

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 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 11, 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; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. David Thompson, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Lieutenant Morton, Sheriff Office's; Mr. David Spears, Director, Mr. Robert Lamkey, Director, Public Safety; Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Olivia Reynolds Simmons, Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau.
Dr. Susan Carr M.D., Suicide Prevention Task Force Member.
Ms. Lori Usher, Executive Director, Workforce Development.
Ms. Shelly Hammond, Allen Gibbs & Houlik, LC, Auditing
Mr. Chris Presson, Manager, Wichita Thunder

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Rick Thornton of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

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The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 14th, 2007 and that Commissioner Winters was absent at the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2007.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner's, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2007.

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	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Regular Meeting of March 21st, 2007, Commissioner Winter's was absent and we have one Commissioner not present. Can the three of us vote to approve that?"

Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes."

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2007.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Commissioner’s with your permission I am going to pull an item out of its normal place on the agenda and ask the Clerk to call Item H4.”

4. AGREEMENT WITH SPANGENBERG PHILLIPS ARCHITECTURE, LLC TO PRESERVE SPACE IN SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK FOR A “SOLAR FIELD” EXHIBIT.

Mr. Williams Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This item before you, was an agreement to use about an acre of our park for this Art Exhibit, an exhibit that uses stone and the sun, similar to a solar calendar. What we have discovered is that there is some interest in how we are going to use all the land of the park and wouldn’t we be better served by developing a land use system, or a land use plan for the park that includes of course, the new playground we are building, this exhibit and other things. So, we would like some time to sit back and take a look at the development and how we might use that park. I’m asking you to defer this indefinitely until we have some sort of plan for that park.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any comment or questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to defer this item indefinitely.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Norton	No
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

PRESENTATION

A. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE KANSAS FLINT HILLS COALITION.

Ms. Olivia Reynolds Simmons, Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, “A few months ago you were provided a lot of information on the Kansas Flint Hills Coalition, what it was all about, our mission and how we wanted to bring attention to the Kansas Flint Hills on a tourism basis to drive more people to the State of Kansas and of course to Sedgwick County. We are very fortunate that Sedgwick County lies just outside the actual Flint Hills. The Flint Hills is a coalition of 22 counties throughout this entire State and we have worked very hard this last year to form our program of work and actually see some of those things come to fruition. What you have in your packet, and please go ahead and open it, I want you to open the port folio. You will see in each one of your packets an April issue of the National Geographic Magazine which actually goes out to millions of people, not just over the United States, but in several languages and all over the world. The Kansas Flint Hills are displayed with a 22 page work of art, I guess is the best way I can describe it. When you talk about pictures having a thousand words, these literally are worth millions of dollars to us. You could probably, as our State Director, put it ‘what this is worth in dollars, is more than the entire State Traveling Tourism Division Budget’. So, just this one thing and the only thing that we paid for it was a little time.

We were fortunate enough to have a photographer out of Lindsborg, Kansas who works independently for the National Geographic Magazine. He photographed approximately 15,000 photos during about a years time of the Kansas Flint Hills. So, he was able to successfully show photos of all the seasons as you drive through the Flint Hills and I think each one of your magazines are marked, so it’s on Page 120 in case that was not there. It starts out, of the 15,000 photographs, 11 of them were chosen for this publication. As you go through it, I think what you actually see is this wonderful way that Kansas is represented in a way that it never has been before. So, what we’re hoping is that people all over the world really see Kansas in a new light, in a way that will drive them here to enjoy our natural beauty.

Some of the photographs, the very last one on the last page, is actually a photograph taken at night and you can see all of the stars and that is the Milky Way. There is 80% of the world at this point in

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time, that is unable and never be able to see that sight and you can see it all the time at the Flint Hills. That is just one example of why people would want to come here and visit our State and stay awhile.

The other thing that is in your packet is this and this is actually a schedule on the back. It talks about Jim Richardson, the photographer. Then on the back is a schedule because Jim has worked with the coalition and the State of Kansas and has put together about 30 to 35 huge prints of some of the best photographs, including those that are in the National Geographic publication. They are going to go on tour and have been and have been at the Capital at this point and have started the tour throughout the State of Kansas. They will be here in Wichita for approximately two weeks beginning October 15th through November 11th. I wanted to make sure that you did have that information and that you were aware and then the other thing was we wanted to, the coalition itself, wanted to thank you for your support of the coalition. All 22 counties evenly gave \$5,000. to the coalition to make it possible for us to move forward. We are now in the process of hiring a full time director to oversee it because it has grown to that extent and we would be unable to move forward at the rate that we have in one year without the 22 counties support. I'm here on behalf of the coalition and to thank you for that support and to tell you about the photo exhibit, to tell you about the success of the National Geographic Magazine and last but not least, if you want to jot down Kansasflinthills.travel. That is the web site that was launched just about 30 or 45 days ago and we are in the process of course of getting Sedgwick County sites all through there. Whether it's lodging, attractions, things to do, events, festivals, those will all be listed on there and as you can see that web site will be very well marketed. So again, thank you on behalf of the Convention of Visitor's Bureau and on behalf of the Flint Hills Coalition and for your time this morning."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well Olivia, thank you for being here and giving us the update on some of your activities and also calling to our attention the article in National Geographic. The photographs are absolutely stunning, they are just beautiful. When the display, or showing, exhibit comes by, where will it be displayed?"

Ms. Simmons said, "Right now we have it scheduled for the area at C2 that's between the two, between the Hyatt and actually C2. It has to be a very large area. Two of the photo exhibits are 10' long each and 4' high so you can imagine the space it takes up when you have 35 of those size prints. It will be very very nice and I will keep you posted and you will probably have invitations coming your way."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Very good. Does he sell copies of the posters?"

Ms. Simmons said, "Yes he does. He is very grateful for what has happened to him as well, even though he is a very well known photographer. The poster sells for \$15.00. Anyone can obtain them. They can call my office, the Greater Wichita Convention of Visitor's Bureau. They can go

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on line at the Flinthills.travel. Like I said, \$15.00 and all the money goes back to the coalition to help us move forward.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Very good. We do have a couple other comments. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I’m not a native Kansas. I grew up in Arkansas and.....

Ms. Simmons said, “We forgive you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Nature continues to inspire me. I’ve sat on the banks of the Mississippi and watch the sun come up across the Grand Mississippi Delta, I’ve been in the western part of the State of Arkansas to see the fall changing of the colors and how magnificent that is. But I’ve driven to Topeka and gone through the Flint Hills and on the way home, just being in awe, the sunset in the Flint Hills and you engenders what the pioneers were thinking when they were going through that raw country trying to settle in the west. What the herds of buffalos and native Americans looked like as they rolled across the plains. It is very inspiring and it has been kept pure for a lot of years which is unusual in our society to keep an area that could be encroached by a lot of different things, very pure. So I think this is wonderful that we are highlighting this in our State and it is a natural beauty. It’s different, it’s not hills and mountains, beaches and ocean, but it is something different in our country that can be exposed to the world. I applaud you for that.”

Ms. Simmons said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Your comment about asking about Jim Richardson and some of his photographs, and I’m not sure how he is doing this, but there are dozens of good reasons to visit Lindsborg, Kansas on a day trip. Jim Richardson does have a gallery in Lindsborg where there are several art galleries in Lindsborg, along with all their Swedish tradition of the community. My wife and I have been in Jim’s studio several times and he has done some just miraculous photographs and has been in the National Geographic many times. We are fortunate to have a native Kansan with those kinds of skills and talents. I certainly encourage anybody to take a day trip to Lindsborg, Kansas and view some of his work.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “I would like to thank you Olivia for your presentation and bringing our attention to the National Geographic. Just something I want to follow up on from last week that I said about visiting Kansas first before we go to all these other places. With the gasoline prices

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going up and everything, I think there are a lot of places in the Flint Hills, also, there is a National Park over there that I had an opportunity to visit and it is quite a day trip. So, that is something that enhances us also.”

Ms. Simmons said, “Thank you. And the Kansas Department of Transportation is working with us as well and you will soon see very beautiful signage as you enter the Kansas Flint Hills. They are marked now with signs, but these are going to be actually spectacular. Everybody’s in on this and I think they are understanding the value that it is and going to bring to our State. So, thank you as well.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Well, okay. Olivia, thank you for the presentation and calling our attention to the National Geographic lay-out and we wish you continued success as you go forward with this coalition.”

Ms. Simmons said, “Thanks.”

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

B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 5, 2007 AS “KAYLIN AND MICAH DAY.”

Chairman Unruh said, “I would like to read a Proclamation for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, blood-related cancers currently afflict more than 700,000 Americans with an estimated 110,000 new cases diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will kill an estimated 106,300 people in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has chosen Kaylin Watkins and Micah Wemmer as this year’s *Boy and Girl of the Year* as part of an effort to raise awareness of these diseases and to raise money for research and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is committed to eradication of these diseases, support the treatment of those that suffer from them, and encourage private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 5 as

“Kaylin and Micah Day”

in Sedgwick County to enhance the understanding of blood-related cancers and encourage voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

Chairman Unruh said, “ Commissioners, you have heard the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation 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	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Receiving the Proclamation is Tiffany Wilson.”

Ms. Tiffany Wilson, Campaign Director, Leukemia, Lymphoma Society, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are thankful and grateful for you allowing us this Proclamation for Kaylin and Micah. We are currently in the campaign for man, woman of the year. It began March 7th and it is an eight week campaign where we have candidates that are raising votes. A dollar counts as a vote. We have one of our candidates here and that’s Todd Bulley and we have the others that are at work, I’m sure, out there raising funds. These candidates are doing this in honor of Micah and Kaylin as our inspiration. So the candidates are not only getting to know the kids and the parents, but they are going to the doctor appointments to understand what they are

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going through.

You're not just looking at a child on a flyer, you are actually getting to see what the families are going through and to better understand why it is important to raise funds to find a cure for this illness. But the candidates are working hard and raising money and having a good time. The kids are going to some of the events and the grand finale is May 5th at the Hyatt and you can go on line at www.lls.org/ksmw and you can vote on line for one of our candidates and we're happy we are going to have a really successful year.

Last year we were fortunate enough to raise \$254,000. and that's amazing in Wichita. In other markets we are doing quite well, I would say. We have 64 chapters nationwide and this is also a nationwide campaign and competition. So there will a national man of the year and a national woman of the year and I'm hoping that we produce one, if not both of those within the Kansas Chapter. We are just happy to be here and want to say thank you for all your support and go out there and nominate and support a candidate."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you very much and appreciate your presentation. Now this is Kaylin and Micah here at the podium with you. How old are they?"

Ms. Wilson said, "That is right and they are both six. Their parents are here to and they have been very supportive and helpful with allowing us into their lives as well."

Chairman Unruh said, "Could you introduce the folks that are here, or have them introduce themselves?"

Ms. Wilson said, "Sure. This is Micah's mother, Lisa Wemmer and then we've got Brian and Shonda Watkins who Kaylin belongs to and they are amazing parents. To keep their positive attitudes and allow us into their lives is amazing. It is helping the campaign, it's helping bring awareness to the diseases and it is a nice feeling. We are a big family, aren't we?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, challenges like these do cause people to expand their family and support and help one another and this is the way the rest of us can become involved, but just voting early and often, I guess."

Ms. Wilson said, "There you go."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, we appreciate.....we do have another comment from Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well just as I look at the photo here, looks to me like there are two

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candidates here. Is there two candidates in the room.”

Ms. Wilson said, “Oh Adam. Adam do you just want to shoot me now. I am so sorry. This is Adam Pankratz, if you would like to stand. He is an attorney here in town and he has happily accepted the nomination. Thank you very much Mr. Winters for bringing that to my attention. Having a blonde moment.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just wanted to make sure campaign laws were followed.....give everybody equal time.

Ms. Wilson said, “Thank you so much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ We appreciate you very much being here and bringing this to our attention and I hope this campaign is successful and raises a lot of money and we just want to encourage Kaylin and Micah and their families as they continue to deal with this tremendous challenge. Thank you all very much and you are in our prayers. Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

APPOINTMENTS

C. APPOINTMENTS.

1. RESOLUTIONS (THREE) APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

- SUZANNE MOODY (COMMISSIONER UNRUH’S REAPPOINTMENT)
- JANEEN POWERS (COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER’S APPOINTMENT)
- CAROLYN SMITH (COMMISSIONER UNRUH’S REAPPOINTMENT)

Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have resolutions appointing Janeen Powers, and reappointing Suzanne Moody and Carolyn Smith to the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging. I recommend you adopt the Resolutions.”

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Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. We can take all three of these appointments with one Motion?"

Ms. Magana said, "You may."

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

Chairman Unruh said, "County Clerk, Don Brace is here to administer their oath of office, so if you would proceed."

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Good morning, how are you today? Good. 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. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Unruh said, "If any of you would like to say something, and Carolyn I know you are just a rookie at this. You have never served in this before, right?"

Ms. Carolyn Smith said, "No. I appreciate the opportunity to continue. I thank you very much for reappointing me."

Chairman Unruh said, "We appreciate your service. Suzanne."

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Ms. Suzanne Moody said, “Yes. Thank you very much. It is a great group of people to work with, the staff is great. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Janeen, did you want to say anything. All right. We want you to know that we very much appreciate your willingness to serve and serving on the Aging Advisory Board, I have more and more interest in that every year. We appreciate your service. Before we call the next item, I would like to recognize Mayor elect Harold Smith of City of Belaire, Carolyn’s husband. Congratulations Mr. Mayor. Madam Clerk call the next item please.”

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUG MORPHIS (COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Ms. Magana said, “Commissioner’s this Resolution would appoint Doug Morphis to the Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board. I recommend you adopt the Resolution.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Commissioners Mr. Morphis isn’t present today. What’s the will of the Board?”

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

ITEM C3 - TAPE INAUDIBLE DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

3. SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.

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Ms. Bev Baalman, presented this item, but with the audio difficulties, nothing could be picked up.

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Bev and give these new appointments our congratulations and best wishes in their service."

D. PRESENTATION OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE 2006 ANNUAL REPORT.

Ms. Baalman said, "Commissioner's, I would like to introduce to you one of the new appointments, a Dr. Susan Carr with the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She's also been chosen as the new Chair of the Methodology sub-committee of the Task Force and she is going to be giving you a report on suicides here in Sedgwick County in 2006."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Dr. Susan Carr, Suicide Prevention Taskforce, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for the opportunity for us to speak with you about some of our findings. We gather data every year. We track the suicide rate, the suicide rate says something about our community and we want to share some of that information. We have now about seven years worth of data and present some of the trends mostly today. Again, we have been giving these reports. Since 2001 our Task Force has three committees, the Awareness, the Methodology and Intervention Committees and on the Methodology Committee we try to maintain an alliance with the Forensic Science Center since they have been...**inaudible**. I have noted some general trends that the Sedgwick County rate had just run a little bit above the national rate. We are wondering if some of the generational affects mostly being an increased rate of suicides in the baby boomers, maybe responsible for some of this increase. Across the last seven years, we have had some consistency in the types of methods chosen for suicide. Males tend to a complete suicide more than females at a ratio of about 4 or 5 to 1. Then Caucasians comprise most of our suicides being about 90%. We would like more information on the stressors that these people are facing that lead them to completion of suicide. That is something we hope to work on in the future.

Look at these increase suicide rate in Sedgwick County. Look at the green line on the graph, the blue line is the national rate. Sedgwick County tends to run at a rate of about 11 to 12 on average, however, in 2005 we had a spike to a rate of 14 suicides per 100,000 and it backed down to about 12 this past year in 2006. The national rate tends to run between 10 and 11. Our goal is to reach a

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rate of 6, which is the rate recommended by the certain general, David Sachter, when he called action for suicide prevention. It is also listed in Healthy People 2010 recommendations. Methods of suicide, mostly consist of firearm deaths. Of those, most of those are by pistol or hand gun. Hangings is the next chosen method and drug intoxication and carbon monoxide poisoning after that. Again, we would like to find out more about what these people are facing when they decide to commit suicide. As you can see from this graph, most of the cases that we get to review we have no known stressors listed and about 20% of them the family do note that there have been some kind of personal issue, about 12% have had an argument or have lost a loved one and then some mention of financial issues, illness or legal issues or unemployment. But with the data that we gather, we assist the awareness and intervention committees in doing their tasks. That is to focus on educating individuals and also their families and friends in terms of suicide prevention. Each April and for the last several years, we have hosted a 'Link 4 Life' Run and Bev Baalman will be telling you more about our upcoming run this Saturday.

In September, during National Suicide Prevention Week, our members hand out bookmarkers with educational information listing risk factors and community resources. Also in November, prior to Thanksgiving, on Saturday we host a 'National Survivors of Suicide Day Educational Program' and support program for families of people who have committed suicide. Ongoing support effort or prevention efforts, include the survivors of Suicide Support Group and then the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program which has been running in the Wichita area schools. Some of the information that we list on our educational handouts include warning signs, such as expressions of hopelessness that a person may exhibit. Persistent or increased alcohol or substance use. The presence of a weapon in the home dramatically increases the risk of a suicide or an injury. Physical illness and depression are also associated. Intervention in preventing suicide is frequently dependent upon pro-active behavior by family and friends. We recommend family and friends when they see signs such as this, use our community resources. That includes not only a person's general doctor, but the Suicide Prevention Hotline, the ComCare Crisis Center or presenting to Via Christi St. Joe Assessment Center. For this upcoming year, we will be using some of the data we gleamed from an EMS data set that identified Via Christi as the main provider of services for suicide attempters. Since we have only some individual data on the suicide completers, we continue to look at suicide attempts as a proxy and that will involve many of the nurses at Via Christi, and have already brought this to their attention and they are pretty much happy to help us, if we can find some ways in which we can target suicide attempts and completions in our community. Any questions?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for that presentation. I guess the question I had, was on your stressors chart that you showed us, those are contributors to, I guess or situations that contribute to someone ultimately committing suicide and I think it showed 49% of them, we don't know what they are."

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Dr. Carr said, “We just don’t have the data. When the investigators go in and get the information, there is just a whole lot of information on the suicide that you could get and it is hard for them to hone in on what is needed, but certainly drug and alcohol use is an important factor, but the loss of a relationship or something of that sort...family relationships have got to be highly tied into when this person decides to do something like that. I think if we had some way of getting that information it would be very useful.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Well I just think as a person, who has typical ignorance I guess about this sort of thing, wondering how could I respond or how can I help and I thought half the time we can’t really even predict it. It is difficult to try to be helpful other than just be sensitive and aware and not be afraid to talk about it.”

Dr. Carr said, “That is exactly right. Avoiding the stigma of suicide and when we seek suicides in the community, being supportive of the family instead of isolating or blaming them.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Well, thank you....once again updating us on the information and calling this to our attention and it is a problem in our community that we don’t have to have. We need to work together to try and overcome it. We appreciate your efforts and the efforts of the entire task force. We appreciate your involvement.

Ms. Baalman said, “Good morning again. It’s that time of year Commissioners where we hold the 4th annual ‘Link 4 Life’ Run to prevent suicide. It will be held this Saturday at the Sedgwick County Zoo. We start out at 7:45 with a 5k run. It is an open 5k so anybody....we’ve got 9 and 10 year olds running. We’ll have special events for ages three. Three year olds get to run, walk and crawl and on up to age 18 where they will be doing the one mile. Then for those of us and I include myself, who do not like to run, there is a zoo tour mile. It is a non competitive walk. That will start around 10:00. Now while all this is going on, there is a pre-celebration party going on. There is nothing wrong with eating Papa John’s pizza at 8:00 in the morning. Nothing. I’m looking to see if Claudia was in here from the Health Department because she would like us to change our ways a little bit. We’ve got some new sponsors providing some food to that celebration party. Starbuck’s Coffee will be out there. So Commissioners, you will have your coffee in the morning on Saturday morning. We have Lamar’s Donuts. We’ve gone from a regular donut to donut holes so Claudia ought to be happy there and of course popcorn and such.

We have a band that just plays the greatest music. They are called Broken and they do take request. We’ll have Thunder Dog out there again this year and then the Commissioners are there. They are there every year to support us. They start the run, they talk to the different groups about suicide and how important it is to learn more about prevention efforts in our community. So I want to thank

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you as well. You have received your T-Shirts this morning. I'm hoping our weather holds. You might want to bring a jacket. Then registration, if you want to register you can go to First Gear, through Friday at 5:00. 111 North Mosley. You can also go to the Sedgwick County website @ www.sedgwickcounty.org/active.com to register online or we will be taking registrations the day of the event."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you for that information. You didn't guarantee warm weather did you?"

Ms. Baalman said, "No, but they are telling me the sun will shine. I'm hoping there will be no rain that day. We snuck under the radar, if I might say."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, we hope that it is a very pleasant day. It is a great deal of fun and I enjoy it every time I've been there and it is good to see so much community involvement. This increasing awareness definitely takes us towards our goal of preventing suicide. Great effort. Appreciate all the work you do. I know that this is not something you do over night."

Ms. Baalman said, "My regular job. I just like the Task Force members that are in the audience to stand up. We have a few of them and they are hugh supporters of this run. This is only a few of them. Thank you very much for your time today."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Thanks to all of you. We do have some more comments Bev, so don't get to far away. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just a quick comment. Again I share Commissioner Unruh's appreciation and I also appreciate all the work that the Task Force members do. Just want to encourage people if they want to participate and have a very enjoyable Saturday morning, the 'Link 4 Life' Run are just very fun and even if you're not into running it would still be a good event to bring family to and come. I would want to encourage anybody that might be listening, if you are going to race, be there before the appointed time for your group because this race is run by a very good group of people who keep things to the minute and they start on time. The last couple years we had some family show up just a few minutes late and their race is over. So I would just encourage everyone, be there a bit early for the time you would like to participate. Thank you all for helping with the events on Saturday."

Chairman Unruh said, "It is worth coming to the race just to watch Commissioner Winters start a race. He gets into it. Tells those little kids don't fall down, stretch out, take it easy, be nice. He is a good race starter. Commissioner Norton."

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Commissioner Norton said, "I'm just glad I heard the run/walk/crawl because that would articulate what I will be doing if I'm out there. It will be linier, it will be running, walking and then crawling to finish. I'll be there Saturday morning. I've supported this every year. It is interesting, you look at those numbers and you think 12 suicides, but that is 12 per 100,000. So that number, even though you're looking at is, 12 per 100,000 in our community of about 400,000 plus, I'm not sure what the area covers, that's a lot of folks in our community that have taken their own life for whatever reason. Then if you look at all the attempts and I don't know if we have ever had all those numbers, it is something that plays our society. Not only in Sedgwick County, but around the country and the stressors of today's world, whatever those are and you articulated some of them, it has put a heavy burden on people's mental health and their ability to handle that. Anything we can do and certainly our Suicide Prevention Task Force deals with that so that we have the best and brightest and most dedicated people trying to figure out this blight on our community because it really does hurt families and people and more and more, it's not something that you think you're isolated from and you don't know anybody or any families affected by it. In my time in this community now I'm up to five and six families that I know personally that have dealt with that tragedy. You think it's something, well it only happens in dark corners and you don't know who it is. More and more and as connected as we are, we do know who the families are and we've got to wipe this out. That why I applaud you for what you are doing."

Ms. Baalman said, "Thank you Commissioner Norton. Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk call the next item please."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- E. MAPD CASE NUMBER DR2005-21 – ZONE CHANGE TO "AFB" AIR FORCE BASE DISTRICT, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF PAWNEE, EAST OF OLIVER, NORTH OF 55TH STREET SOUTH AND WEST OF WEBB ROAD. DISTRICT #5.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You recall back in November we presented to you the recommendations at McConnell AFB Joint Land Use Study implementation Coordinating Committee.

At that time you accepted those recommendations and directed staff to move forward with implementing the recommendations. One of those recommendations was for staff to draft up a new zoning district entitled the Air Force Base (AFB) District which we presented to you several meetings ago in which you had already created a text amendment to the zoning code. Today what

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I'm presenting to you is the actual rezoning of property on the McConnell Air Force Base. Most of which is in the unincorporated area of the county. As the zoning map in front of you shows is primarily is a RR (Rural Residential) zoning, but also with a mixture of SF-20, Single Family, LC, Limited Commercial and LI, Limited Industrial. This zoning change that is before you today would change all of that to the new district designation that's already been approved by you and the City Council. The AFB District. There are four parcels on the AFB that are located in the corporate limits of the City of Wichita and those parcels were re-zoned yesterday by action of the City Council. Derby Planning Commission has also reviewed this proposed zone change at their March 1st meeting and they unanimously recommended approval of the proposed zone change. Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) considered the zone change at its meeting on March 15th and they also unanimously recommended approval of this zone change. Representatives of the base were at both those hearings and spoke in favor of the zone change and we have heard from no surrounding property owners with any concerns regarding this zone change. With that I'll be glad to take any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you John for that presentation. MAPC was supporting it, Wichita, City of Derby, McConnell Air Force Base, I'm going to be supportive also. I think it is appropriate to define this district for McConnell Air Base, but does it have a practical affect. Does it mean now within this area, people may or may not develop or is it just a different set of regulations?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well the practical affect is less for the base than it is for surrounding property owners. The Department of Defense really doesn't acknowledge Local Land Use regulations in going about business of operating military bases. So, it really doesn't.....they have lived with the current zoning for many years, but it does create problems with adjoining property owners that may come in with, especially where their property is other than a residential district up against the base, where they then have to meet the buffering and screening requirements of the base being zoned residential. In some cases it has created some hardship for those property owners. It is just really a matter of creating a zoning designation for the base that is appropriate for the base that doesn't cause any hardship on adjoining property owners."

Chairman Unruh said, " Thank you. That's helpful. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well this really describes the base re-zoning, but there still is the question of the area of influence zoning and what can happen there, is there not John? Isn't that going to be dealt with as a separate item?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "In future action you will get a.....well several other zoning proposals for land adjacent to the base."

Commissioner Norton asked, "But this cleans up just the base property and the flight line areas

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and everything?”

Mr. Schlegal said, “Correct.”

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

Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you. Any other questions, Commissioners?”

Commissioner Winters said, “You might ask if there is anybody here who would want to speak to this? I know it’s not a public hearing, but we often ask that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you Commissioner. We can do that. Is there anyone here who would like to speak to this zone change. As Commissioner said, it is not a public hearing but we usually allow comment on zone changes. I see no one moving, so we will proceed. Any other questions Commissioners?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the zone change to “AFB”; adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; and adopt the Resolution.

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	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

NEW BUSINESS

F. PRESENTATION OF THE 2006 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very pleased this morning to present you this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Sedgwick County's fiscal year that ended December 31, 2006. We occasionally hear from members of the community that they believe the county should obtain an audit in order to provide assurance that we are spending our money appropriately. In fact we do obtain an audit each and every year. We are required to do so by State Law. There is no time limit as I understand it in the State Law for us to produce that audit. However, we have contractual agreements with various grant providers and with bond holders that obligate us to produce an annual audit within six months after the end of fiscal year. We are presenting this report to you today approximately three months after the end of the fiscal year. The item before last, we were talking about stressors that contribute to the risk of suicide and I have to tell you that preparing this CAFR in 90 days is a significant stressor. It is a stressor not for me, however, but for the people who do the work to produce it. Those people are, I think most of them anyway are sitting in this room, Troy Bruun, the Deputy CFO, Anne Smarsh our Accounting Director, Ginger Radley, Sara Jantz and Rick Smith, all of them work in Accounting are the people that do the hard work to produce this report as always, I nearly stand up here and take credit.

I'm going to spend a few minutes presenting the results of the fiscal year to you, the summary of the financial report and then Shelly Hammond from the audit firm of Allen Gibbs & Houlik, the independent CPA's who perform the audit of Sedgwick County is going to speak to you about the results of the audit and give you some other information that you need to hear.

In these financial statements, this county produces information in two different ways. Many people say that government ought to operate like a business and one of the ways that we produce financial statements is the way businesses produce their financial statements. That set of financial statements which we refer to as government wide statements, focuses on the economic resources of the institution or entity. In effect, we are interested with these statements in the value, the worth of the organization. Counties however, governments are not like businesses in many ways. We can't go out of business. We can't liquidate our assets and use those proceeds to pay off creditors or pay off the owner's of the business and so the other way we account for the activity and finances of the county are referred to as fund level statements. That's the traditional method of governmental accounting.

In fund accounting, we are focusing on the current financial resources of the entity, which are those resources that are available to actually pay bills as they come due. Many people think that for a government setting, is a more accurate way of depicting the true financial condition of the organization. In these financial statements, we are presenting both to you and I'm going to spend a few minutes talking about the summaries of each of those forms of accounting.

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First of all looking at the government wide statements, as I said, what we are primarily interested in is the worth of the organization. This first slide shows the net assets of Sedgwick County on a government wide basis at the end of 2006 and at the ends of each of the prior four years. In 2006, Sedgwick County's net assets totaled a little over \$466,000,000. up from \$409,500,000. a year previously. Those assets are comprised of three main types. First the green at the bottom, the green segments at the bottom of each bar represent assets that are capital in nature. Roads and buildings and bridges and infrastructure net of the depth that maybe outstanding to pay for those assets. That value decreased from 2005 to 2006 by approximately \$10,500,000. as you see on this slide. From \$217,200,000. to \$206,900,000. The reason for that decline has to do primarily with municipal annexations. As a city annexes property including the roads adjacent to that property, the ownership of that road transfer from the county government to the annexing city and so in 2006, we have booked a number of municipal annexations, not only that occurred in 2006, but in prior years and that accounts for that reduction of assets that are capital in nature. The blue bar in the middle of each of these.....the blue segments in the middle of each of these bars represents restricted assets. Assets that have some strings tied to them. In 2006, restricted assets increased from \$143,000,000. in 2005 to \$210,500,000. You see in the pie chart off to the side the composition of those restricted assets in 2006. Most of them took the form of capital improvements and most of that took the form of cash that we had collected from the one cent, special purpose sales tax that the voters approved to pay for the arena and that can only be used for that project. It is restricted to that project and at the end of 2006, we had collected some \$82 million of cash sales tax for the arena in addition to approximately \$39 million that we had collected in the prior year and all of the cash, less a very small portion that had been spent on design costs, resides in a bank account restricted to the arena project. It is a part of that \$210,000,000. The light blue bar represents unrestricted net assets. Those increased slightly from 2005 to 2006, but more accurately if you look at that light blue segment over time, you'll see that we've been right at \$49 million for the past three years. We have been essentially constants in our unrestricted net assets over the past three years.

Government wide revenues are depicted on this bar chart. Once again, each segment of this bar represents a particular kind or category of revenue. The green segments of each bar represent program revenues or user fees that are paid by our customers for various services that we provide.

It may be grant revenue that we receive for a dedicated program. It may be medical bills that are paid by our customers or by Medicaid. In 2006, our program revenue increased from \$119,200,000. the prior year to \$122,600,000. Property tax revenue, the darker blue segment increased from \$123,000,000. to almost \$129,000,000. The lighter blue segment of each bar identifies the one cent local option sales tax that is levied in Sedgwick County and is shared by Sedgwick County and each city in the county. What you see on this light blue segment is the portion of that tax that the county

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government receives. That portion is used for road improvements and for property tax reduction as approved by voters in the mid 1980's when that tax was originally approved. The brighter blue segment of the top two bars identifies the arena sales tax. That dedication sales tax that can only be used for that project and it will expire at the end of this year in how many days Mr. Manager?"

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "264."

Mr. Chronis said, "Thank you. The arena sales tax was collected for six months in 2005 and during that period of time we received \$39 million and it was collected for twelve months in 2006 and during that period of time we collected \$82.4 million. In total, our revenues increased from \$315,500,000. in 2005 to \$374,000,000. in 2006. A significant increase to be sure, but primarily attributable as you can see from the bright blue bars to that arena sales tax. Looking just at the 2006 revenues, that \$374.4 million, what you see on the pie chart is the shares of the total that are represented by each of the funding sources. Once again, property taxes, charges for services and sales tax are the primary funding sources of this government. The arena tax and the regular sales tax together comprise approximately 29% of total revenues, property taxes are 34 ½%, charges for services are 19%.

Turning now to expenses on a government wide basis, in 2006 total expenses of \$283.1 million compared to total expenses in the prior year of \$251.1 million. You see in the various colored segments, the composition, the functional composition of those expenses. Another words, what did we buy for our money. What services did we deliver with that money? At \$44.3 million in 2006 was expenses for general governmental activities compared to \$49.9 million dollars in the prior year. That decrease is in large measure attributable to a reclassification of the court and district attorney expenses. In previous years they had been counted as general government on reflection. It seems to us that it is more accurate to account for them as public safety expenses and so they have been moved.

The next segment over, the bright blue bars show Public Safety expenses and they increased from \$94.9 in 2005 to \$116 million in 2006. You see looking at the entire five year span that we are showing on this chart, that Public Safety has increased from a little over \$82 million five years ago to \$116 million in 2006. That is far and away the largest area of growth in county government. The second largest area of growth is the dark blue bar, the dark blue segments of the bars which represents Health and Welfare. The Health Department, ComCare, Aging Services, CDDO and similar services. Those increased by approximately \$10 million from \$55 million to \$65.5 million.

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In between those two segments, the bright blue and the dark blue, you see the light blue segments which represent public works. It was \$24.9 million in 2006 up from \$15.5 million in 2005. Fairly significant growth, but as you like down the five year cycle, you'll see that of all those segments is the one that is most volatile. The reason for the volatility has to do with road project expenditures. We do more projects in some years than others, we do more expenses projects in some years than others. What you see reflected in this light blue segment is the level of expenditure activity taking place each year. The road maintenance activity, that is a small portion of each of these light blue segments has been relatively constant over that five-year period.

This pie chart again shows the 2006 activity according to its share of the total. Once again, public safety has far and a way the largest share of county expenses. Health and welfare has the 2nd largest expense. Those two account for well over 60% of every dollar the county spends. That I think is a clear reflection of the priorities that have been set by this commission.

Again we are looking at government wide statements here and what we are trying to do with this slide is identify the program revenues that are identified with a particular function of government and compare that to the expenses of that function of government. The difference between the two represents the tax support that is required for that function of government. So you can see, just scanning across the page, that public safety is the largest source of expense for county government, but it also generates a significant amount of program revenue. That would be EMS fees for example. The difference between those two, nevertheless is very significant. Between the dark blue bar for Public Safety and the light blue bar for Public Safety represents the amount of tax support that is required by the Public Safety function of county government. Health and Welfare the 2nd largest activity of county government, you'll see on this chart actually is funded largely by program revenues. Relatively little tax support is required for the Health and Welfare activity of county government. It is almost entirely funded by grants and user fees that are paid by customers of the county.

Now we are turning to the fund levels where we are focusing on the current financial resources. The revenues and expenses that I identify in this set of financial statements is going to be slightly different for what I've identified in the entity wide statements because the basis of accounting is different.

Looking at the revenues for government for 2006, they were \$294.6 million compared to \$278. million a year earlier. The increase as you can see took place primarily in the green bar at the bottom which is property taxes. That increased from \$127,000,000. to \$132,000,000. Turning to the expenditure side of the ledger in 2006, governmental fund expenditures were \$307,000,000. up from \$277,000,000. a year earlier. The four major sources of expenditure are identified in the segments, general government in the green at the bottom decreased from \$46,000,000 to \$37,000,000. Public Safety, the brighter blue segment increased from \$92,000,00 to \$115,000,000. The light grey represents Health and Welfare activity. That increased from \$63,000,000. to

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\$67,000,000. Finally, the brown segment at the top of each bar increased, that is Capital Outlay and that increased \$27,500,000. in 2005 to \$34,500,000. in 2006. Finally, we have two ways of looking at the fund balances which is something we spend a fair amount of time monitoring and discussing with you. In 2006, the total fund balances of governmental funds were \$115.7 million down from \$125.3 million a year earlier. The general fund which is the brown segment at the bottom of this chart increased from \$38,000,000. to \$42,500,000. The darker blue segment at the top represents the other governmental funds, which we call the non-major funds, EMS, the WSU (Wichita State University) fund, and many of our grant funds, all of those combined had an accumulative fund balance that decreased from \$49,500,000. to \$40,500,000. Finally, this slide shows the composition of those fund balances. The general fund had a total of \$21.8 million of undesignated fund balance. That is money that is available for allocation. It had another \$19 billion of fund balance that was designated. Meaning that management has identified a future use of that fund balance, but that future use is not legally required. It is subject to change. Finally, there was \$1.6 million of reserved fund balance in the general fund. That is money that is legally restricted and can't be changed to some other use. Scanning across the page, you see the other sources of fund balance, the general fund is the one that we spend most of our time focusing on because that's the one that drives county government. That in a nutshell, I've gone through this very quickly and perhaps in some cases in more detail than you'd like, but I'll be happy to answer any questions that you might have about this presentation. If you have none than I would ask Shelly Hammond from Allen Gibbs & Houlik, the county's external auditor to come up and talk to you about the results of the audit."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay thank you Chris, there are a couple questions. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Yes I would like to reiterate that when we see these high bars with Public Safety, that there has been a change in that from some of the general government, from the DA's office and that's been put over into Public Safety now, I just wanted to make that clear if somebody got a chart and....."

Mr. Chronis said, "That change accounts for approximately \$12,000,000. or \$13,000,000."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, " Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Go back to slide #5. I think what's interesting here is obviously, you know the blue bar has grown and that is Public Safety and that's really what Commissioner Parks just kind of commented on. That there was a little bit of ship from some money from the green area over to the blue area because of the way you account for and that the DA's Office and some of

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those, really should be Public Safety and not general government. If you look at that, Public Safety, and I want to be sure we describe right, is the Sheriff, the jail, Juvenile Detention, the courts, the DA Office, 911, EMS, Emergency Management and Fire. That's a huge amount of our budget that goes to Public Safety. I've said that quite a few times, that when you start looking at where you can cut budgets and work on budgets, a lions share of the money that we have to deal with, property tax money, which we can play around with, goes straight into Public Safety. Would that be a fair statement?

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. That is indicated by that chart that showed Program Revenue verses Program Expenses."

Commissioner Norton said, "Then if you look at the \$65.5 million, which is Health and Welfare, that is a big portion of our budget and that's ComCare and a lot of the Social Services that we provide. Is that correct? Mental Health, CDDO, Department on Aging, Health Department?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. That is correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "The difference though is that's not as much property tax based and supported as Public Safety. Is that fair to say?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. Exactly."

Commissioner Norton said, "In fact, I would say 90 plus percent of it, is grants and medicare funded as opposed to property tax and that what limited property tax is applied there is used to supplement and apply for the grants as our part of the funding for the 80/20, 70/30 split. Is that a fair assessment?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It is."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I wanted to be sure the public knew that because as we go into these tough budget seasons and we're looking at how you manage a budget, you can say well go into Health & Welfare and whack it out. Well, that's just giving up grant money and medicare money which comes from another source other than property taxes. And the little bit of property tax we would save there, might put us at risk at not getting some grant funding and putting in our share. Is that a fair statement?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. It is."

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Commissioner Norton said, "I think it's important that we talk about that, that it is very important for the public to understand that distribution of the things we are obligated to do and generally if you say well we are going to start whacking at Public Safety people get a little nervous. We already understand that we have issues in our community and safety, not only through the court system, but through Fire and EMS and 911 are very important to people's daily lives. That becomes a harder place to work on the budget because it is property tax driven, but it is a very high priority to the public from my stance.

I think the next one I would like to look at is slide #7. This really outlines that Public Safety doesn't get much revenue coming, but cost us a lot of money to run. If you look at Health and Welfare, we do get revenues from outside sources other than property taxes to help pay for and take care of the Health Department, Mental Health, Disabilities, Aging because we get State and Federal money and revenues from that. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. In Public Safety, we spend approximately \$116,000,000., I think the number was. The direct revenues supporting that activity amount to approximately \$50,000,000. So, more than half, far more than half of the Public Safety activities are funded directly with taxes. In Health and Welfare, we spend \$65,000,000., but the direct program revenue is approximately \$55,000,000. A very small percentage comparatively, something on the order of 20% or less of the total activity in Health and Welfare is funded by property taxes and as you noted to the extent that we are using property taxes to pay for that activity. It's largely as a leveraging factor in order to obtain grant revenue to provide higher levels of service."

Commissioner Norton said, "You also have a slide that shows us the burden of property tax, sales tax, could you find that slide for me? I didn't write that one down and I should of."

Mr. Chronis asked, "This the one you were looking at?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes."

Mr. Chronis said, "This one?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No, go back. I think it is interesting to know here that you've got program revenue which is a lot of the money we get from other sources, grants, medicare, actual fees that we charge. Then you have your property tax which is the burden that people talk most about in our community. We have a little bit of sales tax and then you have, of course, the arena tax there which is a larger amount, but that will sunset at the end of this year. So that our burden is mostly either on revenue generated from some other source, which could be Federal or State government which is still people's taxes. We've paid it in and it goes up the channel and then

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dribbles back down to us. The direct taxes mostly are the sales tax and property tax. The heaviest burden is on property tax that we have to put into Public Safety and some of those things. I guess where I'm going with this, is that sales tax becomes a very very small portion of it and at one time we got money from the State to eliminate some of the property tax burden. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "It is called LAVTR (Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction) obligations created by State Statute and in the last few years, what was that amount that we got the last year we got it."

Mr. Chronis said, "The last year we received it, I believe was 2002 or 2003 and I believe it was approximately \$6 or \$7 million."

Commissioner Norton said, "In today's money that could be \$7 to \$9 million?"

Mr. Chronis said, "If it had grown.....if we continue to receive it and it grew at the rate of growth that had been normal prior to when it had ended, by now we would be receiving something on the order of \$10 million a year from that funding source."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's statutorily driven to....as revenue sharing to the locals, cities and counties from the State by State Law. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, it is in the State Law and it continues to be in the State Law, but it is not funded in the State budget."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay and that offset, \$10 million would be fitting into this bar if we were receiving that money as LAVTR money that we would receive and maybe could decrease that big blue bar of \$128.9., which is the reason why the State was suppose to authorize and obligated to fund that to decrease that big blue bar. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just wanted to be sure the public understood that. Let's talk a little bit about debt retirement. Right now when we are working to retire debt for whatever Capital Improvement or anything that we put debt out for, how do we pay for that?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It is paid for by a combination of sources, funding sources. Property tax is one, but we also have some debt that is backed by special assessments levied against property owners who directly benefit from whatever improvement was financed with bonds. We use the sales tax,

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one cent local option sales tax to repay a portion of debt that was issued to pay for road projects and we have some operating revenues that are used to make lease payments to the Public Building Commission which issued debt on behalf of the county to pay for several county buildings and Exploration Place.”

Commissioner Norton asked, “Is it true that most of the special assessments and most of the sales tax goes for infrastructure like roads and bridges?”

Mr. Chronis said, “That is absolutely true.”

Commissioner Norton said, “As opposed to other capital projects like buildings and jails and juvenile detention centers. So that, most of that burden falls on property tax. Is that correct?”

Mr. Chronis said, “Yes, I believe that is right.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And a way to offset that burden on property tax would be to maybe put it on sales tax.”

Mr. Chronis said, “That would be one way, certainly.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. Sales tax has to be authorized by the State and has to go through a vote of the people, is that correct?”

Mr. Chronis said, “Correct.”

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

Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you. I believe Commissioner Winters was next.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Chris would you go back to chart 7, page 7. I think Commissioner Norton and I were....I mean I wanted to talk about five and seven and he already talked about that. I just wanted to follow up as we look at this chart and see again the two biggest expenditures happening in Public Safety and Health and Welfare and then as Commissioner Norton indicated, Health and Welfare has revenue issue streams that almost offset the expenses. If you just look at a comparison of all the other parts of local government, there is nothing that stands out like Public Safety and again, as Commissioner Norton stated, when we start looking at our budgets for future years, I mean this is to me a chart that we’ve got to hold in our mind and give very serious consideration because in just looking at this roughly, there is nothing else that is out of whack and

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there is nothing else, that is you cut it significantly would solve the issue of Public Safety expenditures. Now that's the issues we are going to be struggling with over the next couple years. Just a comment. No questions there. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Welshimer arrived at 10:25 am.

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, I to want to go back to page 7, I think the term out of whack, I wouldn't agree with that in that, those are essential government services. When your house catches on fire or you need a police officer, you need to have the response there. You're having a heart attack, or an illness, you need to have the ambulance there. I think those are definitely essential services. The Public Safety there, a lot of the Health and Welfare chart is supplemented through user fees. However, are we going to charge somebody like they do in some townships, like they do in Ohio to put your fire out at your house. If you don't have a medallion in front of it, they can pull up and not put the fire out in those townships. I don't think we need to go to that extreme, but I think this is an essential government service and one of the things we have to realize is that when one of the Sheriff Officer is out there writing a ticket, that money goes to the State. There are a lot of State things that come about with that. Along that note, in reviewing, I'm glad to see Commissioner Welshimer has joined me because I'm going to use her name in this in what I wanted to say here, one of the items that Commissioner Welshimer and I were both quite surprised about was that the mill levy last year did not include a couple of the things like the jail expansion and the Jabara Technical School and I believe in a couple months as we pass through this budget process that we need to really look at what our essential government services are and look at what we need to keep the mill levy at his present, or even lower for our essential government services. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you Commissioners. I guess for the record we will acknowledge that Commissioner Welshimer has joined us from her meeting earlier this morning. Chris, I had a question, not as detailed as what the discussion has been, but on the fund balance statements, we show that we have expenditures of fund of \$307,000,000., I believe it is slide nine."

Mr. Chronis asked, "What slide did you say?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, on page nine. It shows we have expenditures of \$307,000,000. and the slide just previous to that, says we have revenue of \$295,000,000. A casual observer would say,

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'boy, Sedgwick County government is spending more money than they take in'. I think I understand that, but I'll bet you can explain it better than I. So would you do that please?"

Mr. Chronis said, "This is the fund level statements where we are interested in current financial resources and so in this set of statements, we are identifying all of the expenditures that are supported by debt issues, but the bond proceeds are not considered a revenue and so you don't have them on the revenue table. You do have the expenditure supported by them on this table that we are looking at."

Chairman Unruh said, " All right. I just wanted to re-enforce the point that we are not in deficit spending or we're not spending more money than we had coming in and totaling destroying our fund balances. The fund balance level dropped about \$10,000,000. from 05 to 06 which is not as much as a difference in that expenditure there, but that's just do to the revenue that was used to replenish those funds."

Mr. Chronis said, "You can there that the drop in fund balance occurred primarily in what is termed other governmental funds, which are a very large number of special purpose funds. It includes EMS, it includes mini grant funds, it includes the 911 tax fund, all of those cumulatively accounted for most of this decrease in fund balance."

Chairman Unruh said, " Okay. Thank you. Commissioners, are there any other comments or questions before, I guess Shelly is going to talk with us next. I don't see any more so we will proceed."

Ms. Shelly Hammond, Allen Gibbs & Houlik, L.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "First of all just to explain briefly how we approach our audit, we do follow what are known as generally accepted auditing standards and through the process of doing that we supplement those with another set of standards call 'Government Auditing Standards' which is just another layer of standards that we are required to follow.

In addition we ensure that we follow standards as issued by the Kansas Municipal Audit Guide, which are statutory basis requirements. So there are various levels of standards that we follow in performing your audit. In doing that, we test transactions. We don't test 100% of the transaction of the county. We do it on a sample test basis. We evaluate estimates that maybe within the financial statements. We look at whether or not the county has properly applied generally accepted accounting principles and is properly following accounting standards. Then we just overall look at the financial presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Statement that management has presented to ensure again, that it follows all the standards.

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As a result of all of those processes combined during our audit, we are pleased to be able to provide you an opinion that basically says that your financial statements as prepared by management of the county for year ended December 31, 2006 present fairly and all material respects, the financial position of the county as of that date and its operating results for the year than ended. That is the highest level of opinion you can achieve from an audit. Its what is called an Unqualified Opinion and it is basically what's called a clean opinion from our Financial Statement Reporting Perspective.

Couple other things just to bring to your attention. As I mentioned we do review estimates within the financial statements and in the process of doing that, we take what management has estimated and there are a few estimates in your financial statements. We look at their assumptions they use to estimate those numbers, historical data, variety of factors and in the process of doing that, we did come to a conclusion that those estimates that management presented to us as part of the financial statements were reasonably prepared and presented. We did have a couple minor adjustments to the initial trial balances presented to us by management. We did not find those adjustments, however to be significant or representative of any sort of issues with the ongoing financial preparation process that management goes through when they prepare their financial statements.

In addition, as I mentioned earlier we did review the county policies and procedures. We did not note that there had been any changes in the county policies that management had adopted. There was one new accounting standard that management was required to adopt for the first time this year and it did not actually change any of the financial statements themselves or have an affect on those. It really just provided and required there to be provided additional information in what's known as the statistical section. That is the section at the back of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that I believe you all have a copy of. So, it just changed the presentation of some of that data and expanded on it a little bit. We did ensure that management properly implemented those new standards during this year.

A couple other matters to bring to your attention, we did not have any disagreements with management. That is always good to announce to you, either over the application of the county principal, the scope of our audit. We have full access to all books and records throughout the process. As Chris mentioned, Anne Smarsh and her accounting team were very well prepared for us. Provided us information as we asked for it and were very corporative throughout the audit process. I feel that's always important to bring to your attention as well. That's just a very brief high level summary. I would be glad to take any questions about the audit process itself."

Chairman Unruh said, " Well Shelly, thank you very much for that presentation and we do have

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question from Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer asked, “Well just one to clarify something. You make sure that the money is spent the way the budget sets out for it to be spent. What is set out in the budget, where the Commission decided to spend money, or making sure that all the appropriate payments have been made. In other words, it is to follow the guidelines. You follow along the guidelines of what or where we say we want it to go.”

Ms. Hammond said, “Let me see if I answer your question correctly, or if I’m understanding your question correctly. We look at a couple different things that I think maybe fall into that area. There is a State Statute that says that you cannot as a county expend more in any particular fund than you were originally budgeted. As part of the process of the audit, we ensure that you did not violate that State Statute. However, we are not really ensuring that you spend money line item by line item as set out to do at the beginning of the year. Our audit process is really to look more at, if you spent the money, did you record it or did management record within the financial statements correctly. Where all internal controls and approvals and reviews of those transactions, where the processes that those transactions went through to get recorded in the financial statements done correctly. We are not necessarily a pinning on how you spent your money and if you spent it properly. Does that make sense?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Yes. So for instance, you’re not going to tell us that if we had spent this amount over here rather than here, we would have been better off. It’s just that you are following along with the way we set it out to make sure we did it that way?”

Ms. Hammond said, “Correct. Like I said, we supplement that by ensuring that we checked to make sure the county was also meeting State Statutory requirements. So, we do check for those things.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Thank you. We’re pleased to have a clean audit report and is this the 2nd year that we’ve had one without any.....?”

Ms. Hammond said, “Actually, you’ve been receiving a clean opinion on the financial statements as far as I know every year that you’ve had an audit, that we have been involved. That’s just related to the opinion on the financial statements itself.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Very good. We are pleased to know our folks were cooperative and were well prepared and had done their homework. But your process doesn’t just take the

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information that's handed to you and you check our addition, you test our assumptions, and test our estimates to make sure that we're in compliance with all the rules and looks like we're not heading towards any significant account problems in the future. Okay. Very good. Thank you."

Mr. Chronis said, "If I might, Commissioner Welshimer in response to your question. One of... Well first when you adopt a budget, you're allocating resources in a particular fashion and as Shelly indicate, the State law does not allow the government to spend more money in aggregate than you have allocated. You have also adopted a budget transfer policy which allows the allocation of resources that you've set for a particular fund to be altered within certain tolerances that are specified in that policy. You have said in the policy that the budget director is authorized to make transfer among different programs up to a certain specified level. The county manager is authorized to make transfer at a somewhat higher level and if transfer are to be made beyond that authority level, than those transfers have to be made by you. One of the actions that the auditors are doing when they conduct their audit, is checking compliance with county policies. They are checking the behavior of, not just the Finance Division, but of all of the county agencies that are handling the county's resources and they are determining through testing procedures whether or not those agencies are complying with the established policies of the county. So had there been reallocations of the budget that deviate from the established policy, then chances are the auditor's would have identified that deviation for you and they would be required to report that to you if it was a substance of deviation. If it was non-substances they would be required to report it to me. I could assure you that they have not made any such report to me."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for that explanation Chris. Thank you. We do have another comment. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Chris talk a little bit about GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board). That something relatively new and it starts to figure into the audit and what the auditors are going to look as far as new standards. Talk about that just a little bit because it has changed and how we account for things and I think the way we audit things also."

Mr. Chronis said, "GASB is an acronym that stands for Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I refer to them as the accounting gods. They are the people that set the standards that we are required to comply with. Several years ago GASB changed the financial reporting requirements and that is what caused us to start giving you financial statements in two different forms as we do now. Before that, we only gave you financial statements on a fund basis where we're looking at current financial resources. Now we give you financial statements on an entity wide, or government wide basis where we're accounting for the county's fiscal activity in the same manner as a business would account for their activity. That was a rule promulgated by GASB that changed the way we do business. GASB has made several changes that are affecting the audit this year and next year. Shelly mentioned the statistic section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report."

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That contains information that GASB requires us to report in a standard fashion to allow for comparability among government. If you look at any government that is preparing financial reports that comply with the GASB regulations, you will find a statistic section that has information for that government presented in the same manner that you see information presented for Sedgwick County.

So you can compare one government to another. GASB has promulgated a new rule that will take affect for Sedgwick County next year pertaining to the expenses associated with health benefits that we provide to county retirees. The State Law requires us to provide health benefits to retirees until they reach age 65 in the same manner that we provide those benefits to county employees. The retirees are required to pay the full premium associated with those benefits, but as is common knowledge, older folks typically use more health services than they pay in insurance premiums. The cost of service they receive is more valuable than the premium that they pay. The difference between the premium that our retirees pay for health and the cost of the services that the county pays for the retirees is an imputed subsidy to those retirees. We have never previously been required to show that liability on the county's financial statements. Now, because of a new GASB rule, we are required to obtain a study that values that benefit and we are required to show that future liability on the county's records. We have obtained that actual report and we've identified that starting at the end of 2007 on our 2007 financial reports we will book an expense of approximately \$3.6 million for the value of benefits, health benefits provided to county retirees in excess of the premiums that those retirees pay for the benefit. That is something we never previously had to show on our financial statements."

Commissioner Norton said, "So GASB will change part of how we do our business, but part of what the auditors will be looking at in the future."

Mr. Chronis said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Norton said, "GASB also changed that we are now required to look at our assets management as a whole enterprise as opposed to...much like a business would and understand depreciation of our roads, depreciation of our buildings and how that figures into a global financial statement, although we may not have to do anything with it other than report it. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just wanted to talk about that a little bit because that has changed our audit and will change it, what it looks like in the future and it changes our enterprise to think more about asset management and what we own as government as opposed to the way we thought

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about it several years ago. That's all I have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you. Chris do you have any more?”

Mr. Chronis said, “No, I do not. If there aren't any more questions than I would recommend you accept the 2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as we presented it.”

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Chris and Shelly, Anne and Troy and all the people in Finance Department, thank you for good work and good report. That is encouraging. Madam Clerk call the next item.”

G. AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. (SCKEDD) TO PROVIDE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES.

Ms. Lori Usher, Executive Director, Workforce Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On September of last fall Sedgwick County was notified of a grant award in the amount of \$2,000,000. from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration to partially fund the cost of constructing the Jabara campus. Specifically the Assessment and Career Development Center. Included in the grant application for these funds was \$72,000. budgeted for grant administration services. These EDA grants require specialized grant administration provided

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by knowledgeable partners that are familiar with federal regulations and more specifically EDA requirements as we've discovered over the last few months while preparing project related documents for EDA review. SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) has been administering EDA grants for many years and has the staff with the expertise to assist county staff to comply with all EDA and federal grant regulations. This agreement sets out many of the administrative services to be provided by SCKEDD over the 30 month contract period. SCKEDD will continue providing services throughout the grant award period if it should extend beyond the 30 month stated in this contract. So we are asking for your approval of the administrative services agreement between Sedgwick County and South Central Kansas Economic Development."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Lori. I have one question. The amount budgeted specifically for grant administrations services is about 3.6% of the total grant. Is that typical, standard?"

Ms. Usher said, "That would be typical. We actually used these grants when I was in Economic Development for the Chamber and administered by SCKEDD. SCKEDD is considered to be a bridge organization, organized by the Department of Commerce and also SBA. Help a lot of businesses access those federal programs."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioners any other question or comment?"

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 Lori. We are ready for Item H and I will ask the Clerk to call Item H2 before H1. So call Item H2 please."

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H. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

2. GRANT AWARD FROM THE KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Almost every two years the Housing Department applies for housing rehab funding. In the State of Kansas and we want to do that to preserve housing in the county to keep it affordable for low-income homeowners. In 2006 we applied for and received a grant from the State for a maximum amount of \$300,000. We committed a local match of \$75,000. that would be paid out over a period of three years and the grant also includes \$15,000. from the State for administrative costs. Last year on our previous grant, an inspector went to a home, the homeowner had applied, they said that they need roof repair and ceiling repair. Just literally minutes before the inspector got there to take the initial look at the house, their living room was drenched by, what it amounted to, a large water balloon bursting. What had happened was the house had a bad roof leak that had leaked apparently for a long time and went through all the attic installation and deteriorated the ceiling. The homeowner patched this temporarily, secured that big piece of plastic to the ceiling, but in that period of time, there was a lot of rain and snow and so this just built up until literally minutes before he got there, it let lose and just covered the living room. So that was pretty devastating for the homeowner, but through that repair we put on a new roof, repaired their ceiling and did quite a few other things. We re-insulated the attic and that is typical of what happens. When we do keep housing affordable, we address health and safety issues, roofs, ceilings, windows, insulated doors and other deficit housing systems, like plumbing and electrical. Sometimes we replace the furnace.

In this program we’ll have all funding committed within two years for individual housing projects. We expect at least 17 houses to be repaired in the county, outside the city limits of Wichita and all participants will be low- income homeowners. Our target priorities are homeowners over 62, persons with disabilities, or families with school age children. If you have any questions, I’ll try to answer those. For people in the audience who fit these categories, the phone to call for information is 262-7035.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ All right. Commissioners, you’ve heard the presentation, are there any comments or questions?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the grant award; approve establishment of budget authority; and authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign grant related documents.

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, "Please call Item H1 please."

1. AGREEMENT WITH SCKEDD TO PROVIDE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE 2006 HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

Mr. Snapp said, "When we do receive this housing grants, our next step is to put out a request for proposal for an agency to admit the grant. This year we sent the proposal, the request, to seven agencies. SCKEDD was the only respondent. We are confident in their work. They have done other grant rehab programs for us. They have certified lead based paint inspectors and they do a great job with their paperwork. Their fee is covered by \$15,000. from the grant admin costs and \$3,000. from the Housing Department budget. If there are questions, I'll be happy to answer them."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any questions about this agreement?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer 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.

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VOTE

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

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

3. AGREEMENT WITH MIDAMERICA MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC. TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The two items I have for you today are both annual agreements that provided for in the 2007 budget. Both programs have been operating for a number of years with the MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council agreement. I'd remind you that Economic Development we do three major functions. We do business attraction, business retention and business expansion. Sometimes we have specific services that are provided under those categories and in this case, under business retention and expansion, we provide specific services for minority and woman owned businesses in Sedgwick County. We have done that for a number of years with MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council. The agreement for this year for 2007 has several measurable objectives. We are providing \$25,000. to the organization to accomplish their work. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have. We also have with us today Donna Wright who is Executive Director of the council."

Chairman Unruh said, "We do have some questions. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I just wanted to ask Ms. Hart, is this council comprised of local people and minority business leaders?"

Ms. Hart said, "The large organization is headquartered in Kansas City. We have a Wichita Office that does have local representation. I can give you more detail."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Ms. Donna Wright, Executive Director, MAMBDC, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, we are staffed locally with two people in our office, but we are in collaboration with local agencies

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that deal with small businesses. Also local corporations that....or corporate members to our organization. So, this is a local organization.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Parks asked, “You do work with the United Builders and other organizations such as that then?”

Ms. Wright said, “We are currently working with a number of organizations. The United Builders Association, we do not do a lot of business with, but we do work with the Center for Entrepreneurship, we are currently working with the visionary small business entrepreneurship alliance. We are also working with Kansas Small Business Development Center and also we do work with most of the organizations throughout our city who primarily work with small business owners.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I’m going to be supportive of this and I just wanted to ask Donna if there are small minority businesses, women-owned or otherwise, is what more information or want to get involved with what you’re doing to improve their operations, how would they go about doing that?”

Ms. Wright said, “First of all we have a large listing that we use to attract and recruit minority or women-owned businesses. Therefore, our name is out there. We do have web site, we do as I said earlier, collaborate with a number of long standing organizations within the city that refer small business owners to our organization.”

Commissioner Winters asked, “Well do people have the opportunity to become members of your development council as small business people, or you just providing information to them?”

Ms. Wright said, “We have a number of ways that we deal with small businesses. Our primary focus is to take a small business and to help them expand. We do that through linking that small business with a number of our corporate sponsors. If a small business wants to contact us, we are also a certified agency for minority business owners. That opens a business owner up to increased opportunities, not only locally, but also nationally.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well if there is somebody watching television today or going to hear

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this later, rebroadcast, how can they get a hold of you if they want to talk about their particular situation or potential?”

Ms. Wright said, “Well, first of all our new location is at 209 East William Street, Suite 104 in Wichita, Kansas and our web site is manbdc.org. Our phone number is 303-1703.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Commissioners, any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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, “Donna, thank you for being here this morning. We have dealt with Item H4, so Madam Clerk please call Item H5.”

5. CONTRACT WITH MEDIATION CENTER OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE MEDIATION SERVICES TO DISTRICT, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL COURTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Hart said, “Again, this is a long standing agreement with the Mediation Center. We provide \$8,000. to the Mediation Center and for those funds they recruit, they train, they monitor and they coordinate volunteers to do mediation services in approximately 300 cases in Sedgwick County each year. At one point we did a cost analysis and by diverting those 300 cases from the court system, we estimated we saved the cost and the services about one and a half judges. The \$8,000.

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have not only increased the civility level, but solving problems through mediation and discussion, we have actually saved hard dollars. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Irene, the 300 cases you referred to, that's not how many folks we talked to in this program, but that's how many we actually bring to some sort of resolution before they see the judge."

Ms. Hart said, "I think that's the number of cases in general, but the success rate is very high."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you."

Ms. Hart said, "They do a lot of their work through Small Claims Court. That brings issues to being resolved without having to go back and back to court."

Chairman Unruh said, "And this programs in some form of another has been in effect for....."

Ms. Hart said, "Years and years and years."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I know it is a very small amount, but are the figures and percentages basically the same as it is with the figures, like the jail figures, 80% of the uses with the City of Wichita?"

Ms. Hart said, "I don't have that information, but I will see if I can get that."

Commissioner Parks said, "Well I just wondered if this is just another one of those things that we do for the municipal courts that we don't charge them for, is that correct?"

Ms. Hart said, "It's primarily through Small Claims Court and they did have a presence in Domestic Court, but I don't believe they are working through this program to much in municipal court."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay. Thank you."

Ms. Hart said, "They could always use more volunteers and they can expand their services if they have to."

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MOTION

Commissioner North moved to approve the Contract 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 Irene. Madam Clerk, please call the next item."

I. 2006 STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS REPORT.

Mr. David Thompson, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "State Law requires that we file a report with the budgeting authority which is the Board of Commissioners on our Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund. These are funds we receive from the State when property or money has been seized primarily through drug or narcotics cases and subsequently forfeited and turned over for disposal.

In the beginning of 2006 we began the year with a fund balance of \$272,630.70. During the year we received in funds of \$179,946.07. We had business expenses and transfers to the DA's Special Prosecutor fund of \$20,782.06 and through 2006 we expended \$247,168.81 in areas such as, the Sheriff Support, several youth programs, such as the Annual Code Black Program, Power Lifting, we do a lot of supplemental training, the Sheriff holds an annual supervisory retreat for all the supervisor's every year to bring in outside experts locally. We support diversity, opportunity such as our Diversity Action Committee. Last year the county had to do some major repair work and engine work on the airplane and at the end of it, it was highly recommended that it be repainted, but there wasn't funding for that set aside, so we used asset because it increased the value of the airplane and made it more efficient. We upgraded the raincoats that we issue to our deputies, we

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began issuing helmets again to our deputies. I continued supplementing our conversion from VHS in car video system to digital. We continued our second year of our taser implementation, which is being paid for by asset funds. We began a first year, implementation of purchasing car beams for the patrol cars. We ended the year with a balance of \$184,631.90. If there is any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you David. We do have a question. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Not really a question, but a comment. I know this program has been around for a while and when congress set this up, they made sure that they took that outside the perimeters of other people being able to get a hold of this money and spend this money. I do want to commend the Sheriff Department for going out, there is about a quarter million dollars here that was not taxpayer's money, it was used off the asset forfeiture. I was a little bit disappointed to see that the figures are down for the 2nd year here, but I guess that is, maybe is something that is not budgeted of course, and it depends on how many forfeiture's you get from the drug dealers. So this quarter of a million dollars that was spent was not taxpayer money and it was drug dealer money. I feel pretty good about that. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any other comment or questions Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to receive and file.

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."

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DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

J. AGREEMENT WITH 500 MAIN PLACE, L.L.P. FOR DEPARTMENT ON AGING OFFICE SPACE IN HARVEY COUNTY.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “ In our roll at the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging we received funds, State and Federal dollars to provide services in a Tri County area which consists of Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County. With these funds we provide in-home services. We coordinate the provision, in-home services for individuals qualifying for that. We do this through our case management providers which is primarily our staff. Although we do contract with some, we do have a case manager that is assigned to cover clients in both Butler and Harvey Counties. In this roll they go out and do assessments to determine functional eligibility, work with the family and friends and relatives of these individuals to develop a plan of care and then to set up those home care services, of homemaker and attendant care of services. In order to do this effectively and efficiently, it is important that we have staff available in those communities. This agreement you have before you is a lease agreement for office space in Harvey County. It is for a three year time period that starts April 1st, 2007 and ends at the end of March, 2010. The expiration will be automatically renewed for another year at that time unless either party determinate at that point. The rent total is \$2,700. per year which is \$225. a month. It does include utilities. We are responsible for snow and ice removal, along with maintain the interior and minor repair maintenance at that building. I’ll be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. Thank you for the presentation. It’s 273 square feet, so it’s not a large space. The point of all this is if we are going to administrate our program effectively and if we are going to meet the needs of the citizens in that community, we need to have somebody on the ground in that area. So this accomplishes that, I think. Commissioners, any other questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer 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

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

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

K. RECONSIDERATION OF KANSAS COLISEUM PARKING FEES.

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We were here two weeks ago on this item and we're back with the item designated as a reconsideration of Kansas Coliseum Parking Fees. Let me just very quickly give you a quick background as a reminder of why this item is coming up at all.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

In 2003 we had the plan to renovate Britt Brown and the pavilions. We gave announcement to all of our users that the building was going to be closed from May 05 through December 06. Then we know that these renovations were placed on hold due to the arena vote by the citizens and also for State Legislative approval. After that vote, the performance schedule was re-examined and with that came operating short falls due to scheduling uncertainty of a little bit over about \$509,000. in 05, \$670,000. last year and the projected short fall this year at the time that we were putting this together, at the budget time last year, was \$70,199. with parking fees and increase the facility fee \$820,199. without parking fees. Again, just to remind you the component of the financial plan did in 2003 did include having the facility fees and collecting parking fees.

The 2007 budget development last summer, we worked on these fees and presented to you that we propose collecting a \$3.00 parking fee at the gate and \$1.00 facility fee charge on each ticket which was an increase of \$.50 on the existing \$.50 parking fee and at that time we were projecting \$625,466. as a net revenue from these fees. Again, just as a reminder, currently at the coliseum there is a \$.50 per ticket parking charge on any events that go through Select-A-Seat. There is no \$.50 per ticket, but \$3.00 at the gate on the FELD, the FELD, Ringling Brothers Circus and Disney on Ice. The Model A Swap Meet does not require a ticket, but as you recall we talked last time about over the years, the success of that program caused parking issues and it was then deemed inappropriate way to control that for safety. Public Safety issues was to implement a parking fee and that was in fact, happened about six years ago starting at a \$1.00, in the last four years, I think it has been up to \$3.00. There is no \$.50 parking fee and no gate fee for the Flea Market that is

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handled ten times a year. Of course, non ticket events there is no parking fee either.

Last time you asked us to review some additional information and it was these four points. Take a look at the impact of the parking fee on Thunder Hockey ticket costs compared to the other CHL Hockey Teams. Look at the application of parking fees at multiple day horse shows by other arenas, particularly those in the Oklahoma area for exempt participant and workers as well as for patrons. You asked us to take a look at revenue projections. If we increase the proposal before you from a \$.50 increase facility fee to a \$1.00 increase in the facility fee, that is going from \$.50 to \$1.50 and not implement the \$3.00 parking fee and then to do some...look forward and try to do some projected operating short falls at the coliseum for 07/08, for the rest of this year 08 and 09. Imperfect as our process was, we did call and talk with all of the venues in the Central Hockey League system and found out of that study that currently Wichita has the lowest final ticket cost. When we talk about facility fees, convenient fees, parking fees, other kinds of fees that happen on tickets compared to other CHL Hockey venues. If we implemented a \$3.00 parking fee and a \$1.00 facility fee, we would become the 3rd lowest with that implementation.

We looked at multiple day horse shows. We had referenced to three different Oklahoma Units. One in Claremore, one at Tulsa Fairgrounds, one at Oklahoma State Fair Park. I personally tried numerous attempts at the Claremore and was not able to talk with folks there, but did find that there is no parking charge at the Tulsa Fairgrounds and when there is another event at the Oklahoma State Fair Park, there is a \$5.00 parking fee. Otherwise, there is no parking fee. Even at that, all of the event participants and workers at the Oklahoma State Fair are providing complimentary parking passes when the \$5.00 parking fee is in effect.

What were the revenue projections? Going from \$.50 to a \$1.50 versus \$.50 to \$1.00. Going from \$.50 to \$1.00, the additional revenues projected were \$250,000. taking that another \$.50 that is increasing it \$1.00 from \$.50 to a \$1.50, then the additional annual revenue we are projecting would be \$500,000. We are currently projecting short falls at the coliseum. The coliseum staff have been very aggressive this year and as you know we have gotten a number of additional concerts that were not anticipated when we were putting the budget together last year which is helpful. So the current projective operating short fall at the coliseum for 07, is \$500,000. Going back up a bit in 08 and 09, recognizing that concerts are hard to predict. Just because you get one this year, doesn't mean you'll get that concert next year for a number of reasons. One is they may not be on tour, they may not come to this area, so there is a lot of unpredictability with the concert market no matter how hard you work it. We have tried to be thoughtful and look at trends and make these projections for 07, 08 and 09. What are the conclusions and recommendations again that charge parking and other

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fees is pretty standard in the industry. Many venue share these fees with certain event managers while others do not. The financial benefits far out way the cost.

We are recommending Commissioners, this morning if this reconsideration of parking fees that we do not charge the \$3.00 parking fee at the gate as we were proposing last summer and in our last presentation, but that we replace the fee on the ticket to a facility fee and increase the fee from \$.50 to \$1.50. That we implement the fee beginning May 1, 2007. Now a number of contracts, or some contract agreements have been negotiated already earlier this year and anticipation of the charging \$1.00. Those agreements were negotiated with a \$1.00 facility fee. So, what we are saying here is those agreements that have been negotiated, that were negotiated before May 1, with that \$1.00 facility fee, for those agreements, we would keep them at \$1.00 and not go to the \$1.50. Any agreements negotiated on or after May 1 would then go to the \$1.50. We began negotiations with regarding fees with Thunder Hockey team as soon as the season is over, that the FELD events, Ringling Brother Circus and Disney on Ice, that we would continue with no charge on the ticket. They absolutely do not allow charges on the ticket and continue with the \$3.00 parking fee as we do now and been doing over the years. For the Model A Swap meet, which does not require a ticket, we're recommending as we were with the last week, that we continue with the \$3.00 parking fee for the first day of the event. That there would be no parking fee for the set up day and that anyone that wanted to buy a multi day parking ticket would pay \$3.00 the first day and a \$1.50 for any additional day. Now it's \$3.00 for each day. So this would be somewhat of a lesser cost to those folks attending that event. Again, that we continue with the Flea Market with no parking fee, an entry fee at the door. Non-ticket events, graduations, dog shows and so forth would not be impacted and would remain as it.

You have Commissioners, a new drafted developed Resolution and what we would ask this morning is you adopt the Resolution, authorizing the collection of facility of \$1.50 per ticket sold for services provided by the Kansas Coliseum and those other events that we have in the past charged parking based on what I just presented, that we would continue those same as passed years. Would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Thank you Ron. I do have a question, Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “The Model-A-Swap Meet. They will pay \$3.00 for the first day and then a \$1.50 for the 2nd day, but that can get them in and out, in and out. They aren't going to have pay to come back in if they go out for lunch or something like that.”

Mr. Holt said, “If they have a parking pass, that allows them an in and out, with the parking pass.

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If they buy a multi day parking pass, or that \$3.00 per day parking pass.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Also, by sitting this out the way we have, is this going to eliminate any surprises for them? Another words next year when they come in, in the early winter, January, February or whenever they have this, we’re not going to tell them that we’ve changed something, we’re going to add another fee and so off. Everything is going to be the same, is that correct, as to what we had this year or what this Resolution sets out?”

Mr. Holt asked, “Are you speaking about a particular event or all of the events?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I’m speaking....well I should be speaking about all the events. It’s the Model-A-Swap Meet, that was concerned about having terms change for them at the last minute.”

Mr. Holt said, “It is my understanding Commissioner, that for the Model-A-Swap Meet, their terms haven’t changed over a number of years. In fact, what we are doing here would be reducing their costs. Any of these others, agreements that we have, we would negotiate them each year, but that \$1.50.....this Resolution would say that it’s a \$1.50 per ticket and we would have to adhere to that. We could not implement or would not implement, if we don’t have a parking fee there now, any additional kinds of parking fees and so forth.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay. Well I don’t see any Model-A members here, so apparently they are satisfied with this solution to the problem. Do we have any outstanding problems with other users of the coliseum? Have they been contacted and told what this is doing?”

Mr. Holt said, “I don’t know that we would have any other problems since all....there is no change and in fact, there is improvement for the Model-A-Swap Meet folks based on what they have been doing and except for going from that \$.50 per ticket to a \$1.50 per ticket, there wouldn’t be any other changes to the other users, other past users.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, do they know that we’ve done this. Have any of them been contacted?”

Mr. Holt said, “No Commissioners, what we wanted to do, I finished up our research yesterday, got this presented to you today and of course recognizing that it is an improvement. No change and or an improvement, except for going from a \$1.00 to a \$1.50 on the ticket fee, I have not had an opportunity to speak with any of the users. Recognizing Commissioners that again, except for those ticket charges, ticket fee increase, there is no change to what we’re doing, in fact there is an

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improvement.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay. I’m just concerned that they understand the change, that it is an improvement and enough of an improvement to have their agreement to this.”

Mr. Holt said, “I appreciate that concern. I would suspect Commissioner, based on the presentation you had from the Model-A-Swap Meet folks last week, they would want no parking fee and so that’s the only satisfaction if you want to get their full agreement, that you would get there. Again, it is in line with what we’ve been doing, and in fact, an improvement for them and it is the \$1.50 fee is an increase, but it is what we’ve been proposing all along. It is an increase above what we’ve been talking about, but it is what we’ve been talking all along is increasing that facility fee.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, with the A’s, let me understand it, the first day is a \$3.00 pass and then every subsequent day is \$1.50?”

Mr. Holt said, “Multi day events would be three plus, \$1.50 for how many day events.”

Commissioner Parks said, “That will in affect, be less than what has been paid in the last few years?”

Mr. Holt said, “That is correct Commissioner.”

Commissioner Parks said, “When you say you don’t have a ticket at the gate, they do give you a little ticket.”

Mr. Holt said, “Yes. It is not through Select-A-Seat.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Some of the people, especially the vendors, will know about that. For my personal use, that will be cheaper for me than it was this year. I stand to support this. I did want to go over some things that constituents contacted me last time. The Flea Market is going to be the same, the Johnny Poppers, which is a John Deere Tractor Show is going to be the same, school graduations are going to be the same, Horse Shows are going to be the same. Those are the primary users of the pavilion. Unfortunately, the Thunder and the Wild are going to be using the Brick Brown Arena for at least one more year. We’ll see some changes on that and that certainly

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won't affect my attendance at those functions. I see the Manager of the Thunder here today and I wanted to assure him that this wouldn't affect my attendance at the Thunder Games, and congratulations that they did get this far in the play-offs. Thanks"

Chairman Unruh said, " Ron, I don't see any other direct comments, but I would just like to ask Chris, the Manager of the Thunders...since you were here last time and had a strong comment, do you have a comment about this?"

Mr. Chris Presson, Manager, Wichita Thunder, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well I would just have a question for my clarification. On the potential of the facility fee going from \$.50 to \$1.50, I'm assuming that is only on Select-A-Seat sold tickets and not on my Season Ticket holders?"

Mr. Holt said, "It would be wherever you have the \$.50 now, would be going to a \$1.50."

Mr. Presson said, "That is important to me because that excludes my season ticket holders which is of obvious concern to me. I think it is something I can handle. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, " Thank you. We have another question. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well I think on the powerpoint that Ron presented which I think I'm going to be supportive of also, which was basically raising that facility fee from \$.50 to a \$1.50 and no \$3.00 at the gate. There was a series of events that were going to take place after that. One of them I saw was this beginning negotiations with the Thunder and I think once we have made our commitment and if we're satisfied with that, then I....did I see that on there Ron?"

Mr. Holt said, "That is correct. Back in December we had said to the Thunder that as we were proposing these, we would sit down with them at the end of their season and whatever changes were made here, we would have a discussion with them about impact on them. What that meant for there grievance going forward with the coliseum, as long as we are at the coliseum."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, you're committed to having a meeting with them and start to talk to them about what this means and what the future looks like for them and how hopefully we can come to an agreement on however these new facility fees are going to affect their operation. You'll have those contract meetings?"

Mr. Holt said, "That is correct. Depending on whether Chris is going to take any time off, we'll have those meetings right away, or if he takes time off as soon as he gets back to work."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Well at least from my perspective, I think we need to consider this additional revenue measure and I'm going to be supportive of your proposal today, but I certainly would like you Ron, and the coliseum staff to know that at least this Commissioner thinks the Thunder is a prime client, really has turned into a premiere event sports wise and we want to make sure we can do the best we can for both entities, the coliseum and the Thunder."

Mr. Holt said, "I think Chris would agree that based on the last contract we negotiated with the Thunder and based on the work they've done in increasing attendance, they have a pretty good contract with us at the coliseum right now."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much. We have another question from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "It's not really a question, I just think that we've hashed at this for a while and I think it's pretty amiable at the end of the day that we had a parking fee that we were going to put on and we stopped, re-thought and listened to the public. We have....staff has spent time trying to reanalyze this. We know we have some short fall and some subsidy we have to make up. It is a public facility that user should have to help pay for in some manner. We knew that parking fees would be an emotional issue from our public and we didn't just roller coast over that. We stopped, took a breath and have come back and this is the way good public service should work. That we listen to constituents, we listen to our folks that use the coliseum and vendors and other users and at the end of the day, yes we are still going to increase fees a little bit, but we've done it in a manner that probably will not hurt our biggest attendant, in fact it may push them to sell more season tickets which will not have that and save the public a little money and maybe help them out on the front end.

I think at the end of the day, I feel pretty good that we stopped and took a breath and made sure we listened to the public and made our decisions based on that and not just a budgetary decision that we made, rapped in the budget last year. That we did stop and do good public work. Thanks"

Chairman Unruh said, " Thank you. Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said,"Well I just want to thank Ron for all of his hard and for going back and forth with us, or redoing it and redoing it and redoing it. I appreciate that very very much."

Mr. Holt said, "Thank you Commissioner, but I don't take all the credit. We had a lot of good people working, helping, the coliseum staff, the team you saw we presented last time, many of those

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extended to the reconsideration work as well. Thank them as well.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Thank you to them as well, and I’m going to support this.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ We do have a question here from David, Director at Public Works.”

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Just a question of clarification, Ron....”

Mr. Holt said, “That would be correct. You don’t have to right now pave the park road.”

Mr. Spears said, “You knew what I was going to ask. Thank you.”

Mr. Holt said, “But maybe later.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Any other questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the recommendations of the Review Team and authorize implementation of fees.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, “We have some discussion. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just a point of clarification. We were handed the new Resolution and it is not the Resolution that is in our back-up material for this agenda item.

Mr. Holt said, “That’s right. It is a different Resolution based on the reconsideration presented today.”

Commissioner Winters asked, “That was basically in your powerpoint presentation of the new recommendations? Thank you.”

Mr. Holt said, “That is correct.”

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

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Commissioner Parks said, "Joint a point of clarification from that. Season ticket holders are exempt in this?"

Mr. Presson said, "Yes. We typically order our own ticket books. Our tickets aren't printed season ticket wise through Select-A-Seat so the fee wouldn't be imposed on that."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commisisoner Winters said, "Well I would say that is not included in this document. I think that's part of the negotiation...contract negotiation that we have with the Thunder every year and John and his staff and Ron will enter into those negotiations....I don't see this coming to the point of detail that's making that step. I think to me, this is a commitment that this is what the Commissioner's have presented in the powerpoint....want to see happen and he outlined some of the current events out there, but they didn't list every single event that happens within detail. I think that's part of contract negotiations."

Commissioner Parks said, "Very fine."

Commissioner Winters said, "I hope it works out. That's why I made the comment of being supportive of the Thunder. I think they have had a great couple years now. We don't want to be the ones that stymie that, but I'm not an expert contract negotiator, so I'm going to leave that with Ron and John Nath to make those determinations."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you. Any other questions or discussion, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Ron. Madam Clerk call the next item."

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L. ADJUSTMENT TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE ADDING TWO FULL-TIME, GRANT-FUNDED PROJECT COORDINATOR POSITIONS, B-322.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Health Department has been the lead agency for the Metropolitan Medical Response System Grant (MMRS) and for the Public Health Emergency Response and planning programs. The MMRS Grant we have had since 2000 and the Public Health Emergency Management Response Grant since 2002. Our focus with both of these programs has been on Sedgwick County until 2006. In 2006, our MMRS Grant requirements changed dramatically and we are now the lead agency for the 19 counties South Central Kansas Region. So our plan needs now to expand to encompass eighteen additional counties because I think it has been recognized that if we have a major event, a mass casualty event that we need to respond to, it will affect the whole region and we need to be able to plan for this together. So that will be quite a big step in changing our plan and we also have had increase requirements related to our exercises. We’ve been doing exercises for quite some time. We are going to be doing a lot more of them because we are to the point now where we need to focus on operationalizing our plan and those exercises have amazing requirements from the Department of Homeland Security. They need to be done very professionally, they will have to be evaluated and when we did the mass vaccination exercise in November, it took....it was at the Kansas Coliseum and we had the drive through flu clinic and we gave a presentation on it and I think some of you saw that presentation. It took many of our staff full time for over a month to plan for that because you are recruiting volunteers, you’re organizing and planning and as we move into doing more and more exercises we are going to need more staff support.

I’m requesting today, the addition of two new staff positions, Project Manager Positions to the Health Department staffing table. They will be grant funded. One person will be responsible for exercises, coordinating, planning, evaluating, exercises and the other will be responsible for planning for a mass casualty response for the region. We do have the money in the grants, but it requires transferring funds from contractual to salaries to be able to support the positions. That is what I’m requesting today. I would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you Claudia. The money that’s in the grant is not being affectively used currently, or we haven’t received the money, or we are just going to reallocate....?”

Ms. Blackburn said, “It’s just a reallocation of the way we are going to use the money. In the past we have purchased equipment, but now, because of what we need to do to meet the requirements, we need more staff. So, it is a reallocation of funding.

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Chairman Unruh said, “The grant funds are ongoing...continue to be ongoing for awhile, or is there a limit?”

Ms. Blackburn said, “We anticipate that there will be, but one never knows from year to year. Right now we are getting \$1.1 million between the MMRS Grant, from the Department of Homeland Security, from the Bio Terrorism Grant from KDHE, we get some additional funds from Pandemic Influenza and we get some additional funds for the City Rediness Initiative. So, the funding has been stable for quite some time. It is difficult to predict, but it looks like it will be stable for some years to come.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ So, if we loose it, we would just be required to make difficult decisions.”

Ms. Blackburn said, “Well just make changes. Right.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, having served on that 19 County Homeland Security Regionalization Board, I see that this is a good project and I would hope that we would support this. The people that serve on this board, I’m sure will welcome the Sedgwick County people in this grant and to be able to work with that....we kind of the leader in the region....So I just wanted to say that and support Claudia on that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you. Commissioner’s are there other questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the adjustment to the Health Department’s Staffing Table and authorize intra-fund transfers of budget authority.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

M. AGREEMENT WITH CESSNA AIRCRAFT COMPANY FOR PORTABLE BLEACHER RENTAL.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a straight forward lease agreement for equipment rental. Cessna is going to use a couple of our bleacher units for their 80th Anniversary Open House and I recommend approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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, "Madam Clerk, next item please."

N. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #4.

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Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within an unplatted residential subdivision in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, “Chinook” and “Chinook Ct.” located in Bentley Farms Addition will become the responsibility of Valley Center Township. The Valley Center Township Board was informed that this Resolution would be on the County Commission agenda by letter dated March 23, 2007. I recommend that you adopt this 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item please.”

O. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2007.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of April 5, 2007, results in four items for consideration today.

**1. CHANGE ORDER #7, CONSTRUCTION OF JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY - FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
SERVICES FUNDING – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

First item, change order #7, construction of Juvenile Detention Facility for the Facilities Department. Recommendation is to accept the change order with Coonrod & Associates in the amount of \$130,895.00.

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**2. ASPHALT SURFACE REJUVENATION – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING – PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**

Item two, asphalt surface rejuvenation for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the bid from Cutler Repaving Inc. in the amount of \$867,340.30.

**3. ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT RENEWAL-RISK
MANAGEMENT
FUNDING – RISK MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS COMPENSATION**

Item three, annual software maintenance & support renewal for Risk Management. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Computer Sciences Corporation and execute a contract for three years for a total cost of \$30,442.27.

**4. RANGE TRAINING SIMULATOR – SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FUNDING – FEDERAL ASSETS FORFEITURE**

Item four, a range training simulator for the Sheriff’s Office. The recommendation is to accept the low proposal from TI Training Corporation for an initial cost of \$39,500.00, including trade and execute contract pricing for five years maintenance and support at \$4,500.00 annually for a five year maintenance cost of \$22,500.00 and a total acquisition cost of \$62,000.00. I would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, any questions for Iris about items on the Bid Board? Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Item one, any time I see a change order come up I’m going to ask about it. We have already completed this facility, it’s done, change order kind of indicates that it is for a project that is ongoing, have we not closed that out? It has been open and an ongoing facility for several months. Change order usually indicates to me we found something during the construction that we wanted, not months afterwards. Does that mean we did change order because it wasn’t closed out and we still had money in the project, so we attached it there as opposed to just a bid process for items we think we need?”

Ms. Baker said, “I’ll let Bob Lamkey address the details of the change order, but the money is left over from the project will cover.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay.”

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Mr. Robert Lamkey, Director, Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You know we are talking about the Juvenile Detention Facility which is a fairly large and complex facility that has lots of requirements. This particular change order is.....there are three significant components to that. The first component is some security enhancements, the second component is to take better advantage of the generator that we had in the process to provide some additional capacity for the facility and the last one is essentially to reconcile and better understand a problem that we discovered using the facility in the sewer system. In the first case, we've been there and I think this month marks a year that we've actually been in the facility and we've discovered through operations and our use of the facility, there are some things we need to alter and change. One for example as individuals are going and remember these are folks that are being detained, this is a secure facility, they are going from an entrapment area in the booking area to an entrapment area on the way to housing. Well, there is a corridor between that last entrapment area and the housing area, which is secured, which is a corridor in which there is a secure door that a staff person can come in, one of our folks could make their way to freedom through that door should it be opened. What we would like to do is put another entrapment area which is customary in the process. There are areas in which our security system, with regards to cameras and those things, lay out the plan and now we've determined that there is some blind spots within the facility and those have to be reconciled. Some pass through doors that require some intercom and reprogramming in this process. We learned, despite our best planning that there needed to be changes to the process.

When we made some decisions about the emergency generator, that was before the ice storm that we had last year, which the folks from the current Juvenile Detention Facility, because they did not have a generator, had to be actually moved out of that facility. What we had planned for in that facility was we wanted to keep the security system operating, we wanted to keep the lights on.

What we discovered is, it would really be nice to have hot water, heat and for the kitchen to continue to operate so we could remain in that facility for an extended period of time. So those are the enhancements we are making with regard to that process.

The last one is relatively small. Unfortunately, some of our folks that occupy that facility have a lot of time and we discovered that.....twice we discovered that if you put a towel down the toilets in the shower room, it would migrate and catch in the center hallway where the shower system drops down. We don't know why that happens. We have designed the commodes that you can....they are low flow, you can only flush them a few times before you have an interval. We have chompers that are suppose to chomp stuff on the way. What we have discovered is...is that in the Y joint, it gets caught. We explored that area with cameras to see if we could see the problem, because it turns down, the camera can't see what's going on in the process. Snakes aren't long enough to do that so the process is running differential water pressure, it took us two days to relieve that. It affects the whole pod. Our solution really at this point is to dig up the ground, look down, because we have

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conduits going over the joints to find out what kind of fix we can put in the place. It may be as simple as digging a trap down, and bring it up, but won't know that until we work through this process. A long answer to a very short question is, we have experienced issues in the facility that need to be addressed, they involve security, they involve operations and yes, we certainly hoped to have closed out the building by now. This will be the last change order. I can guarantee that. The resulting funds from this process are left over from what we attributed to this facility as we designed, planning to build it, seemed like the right place to do it. The current vendor in that process understands the facility, understands how it needs to be worked and so that is the most efficient and effective way that we believe for getting this done by the folks that built and designed the facility. I suspect it would be more costly and more difficult if we went out to bid to try to correct things that we discovered in this process."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. The expiration of the sewer if we open up the floor, which I hate opening up a brand new concrete floor, because once you breach that it never goes back the way you want it to. But if we get in there and find out it's a design flaw that somebody should of realized as an architect or engineer, will that amount and the amount to fix this be offset to the architects or the construction company?"

Mr. Lampkey said, "If it appears it was a design problem and not just a normal design problem...we will certainly pursue that. If it appears it is not a design problem, that is was designed well, but it's the way things.....we'll have to reconcile how we're going to fix the problem. Clearly, anything we see in this process that are a result of a design or poor workmanship, we will address. That is a fair statement."

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess my statement there would be, if it was designed properly, it would work properly. Pretty simple and if it doesn't work, then it wasn't designed properly. Which comes first, the chicken or the egg?"

Mr. Lampkey said, "And a fact of the matter, we can't ascertain that until we look at it. That is what this money is for."

Commissioner Norton said, "Who are the experts that don't understand that emergency generators for that kind of facility should take care of keeping the facility functional. Lights are not what keeps it functional. I mean I understand from running a Target Store, of what an emergency generator does. You understood what had to be hooked up to function as a business and I can't believe we would put in an emergency generator and then not hook it up to those things that were critical to the running of a facility. I mean not being able to feed people, let them take a shower, all of those things would be something where you might have to evacuate. I can't believe that wasn't

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thought out on the front end if we had experts designing this and I thought we did have experts designing this.”

Mr. Lampkey said, “I think the architecture team has experience in building these kinds of facilities and I would also suggest that as we’ve done the 911 Center, we sit down with folks and define what our needs are. So we have....there is a mutual responsibility when you design a facility to our articulate how you expect it to operate and what your needs are and for the designers to engage you in that process....to challenge that process, but in the end, I think we get to decide how that works. I think there was a process that we went through and define what our requirements were at that time, is that a fair statement Paula? It was really after the experience of the ice storm that said, wow we really need to think about this in a different way. We started thinking what capacity do we now have. We purchased a generator, installed a generator with those initial kinds of things. I guess you are right...I believe there is a shared responsibility in making sure those kinds of things meet your needs. As an operator, we need to say, this is how we expect it, this is what our needs are and other folks who we hire to advise us in this process also need to ask these questions. I do believe those discussions happen and the initial decision for what went on the generator was one that both the architects and our staff agree to. Is that a fair statement Paula? So, I would accept some of the responsibility for that, I guess I would have to say that.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It is what it is, but it is still \$130,000.00 that we are spending to retrofit and to fix things that weren’t captured in the original project and then you spend \$16,000,000. for a building to be functional, that’s just more money we are taking out of the pot. I want to be sure to ask the tough questions, cause it won’t help us on this project, but it may help us on the next project. Get a little tougher, dig a little deeper, and ask some tougher questions, because there will be another one. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “This particular amount of money is covered in the contingency allocation for the project?”

Mr. Lampkey said, “Correct.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I had some questions about the range training simulator and I see someone from the Sheriff Office that’s been here all morning and I want to give him a chance to visit with us. I’m going to be supportive of this and I do see it comes from a federal assets forfeiture funds, so we’re glad of that. I wasn’t able to tell whether this was an indoor training facility or if it was all outdoor or some kind of combination.”

Lieutenant Morton, Training Director, Sheriff Office’s, greeted the Commissioners and said,

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“This is an indoor facility type deal. To give you an overview, it is kind of like a big video game, but it is use of force type of simulator to give the officers more realistic training on when to use force and how to use it appropriately.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So this will be really the new technology of office interior or home interior situational circumstances.”

Lieutenant Morton said, “Yes. It gives them situational situations that in some instances require deadly force to be used. Another instance, is verbal force, plus it gives us the ability to give them with a 5.1 surround sound system startle affect from voices, or other noises from behind them and also to give them an idea on how they would react on different instances.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And remind me again who all utilizes our training facility out near Lake Afton.”

Lieutenant Morton said, “It will be...It is Wichita Police Department, city/county Sheriff Office, Wichita Airport authorities. We also have some of the smaller departments that are welcome to come out there and utilize the facilities and everything. The simulator is also used in our citizen’s police academies. We give the citizens that are members of the Citizen’s Police Academy an opportunity to go down and get a view point from what it’s like to be an officer on the street and deal with use of force situations and how rapidly these things evolve. We get a lot of questions sometimes like ‘why don’t officers just shoot the gun out of the guys hand’. Citizens find out why that’s not a viable option.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I appreciate your being here and watching your County Commission at work all morning. Thank you very much. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Any other questions Commissioners? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

P. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Cold Mix Project on Webb Road between 103rd and 111th Streets South. CIP# R-175D. District #5.**
- 2. Two Easements for Right-of-Way and two Temporary Construction Easements 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.**
- 3. Notice of Post Annexation Public Hearing June 13, 2007.**
- 4. Waiver of policy to hire a Purchasing Agent at 17% above minimum for position, B322.**
- 5. Order dated April 4, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 4 - 10, 2007.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I recommend you approve it. I'll remind you there is only 264 more days until the sales tax goes away."

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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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, "Commissioners, we are at the end of our regular meeting and I will adjourn the Regular Meeting.

The County Commission meeting was recessed for the Fire District #1 meeting from 11:55 a.m. and returned from recess at 11:58 a.m.

Q. OTHER

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, Commissioner Norton touched on it a little bit, but I think this is the way government should work with the parking fees that we had at the coliseum. We had the people come in and address us and we address their concerns, we sat down and talked with them, we had the dialogue and came to some conclusion and I think that it was great satisfaction of 90% of the people that were complaining. I do think this is the way it works and should work. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well I spent the earlier part of this meeting out at the Wichita Airport. The Governor flew in there and she was on time. There were senators and representatives from the legislature and there were city and county and business leaders there. It was cool, but a beautiful sunny day. We all enjoyed it. It was a great experience. Sumner County was also there. The Governor signed the first portion of her name. She is signing the rest of her name on the other

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stop that she is going to make. So Senate Bill #66 should be finished today. This is the pen that she signed our portion of her name with and I brought that back to share with all of you. Very much looking forward to getting this on the ballot. She did discuss the fact that there is a Trailer Bill and that there are some other things to take care of during the veto session, but it all looks fairly good. She said she feels confident in signing that and she wants to bring forward any challenge the bill right of way so we can get that out of the way immediately, as soon as we can, another words. So, it was a nice event.”

Chairman Unruh said, “ Thank you very much. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, just a couple things. I participated in the Urban League Annual Dinner last night and I would like to congratulate Meat Solutions and Cargill Inc. for winning the diversity equal opportunity award last night. They had a wonderful presentation and they are a great community partner in our community and certainly done a wonderful job with diversity and equal opportunity. I would like to congratulate Cargill and Tom Hays for the good job they are doing in our community.

Exploration Place has opened a new exhibit. It’s when Crocodiles Rule the World and bring the kids and stop by. It is another National exhibit that will add to the value of Exploration Place and will be good for families and entertainment for everyone.

Also, this weekend, they are having a fundraiser at Exploration Place called Death by Chocolate. So if you are a chocoholic and would like to participate at Exploration Place, they are going to have like a food network iron skillet challenge, except for chocolate and there is about 20 different companies or chefs that are participating and are going to make delicacies made of chocolate and you get to participate and sample all those and do some fundraising for Exploration Place along the way. If you are interested in that you can call Exploration Place. They will give you the information. Would like to remind you about ‘Link 4 Life’, which is a Suicide Prevention Run at the Zoo this Saturday morning. So if you are a runner, or just like to watch people running or you care about suicide prevention, then stop by and participate. Hopefully, the weather will be nice and it is always great to have a chance to stop by the Zoo and see what is going on there. Maybe Mr. Unruh will talk about penguins before we go today. That would be something that is getting close to happening at our Zoo.

Finally, I participated with Haysville City Council and the Mayor this Monday on discussions about housing fees. We had a great lively discussion, talked about all the different parts of that issue. I just wanted to recognize that they opened up a workshop for an hour and asked me to

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participate and had some great dialogue about housing fees and how we pay for jail, and jail expansion and the running of the jail. That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you. I would just talk about a couple things I've been involved in. First of all, you're right, the penguins are coming, May 25th is the ribbon cutting and I will be out of town on that day, and I'm very sad to say I won't be there for that. Commissioner Winters will be there to speak on behalf of the Commission. All of you I encourage you to be there. I think most of the penguins are onsite, and right now staff is busily making friends with our new residents of Sedgwick County.

I just want to say last week I traveled with David Spears, our Director of Public Works to the South Central Kansas Association of Commissioners and Engineers and it really was an interesting presentation. Picked up a few factoids that I always kind of enjoy. We've got over 135,000 miles of road in the State of Kansas and 25,796 bridges. Little old Kansas we ranked 4th Nationally. We are allowing our folks to get around. Transportation is important to us.

Also, yesterday we all were at the City of Wichita for their oath of office in seating some new members to their council and new mayor. It was a very good ceremony, program and just want those folks to know that we want to be as cooperative and work with them as we go forward with the betterment of all the residence of Sedgwick County.

You ought to be at the Link 4 Life. Have a lot of fun out there with the races as we promote suicide prevention. Than on Monday, going to Boeing and watch the roll out of the new 787 Dreamliner that no section that's composite as they finish that particular piece. Major component of our economic landscape here in Sedgwick County. I'll be there to support that. So that's what I've been up to, and Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a comment, that while we were over at the city yesterday with the swearing in, they also did a wonderful retrospect of Bob Martz career as a public servant and Bob was always a good friend to work with us, as a county, we worked on a lot of different issues and he was always civil and collegial with all of us at the county, and we have lost a great public servant. We heard the city's prospective, but as elected officials, it is nice to have partners across the street that are good to work with and understand our dilemmas and the things we deal with but also advocate well with their constituents and population and Bob Martz always did that with great civility and a great heart for public service."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. Thank you. Commissioners, anything else? We are adjourned."

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R. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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