

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 25, 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, April 25, 2007 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Steve Classen, Director, Facilities Department; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, ComCare; Ms. Marily Cook, Executive Direct, ComCare; Mr. David Thompson, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Project Services; Ms. Carolyn Hosford, Environmental Resource; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Ben Sciortino, Proclamation for Bike Month

Mr. Mike McCoy, General Manager, Wichita Wild Indoor Professional Football Team

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. Ashok Aurora with Hindu Community, Wichita, Kansas

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 4, 2007

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2007.

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2007 as presented.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22 – 28, 2007 AS “NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK – PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.”

WHEREAS the nation’s 3,066 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its citizens in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, many county government initiatives involve the protection of valuable and vulnerable environmental resources in communities and recognize Earth Day and its significance to the global community; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties first celebrated National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by

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the nation's counties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dave Unruh, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2007 as

“National County Government Week – Protecting the Environment”

in Sedgwick County.

Chairman Unruh said, “ Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “ We have Carolyn Hosford who is here to accept this Proclamation

Ms. Carolyn Hosford, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “One of the things I would like to do this morning is to update you just a bit on things that our county offices are doing in the area of protecting our environment by discussing with you some of our Waste Minimization Teams 2006 performance measures in a report. We have been recycling in Sedgwick County Offices for quite a number of years now and we use to separate all items like cardboard, newspapers and office paper all separately and weigh them and keep track of all that. But in the past couple of years we’ve been able to co-mingle these items so that the report isn’t quite as lengthy, but you can see here that in 2005, the total paper items that county offices and departments recycled was just about 328,000 pounds and 2006, it had increased to over 330,000 pounds.

Likewise, we did the same thing with plastic beverage containers and aluminum cans. We can put them together and then they are recycled separately or they are separated at the Recycling Center

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and you can see here that the number has also grown slightly in 2006. The total of the items that were recycled across our county offices increased about 3000 pounds last year, which is about a 1% increase. So what does this mean? Well maybe it means that our program is getting more mature and we're getting about all of the recycling in our offices that we can get. Maybe it doesn't mean that. What we kind of hope it means is that people within our offices are now beginning to understand the message that first we want them to reduce what they are using, then we want them to reuse things if they can and then recycle. So that recycling may not continue to grow as it has in the past, but we hope that we will get more of the reducing and reusing going on.

One of our departments here in Sedgwick County Fleet Management does some kinds of recycling that other departments can't do because they don't have the items. Motor oil is recycled in Fleet Management and you can see the numbers here and when I first looked at these, I thought gosh, what happened. When we looked back at other years this motor oil recycling, it seems to be cyclical, another words there barrels may be full and be ready so that you get a couple of more emptied in one year than you do in the next. The numbers just kind of keep going up and down. The vehicle battery is recycled and were increased slightly in 06 and you can see that the number of tires recycled remained fairly constant and scrap metal did increase somewhat in 2006.

We're trying really hard to get this reducing message across and one of the ways we've done this in the past and most of you are familiar with this is, unsolicited mail project that we do every year in November. Just to show you what has happened since we began this project, in 2001, in one week in our offices we collected 2,077 pieces of mail that we're not asked for. In 2006, we collected 599 pieces. Now that's a pretty dramatic difference. In fact if you do the math it's about a 70% decrease. It just doesn't go away because we collect it and count it, it goes away because we've asked departments to contact these people and say, 'we don't want to be on your mailing list anymore'. It is never ending, but we keep at it, we keep thinking that one day we'll hit a wall and we won't be able to go any further, but we are going to keep trying.

Something new that is coming to Fleet Management is that they are going to ad a hybrid car to their fleet primarily for stop and go traffic in town and we're hoping that this hybrid car might show better fuel economy and reduce emissions to the atmosphere and Fleet is going to keep really good records on this car and report periodically back to the Waste Minimization Team so that we can see how well it works in our situation.

Our This and That Exchange is really beginning to take off. It was a concept that was derived a couple of years ago where we were trying to exchange items between departments and when we first conceived of this idea, it was just folders and binders and kind of small office items. But it has

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grown and people are becoming aware of it now. Yesterday, I looked onto the This and That Exchange and there was a two door cabinet, there was some filing shelves, there was some brochure holders, some printer cartridges so that departments can trade these things among one another instead of purchasing new and we've had over 70 exchanges, which we think is pretty good. It is obviously saving resources. It is obviously saving dollars. People can subscribe within our departments and know when somebody has something and the people that are looking over this project says it is not unusual to get an item in the morning and by the afternoon it is gone. People are using this and we're reducing the amount of the things that we're throwing away. I do have to say that our Waste Minimization Team and our building coordinators have really been instrumental in helping to let people know about this so that I really want to publicly thank them for that work.

Something new this past year in 2006 on our web site is a 2006 Environmental Report. Its purpose was to inform the public about the state of the environment in Sedgwick County and it talks about the status of our air quality and our water quality and other items of interest within Sedgwick County. So for anyone who is interested, I would encourage them to go to our web site at www.sedgwickcounty.org/ and go to environmental resources and find this report. It will be updated annually. Something new that just began last week with the celebration of Earth Day, we will begin to have an Environmental tip of the week both on our web site and eline that will hopefully give people new ideas of ways that they can protect the environment and as Commissioner Unruh pointed out last week, you have to keep reminding people over and over and over and so we hope that this will be a way that that will occur and I would like to thank my co-workers at the Environmental Resources Office for helping to put that list together. I'm pleased to accept the Proclamation this morning and would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you Carolyn. We appreciate that update and once again the reminder and the only question that comes to my mind is that the plastic and aluminum, it is appropriate now to mix that. Use to be worried about contamination of those products, but that is not the case anymore?"

Ms. Hosford said, "That's right. There used to be a lot of rules. I mean you use to have to take the labels off of tin cans, and you use to have to do a lot of things and the recycling equipment is becoming more sophisticated and when they get to the recycling center magnets can put things out, air can make the lighter weight items, like plastic go where they want it to, so we are able to co-mingle those items now."

Chairman Unruh said, "I think that is a significant convenience for household recyclers as we try to lead by example here. Folks in household. I know at our drop off locations, we can mix tin, aluminum and plastic now all together and you don't have to pull the labels. It is much more convenient to be a good citizen at least in respect to recycling. Thank you very much for being

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here. Madam Clerk, next item please.”

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2007 AS “BIKE MONTH.”

WHEREAS, For more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; and

WHEREAS, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling because it is a viable and environmentally-sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, and provides quality family recreation; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County has approximately 47.91 miles of bicycle paths including the Arkansas River Path and the Sedgwick County Zoo and Park Path; and

WHEREAS, of the 27 million children ages five to 14 who ride bicycles, data indicates fewer than half (41 percent) wear helmets; and

WHEREAS, the Oz Bicycle Club of Wichita and bicycle retailers throughout Sedgwick County are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and bicycle safety in general.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as

“Bike Month”

in Sedgwick County.

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters adopt the Proclamation

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Receiving the Proclamation today is Ben Sciortino."

Mr. Ben Sciortino said, "Thank you very much Commissioners for this Proclamation. I have to say that I've been a member of the Oz Bicycle Club for a couple of years and I missed last January's meeting and there I was elected unanimously to be the city/county liaison for the club. That was my fault. At any rate, May is historically Nationwide declared as a Bike Month where all the various bike organizations, independent dealers, etc. really use May to do like the Proclamation says. Promote bicycling as a healthy alternative form of transportation. Traveling to work where appropriate, going on small errands are a really good family form of recreation. You are correct in stating that here in Sedgwick County, we do have many many miles, I personally ride often the 21st Street ride and you can go literally from the Zoo all the way to Lake Cheney and be on a safe paved shoulder of the road and not have to be actually in the road, where you would be competing with the automobiles, although it is permitted to do that, it is a lot safer if there is a paved shoulder. A lot of the smaller cities around Sedgwick County are now adopting a new road construction safe bicycle paths. So there are many many miles the Sedgwick County citizens can avail themselves of bicycling as an alternative form of recreation. I'll be on occasion bringing information up to you, letting you know some of the activities that we do, but we really do push awareness.....I can remember as I think many of you have when we were children, we didn't even know what a bicycle helmet was and we all had Schwinn bikes, one gear, bendix poster brakes, and that was it. Now it is very seldom that you find someone riding without a helmet and you can get up to 30 gears on a bicycle. There have been a lot of improvements made in cycling and a lot of people are now just taking it up after having not ridden for 30 or 40 years.

If any of you are so inclined, it's kind of expensive to join the club, it is \$15.00 a year and I know you don't all get paid that much, but you might want to consider that. Anyway, we do think you very much for the Proclamation. If you ever have any questions about what we're doing, I think you all know where to get a hold of me and I'll answer those questions and I'll stand available for any questions that you may have today. I left you a little packet on your desks about Bike Month."

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Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you very much for being here Ben and thank you for continuing to promote healthy exercise and also the safety aspects of bicycling. Kansas is a great place to get out and ride. I’m glad to hear you say that for those of us who haven’t ridden for a long time it is not to late.”

Mr. Sciortino said, “I was trying not to focus directly on you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “I appreciate that.”

Mr. Sciortino said, “The one thing I will say, you all are a little bit ahead of the curve because especially like that 21st Street project, that was before bike paths really became in the vogue, but you thought enough about it, or maybe Mr. Spears did, or somebody did, to actually have paved shoulders on both sides of that stretch from.....I don’t know how many miles that is Dave, from the Zoo to Cheney, about 20 miles. That is....and if you go out there on 21st Street on a weekend, you’ll just see a ton of bikers availing themselves of those paved shoulders both west and east. It is a real safe area to drive in. Thank you again very very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you for being here. Before I call the next item I want to recognize Joshua Johnson who is here today from Maize High School and you are working on a civics responsibility class, is that right? So you have to write a theme paper on what you see today. Make us look good will you? We appreciate your presence and your interest in governmental activity. Thanks for being here.”

PRESENTATION

B. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE WICHITA WILD INDOOR PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM.

Mr. Mike McCoy, General Manager, Wichita Wild Indoor Professional Football Team, greeted the Commissioners and said, “To see some of my football players on bicycles, some of my players weigh over 350 pounds. Are there bicycles big enough to fit some of these monsters we employ out at the coliseum. I do have presents, can I come forward please and approach.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Sure. If you’ve got presents we.....”

Mr. McCoy said, “I’ve got presents.”

Commissioner Parks asked, “While you are doing that can I ask.....Mike 100% of your players

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wear helmets, right?”

Mr. McCoy said, “They have helmets, they have mouth pieces, that are fully equipped with everything. They have pads on their shoulders and their legs and everything else to. Is there any questions about the posters, any one of our players. Our players are all between the ages of....well they are all kids basically. We call them kids, but they have all gone to big schools. We are very honored to have such a great great team this year. We are big up front. Our offensive and defensive linemen will average close to 350 pounds and we have some good quarterbacks. We got some K-State players and some KU players. These guys have all done some incredible things and we are very blessed to have them back here in our town. They all live here. They all work here. Their family’s are here. They go to school here. They go to church here and just great great people. It has really taken us a long time to get this much talent assembled. They will be playing this Saturday night. I also have a bunch of schedules here for you as well, if you would like those. We will be out there at 7:05 pm and we’re just very glad to be out there. We have a dance team to, that you have posters of there. We seem to hand out a lot more dance team.....those are a lot more requested at this point then the football posters are. Those gals all live here to in this area. They have actually been practicing longer than we have. They practice four or five times a week and they started like last November. They are very good and they could not all be here today. They all have jobs. They are teachers, they are students, they are etc., etc. I asked at practice who all could come to this meeting because I wanted to have as many as possible, they all have commitments, they all work, they all have families to. So if you could meet at 7:00 at night when we practice, then they might have a chance to be here. They are great great people and we are very pumped about this season this year to. If there are any questions I could answer at this point, I’m.....actually we are laying the turf this morning and we are painting the turf this morning and there is a whole bunch of stuff going on this morning to. That’s why my phone kept ringing and I kept walking outside. Didn’t mean to be rude.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. Well, we do have some comments and questions. First of all, Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I would like to ask Mike are those season tickets, like I purchased earlier, about a month ago, or those still a good deal and on sale?”

Mr. McCoy said, “They certainly are. You bet. Thank you very much for saying that.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I do think that is a horrific deal and for our entertainment venue and to have pro football in Sedgwick County is great. I’ll be out there at those games.”

Mr. McCoy said, “Thank you. We’ll see a lot of points scored. We averaged about 62 points a game last year and these guys can play. They are very great devout players.”

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Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Mike, I would like it if you would leave those schedules if you have some extras. I certainly would like to have one and maybe we can put them in our Commission Office and have folks who want to come in there. Can you tell us a little bit about yourself? What have you been doing, where do you come from and how did you get involved in this football program here.”

Mr. McCoy said, “Well, I wish I had an answer for that. Gosh I was a long time high school football coach and teacher. I coached at the college level as well and I got involved in the indoor football with the Wichita Warlords, I think John, back in 1999 or 2000. I kind of stumbled into that really and can’t seem to get out. This is kind of been my niche. You know I coached the outdoor game and I played the outdoor game forever. This just kind of brings everything together because of the high scoring action and the smaller fields. You play it indoors. We are very spoiled. I don’t think we could play outdoors anymore, which I tell people when the weather conditions are so bad outside, I’m just so glad we don’t have to play outside anymore. I’ve been in Wichita 45 years. My parents were from here and I’m from here. I’ve tried to leave a couple times, but my kids just won’t go with me and they are here to.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well good. We are glad that you’ve stayed and I certainly wish you the very best. When you look at all of the young people who participate in either high school athletics or collect athletics, then the small number of total in comparison that play professionally in one of the major teams, you just know there has got to be a tremendous amount of talent out there that is not playing in the NFL. I think this could really be some exciting football for Wichita. So, I certainly want to wish you the very best success.”

Mr. McCoy said, “Thank you very much. Thank you for that. It is just amazing how close a lot of our players were. They played at some great schools. They are a tenth of a second away from playing on Sunday afternoons to. They are just a big, they maybe not quite as fast, I mean they jump high, they can do amazing things. There is so much talent to. We had five different try-outs and there was so many players at each try-outs....so many players that would like to keep playing and then there is some ex players that would like to keep playing, but just can’t quite do it anymore.

You kind of have to get out of that realm to a little bit and let the younger guys play. They are very happy to be here.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you very much for being here for this presentation. We certainly

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wish you a very successful season and it is really, truly good that this is a hometown team. We encourage everyone to get out and be supportive.”

Mr. McCoy said, “It is a hometown team. Thank you very much for your time.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

NEW BUSINESS

C. RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

Mr. Steve Claassen, Director, Facilities Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have for your consideration this morning a proposal to revise our current policies and procedure regarding evacuation of the courthouse complex. The county courthouse complex is comprised of this twelve-story building, the six-story historic courthouse across the street, the Munger Building adjacent to it. Those three contiguous buildings are interlinked with a common emergency communication system that we can use to make announcements and also interlinked fire alarm system. So that’s our courthouse communication and alarm system. The types of evacuation that this policy is going to deal with is fire, hazmats, bomb and severe weather emergencies.

The reasons for revising this policy are first of all, as you know our Emergency Management Office is moving to the new Public Safety Building. We are just putting the final punch list item together. It will be ready to move in, I think they are planning on moving in the 3rd week of May and Emergency Management had been providing those services of facilitating the evacuation and they are going to be gone. We also note that we have a need to improve our policies regarding how we evacuate disabled folks. We want to make very clear what occupants should be doing during severe weather emergencies and we also want to make very clear how the elevators will be used during various types of evacuations. The highlighted changes, and there are many changes in this policy, but I’m just going to speak to the primary ones is...first of all during severe weather emergencies, our Emergency Management Office is going to decide when we communicate, seek shelter announcement or make a seek shelter announcement or not.

The understanding that we’ve worked out with the Emergency Management Office is that they will, or during any kind of tornado warning for instance, obviously they monitor using all their technology resources exactly where the storm is, what the tract of the storm is and their commitment is that they will probably notify our department of what the decision is, do we seek shelter or do we not. Either way, we are committed to making an announcement via that

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communication system alerting occupants as to whether we're going to seek shelter or not. The commitment to the occupants of our building is that Emergency Management will constantly be monitoring the storm and should any revisions be needed regarding the announcements, we'll probably make those. Whatever the announcement is that we decide to make, that will be repeated on a 10-minute interval. So there shouldn't be any confusion as to what we do during severe weather emergencies.

Another big change to our policy is that we are going to have a concentrated effort and focus attention on how we facilitate the evacuation of those folks that have disabilities and impairments that are going to prevent them from being able to use the normal evacuation routes. We have defined procedures for how we'll facilitate these assisted evacuations prior to the arrival of the emergency professionals. Generally, that is going to be the Fire Department. Once the Fire Department comes on scene, we essentially facilitate, we assist, but they direct the efforts in the continued evacuation of the facility. We are also....this is a significant change to our current policy. We've defined areas of refuge. Areas of refuge are predefined locations that are selective based on their expected resistance to fire threats or other emergency type threats. These locations will be where our first responders will go to try to assist those that have needs for assisted evacuations. As I said, we really need to clarify the use of elevators during our evacuations. Generally speaking elevators are always going to be available to be used by the general public in most evacuations except fire. As we have said many years, we want to encourage people to use....formerly we encourage people to use the stairs, now the elevators will not be available for the general public to use in their evacuation. What is going to happen, once the fire alarm goes off, the elevators go to the first floor....this is by the way established by code. They require this to be done. Then the elevators are only used by emergency personnel to go and assist those people that we know are going to require some additional help. We are going to maintain a list of people in our buildings we know have needs and that list will be maintained by our ADA Coordinator, our new ADA Coordinator and then he will maintain that list and keep it in our Command Center so we can dispatch our staff to help these people out during these times.

The new policy also places a great emphasis on the use of emergency floor coordinators. This is a concept that we've had in place before. We are expanding at a great deal and placing more emphasis on it. These are people who are going to assist those that need help and direct them to the areas of refuge and we have defined who they are, what their responsibilities are and probably most importantly we have committed we will provide at least annual training for these folks. By the way that training is scheduled currently for May 11th and the 17th. It is coming up here very soon.

The last thing I'll mention is generally the Facilities Department, Security Services and the Facilities Maintenance Service area, within our Facilities Department are assuming the role that Emergency Management once had. Obviously since they are moving and no longer have direct proximity to our complex, we'll need to make that change. I want to acknowledge the people that helped with this revision, County and City Fire Departments, Ed Bricknell from the City of Wichita,

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Gary Curmode and his staff, had help from City Elevator Inspector, Ellen House from our District Court, Mike Stover from the Sheriff's Office, Lela Albright from Security Services, Bob Lamkey from Public Safety, Randy Duncan, Emergency Management and Paul Drouhard from the Facility Office. I believe this is an improvement and I recommend your approval on this and of course I'll stand for your questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Steve. Appreciate the fact that we are being proactive and being prepared is a good motto and it looks like we are trying to do and provide a seamless plan where we can respond and where Emergency Management people aren't going to be, we've got a plan to handle that, so it looks like it has been a thoughtful approach to this potential emergency. Appreciate your work. Commissioners, any questions or comments about this revised plan? Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I just have one question. This is on paper, do you have any drills or anything that lets you experience some idea of what will happen in reality if we had....?"

Mr. Claassen said, "We've have not had drills in the past unfortunately and I'm going to go back five or six years ago. We had more unexpected drills than we would of liked. We had fire alarms go off that were false alarms. We've cut those down dramatically to where that is no longer the case. What we have done is we have tested all of our emergency....our elevator systems, our alarms, the public address systems just about two weeks ago. We are going to give it some thoughtful consideration to a drill. We have not done that in the past. There is a lot of coordination obviously that needs to take place especially with regard to district court. Don't really have a specific answer for you, but that is something we are considering."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

D. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE THREE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2007-2009, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Community Corrections is a State Man-Dated Program in the Adult Correction system. Its purpose is to provide intensive supervision programs to punish offenders in the community instead of sending them to prison. These programs are valuable to both the offender and State. They provide offenders the chance to avoid prison under strict conditions set by the court while they maintain employment, pay taxes, restitution to crime victims and continue to support their families. Community Corrections is state funded through an annual grant process administered by the Kansas Department of Corrections. In order to continue to receive grant funds, an annual application must be submitted each year by May 1st. Last year the process changed to a three year plan and an annual amendment document is required instead of the whole plan each year. That amendment document is what is before you today. So it is pretty technical and minor. It reflects a continuation of the existing programs with technical updates on our efforts to improve the numbers of offenders who successfully complete our programs.

These programs are the Adult Intensive Supervision Program and the Adult Residential Program. Within each program we provide supervision and services to assist offenders in gaining and maintaining employment, accessing treatment, training and we do a lot of drug and alcohol testing. Annually, we serve over 2200 people on our Intensive Supervision Program and over 500 at our Residential Center. The Community Corrections Advisory Board reviewed this application at their April 12th meeting and recommends it to you for approval. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you Mark. The funding we’re getting, or we getting anymore?”

Mr. Masterson said, “I’ll be able to tell you at the end of the week. It is on the table. There is money on the table in the legislative process that we just won’t know until it’s over and whether or not that money actually gets appropriated and benefits us.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. Somewhere back-up indicated this has just been flat funding for sometime and.....”

Mr. Masterson said, “That is correct.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay, but we are able to maintain our level of services and the number of folks we’re helping even though the funding hasn’t been increasing.”

Mr. Masterson said, “We struggle to meet the required standards and to meet the expectations of the court due to high caseloads. As the numbers have gone up, our funding to add staff has not gone up and so you get the crunch of the caseloads that go up and the resulting stress.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Well, there is just so much our case managers can do. They’ve got some sort of standard limits that they are suppose to be able to take care of....is that right?”

Mr. Masterson said, “That is correct. We have gone up the last two years by an average of 76 clients per day which is about 2.3 caseloads and so the impact is our caseloads are now about 37 and the highest they should be is 33. When this program was designed 25 is really the ideal number. So you get an idea of where we’re at.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. Well, we have to do more and more with less and less it seems like and the whole area of Public Safety is a huge problem for I know at the state level and also the local level. I guess if everyone is aware of the problem, they are doing the best they can, I suppose. Is that right as far as funding?”

Mr. Masterson said, “We’re certainly doing the best we can. I hope that’s the case up in Topeka the next three days and that the additional funding to provide more support for the communities in providing these services occurs.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ All right. Thank you. Well, Commissioners any other questions or comments?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendments and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

2. JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING OF JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to seek your approval on our Juvenile Accountability Block Grant for State Fiscal Year 2008. This is a federally funded initiative that is administered by the State of Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority and the purpose of this funding is to give units of local government funding to be able to create programs that are going to promote greater accountability within our Juvenile Justice System. If approved it is going to be our ninth year of funding under this program and Sedgwick County is eligible to receive \$79,881. for the State Fiscal Year that begins July 1.

There is a required 10% match that has been planned for in the county budget. So with the match the total funding available is \$88,757. The two components that are included in this grant application are continuation funding for the diversion manager position which is within the District Attorney's Office and also an allocation of approximately \$20,000. to help with any short fall that we may have in the next fiscal year in one of our State Man-Dated Programs which is juvenile case management. Team Justice approved this application at their April 6th meeting and we are asking that you also approve this grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign. Be happy to

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answer any questions.”

Chairman Unruh said, “We do have a question. Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well I just want to comment any time you can get a grant 90/10 anymore, it is pretty significant. Also, I’ve been on the other side of the Juvenile Diversional Alternative Program and it is a good Alternative Program and I will certainly support this.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ All right. Thank you. Any other comment or questions Commissioners? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Chairman Norton moved to Approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documentation, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed..

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you Chris. Next item please.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE

- E. APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, FOR THERAPEUTIC SERVICES FOR PRESCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION GRANT.**

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Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “ComCare has made an application to SRS (Social Rehabilitation Services) for a grant for our pre-school and early childhood mental health consultant. At the end of last year’s legislative session, the Children’s Cabinet made a \$1,000,000. available statewide to support local community efforts to have experts with Mental Health specialty services in the 0 - 5 age range. The hope on their part was that having local consultants with specialization in early childhood development mental mile stones would help address the emotional needs of infants and young children and their families in local communities.

The Children’s Cabinet provided that funding after hearing a testimony that many early childhood education staff reported to them in testimony’s during that session that they felt il-prepared to deal with some of the emotional needs of many of the young children that they were seeing in their pre-schools and nursery schools and they repeatedly told the legislature that they needed additional training and access to some kind of consultation for these kids. There are more than 36,000 children between the ages of 0 and 5 in Sedgwick County and a 2005 study showed that over 7500 of them are currently enrolled in nursery or pre-school. So, we do have quite a population here. Each of the grants that SRS is going to distribute is for a maximum of \$50,000. and it really is intended to provide funding for local communities to have these consultants available to them. The expectation is that they would expand consultation to pre-schools, daycare centers and other and provide therapeutic services in communities. The consultant is going to be expected to provide consultation and in-service training to early childhood providers. They are going to provide assessment in pre-school classrooms and other settings. They will meet in a limited manner, but will meet with families to assess individual situations, offer strategies after they do the assessment and to provide information on where in our community mental health referrals can be made for children in this age group.

ComCare has been providing therapeutic pre-school program at one of the Rainbow sites for about two years now. We have 16 children in that program from ages 3 to 5. These are children that were kicked out of pre-school programs and daycare centers due to their behavior and we have demonstrated significant success with these kids in preparing them to start elementary schools with behavior that is much more rationale and calm.

The funding would make it possible for ComCare to hire a full time position who would divide his or her time in outreach and consultation and then spend part of the time in the Rainbow’s Program, pre-school program providing therapy to children and individual or group kinds of situations and meeting with families. There was very short turn around time to apply for this money and the grants are to be awarded soon with a start day of July 1st. We are recommending that you approve our grant application.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. Thank you. We have a question. Commissioner Winters.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "I really don't believe this is a question more of just a comment of support. Several years ago, in fact I don't remember the exact year, but during kind of the early start up of Juvenile Justice, there was a Governor's Prevention Conference held in Topeka that I attended talking about the early childhood brain development from pre-birth to that first three or four years of life. I guess I'm just pleased we are taking another initiative, another part of what we do in dealing with children at the earliest of ages. This seminar I attended was really on the, almost the physical development of the brain.

In certain circumstances, the surroundings of a child can have an affect on the development of the brain, or just events of a child's life in those early years can be so significant. If bad things happen and aren't seen, found, corrected, worked on, it can just mean a lifetime of really suffering in an awful lot of ways. So, I'm certainly going to be supportive of this and this is one of the places I wished we could just do a lot more. This is certainly a part of the equation. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Marilyn, this is a new gran?."

Ms. Cook said, "It is new money. It is tobacco settlement money that the Children's Cabinet awarded to SRS to distribute throughout the State."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. And the position will be to enhance and strengthen the program and help the providers we have now. The particular function hasn't been performed before?"

Ms. Cook said, "We do have the therapeutic pre-school and we have case managers and a team that are working with these children at Rainbow United in a special classroom. There is a morning class and an afternoon class, but we would love to have the opportunity to have a qualified mental health professional master level prepared to be there as a consultant to that group providing services, but as a consultant to others in the community, head start programs, other programs."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. Commissioners, other comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Marilyn. Next item please."

F. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FOR THE 2007 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. David Thompson, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This will be the 9th year that Sedgwick County has participated in the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program. What this does is it provides funds to local jurisdictions to help purchase or replace bullet proof vests for their law enforcement officers. This grant would provide for up to 50% reimbursement if the funds are available. This year we plan on purchasing about 39 to 40 vests, which would.....50% would give us back about \$12,000. to put into our law enforcement vest fund. We normally purchase these with donated funds and use this grant to replace them. What I would be asking is you approve the jurisdiction registration and authorize the Chairman or his designee Marty Hughes to complete the registration and any other actions required to complete the grant process. Any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

Chairman Unruh said, " All right. Thank you. We have been in this program continuously and we just keep moving out of date vests, or vests that are no longer safe. That's why we replace them."

Mr. Thompson said, "You've got deputies that wear a vest 5 to 6 days a week when they are working. They eventually do need to be replaced. They do have an act of service life that the manufacture recommends and with a department our size we usually replace between 30 to 40 a year."

Chairman Unruh said, " Okay. Thank you. We have a question from Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Yes, I fully anticipate voting yes on this project. Having this being

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green week and everything, what do you do with the old vest?"

Mr. Thompson said, "The vests when we replace them, at first we try to rotate them down to our Reserve Unit or sometimes even smaller agencies. The rest of them are disposed of. I'm not sure if we have the range personnel take care of it, but the Sheriff is very particular that we do not place these or sell these back into the public venue. He does not ever want a vest worn by somebody that would injure a law enforcement officer."

Commissioner Parks said, "There is about a 10,000 year rotting factor in land field of those things. They can go to the military also and certainly can get together with me on some of the resources I might have on that. Also, was this a local bid?"

Mr. Thompson said, "We purchase these locally on an individual basis. They are about \$651.00 or so a piece."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any other questions? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to Approve jurisdiction registration and authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to complete the registration and any other action required to complete the grant process through the OJP Vest Web Page.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Dave. Next item please."

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G. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. FOR PORTABLE BLEACHER RENTAL

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is an annual rental that we have with Wichita Festivals for the last seven or eight years, they have been renting some of our bleachers to provide spectator seating for some of the events. Our procedure of course, is like all the equipment rentals, the client insures the item that they are renting, they supply the transportation to and from the site, bring it back, pay the rental fee. We recommend approval.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you John. Next item please.”

H. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES, LOCATED AT 233 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This Memorandum of Understanding is pretty much identical to the ones that you looked at last week. This particular memo of understanding is between the county and Episcopal Social Services. The county received possession of that property through an eminent domain process and served notice to Episcopal Social Services that they needed to vacate the building by April the 10th. This Memorandum of Understanding will allow them additional time to stay in that building as they prepare a new property to move into. There deadline has been extended through this memo through

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July 8th of this year. I recommended approval and available for questions.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ All right. Thank you Stephanie. I guess it is obvious that this time frame fits in within our sequence of events that we have to make in order to keep our project on time.”

Ms. Knebel said, “It does. We have had discussions with Episcopal Social Services and have indicated that we won’t be able to extend any additional time on site past this date in order to keep on our construction schedule. But they are comfortable with this date.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. That was my next question. How do they take this, so very good.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters Unruh moved to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item please.”

**I. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PRAIRIE PRINT, INC.,
LOCATED AT 315 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS**

Ms. Knebel said, “This will be the fourth Memorandum of Understanding concerning tenants and owners on the arena site. This will be the final one. This particular memo of understanding will be between the county and Prairie Print, Inc. A printing business at that location. They received the same notice to vacate that property effective April 7th. This memo would extend their stay on that site through June the 10th. Again, they are comfortable with that date and indicated numerous times that that is a doable date for them to be out of the property. “

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Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. Very good. Any questions Commissioners?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item please.”

J. AGREEMENT WITH JERRY WHITE FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 200 SOUTH EMPORIA, RELATED TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ARENA PROJECT

Ms. Knebal said, “Ron Holt is unable to attend this morning meeting and ask me to step in for him to present this item for your review and consideration. This agenda item requests your approval on a real estate purchase contract between the county and Jerry White and the property under consideration is located at 200 South Emporia.

What we have called here at the county the Dancers Building. That is one of the properties that the county purchased in its effort to acquire property for the arena and have determined that Mr. White would be an appropriate buyer of that property to re-develop. The key provisions included in this purchase contract, in addition to identifying Mr. White as a property owner, is that the county will reserve the right of first refusal for this property for the next ten years. So that in the event Mr. White chooses and elects to sell the building, we as a county would have first right of refusal to that offer before it’s submitted to the bigger market out there.

We as a county are not promising any parking locations, parking spots, there are none associated with this building and Mr. White is aware of that. Closing costs for this property transaction will be

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split 50/50 between the county and the buyer. The purchase price of the property included in this agreement is \$150,000. which the county would receive at closing. Some other prior memo of understanding was approved last week. Mr. White has agreed to remove his property currently located in his other building by June 3rd. That is an important date, again to keep our project on schedule. Mr. White has also committed through this real estate agreement to use all of his knowledge about maintaining buildings and rehabilitating buildings to acquire historic destination on this and this contract allows him two years to go through that designation process. Mr. White also has committed to invest a minimum of \$830,000. in this property as he rehabilitates it and gets it ready for his purposes. The final key consideration included in this agreement is that the deed future uses of this property no matter who owns it, the limits of this property are going to be limited to either an antique store or condominiums and we are trying to control that as much as we can. I recommend your approval and am available for questions.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ All right. We have a question. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just wanted to make a comment for clarification, the agenda item reads Sedgwick County agreement to purchase real estate and that’s not the case, Sedgwick County is selling this real estate to Mr. White is that correct?”

Ms. Knebel said, “That is correct.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just if somebody was listening or heard that first comment, that’s not what we’re about here. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks asked, “He is not going to have any problem with the City of Wichita with any kind of zoning or regulations about parking and establishing so many parking stalls for his retail business is he?”

Ms. Knebel said, “No, I don’t believe so. This building is located in the central business district and the business district according to the definition by the Planning Department, the zoning laws of the City, actually require very minimal parking spaces. I think zero as a matter of fact for this business in this particular district.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And if it would, as the amendments say in there that be turned into condos, that would also be the fact there to then, they wouldn’t have to have any parking.”

Ms. Knebel said, “Absolutely.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

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Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. I just want to make a comment. I’m going to be supportive of this. It appears that this is kind of a win win situation as our project has evolved down in the arena footprint, acquired a piece of property that we needed and now we have another acquisition where a man wants to stay downtown and going to rehab the building which is good for that whole arena neighborhood redevelopment plan. Got a unique store that I think will be attractive to our downtown area. We also enjoy the benefits of some costs and of having to deal with demolition and all those sort of things in this building. Put all that together and I think we win and this gentlemen wins and downtown Wichita wins. So, I’m going to be very supportive of this. I see no more requests to speak, so what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you Stephanie. Next item please.”

K. PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FORM 1306, “CERTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCEDURES AND UTILITY ARRANGEMENTS,” FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 636-7-4560; BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON 71ST STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 295TH STREET WEST AND 311TH STREET WEST. CIP# B-384. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item K1 is an

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approval of KDOT Form 1306 for the bridge project on 71st Street South between 295th & 311th Streets West, designated as B-384 in the Capital Improvement Program. This form certified that all Rights-of-way have been acquired and all utility arrangements have been made. Federal funds will pay for 80% of the project. I recommend that you approve the Form 1306 and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Any questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve KDOT Form 1306 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Next item please.”

- 2. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FORM 1306, “CERTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCEDURES AND UTILITY ARRANGEMENTS,” FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 618-2-4100; BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CENTRAL BETWEEN 375TH AND 391ST STREETS WEST (OVER THE NORTH FORK OF THE NINNESCAH RIVER). CIP# B-431. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. Spears said, “This item is similar to the previous Item K2. It is an approval of KDOT Form 1306 for the bridge project on Central between 375th & 391st Streets West, designated as B-431 in the Capital Improvement Program. This form certified that all Rights-of-way have been acquired

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and all utility arrangements have been made. Federal funds will pay for 80% of the project. I recommend that you approve the Form 1306 and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve KDOT Form 1306 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you David. Next item please.”

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 805-J,K,L: recondition roadbed plus 6” bituminous surfacing on 119th Street West between 29th and 53rd Streets North. CIP# R- 254. District #3.**
- 2. Amendment to Agreement with Keith Bomholt to provide apartments for the Housing and Urban Development Grant.**
- 3. Lease Amendment Number Three with Jim Ramsey Company, Ltd., for space used by COMCARE at 940 North Topeka, Wichita, Kansas, for its Addiction Treatment Services Program.**
- 4. Order dated April 18, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. Payroll Check Register of April 20, 2007.**

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6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 18 – 24, 2007.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’ll like to call your attention to consent agenda Item 3. The address on that item should be 940 North Waco, rather than Topeka. So with that correction for Item 3, 940 North Waco, I would recommend that you approve the Consent Calendar and remind you that there are only 250 days left for the sales tax.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

The County Commission meeting was recessed for the Fire District #1 meeting from 10:13 a.m. and returned at 10:17 a.m.

M. OTHER

Chairman Unruh said, “This is the time to bring up other items of interest or concern. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I just wanted to make those who weren’t aware this past Monday Envision had their annual meeting out at the Marriott Hotel I believe. Commissioner Unruh and his wife Karen were recognized as the ‘Envision Volunteers of the Year’. Commissioner we certainly want to thank you for the work that you have done with the Envision group and I know you are continuing to do on their behalf. I think that was a very nice honor and congratulations to both you and to Karen.”

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Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you very much. I’m embarrassed again. When you are doing something you like, you don’t expect to get a recognition and we like what we’re doing. Anything else?”

Commissioner Winters said, “No.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Well, thank you very much. Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I just wanted to clarify a couple things that have happened this week on the recycling. We certainly have discussed these things and I know the news print over the weekend had said we hadn’t done much yet, but the time has been 90 days or so since we’ve been in here and so, there is still some things on our plate that we need to take care of and recycling certainly hasn’t left my agenda. Like I reiterated, I don’t like the word mandatory, but we as individuals can step up, individuals within the community and utilize the things that are out there and available. I think this would be a goal for the individuals to do that and recycle a lot of the things having the resources there. I myself have changed vendors to a vendor that will now curb side recycle for me that hadn’t been available in my area and now they are opening that up and actually with the cost and the fuel adjustments and what not, it is the same price I was paying before. Enough on that issue.

To clarify any preliminary discussions, I was at a meeting yesterday where one of the persons at the Tax over site committee thought that the discussions and concerning the casinos at the Britt Brown Arena, also included the pavilions and was wondering if we were going to spend any money there since we are going to blow up that whole complex and I assure you that it is not my intent to do anything, sell otherwise, degrade, blow up, bulldoze anything. The pavilion areas the voters voted on to improve at the Kansas Coliseum complex, however, the Britt Brown Arena has been in some of those discussions and I’m aware of, and has been a subject of interest as well as other locations. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ All right. Thank you Commissioner. On the recycling issue, I just like to remind folks we have multiple opportunities to recycle at various levels of recycling in our community. The issue doesn’t seem to be can we, or is it available, the issue seems to be is how convenient is it? So, I would just suggest in the mean time that everybody overcome their inconvenience and go ahead and recycle anyway, because it is available.

I just want to remark that I think this is Administrative Assistant Week, Nationally. So recognize all those in Sedgwick County government who fill that position for the great work that they do and help make this government work smoothly and especially publicly say thanks to Lisa and Carol for

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the work that they do in our office. They are very efficient. So with all that, Commissioners if there is nothing else, this meeting is adjourned.”

N. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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