. And so we think we're making good progress and additional efforts towards this end will be identified as well.

Another recommendation identified was making the CDDO more of a gatekeeper of information. At the present point in time, you know, we try to gather information and make that available to the eventual provider that will be making the services happen but we're also under a timeline which says within an average of 60 days an individual will be referred to a provider and services will begin. That timeline is kind of always lurking there, trying to keep us moving forward, even when there might be some suggestion that the file is not as complete as it should be.

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In our communication with the state a couple of weeks ago, we brought this to their attention and they agreed that if there's a concern that there's some information that we don't have, that a providers is going to need to be successful, get the information, make sure the file is complete. Be that more systemic gatekeeper, to make sure that the players in the process have what they need to be successful and to keep people safe, so my impression from that conversation is that we already have buy-in to play this role and we are performing it as we speak.

Speaking just briefly of recommendations to the state, eight recommendations require action from them, while discussion is taking place with some state officials, we'll be seeking a strong commitment from them and in particular the SRS secretary and the legislators to pursue the recommendations. You know, there was some pretty systemic recommendations that took place there, in terms of we need more funding. We need the ability to implement support services for people, even when they themselves might want to reject those services and those are not changes that take place overnight.

I will let you know that in terms of our preliminary recommendation from a legislative committee speaking to the Developmental Disability Service System, strong support for enhanced funding for community capacity building to allow us to do better training and compensation of direct-care professionals, kind of as an aside, also with significant funding to try to bring an end to our waiting list and make sure all people, whether or not they're currently served, are receiving the supports they require and specific mention of the specific needs of this population, the liability it creates for serve providers and how expensive it can be. You know, trying to create more community resources and powered by the legislature to make us as successful as possible. So as those recommendation are formalized, we intend to move forward with those and try to make those part of the outcomes through the budget and legislative process this year and we feel really good that we're at that point already as we start January with those types of recommendations behind us.

The timelines and resources, action is either underway on these priorities or will begin by March 2007. You know, some of these things were already on our radar screen since we engaged in this process. Some of them were kind of escalated as we learned more, through the taskforce process, so we are moving forward on those that I've identified this morning. Some of the recommendations will require additional resources and details will have to be developed in time for development of the 2008 Sedgwick County budget, if we will be seeking additional resources from you at that time.

You know, our goal would be, as we have done in the past, use system resources from all sources to try and address these needs. If it becomes necessary to require additional funding, you'll have the best information that we have about that process.

That is the presentation I have for you this morning, that's the progress we've been able to make. I feel very good about the work of the taskforce and the work of those who continue to be engaged in the process. I'd be happy to stand for any questions that you have at this time."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Colin, great presentation, it really kind of caught us up on where you think you're going next. How many people fit into the category of just so hard to serve that you've got to figure out a different plan for them right now? I mean, what is the total population that you serve in this community and what are those hardcore ones that you're just going to have to do more intensive, you're going to have to have crisis intervention? What does that population look like?"

Mr. McKenney said, "We currently track services and funding and eligibility for an eligibility for an excess of 2,000 people here in Sedgwick County and we don't have firm numbers on how many fit into this specific category but we believe it's less than 100, and so that sounds like a fairly small portion of the population, but what we've come to understand is, as the provider tries to you know, re-sculpt an entire residential setting or a day program setting to focus in on one of these individuals, that becomes a focus of an organization that, like Starkey, may serve 399 other people, so having one individual that fits into this category is exponentially difficult and despite the small numbers, this is a big problem in our community and elsewhere across the state."

Commissioner Norton said, "It's also like a pebble going into the water. It reverberates through all the rest of the system, doesn't it?"

Mr. McKenney said, "How many of those, of the 100 or whatever it is, I know you don't have a firm number, are in and out of incarceration and are constantly in our system? Because we're working real hard on the jail and incarceration side, and the court side, to understand mental health and disabilities and how they fall into the system and do they really need to be there or not, do they need intensive services as opposed to incarceration. How many of those people are consistently creating the problems in the judiciary system?"

Mr. McKenney said, "Well, that number is smaller still, probably in the neighborhood of 20 to 30 individuals and it seems like more because you get someone, you know, out of jail and you think you have them on the right path and they're back in again, so you're constantly, you know, in communication with case managers about individuals who are at the jail. But again, as we've described, having just one or two individuals who are on the constant pattern of you get out, you try to put the supports in place, and they return. It just creates an extraordinary burden on the system for that one individual."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks, that's all I had commissioner."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that there's any other questions or comments, so commissioners are you ready to receive and file this report?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Colin, thank you for all your hard work."

Mr. McKenney said, "Thank you and while I've got the podium here for a second, I really want to thank you Chairman Sciortino for your work on the taskforce and the perspective that you brought to this process. It was truly helpful."

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- DEPARTMENT ON AGING

2. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I bring you a resolution to adopt a fee schedule. Under the current system, customer co-pay for a door-to-door ride in the city of Wichita is based on a sliding fee scale ranging from 2.50 to 5.50 one way. Customers outside the city, within the Sedgwick County, pay a flat co-pay of \$2.00 one way. The adjusted rate would eliminate the sliding fee scale system and implement across the board flat co-pay rate of \$3.00 one way. Approximately 85% of our current customers pay a minimum co-pay."

We serve approximately 2,000 people last year for rides. The last time we raised our rates was in

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2001. Since then, the cost of providing services and certainly the cost of gasoline has increased dramatically. The new co-pay rate would be affective February 1st, 2007. This would be across our different funding programs, except for Medicaid, which does establish no co-pay. That is covered by Medicaid for all of those rides, so I'd be happy to answer any questions and would recommend that you adopt this fee schedule."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

3. CONTRACTS (16) TO PROVIDE IN-HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS.

- **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF THE GREAT PLAINS ADULT CARE CONNECTION** **\$14,661**
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION** **\$24,169**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC. ADULT DAY SERVICE** **\$20,000**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC. FOSTER GRANDPARENTS** **\$32,800**

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•	ENVISION SENIOR OUTREACH AND SERVICES	\$8,400
•	GOOD GRIEF OF KANSAS, INC. WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICES	\$8,815
•	GUADALUPE CLINIC - HEALTH SCREENING AND PRESCRIPTION VOUCHER PROGRAM	\$25,000
•	INTERFAITH MINISTRIES NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS	\$3,250
•	KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES, INC. - PROTECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY	\$26,975
•	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC. OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS – SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM	\$29,874
•	SENIOR SERVICES, INC. OF WICHITA MEALS ON WHEELS	\$173,207
•	SENIOR SERVICES, INC. OF WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS	\$11,588
•	SENIOR SERVICES, INC. OF WICHITA ROVING PANTRY	\$53,300
•	SENIOR SERVICES, INC. OF WICHITA SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM	\$55,028
•	UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRIES COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD DELIVERY PROGRAM	\$7,200
•	WICHITA INDOCHINESE CENTER ASIAN OUTREACH	\$12,859

Ms. Graham said, “These 16 contracts I bring before you today are for the in-home and community service programs. These include programs such as the Senior Companion program, Meals On Wheels, Roving Pantry, Commodity Delivery and other adult services. These are services for individuals in our community that are funded by the county mill levy. That county mill levy budget was already approved by the commissioners with the 2007 budget. These agencies that we’re contracting with have successfully provided services for older adults in Sedgwick County and these agreements and funding recommendations have been approved by the Sedgwick County Advisory Council.

The total of these programs is \$507,126. It is for, like I said, for in-home and community services and you have the list of the agencies that we’re contracting with there. I’d be happy to answer any

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questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Annette, is there any additions or deletions to providers, or is this pretty well the same list we’ve had over the last few years?”

Ms. Graham said, “Pretty well, mostly the same. There might be a few little changes, but mostly it’s very similar to what we’ve done in the past. There was no increase, overall, in the budget for these programs.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Pretty balanced and pretty standard check-off today?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes.”

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to Approve the Contracts 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	Absent
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please. Thanks, Annette.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE

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4. AMENDMENT #3 TO AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES/HEALTH CARE POLICY ESTABLISHING COMCARE AS A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is an amendment to COMCARE’s contract with SRS to extend the term of the contract an additional six months, through June 30th of 2007. The extension is needed because SRS is in the middle of developing a new Medicaid state plan and that’s proposed to go into affect July 1st of 2007. We recommend you approve the extension.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please. Thanks, Marilyn.”

H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 1984 – 1998 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX JUDGMENTS TO BECOME DORMANT.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Ron Estes, Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Want to present a resolution to you today, recommend approve of that. State Law 79-2017 is the only ordinance that allows local officials to pass a judgment on personal property tax. What it does is it allows the commissioners an opportunity to set aside that judgment that we have filed to collect that personal property tax.

The law was modified a couple of years ago to change from a 20-year time frame to a seven-year time frame so that anything that’s older than seven years, the judgment can be set aside on that. Traditionally, the treasurer comes and makes a recommendation to you once a year for the most recent year. However, the year prior to me coming into office it was not done, and I did not bring it to you last year because I wanted to study what we do during the collection process, as well as making sure that I understand the whole ramifications of the 20-year to 7-year switch, so I wanted to bring it all in one timeframe to you.

And we’ll talk a little bit later, but most of these delinquencies, roughly two-thirds of the dollars are from the 1980s, dealing with taxes. One thing I want to make clear is that we’re only dealing with personal property tax here, not real estate. Real estate goes through a separate foreclosure process, if somebody is delinquent on their real estate taxes.

Just to talk a little bit about our collection process, we mail statements twice a year for taxes, as well as delinquency notices after each of those half-mailings. And as soon as somebody goes delinquent, we have the tax investigator starts working with them to develop a plan, trying to collect and make sure that we do get the collections.

And then there are other steps here that are defined by statutes that we go through, in terms of issuing tax warrants through the Sheriff, getting a court judgment, publishing the delinquencies and trying, in an attempt to collect these taxes that are due the county.

The timeframe that we talk about, the from 1984 to 1998, we have used two different collection agencies as well, trying to collect those taxes and probably one of the things that is the most stringent in our collection process is the treasurer is not allowed to tag any vehicles for anybody that has delinquent personal property taxes. So that’s a good tool that brings individuals in to pay their taxes.

The problem with retaining these records, I mean the alternative if we don’t pass this resolution is just leave these records on file and we’ll continue to maintain them. Probably the biggest problem with that is just the poor customer service to the citizens of Sedgwick County. In going through the

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tagging process, we have to check all those records, just to make sure that there are no delinquencies related to an individuals that is doing that tagging and it takes time to do that.

Also, it's a burden if somebody has a similar name to somebody who is delinquent to prove their innocents. I know there are three different Ron Estes' in Sedgwick County, so you know if one of them owed personal property taxes, then I have to go through an affidavit process to prove that I'm not the delinquent one. And for more common names, like Johnson or Williams or Jones there's going to be a lot more people that have similar names. The other reason for eliminating this is just the cost of maintaining the records, as well as the time involved to actually go through and do the search, while the citizens are waiting to do their tagging.

I wanted to show you, here's the information that we have. As you can see, the majority of the taxes that are delinquent are from the 80s and we tried to do some research in terms of what was sold, problematic back then and it seems like there was probably a couple of things. One, the economic cycle, oil and gas really had problems during the 80s. Also, there was the farm economy in general was pretty weak then, and also there was some statute changes around the 1990s and actually that's when the tagging requirements was put into law, so that has been a good enforcement tool.

The other thing I wanted to say about this is that roughly 85% of these delinquencies are from business personal property or oil and gas personal property taxes, so if a business gets started up and they have a copier or they have a fax machine or some other device that they pay taxes on, and then for some reason if it's a small business in particular they go out of business, then that remains a judgment, but because they're not an individual, we don't have some of the enforcement tools to go back and go against that prior business. So, my recommendation to you is that we approve this resolution and I'll be willing to answer any questions that you might have about it."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Ron, what are some of the personal properties, individual personal properties that would fall into these categories, just so the public knows?"

Mr. Estes said, "They could range from, as I mentioned earlier for a business, it could be a copier or a fax machine or some other piece of equipment in the business. It could be a boat that an individual owns or an ATV vehicle. Actually on the records, there's one airplane from late in the '80s as well, so types of equipment like that."

Commissioner Norton said, "And these individuals have been hard to find for whatever reason, collection agencies can't run them down, they've moved out of the state, they've dissolved their businesses, it just becomes a searching game, trying to catch up with them, to no results."

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Mr. Estes said, "Correct. And what we look at or see is that if a business has gone out of business, there's really nothing to go track down. Individuals may have passed away, or moved out of state as you mentioned, or in some cases since some of this is over 20 years old, that individual may have stopped driving during the timeframe, so that's one of our tools that we are not able to track them down."

I did mention that during the timeframe we had used two different collection agencies, trying to track those individuals down and we've had some success and that's what's got the numbers down, but we still have this remaining balance."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, one of question I think the public will have is that this is a pretty good sized number that we're going to be letting go dormant or in effect writing off and not trying to collect. We've had conversations, not just in the last weeks, but for six months now, as you anguished with this, trying to figure out do you bite it all off at one time or do you take little bites of it. The truth is, it's not going to get any better by letting some of it drift a little longer, in your opinion, is that correct?"

Mr. Estes said, "Correct. This is a big number and we did have some discussions about whether to split it up to make it a smaller number. However, the majority of it is older and even things that are seven years old, it's just so old that it's hard to find the individual or the business that owed that property tax."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I think the key thing is the commission has to go ahead and make that judgment as to just write it all off and swallow hard and say 'we don't like it, we'd rather collect the taxes', but the chances of doing that are very minimal. The second part of it is that the onerous really falls on the individual taxpayer that for some reason didn't pay those taxes. And if the public knows that we're writing this off and are going to be a little unnerved by that, they have to know that a lot of individuals brought this number to what it is, not no due diligence from the Treasurer or the collection agency or the county commission. It really has to do with individuals didn't stand up and pay their taxes."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I had."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please. Thanks, Ron."

I. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

- 1. GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 FROM THE KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A MITIGATION COORDINATOR PLANNER POSITION FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2006.**

Mr. Lamkey said, "This award is a recurring award, I think this will be our fifth year to fund a position that we have in Emergency Management and I'd ask you to accept the grant award."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Accept the grant award.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE TRANSPORT POLICY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMS, AND RESCINDING SEDGWICK COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 291-1992.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Medical Society has approved new protocols for us and we've adopted them . . . or presenting a resolution that would assist in making this operationally possible for us in the organization. We've allowed the County Counselor to review this and also the Medical Society to make sure that we're in concert with each other, which we are. I'd recommend your approval."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Excuse me, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Give us just a quick summary of what the change is, just so that if it's a major . . . I don't think it's a major deal."

Mr. Pollan said, "The previous resolution indicated that each hospital that we could go to in the community. What we've done here is that we've put this in protocol, so that we can transition with the medical changes and facilities, much quicker by protocol correction, rather than coming back and doing a resolution each time those changes occur."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I had."

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

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already have a motion and second. Clerk, call the roll.”

VOTE

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

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

**3. AGREEMENT WITH COWLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR
SEDGWICK COUNTY EMS TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS.**

Mr. Pollan said, “This is a continuation of our partnership with our local educational facilities to provide paramedics for our future HR needs. Also, we provide a great learning place for them. I would . . . this has been reviewed by the county counselor and I would recommend you’re approval.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

4. AGREEMENTS (TWO) TO PROVIDE FORENSIC PATHOLOGY

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SERVICES.

- **JILL COBB, M.D.**
- **GEORGE THOMAS, M.D.**

Dr. Jaime Oeberst, Deputy District Coroner/Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning I’m here to present two pathology service agreements with Dr. Jill Cobb and Dr. George Thomas. The pathology division of the Regional Forensic Science Center is responsible for the investigation of death, including the determination of the cause and manner of death in cases of sudden, traumatic, unexplained or unattended deaths. Part of the determination of the cause and manner of death requires the performance of post-mortem examinations by the forensic pathologist at the Regional Forensic Science Center.

The resignation of Dr. Mary Dudley, our chief medical examiner and district coroner has resulted in a gap of this autopsy service coverage. These agreements with Doctors Cobb and Thomas will provide additional coverage until another full time forensic pathologist is hired. These physicians have provided coverage for our office in the past and are excellent forensic pathologists.

The cost of this service will be covered by salary savings associated with the physician vacancy. If you have no questions, I would recommend that you authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Absent

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

J. CODE ENFORCEMENT.

- 1. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 13, *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE*, ADOPTING NEW FLOODPLAIN MAPS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.**

Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the requirement of FEMA for us to adopt the new flood plan maps. They've been working on these maps for years and we are required by FEMA to adopt them and have them in place by February the 2nd. It's the date that they would become effective. The only change in our resolution is the adoption of the maps and then we had a change in which we discussed with the builder's association, in the resolution, that required any permits that are issued on properties that have flood plan on them, that they are required to have a surveyor do some site surveys and elevation certificates and those kind of things.

We are having an open house January the 10th at the Extension Office for all parties who have flood plan on their properties. We're sending out 3,400 notices of this to all property owners and there are 17 agencies who will be there. The time of this will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the evening and hope to attract anybody who has questions on floodplain issues."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

2. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE, REVISING DOG LICENSURE PROCEDURES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Wiltse said, "This resolution, the only thing that's changing in it is where the actual tracking of the money is coming into the county and we're moving it from the Clerk's Office to Animal Control/ Code Enforcement so we can verify easier who has dogs vaccinated and dog licenses."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, commissioners, what's the will of the board on Item I-2?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

K. CONTRACTS (TWO) FOR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, IN SUPPORT OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ARENA.

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1. GORE OIL COMPANY - PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 202 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS.

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Facility Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This property is a 26,000 square foot parking lot located immediately south of the Gore Oil Company building. The amount of this purchase contract is \$200,000 and in addition to this purchase contract, the county would also pay all closing costs. I recommend you approval and am available for questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, commissioners. Commissioner Burtnett, did you have a question or comment?"

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Is this the full parking lot or is this partial parking lot?"

Ms. Knebel said, "This is the entire large parking lot, south of the building. It does leave the parking lot that supports the Gore Oil building intact."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, fine. I don't see that there's any other questions or comments. So commissioners, what's the will of the board on Item J-1 please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Absent

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

2. RAZOOK-ANDEEL HI-WAY PARTNERSHIP - PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 209 AND 215-237 SOUTH WASHINGTON.

Ms. Knebel said, "Commissioners, this is the first purchase the county will be making along South Washington, where future street improvements will be made in support of the downtown arena. These properties are four contiguous properties all owned by the same property owner. The full purchase price of all of these buildings and their property is \$994,227. I recommend your approval with this, also with the understanding that the county will be paying for closing costs and any relocation costs."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I am going to vote for this today, but I have to tell you, I've had reservations that we shouldn't have gotten encumbered in some of the off-site street improvements that really aren't at the arena site and I've voiced that several times. We have to move forward on this and I'll be supportive today, but I have had some reservations that we should never have put arena money into these streets and property improvements. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, commissioner. Any further comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

L. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON GORDON BENNETT DRIVE AND CHUCKER CIRCLE IN THE POLO ADDITION IN SALEM TOWNSHIP. DISTRICT #2.**

Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The resolution before you establishes a 30 mile per hour speed limit on the streets in the Polo Addition in Salem Township within Sedgwick County. Gordon Bennett Drive is a circular loop and Chucker Circle is a short cul-de-sac off of Gordon Bennett Drive. The four-corner curves on Gordon Bennett Drive are all rated at a top speed of 30 miles per hour, so the establishment of a 30 mile per hour speed limit would minimize the sign clutter where we would have to do by signing the curves with advanced warning and all. Without this resolution the statutory speed limit for this subdivision is 55 miles per hour, due to the large lot sizes keeping the houses more than 100 feet apart.

Residents have contacted both Public Works and the Salem Township officials concerning this issue and since our field review does confirm that 30 miles per hour is reasonable, I would recommend that you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

- 2. AGREEMENT WITH PB AMERICAS INC. (FORMERLY PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF QUADE & DOUGLAS, INC.) TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 823-X-1870; BRIDGE PROJECT ON HYDRAULIC STREET BRIDGE OVER WICHITA-VALLEY CENTER FLOOD CONTROL. CIP# B-442. DISTRICT #2.**

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As we begin a new year, Public Works is ready to kick off four new bridge projects. These bridges are scheduled for construction in 2009 and have been approved in the 2007-2011 CIP for design by consultants in 2007. We have proposed doing the work in two design packages based upon the relative sizes of the projects and the fact that the largest project will be funded by KDOT at 80% and must undergo KDOT design review.

In Item K-2, we are requesting your approval of a contract with PB Americas (formerly Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas) for the design of B-442. This bridge spans the Wichita/ Valley Center Flood Control Project on Hydraulic. The project will receive 80% federal funding through KDOT and must go through the KDOT design and approval process. The total cost of this design will not exceed \$286,353. We request your approval of the recommended action."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any comments, commissioners? What is the will of the board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to

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sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 3. AGREEMENT WITH COOK, FLATT & STROBEL ENGINEERS, P.A. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECTS. DISTRICT #3.**
- **B-368 77TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 231ST AND 247TH STREETS WEST 600-11-2775**
 - **B-435 295TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 23RD AND 31ST STREETS SOUTH 783-S-1530**
 - **B-436 167TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 37TH AND 45TH STREETS NORTH 799-K-3993**

Mr. Spears said, "In Item K-3, we are requesting your approval of a contract with Cook, Flatt and Strobel Engineers for the design of the following three bridges: B-368 which is on 77th Street North between 231st Street West and 247th Street West; B-435, which is on 295th Street West between 23rd and 31st Street South and B-436, which is on 167th Street West between 37th and 45th Street North.

These bridges are the three smaller structures out of the group of four and they are going to be locally funded. The total cost of this design work will not exceed \$89,600. We request your approval of the recommended action."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you."

MOTION

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

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

M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2006.

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

**1) PHARMACY SERVICES- COMCARE
FUNDING- COMCARE**

The first one, pharmacy services for COMCARE. Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Family Prescription Shop to establish a one-year contract, with two one-year options to renew.

**2) ANNUAL SERVICE FOR MEDICAL OXYGEN
FUNDING- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

And the second item is annual service for medical oxygen for EMS. The recommendation is to accept the proposal from Wichita Welding Supply and establish and execute contract pricing for one year, with four one-year options to renew.

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

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Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

N. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Three Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36; widening of 63rd Street South between Rock Road and the Butler County line. CIP# R-275. District #5.**
- 2. Resolution stating findings made by the Board of County Commissioners at the post-annexation hearing held December 20, 2006.**
- 3. Lease Amendment Number One with IPS Twin Lakes Investors, LLC for property used by COMCARE for its Adult Community Support Services Program at 1929 West 21st Street, Wichita.**
- 4. Lease Amendment Number One with Air Capital Investments for space used by COMCARE for its Center City program at 154 North Topeka, Wichita.**
- 5. Fourth quarter range reallocations.**
- 6. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V06069	\$400.00	5	Oakview at the Park
V06071	\$359.00	2	Village Green Apartments
V07001	\$252.00	2	Bridgewater Apartments
V07002	\$96.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apartments
V07003	\$211.00	2	Main Street Place Residences
V07004	\$33.00	2	Main Street Place Residences
V07005	\$294.00	2	Main Street Place Residences
V07006	\$172.00	2	Main Street Place Residences
V07007	\$18.00	2	Main Street Place Residences

- 7. 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.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V06012	\$237.00	\$186.00
V04007	\$218.00	\$142.00
V03003	\$585.00	\$424.00
V94012	\$278.00	\$100.00
V05002	\$278.00	\$281.00
V200109	\$266.00	\$158.00
V06004	\$220.00	\$205.00
V020012	\$549.00	\$532.00
V6020	\$343.00	\$272.00
V04004	\$640.00	\$640.00
V06017	\$217.00	\$152.00
V05096	\$196.00	\$222.00
V06018	\$191.00	\$178.00
V06014	\$288.00	\$259.00
V06013	\$315.00	\$287.00
V01036	\$321.00	\$315.00
V06009	\$541.00	\$521.00

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V020014	\$316.00	\$313.00
V01041	\$603.00	\$601.00
V04005	\$210.00	\$304.00
V04003	\$424.00	\$377.00
V06019	\$297.00	\$368.00
V200120	\$246.00	\$231.00
V02009	\$249.00	\$301.00
V200116	\$344.00	\$286.00
V0606	\$518.00	\$582.00
V050103	\$565.00	\$237.00
V06052	\$279.00	\$136.00
V04078	\$233.00	\$384.00
V06023	\$263.00	\$275.00
V04067	\$476.00	\$240.00
V04014	\$500.00	\$358.00

- 8. Orders dated December 19 and December 26, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 9. Payroll Check Register of December 29, 2006.**
- 10. General Bills Check Register(s) for the weeks of December 20, 2006 - January 2, 2007.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it. I would remind you that in 262 days, the sales tax for the arena goes away."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

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Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

O. SELECTION OF ONE COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN JANUARY 8, 9 AND 10, 2007.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much. Commissioners, this Sunday we’re going to be swearing in the new commission and that leaves us a time gap of three days, where there won’t be a Chairman. It’s very important that the commission not be without a chair, so I would welcome the nomination of one of you that would be willing to serve as temporary Chairman for January 8th, 9th and 10th until the new commission sits on here.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton nominated Dave Unruh to sit as Temporary Chairman for the dates of January 8th, 9th and 10th, 2007.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Absent
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Chairman Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, we’re at the point of our meeting where we have ‘other’. Is there anything else to come before the commission at this particular time. Commissioner Burtnett.”

P. OTHER

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well Mr. Chairman, serving as co-chairman for the last year, it is my honor to be able to present you with this beautiful plaque that recognizes your tenure as Sedgwick County Commission Chair for the year 2006.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, thank you very much. That’s very nice.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Finally a gavel he can’t wack.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you very much. It is Commissioner Norton’s and my pleasure to present a token to each of you. As you know, when folks leave employment at the county, we do make a token of appreciation of their work. And first I have a clock for Commissioner Burtnett and Commissioner Burtnett, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, the Sedgwick County staff and the citizens that you serve, we want to give you this thought of our appreciation.

When you arrived at the courthouse to assume your role as a commissioner, you brought with you a high level of enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, a strong, hard work ethic and a desire to make Sedgwick County a better place to live, work and enjoy life.

I’m not going to list all of the things that you’ve been involved in, but in just thinking about it briefly, we know that you have worked hard on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which is an extremely important effort, as we deal with this serious overcrowding issue in our detention facilities. You’ve been a member of the River Festival Board, you’ve worked with the Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau. You’ve been a strong participant on the Arena Steering

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Committee and on the Arena Neighborhood Advisory Committee. So with all of that, we know that those who have worked closest with you over the past two years will remember your efforts and will appreciate your work. With that, we want to present you with this clock. Commissioner Norton, do you have any additional comments?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well certainly Lucy is going to be missed from the Commission. You know it is so hard. It's hard enough to be elected and jump into these positions, but to be kind of a rookie and be appointed and to jump in with both feet and find a place and a voice is very hard and you did that with panache and we are very proud of the two years that you served the commission and how you added to the flavor of the five of us."

Commissioner Burnett said, "Yeah, I would like to say a few words. You know, I have been very fortunate over my lifetime to have many really great experiences and I have to admit that serving as a county commissioner ranks right up there as one of the top things that I have done in my life. I am so appreciative of everything that guys have helped me with since I got on board. I have learned so much about county operations, county business, county employees and I am thrilled to have made to friendships that I have made throughout the last two years. I am sorry that I won't be here for another four to follow through with some of the things I have started with, because I think now I really have gotten it and it's kind of sad to be leaving the position.

But it has been truly a great experience for my life and I really appreciate everyone that I have come in contact through the county, so thank you so much for this opportunity over the past two years."

Commissioner Winters said, "Now Chairman Sciortino, we also have the same token for you and on behalf again of the Board of County Commissioners, the staff of Sedgwick County and the citizens you've served, we want to give you this symbol of our appreciation for the work that you've done.

When you arrived at the courthouse, you brought a wealth of experience from the business world. One of those skills was the ability to negotiate and you also brought an understanding of how the political process works and you are not afraid to apply your skills.

I'm not going to list all of the things that you've been involved in, but just as I have thought briefly, what comes to mind, two of which we've talked about even at today's meeting, you worked hard on the Starkey organization and with them, as they saw somewhat of a struggling time and even out of that came a need and the recognition that a non-profit chamber of commerce to help strengthen boards of non-profit organizations was going to be extremely important and you were in on the beginning of that.

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As we dealt with Emergency Medical Services, there were times in the past where we did have challenges with the organization and working with all of the cities in Sedgwick County. You were at the forefront of that and developed and negotiated a successful conclusion to those questions. You've been active on the Cowtown board. You were one of the leaders in the downtown arena development and vote, which our citizens voted on. And lastly, I would just comment on your commitment to the creation of jobs, and that has lead to supporting and participating on the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition, a strong supporter of the Jabara Technical Education Facility, as it relates to how we will provide aviation workers for the future of our aviation industry and lastly I would acknowledge the partnership that you have developed with labor and how they also are working on this issue of job creation and how much you have pulled all of those people in the same direction.

So again, we would offer you best wishes for the future and Commissioner Norton, I'd ask if you had any other comments."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I'll keep mine simple. I'm going to give it to you in plain kitchen English, no BS, you'll be missed Ben."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Well, well, I looked forward to this day about as much as I would enjoy having a tooth pulled without the benefit of Novocain. But I've got two beautiful ladies in the audience there, my wife and my daughter. I can say this, without any reservation at all, the last eight years have been the most satisfying years of my life.

I really do believe in a small part that I was able to make some differences, for the people and their lives, and try to direct the county long-term with a vision of what I really believe is in the best interest of all the citizens for the next 20 or 25 years.

I've enjoyed working here. It was . . . I think if you really like what you're doing, it's not work. It's only work if you have to do it and you don't like it. That would drudgery. We did break a lot of ground this year. The relationship with organized labor, I mean, for a person that has a label of conservative republican to join hands with organized labor seems to be something rather strange, but it's a whole new era and Richard Taylor is in the audience today and he was very instrumental in assisting us in getting the arena vote out and I was really looking forward to really further developing that relationship, because they are in a process of changing the way they do things. The

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old axiom is if you keep doing what you're doing, you're going to keep getting the same results and they really stepped forward and worked hard with us. Tom and I were both a little amazed, I think, at their willingness and actually the product that they've put out. They really worked hard for this arena project. I am convinced that the arena is going to stand like a beacon of pride that people are going to be able to point to for the next 25 or 30 years.

The Jabara Campus, that's a vision that I am convinced that will not only be the catalyst to encourage present aircraft companies to stay here, but encourage them to expand. And the county, I'm leaving it in good hands with Mr. Buchanan and the staff that I've worked with and I'm sure the county will survive and grow and it's like a finger in a bucket. Once you lift it, there may be ripple for a second or two, but the county will do well and I'll be watching you with great anticipation of the good things that you all are going to be able to accomplish in the future. To all the citizens of the 5th District, thank you. It's been an extreme honor serving as your county commissioner.

All right, now is there anything else that has to come? We always have an 'other' thing. Yes, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Titanic is coming to Exploration Place. Hold onto your socks, it's going to be spectacular. You thought a T-Rex Named Sue was great, this is going to be an awesome display of the artifacts that have actually come off the ocean floor, so get ready, it's a one of a kind opportunity right here in Wichita, Kansas USA and we're pretty excited."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, anything else to come before the board? This meeting is adjourned."

Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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