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Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes of April 11 and April 18. Are there any additions or corrections?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2007.

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, "Before the call the first item, Commissioners, could we have a motion for an off agenda item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to consider an off agenda item.

Commissioner Winters 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, “Madam Clerk, will you call that item.”

REPORT ON SEDGWICK COUNTY’S RESPONSE TO THE GREENSBURG AND KIOWA COUNTY TORNADOES.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager said, “Commissioners, Randy Duncan is here to give you a report about our activities that we assisted with in helping our neighbors in Kiowa County and Greensburg. I think it’s important to note that this organization is blessed to have people that take charge and are willing to help. We have mutual aid agreements with lots of communities. We have a sense of being helpful to our neighbors and when the storm hit, we had people dispatched within an hour or so of that event and on the ground, in Greensburg, that night. Garry Tolle, one of the assistant directors of EMS, helped organize the ambulance response in the first hours of that and Randy Duncan will tell you about what else occurred, but we had lots of people there, not only through our organization, but organizations that we have sponsored, the volunteers, the CERT group, the rescue dogs, all of which come under Emergency Management folks and Randy’s good, good people downstairs so we were glad to help. Randy.”

Mr. Randall Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much, Mr. Manager, I appreciate that setting of the context and I’d like to add just one additional note which is all your emergency responders want to thank you for your leadership in allowing us to respond to this incident because truly this is a case of neighbors helping neighbors. Our neighbors over in Kiowa County were in dire need of assistance and we were able to help at least begin to provide some of that assistance.

Some of the support that we have provided from your departments here in Sedgwick County and the elected officials include support from the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office, the Division of Public Safety under Public Safety Director Bob Lamkey has provided assistance from the Emergency Management Office, from Sedgwick County Fire District #1 through their Technical Rescue Team. I might add I’m just going to go through a bit of a shopping list here and I’ll tell you a little bit about each one and then we’ll get into what types of services were provided, as we get a little deeper into the presentation.

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Technical Rescue Team from Sedgwick County Fire District #1 was very important. You heard the Manager allude to the lead taken by Emergency Medical Services and their very early response on the scene and our emergency medical service system, under Dr. Young was also involved in responding.

We also had assistance from our Emergency Communications Center, in terms of 9-1-1. We had offers of technical support from our Regional Forensic Science Center and the Sedgwick County Health Department provided support through our Metropolitan Medical Response System team. Now let's talk a little bit about the volunteer support that we provided through emergency management. Again, I'll remind you these are citizens who volunteer their time and effort to help out our Emergency Management program and in this case helping out our neighbors over in Kiowa County. We provided some initial communications support through our amateur radio operators group called RACES, they are Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services. Our emergency support unit provided lighting, generators and other support while on the scene. Our K-9 search and rescue team, in conjunction with other K-9 search and rescue teams not directly affiliated with our Emergency Management program were very instrument in helping to locate folks as a part of the initial search and rescue and as a part of the ongoing search and rescue.

Another very important element that I'd be remise if I left out is our Community Emergency Response Team. These are citizens who have gone through special training to understand how to help themselves and others with the basics of preparedness and disaster and these folks have practiced their skills and are now helping the folks over in Kiowa County as a result of the training and skills they've received.

Although we don't have exact numbers and we're still counting, just to give you kind of a ballpark estimate, we've had about 100 or so folks from our community helping out over in the Greensburg area on almost a daily basis.

In addition to Sedgwick County, from other parts of our community we've had support from the Wichita Police Department, the Technical Rescue Team of the Wichita Fire Department and the Division of Environmental Health, their animal control folks have helped provide for some of the welfare of animals involved in the disaster response.

I'd also be remise if I failed to mention Dr. Kristine Skaer, who participated in a training event with us in Anniston, Georgia almost a couple of years ago and as a result of that, since then she's been very active with us in the issue of helping animals that are impacted by the disaster.

Here are some examples of some of the support functions that we have actually been providing

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through these various groups over in the Greensburg area. Our Emergency Medical Services folks have provided mutual aid support through a group called MERGE. The MERGE group originated in the aftermath of the Alfred P. Murrah office building bombing in Oklahoma City and the EMS folks said what if we had a large scale event? How would we help one another out, so they created this group and in fact it was a very effective first responder, as you heard the manager mention, within hours after the onset of the disaster last weekend.

Sedgwick County Fire District #1 and the Wichita Fire Department have been responsible for and have helped provide assistance with search and rescue almost from the onset of the emergency. Our K-9 search and rescue team has been there as well. I mentioned early, our emergency support unit has provided portable lighting, generators and our amateur radio folks have provided some communication support in the initial hours. After the onset of the disaster, there was literally no surviving communications network. Cell phones systems were not operational. Telephones were not operational. There wasn't any way to get a message out of that area, which you can imagine greatly complicates our ability to do emergency response.

Other types of services and support we've provided to our neighbors in Kiowa County include the temporary loan of computers, medical supplies, identification badges used for emergency responders, Tetanus vaccines. Our people have helped staff their command center and emergency operations center, which I might mention is in a temporary facility, essentially a recreational vehicle provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

I'm sure you've had an opportunity to see the pictures and you know that both the Kiowa County Courthouse as well the Greensburg City Building were essentially destroyed and they're no longer able to operate as a functional center of government. Some of our people provided staffing in what we call a staging area. That's where the responders gather before actually going into the emergency scene. I heard a pretty good description yesterday. In a disaster in an area like Greensburg, Greensburg is like a barn designed to hold 50 bales of hays, and we're trying to stuff 500 bales in there, so we have to have somewhere to set the bales before they go inside.

We've also provided assistance through our Emergency Communication folks and dispatch calls. Our Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement folks have helped to provide security for the

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1,000 pound Brenham Pallasite Meteorite, which was one of the attractions in Greensburg and general law enforcement support was also provided by the Sheriff's Office, as well as the Wichita Police Department. We want to say thank you to both of those folks. We were also involved with doing distribution of identification badges to emergency responders, so that authorized folks could have access to the area. As you can imagine, one of the problems in a disaster area is not only the emergency responders coming in, but the public coming in and typically people descent in large numbers on disaster scenes afterwards and there's a need to be able to control whose authorized to be there and who isn't so we helped with that function.

But I've got to tell you, the governmental assistance is really only half of the story so far. The other half and a very important half is the fact that our non-governmental partners have also been very, very involved in providing support. Those include the United Way, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and frankly, a whole host of others. And probably the biggest piece of the picture is the citizens here in Sedgwick County and other counties throughout the area who are providing goods and support to help with the disaster area.

So along those lines, I know one of the big questions people have is 'how can I help as a part of the disaster?' and there are really two pretty simple rules. The first thing we'd like you to think of is if you want to help, please make a cash donation to your favorite charity. That's the easiest way to get needed things to the disaster scene. If you have additional questions or want to help on a volunteer basis, you should contact 2-1-1. That's a service operated here within the State of Kansas by our partners over at the United Way. If you are a business or a vendor and have a service or supplies or things of that nature, the primary point of coordination for this is the Kansas Division of Emergency Management in Topeka, which you can reach by calling 785-274-1409 or you can access them on the Internet at www.accesskansas.org/kdem. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you all might have at this time."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you for that report, Randy. First of all I'd say that we are proud of Sedgwick County and its readiness, it's ability to respond in these situations and the wide spectrum of assistance that we were able to provide. You know, we really want to applaud those folks who not only take the time to prepare themselves, but have the passion to go out and provide this sort of assistance, so we're proud of Sedgwick County and all the other agencies and volunteers who jumped in to assist people in Greensburg.

A question I'd have, who is in charge out there?"

Mr. Duncan said, "At this point in time sir, the local elected official in charge would be Mayor McCollum of Greensburg, since the disaster happened basically within his city, he's being supported by the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County and of course literally the

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entire rest of the state.”

Chairman Unruh said, “And we have had support from not only Wichita, Sedgwick County but from all over the state to assist these folks.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes sir, that is very much accurate. One of the things that I have left out of the report is the huge number of offers of assistance that have literally been coming in from every community inside Sedgwick County and even from community areas in surrounding counties. The list is literally so long that if I put it together, I’m afraid I would dominate the time of your entire meeting.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, we’ll take your word that there’s a lot of people wanting to help, but from your presentation, it seems pretty clear that one of the best tangible ways we can help right now is really open our pocketbook.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes sir. Sometimes it’s difficult to predict exactly what’s needed in a disaster and sometimes, unfortunately, folks who have a view of only one segment may not have the big picture of what’s needed, so the reason cash is the best is that can literally be turned into whatever is specifically needed at the site.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, so we want to encourage everyone to do that. We do have another comment from Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I want to remind everybody that this is much like a death in the family. You know, immediately you’ve got a lot of comfort, you’ve got a lot of food being brought, you’ve got a lot of people hugging you. It’s going to be later that the stress and the impact and the rebuilding and the recovery affects that community and they’re going to wake up one day sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee alone, and that’s a really hollow feeling so we have to as a community, as a state, we have to remember that in the future they’re going to be rebuilding, they’re going to be trying to make sense out of all this and we need to be there at the kitchen table with them, with that cup of coffee later, because we’ve been there, you know, right after the funeral, but we need to be there much later so there’s a lot of important work to be done, not just in the search and rescue and that part of it, but in the rebuilding and recovery. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “This is a marathon rather than a sprint, so Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I believe this is the appropriate time, thank you Randy for your support and your report here today. I would like to say that we also had a fellow county employee that was in Stafford County that was killed, a deputy that was out spotting for this same storm and

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we need to remember him and especially during this time, during Law Enforcement Memorial Week, and we'll hear a proclamation later on that, so thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Randy, I just want you too to encourage the folks from Sedgwick County that work for Sedgwick County that they are the eyes and ears of the county commissioners here and we're not going to bother, we've made contact with the commissioners out there. I don't think we plan on going out there and getting in the way. They don't need to be shaking hands with us, but if you or your staff hear that they need anything from us as commissioners, if you would please relay that information."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes sir, it would be my pleasure and just one addendum to the report, I'd like to confirm to the commission that it was our pleasure to deliver the letter that you wrote to the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County yesterday morning, and we thank you for your concern and they thank you for your concern and I'm glad we were able to assist in that communication between you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well I appreciate your response and everything that was done for Greensburg. It's a community that has been a part of my family also for a lot of years and quite a sad situation, so thank you very much and I thought the courthouse had survived, but you're saying it didn't?"

Mr. Duncan said, "No ma'am, the roof is gone from that facility, so there's no longer . . . and the basement is partially full of water. One of the . . . I happened to be there on Sunday and one of the missions that we accomplished was removing some electronic equipment containing court records to a secure location so they could be saved and recovered later. There's a very big records recovery operation going on."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, well Randy thank you for that report and keep up the good work and give everyone our encouragement."

Mr. Duncan said, "Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Okay we will return to our regular agenda now, and Madam

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Clerk if you would call the next item.”

DONATION

A. DONATION BY THE WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY OF A \$750 WATERMARK BOOKS GIFT CERTIFICATE AND GIFT BASKET VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$100 TO BENEFIT THE YOUTH AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY.

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, JDF, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Wichita Bar Association’s Auxiliary has graciously donated a \$750 Watermarks Book gift certificate and gift basket for the Juvenile Detention Facility. The gift basket includes puzzles having an approximate value of \$100. The donation will primarily be used to purchase easy reader books for lower level readers at the Juvenile Detention Facility. Our goal at the detention facility of course is to promote literacy with the residents that we serve. I would recommend that you accept this donation and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation, but before you do that, I would like to recognize the Auxiliary member that are here with us today to present the donation and they also brought the puzzles with them today. The two individuals with us today are Kathie Molamphy, who is the treasurer, and Karla Fazio, who is the philanthropic Chair. And I think Karla may be prepared to give a few words to the commission if you would so chose.”

Ms. Karla Fazio, Philanthropic Chair, Wichita Bar Association’s Auxiliary, greeted the Commission and said, “On behalf of the Wichita Bar Association Auxiliary, it is our pleasure to present these items to the Juvenile Detention Facility. We are a philanthropic and social organization comprised of spouses of Wichita area executives and attorneys. We are self-supporting and this is the third year in a row that we have selected the Juvenile Detention Facility as our primary philanthropic cause, so thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you. We appreciate that you are aware of the needs of some of those youngsters who are in our juvenile detention facility and this type of donation, you know, not only improves their lives but has a ripple effect of making our community stronger because we’ve got more literate individuals around, so we appreciate that. Commissioners, are there any other comments? We need to have a motion to accept this donation.”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the Donation and authorize the Chairman to sign

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a Letter of Appreciation.

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, “Now is there any other comment for Karla before we just take her gift?”

Commissioner Winters said, “How about a round of applauses.”

Chairman Unruh said, “There we go, that’s it. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

PROCLAMATIONS

B. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2007 AS “MENTAL HEALTH MONTH.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, we have several proclamations for your consideration this morning and I will read for you the first proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental and physical health are equally important to our well being and vitality, as

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well as that of our families, communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the American population views their mental health as excellent or very good. However, in a survey by the National Mental Health Association detailing the top life stressors in American life, it was discovered that 48% of Americans attribute their stress to finances, more than 34% attribute their stress to health issues, and employment issues are the third main source of stress; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders also are common. 22.1 percent or one in five Americans suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder; and

WHEREAS, COMCARE continues its dedication to educating the public about ways to preserve and strengthen mental health by removing the barriers to access to effective care and by putting an end to discrimination against people with mental and addictive disorders and providing support to individuals and families living with mental health and substance abuse problems.

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

‘Mental Health Month’

in Sedgwick County and call upon all Sedgwick County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.

Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to

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sign.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “And Marilyn Cook is here to receive the proclamation.”

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Certainly none of us are immune to life stressors and the events that unformed this last weekend in Greensburg and other communities that were devastated by these storms point out the importance of community and being connected to something larger than ourselves.

This connection can be difficult for individuals who have mental illnesses. Without effective treatments, individuals with anxiety or depression or other mental illnesses may have a more difficult time than most in connecting with that larger community.

The Iroquois Mental Health Center in Greensburg, one of the community mental health centers throughout the state, relocated its center this week to temporary quarters in Havilland, Kansas and although 17 of their small staff completely lost their homes, they showed up at work in this new location and this new temporary quarters to continue to help consumers who relied on them to be there. They know as we know that treatment works and it works well for individuals.

I have with me today a young woman who has been receiving serves from our community support services at COMCARE. She’ll briefly tell her story, better than I could tell it for her and the impact that treatment has had on her life. I do want to applaud her for being courageous enough to do that. It’s hard to share a personal experience that is very personal to you, but in doing so she

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understands, as others that when others see how treatment can help, it opens up possibility for change in their lives as well. So I'd like to introduce you to Tammy, if she'd come up. She's been recently teaching and going to school and she's graduating this week. She'll tell you about that and to thank her again for sharing her story."

Ms. Tammy McGlathlin, Mental Health Consumer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And I'm very happy to be here today. I just want to tell you a little bit about what my life was like before treatment. I remember the day, July 15, 1998 very well and I'll continue to remember it for the rest of my life. That is the day that I first went to COMCARE.

Prior to that time I had been diagnosed at the age of ten with a severe depression. I lived out my life not knowing what was going on, not being able to help myself. I had been jobless many times. I had been homeless many times. I was struggling to raise a child on my own. I had no hope at that point. Life was simply a vicious, vicious circle of pain and loss.

That did change, happily. Some of the therapies I received at COMCARE really altered my life. There was a dyadic therapy that taught me how to speak, how to communicate with others, what I was feeling. There was a therapy that was nothing more than what we called 'girls night out' where we just got together a small group of women and went to dinner or to a movie, changed my life because it taught me that I could develop a friendship, that I could go out and relax and have a good time. That never happened in my life.

There was a very special therapy treatment known as recovery. Recovery gave me the tools to control this disease. For the first time in my life, I understood what it was. I understood what I could do to control it. For the first time, this disease no longer controlled me, I controlled it. Today, I teach computer applications at a community college here in Wichita. I am getting ready to fulfill a dream this Friday by graduating from Wichita State University as a social worker and I'm beginning a new dream of helping others much like myself to show them through example and to guide them through the pitfalls of recovery.

And I just want the people in this community to understand the treatment that the mentally ill receive don't just save our lives, they don't just stop suicidal impulse, they actually give us a life that is worth living. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Tammy. Thank you very much for coming to speak to us today and appreciate your courage and making yourself vulnerable to this sort of exposure and having someone come and give a testimony like this does help us understand the value of some of the services that are offered through COMCARE, how important it is for the community to understand that we need to overcome our preconceptions and stigma associated with mental health

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issues and that if we can be helpful in, as you said, giving someone a life, it's a worthwhile activity for us to be involved in, so thank you very much for your comments. Do have a comment from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I applaud you for your testimony today. Truthfully, we all know that there's a fine line between mental health and mental illness. I mean, life events happen. The human condition takes over and whatever that is that pushes people from mental health to mental illness and back is powerful in our society. We've certainly seen that at the ugliest level at Virginia Tech, where someone had a mental health issue was diagnosed and really didn't get the treatment they needed, but you know we see it everywhere in our society, every day, people among us that just can't quite get it together for whatever reason and just a little caring, a little treatment, a little support would take them from that mental illness to mental health and you so eloquently told that story to us today that represents so many people in our society. They're right on the edge that if somebody would open their eyes and understand and help them, they could live that fulfilled life like you're having right now, so I very much appreciate your being here today.

You know, so many people think that it only happens to a certain segment of our society. I happened to be watching Larry King Live last night and he had Howie Mandel on there. He's been suffering from OCD since he was a kid. It's a mental illness. He's learned to control it, but he admitted during Mental Health Week that he suffered with this and that he's had to have treatment and that he's had a pretty fulfilled life and a wonderful wife and a family, but he's always been on the edge of having grave mental illness and more and more people need to tell that story, because there's a lot of people suffering in darkness that aren't being advocated for, so thank you for coming today and telling that story. I appreciate it."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Tammy and thank you Marilyn, appreciate it. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 12, 2007 AS "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS BRANCH 201 FOOD DRIVE DAY."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an estimated 30 million people face hunger every day in America, including many Sedgwick County citizens who are in need of emergency food;

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WHEREAS, the one-day letter carrier food drive is one way people can help those less fortunate.

WHEREAS, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will deliver much more than mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes; they also will collect non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in post offices by their postal customers and deliver them to local food banks, pantries and shelters;

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County recognizes this positive effort and commends the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 201 for its contribution to this positive effort to alleviate hunger in Sedgwick County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2007 as

‘National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 201 Food Drive Day’

in Sedgwick County.

Commissioners, you’ve heard the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks 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

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Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “And Kristi, you’re receiving this proclamation at this time.”

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do not see Mr. Hill here today, but we will make sure that they get this. They were very gracious to ask and tell us about this event and make sure that people knew about it, so we’ll make sure that they know that they have a proclamation today.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 12 – 20, 2007 AS “NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK ... AMERICA’S FRONT DOOR.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, I have a proclamation for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry is vital for our economic stability and is one of our most fundamental freedoms contributing to the success of our economy, and

WHEREAS, every resident benefits from travel and tourism from entry-level employees to top-level executives; tourism-related jobs in Wichita can be found in countless fields.

WHEREAS, travel and tourism is a \$1.3 trillion dollar industry in the U.S., generating \$100 billion in tax revenue for local, state and federal governments, and \$5.6 billion dollars for Kansas, generating \$1.8 billion in tax revenues.

WHEREAS, being one of the nation’s largest employees, with a total of 7.5 million jobs and Kansas’ third largest private sector employer employing 166,952 job opportunities.

WHEREAS, 3.4 million people visit Wichita each year and spend \$356 million annually. Tourists pay \$3.6 million in taxes to Sedgwick County and \$18.9 million to the State of Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Unruh, Chairman of Sedgwick County Commission, do hereby proclaim May 12 through 20, 2007 as

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‘National Tourism Week . . . America’s Front Door

in recognition of the unique significance of the travel and tourism industry in the lives of the citizens of Sedgwick County.

Commissioners, you’ve 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	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “And John Rolf is here to receive the proclamation.”

Mr. John Rolfe, Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I want to thank you certainly for your recognition of the impact that tourism has not only within Sedgwick County but beyond Sedgwick County and obviously impacting the cities within Sedgwick County, but also for the recognition for National Tourism Week, which we’re excited about and we’ll be celebrating the entire month of May, not just one week with the many new developments that are taking place.

We certainly want to thank you for your continued investments that you make in so many area attractions and events and developments that take place within Sedgwick County and obviously more recently and more importantly the new Sedgwick County Arena in downtown Wichita which we are excited about, very much so involved with and are looking forward to the opening in early or the fall part of 2009. We think it’s going to have a very significant impact to help us grow this tourism industry and want to thank you for your continued effort for that.

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I also want to recognize, we have two great members of Sedgwick County that serve on our board, Ron Holt and Irene Hart, who represents the arts as well on our board, so we appreciate their leadership on our board and just want to thank you again for what you continuously do for the tourism industry.

We did bring gifts, come bearing gifts, the red bags. We sort of went shopping for you, but red is the symbol for tourism and inside those bags are a few little tidbits of information about tourism and its impact but probably the most important part, beside the hat, would be the cookies, which they're not pineapple cookies but they have a pineapple symbol on them, which is an international symbol for tourism. So again, enjoy the cookies and the goodies inside of that, so thank you very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well John, thank you very much for being here. Thank you for the nice gifts. We'll enjoy all that. Thank you very much for that, but we also want to express our appreciation for your hard work and the hard work of your staff in promoting Wichita and making us attractive so that visitors want to come here and enjoy all the attractions we have in our area and it's . . . I know it's a competitive industry that you're in, but appreciate your successes and your hard work. Do you want to name some of your staff that's here with you?"

Mr. Rolfe said, "Certainly, we have our great team, which really make it happen, with me or part of our great team that really make it happen; I'll start to my right, Lynn Deckinger is our communications director, Johanna Commer is our communications and marketing manager, Olivia Simmons is our Vice President, Carly Stupka is our director of finance and administration, Maurine Hofrenning is our director of sales and services and Twambe is a Wichita State student graduating in May, actually this month and she's been interning with us for a while."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. Well I know that you all work hard and try to work all the angles to make us attractive and win us some of these conventions and it's good for us, we appreciate it. We have another comment from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I didn't realize you were such a high maintenance person that it had to take six women to keep you in line and keep you straight."

Mr. Rolfe said, "And humble."

Commissioner Norton said, "Way to go, John. Well, you know the Tourism and Convention Bureau does such a wonderful job promoting Wichita and we all consider this home and a great place to live and do our business and to raise our families, but it's also an interesting place to come visit. There is plenty to do here and you know, so many times we forget what we've got and you do

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such a wonderful job reminding not only ourselves but the world how wonderful Wichita and Sedgwick County is to do business and to visit and to do things, so thank you very much, we appreciate it.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you very much and thanks again for all the goodies. Madam Clerk, please call the next item.”

4. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 13 - 20, 2007 AS “AMERICORPS WEEK.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, I have a proclamation for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service has chosen the week of May 13-20, 2007 to highlight AmeriCorps members’ extraordinary accomplishments and promote an ethic of service to fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Inter-Faith Ministries AmeriCorps Go Zones! has annually improved the lives of more than 1,200 citizens of Sedgwick County by serving in local neighborhoods administering after-school, ESOL and other programs that address the needs of the area; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps GRASP members assist 800 students in the classrooms of USD 259 each year; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team annually impacts Sedgwick County by assisting in providing outdoor educational programming to more than 46,000 school children and adults every year and by maintaining trails and ecology at the Great Plains Nature Center and Chisholm Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps has engaged Sedgwick County citizens of every age and walk of life in service to meet vital needs has helped create generations of social entrepreneurs committed to a lifetime of active citizenship; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 13-20, 2007 as

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‘AmeriCorps Week’

in Sedgwick County.

Commissioners, you’ve heard the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation 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, “And we have representatives here from Inter-Faith Ministries to receive the proclamation.”

Ms. Laveta Noble, Interim Director, Go Zones, Americorps, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Next week the 500,000th Americorps member will be sworn in to national service, so they’re recognizing that with a week focusing on the Americorps service that happens in the communities all across the nation.

I have two Americorps members with me today. I am a former Americorps member, serving two terms with the Wichita School District in the classrooms. The National Service Movement allows individuals to commit a year of service, serving from 1,700 hours down to 300 hours. Every Americorps member earns an education award that is good at any accredited university, can pay past college loans or future college loans and most programs do receive a stipend and they all have human service benefits along with it, and I’m going to allow one of my Americorps members to share her experience. This is Portia Harris. She’s serving 900 hours. This is her first term and I also brought along Zack. He is serving 1,700 hours at Go Zones.”

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Ms. Portia Harris, Americorps Volunteer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am a W.S.U. student. I am a vocal music education major and I thought doing Americorps will help me with that for when I become a teacher. I have to learn leadership skills, organizational skills and time management and I think Americorps has helped me very much so in learning those things and it is a very good program, I’m very happy to be a part of it.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, very good, thank you. Well, 900 hours, is that the level of commitment that you’ve made? Now are there different levels that you just say ‘I want to commit 200 hours, 900 or 1,700? Tell me how that works.”

Ms. Noble said, “Well, there are set limits, so a full-time member would serve 1,700 hours. That’s approximately a full-time position, so they’re giving a year of service. In our program, that’s about 37 hours a week. Portia has chosen a half-time position, so she will serve 900 hours this year, before July 31st and for that she will earn an education award of \$2,362.50 which is good for up to seven years. She’s also earning a stipend every two weeks and some of the social service benefits such as SRS, cash assistance, those are not . . . the income that they earn from Americorps is not counted against that, so that allows them to continue those benefits.

Americorps did come out of Welfare to Work programs, so there’s a big focus on member development, so Portia mentioned that she wants to go into the schools and teach music and so she is instituting music programs to homeless children right now.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, very good. Well it sounds like a great program. It’s a win/win/win for the individual and for the people that they are serving and for the community so we’re very proud of your work and thank you very much.

Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

5. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 14 - 19, 2007 AS “NATIONAL PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL WEEK.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, I have a proclamation for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 15th

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as 'National Peace Officer Memorial Week'; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 87-726, signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, was amended as above by the 103rd Congress as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of the nation, regardless of the peril and hazard to themselves; and by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our citizens a system of peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of its Sheriff's Deputies and all law enforcement officers joining with other counties and cities to honor peace officers everywhere.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 13-19, 2007 as

'NATIONAL PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL WEEK'

and call upon citizens to honor and show sincere appreciation for the law enforcement officers of Sedgwick County and join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

Commissioners, you've heard the proclamation and what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Welshimer 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, “And Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed is here to receive the proclamation.”

Sheriff Gary Steed greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much for the proclamation. It seems extremely important this week, given the loss of our deputy from Maxville in the tornado this week it seemed especially significant that we have the opportunity to honor those officers that have given their lives in service to our community.

Locally, we’ve lost 27 law enforcement officers. Seven of those were Sedgwick County Sheriff Deputies, so I’m especially pleased and honored that I have the opportunity to speak on their behalf and to help honor them, when it comes to ceremonies and this recognition for the importance of their duties.

I’d like to remind everyone in this room and yourselves and the community out there that next Tuesday, May 12th, we have an official ceremony over at the city hall sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and the Sheriff’s Office and the police department and a special ceremony to recognize the officers and I would invite you to be there as well.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, thank you Sheriff and we’re planning to be there. We want to recognize those who have fallen in the line of duty and also just honor those current peace officers for the work that they give and their selflessness and dedication to keeping our communities a safe place to live.”

Sheriff Steed said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, please call the next item.”

APPOINTMENTS

C. APPOINTMENTS.

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1. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GEORGE CAPPS (COMMISSIONER PARKS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this resolution of reappointment is for the term to end on May of 2011 and I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, . . ."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

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, "And County Clerk Don Brace is here to administer the oath of the office to Mr. Capps."

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Good morning George. Please raise your right hand please.

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. George Capps, Member, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, said, "I do."

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Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Capps said, "Well first I would just like to thank Commissioner Parks for giving me this honor and all the rest of you who support it. It's an honor to serve in this capacity. You have a very professional staff over at your Department on Aging and I'm really looking forward to working with them."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you very much for your willingness to serve, Mr. Capps, and as we've said before our advisory boards are important to us, as we try to administer the programs in Sedgwick County so your service and contribution is very much appreciated, but Commissioner Parks has a comment."

Commissioner Parks said, "I just wanted to thank you, George. George and I worked together in the north end in law enforcement for quite a while. He actually served on this board before I became county commissioners, but I'm sure that he will serve and do a great job on this board and thank you again."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Mr. Capps. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

2. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JANET VALENTE PAPE (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this reappointment is for a term to expire in May of 2009 and I recommend 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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “And Mr. Brace, if you’d administer the oath to Ms. Pape.”

Mr. Brace said, “Raise your right hand please.

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 Community Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God.”

Ms. Janet Valente Pape, Member, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations.”

Ms. Valente Pape said, “Thank you, commissioners. I too want to reiterate, this is an honor to be able to serve this county. I’ve been associated with the corrections field for a number of years, although I don’t do it day to day anymore. I find working with Community Corrections particularly enriching. I really believe in the alternatives that that continuum of services tries to offer to this community and to communities all over the state. I think it’s an important part of what we try to do in our correctional system, so I thank you again for yet another opportunity to serve and I will try to do that with distinction, so thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you and we do have a comment here. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just very quickly just wanted to say again we appreciate your thanks but we also want to thank you. Janet is really one of the people that is making a difference in our community. We first connected in the late ‘90s as we were putting together a plan for juvenile justice in our community and Janet worked tirelessly on that project and you’ve been connected with Sedgwick County in a number of ways and we appreciate it very much.”

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Ms. Valente Pape said, "Thank you commissioner."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Janet. We all appreciate your service. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

3. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHERRI LUTHE (COMMISSIONER PARKS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we've prepared this resolution of reappointment for a term to end in 2012 and I recommend 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, "And County Clerk will administer the oath to Ms. Luthe."

Mr. Brace said, "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 Ne, so help me God."

Ms. Sherri Luthe, Member, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

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Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Ms. Luthe said, "Thank you. I just want to again thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Mental Health Board. I am a parent of two children with mental health and I agree with Tammy about the services that have been provided in Sedgwick County that have helped them achieve so much. And I also work professionally with other families of children with mental health so I eat, breath and sleep it. I believe in it and I believe in what Sedgwick County can do for family members, as well as adult consumers.

When I met with Commissioner Parks and he asked me what this meant to me, I don't think I stopped talking for 30 minutes, nor took a breath and I won't do that with you today, but I just want to thank you again. It is a passion of mine and I take it very seriously and thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you. Passionate board members are what we really like to have serving, and so we know that you're going to be a fine contributor and thank you for your willingness to put in this time and serve the county.

Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

4. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JANA MULLEN (COMMISSIONER WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this reappointment is for a term to end in April of 2010 and I recommend 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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “And Jana Mullen is not here so the County Clerk will administer that oath at a later time, but Commissioner Winters has a . . .”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well I just would make a comment that I do appreciate Jana’s continued willingness to support. This is not a board that really needs to meet very often, but when you do need some assistance, this is . . . I certainly appreciate her willingness to serve. Thank you.”

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

D. PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

- 1. MAPD CASE NUMBER ZON2007-00008 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL TO “LI” LIMITED INDUSTRIAL; GENERALLY LOCATED 150’ SOUTH AND WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE AND GREENWICH ROAD.**

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DISTRICT #1.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This first case that I’m presenting this morning, the applicant is requesting this zone change from its current zoning of Limited Commercial to a Limited Industrial designation. The parcel is about nine-tenth of an acre in size. It’s unplatted, located along Central near the intersection with Greenwich.

The applicant owns the remaining portion of the parcel that surrounds this particular application area on three sides and most of the other Limited Industrial land to the west and south. Property is currently undeveloped. The application area is located within what’s called Area A of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Airport Hazard zoning map and that designation requires that it have permit exemption for any structures that exceed 25 feet in height.

You can see the location of the application area in yellow, near the intersection of Central and Greenwich and the surrounding land uses. Off to the west are the offices of the . . . what is now the Hawker/ Beechcraft Company. To the north and east are commercial developments.

At the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission meeting on April 5th, the planning commission voted unanimously to support the applicant’s request for Limited Industrial zoning. There was no one present at the meeting to speak on this application and we have received no protests so the recommendation of the MAPC is to approve this request.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you John. That’s in my district and I haven’t received any comment from any citizens or businesses in that area. John, is this just kind of making the zoning consistent? Is that what . . .?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Yes, and my understand is so that they can bring it into the improvement district for the other properties that they own in this area are . . . so they can include it in that improvement district. They need the Limited Industrial zoning for that purpose.”

Chairman Unruh said, “I understand.”

MOTION

Chairman Unruh moved to approve the Zone Change from LC to LI; adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC); and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item.”

- 2. MAPD CASE NUMBER ZON2007-00009 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “LI” LIMITED INDUSTRIAL; GENERALLY LOCATED ¼ MILE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF 13TH STREET AND GREENWICH ROAD. DISTRICT #1.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Schlegel said, “In this second case, it’s the same applicant seeking similar type of zoning. In this particular case, the property is currently zoned SF-5. They’re seeking a Limited Industrial classification. The property is just a little less than 10 acres in size and unplatted. The applicant in this case also owns much of the surrounding property. This adjoining property on the east and south is theirs. Over here is the Raytheon employees’ recreation area. To the north and to the west is the Waterfront development and you can see the commercial zoning off to the east, along 13th at the intersection with Greenwich.

You can see how the property is currently undeveloped and its proximity to the now Hawker/Beechcraft runway, just to the southeast of this property. Again, this property is in what is designated as Area A of the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Airport Hazard zoning map. This request was heard by the MAPC again at its meeting on April 5th and they also voted to . . . unanimously to approve this request. Again, no citizens were there to speak and we have received no protests on this. So the recommendation of the MAPC on this application is for approval.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, once again I haven’t heard any comment from citizens so I’ll be

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supportive. We have a comment from Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Not really a comment. John, this is going from SF-5 to Limited Industrial. That’s a little more of a leap from CI [sic] to LI. No problems there anywhere? No comments from MAPC that that’s kind of a leap from kind of a residential to a Limited Industrial.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “And its simply because, as you can see on the zoning map, that most of the surrounding area is LI already. These were some remnant SF-5 parcels and this would allow them, again, to bring this parcel into the Industrial District. I want to make note, the applicant’s agent requests that platting is . . . typically, we require platting as part of these types of rezoning, but at the request of the applicant, we are not requiring platting for these properties.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay.”

MOTION

Chairman Unruh moved to approve the Zone Change from SF-20 to LI; adopt the findings of the MAPC; 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, “Next item.”

- 3. MAPD CASE NUMBER ZON2007-00010 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “LI” LIMITED INDUSTRIAL; GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF GREENWICH ROAD BETWEEN 13TH STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE. DISTRICT #1.**

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Schlegel said, “This third case is again by the same applicant, seeking the Limited Industrial designation, this time from an SF-20, Single Family Residential designation. This parcel is about 93 acres and also is unplatted. You can see its location on the graphic in front of you, fronting along Greenwich, just south of 13th.

Again, the applicant owns much of the land that surrounds this to the west and to the south. I’ll go to the aerial photo, you can see the surrounding land uses. A portion of this property that’s being rezoned or for which the request for rezoning is being made includes part of the runway for Hawker/ Beechcraft and onto the east side of Greenwich you can see residential development and then the commercial development at the intersections of both 13th and Greenwich and Central and Greenwich.

Except for the runway, it’s largely undeveloped. There are no planned uses for this property. Again, it’s in Area A of the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Airport Hazard zoning map and the applicant is seeking this redesignation to include it in their industrial district.

It was heard by the MAPC on April 5th. A unanimous vote for approval, again no citizens present to speak and no protests have been received since then. The MAPC’s recommendation is for approval of this zone change to LI.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, commissioners, is there any comment?”

MOTION

Chairman Unruh moved to approve the Zone Change from SF-20 to LI; adopt the findings of the MAPC; and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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, John. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

E. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

- 1. AMENDMENT TO THE 2007 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCREASE R254 DESIGN WORK FOR 119TH STREET WEST FROM 29TH STREET TO 53RD STREET NORTH.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning we have two proposed increases, CIP amendments to increase existing projects. The first is an increase to the design phase of R-254, which is a project on 119th Street West and the second is an increase to the remodeling project for the District Attorney.

This is a map of the section of 119th Street that will be upgraded from cold mix to rural standard with this project. It reconditions the roadbed. It adds a six-inch overlay in the surface and of course improves the road cross section and shoulders.

The design for this project began in 2002 and it did not include traffic control at the intersection of 119th and 53rd Street and as you're well aware there were some serious accidents at that intersection, so Public Works went to our engineering contractor who was already working on the project and asked them to look at various traffic control solutions and the preferred choice was signalization. The cost increase for this additional work was \$20,000. We'd propose to fund that with transfers from the construction phase, which is in this year's CIP and at this point we're optimistic that there shouldn't be any issues with the cost.

The CIP Committee recommends approval. Do you have any questions?"

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Chairman Unruh said, “Yes Pete, we have a comment from Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well it is just a comment, particularly for the other commissioners, 119th Street is the dividing line between Commissioner Parks district which is on the east of 119th and mine on the west. Just to remind commissioners about this stretch of road, on the north mile is the Maize High School, so 119th Street is a highly used road coming from the Wichita area to and from Maize, particularly the high school. And this is the intersection that had a series of really pretty serious accidents. We started working on this project when Carolyn McGinn was commissioner, and this is the location where, after following one accident, Channel 12 was out there filming and another accident occurred while they were there watching, so I’m certainly going to support this inclusion of this money to put signalization at this intersection, so those are the only comments I had.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And not to belabor the point, but I’m going to go along with Commissioner Winters and his recommendations. This is a needed project.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Amendment to the CIP.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item please.”

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**2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2007 CIP TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE
“MOVE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO APPRAISER, PHASE II,” PROJECT.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Giroux said, “Let me apologize for the rather cryptic title to this project, but it was a follow on to an earlier project that moved some of the D A’s trial preparation activity from the area that we’re going to be discussing, and it’s greatly improved some of their processes.

This phase will take an area that in the past has served a variety of purposes, initially as a library and most recently as indicated for trial preparation into an area that can serve a variety of purposes, as outlined on the slide.

This second phase was funded with an end of year transfer in 2004 and we began the planning for it and after receiving . . . after the CIP Committee received a request for additional funding, they recognized the need to upgrade the room, but recommended adjustments to the project scope.

Those adjustments are complete. They’ve been reviewed for costs estimates by our architect/engineer and they’re consistent with the county standards, and again we’ll have what we believe to be a very flexible multi-purpose room that will greatly benefit the District Attorney.

The increase to the project is \$11,902 and we have savings from a recently completed project in the Treasurer’s Tag Office that we can shift to this project this year. If you have any questions, we have our experts available.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions about this agenda item? I don’t see any, so commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Amendment to the CIP.

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, Pete. Next item please."

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF MECHANICAL ENGINE BRAKES ON 151ST STREET WEST FROM ¼ MILE NORTH OF K-96 TO ¼ MILE SOUTH OF K-96, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The resolution before you will authorize the prohibit of mechanical engine brake signing on 151st Street West, for a quarter mile either side of K-96. We have received some complaints about the excessive noise from engine braking with trucks that currently use 151st. We anticipate an increase in truck traffic, as Avingoa does their expansion of the alcohol plant to the west and southwest of there. And for those that don't know what engine breaks are, they're the mechanical devises that make the loud popping noise when a large truck is in the process of slowing down and a common industrial name or company name is 'Jake Brake' but because Jake is a brand, everyone is switching over to engine brake, so that any brand can be enforced. We will install a sign on either side of K-96 for this and I would recommend that you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "How do the trucks slow down, if they can't use their brakes? Tell me."

Mr. Borst said, "This is engine braking, this is not the conventional braking system that all vehicles

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have.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well I mean, they just have to start slowing down sooner, drive slower? I mean, what do they do? Commissioner Winters knows all about this. Let me ask him.”

Commissioner Winters said, “This is a devise on the engine that is used to save the brakes so they do not have to use brakes, so it uses the back pressure on the engine to retard the forward motion of the truck. What they have to do now is just put their foot on the brake and us the brake, so they will have brakes.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, okay. Well, I just didn’t know if they had to go slower, couldn’t use the road or exactly how that works.”

Mr. Borst said, “No, we’re just eliminating the noisy process.”

Chairman Unruh said, “I didn’t know what it was. I understand they make a lot of noise. I wondered how they’re going to do their business, so now I know. Thank you. Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Commissioner Winters explained that very well and that’s why I set the light on mine, so . . .”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. Now we’re ready, I think, for a vote commissioners. We’ve had a motion I think. Okay, 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, Mark. Next item.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

G. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Agreement with Gina Gillespie, ERP Analyst, providing employment terms and conditions regarding development and retention.

2. Plat.

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2006 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Deer Run Estates Addition

3. Order dated May 2, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 2–May 8, 2007.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it and remind you that there’s only 236 days until the sales tax goes away.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I’d like for the county manager to give us a little more explanation on consent agenda number one.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “The ERP, Enterprise Resource Planning department, has . . . we have several people that are analysts and we invest a significant amount of dollars in their training, and we have entered an agreement with those folks that if they’re to remain county employees so that we get the value return on the training we are giving them, and if that doesn’t occur, then they’re requested

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under this contractual arrangement to repay the county for that training.

We've just lost an employee to a local company whose local company paid the county, reimbursed the county for all that training and the employee left to make a bunch more money. But this is . . . these are highly skilled, well trained, valuable folks and for that training that we provide them, we're asking that they enter into an agreement with us that they'll reimburse us if they leave before we get the value out of them."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Any other question or comment on the consent agenda."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, we're towards the end of our agenda and we need to have a Fire District meeting, so I will recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the First District #1 regular meeting at 10:22 a.m. and returned from recess at 10:25 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, "I'll call back to order the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. And before we have a motion for executive session, commissioners this would be an appropriate time to talk about 'other' issues. And Commissioner Winters has a comment."

H. OTHER

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, just two quick things. Tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, which May 10th and 11th, is the 31st Annual Kansas County Commissioners' Association annual state meeting in Hutchinson, so most of us will be over there, parts of Thursday and Friday, communicating and networking and having educational seminars with commissioners from all over Kansas and I'm confident one of the large topics of conversation will be continued assistance for Kiowa County, as they deal with this huge storm that they've recently had.

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And then the only other quick thing is River Festival starts this week, so a number of us are wearing our River Festival button and looking forward to a week and a half of fun in Wichita and surrounding areas, so great ready for River Fest. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Big time in Wichita, going on for a week here, so Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “You’re a savant.”

Chairman Unruh said, “I anticipated.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, yesterday I had an opportunity to speak with Pete Gustav at the Wichita Independent Business Association and our topic was technical education and what’s going to happen at the Jabara Campus and I think it was well received. It’s a pretty complicated subject that we’ve been working on for many, many years. I was fortunate that Chairman Unruh and Commissioner Winters stopped by so that I didn’t blunder into anything particularly that I didn’t need to say, but it’s very important that we get the word out on what we’re trying to do with technical education to business, small business particularly and you know I think it was eye opening to a lot of people to understand where technology training is going and how it’s going to effect our community and how it will effect small and independent businesses, so I was glad to be able to do that.

And then just an add-on to the KCCA meeting, Dr. Fran Jabara is going to be our keynote speaker to kickoff the day and talk about entrepreneurship and innovation in communities, both large and small around Kansas. Our theme is going to be the Climate of the State of Kansas, and when we talk ‘climate’ we’re talking about climate for innovation, climate for change, climate for a healthy community and we’re going to have many great speakers and we’re also going to have Dr. Wong and Dr. Bart Hildreth from W.S.U. talking about the climate for tax burden and taxes in the state of Kansas and how county commissioners are faced with that, not only in Sedgwick County but the other 104 counties around the state that are having a really tough time with property taxes and how to pay for government, but not overburden their communities. So I think this should be a powerful

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two days. I think we've got great guest speakers and it should instigate a lot of dialogue about how do we run government in Kansas and do it most efficiently and effectively and with the least amount of taxpayer burden. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, very good. Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well I understand that the county manager and the city manager are meeting today with legislators on Senate Bill 66?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And I understand it's quite a huge document and there'll probably be much revealed in that meeting and I'll look forward to the outcome."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, very good. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. One of the things I neglected to mention in talking about the annual Kansas County Commissioners' Association meeting is our commissioner, Tim Norton, is the president of that group this year and has been on the executive board for a number of years and I think this is even his second round of this state organization, so Commissioner Norton is well respected with that group."

Chairman Unruh said, "And we need to know that and it's not because you're the only guy that would take it, it's because we appreciate your leadership."

All right, I just a couple of things. I had the opportunity to visit Envision with the mayor and the vice-mayor last week, had a good visit down there as they saw how that organization helps people who are blind and low-vision and just enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time with the mayor and vice-mayor as we build relationships with that new leadership.

Also want to remind everyone that the Cessna Penguin Cove is opening in about 16 days we're going to have the ribbon cutting there and it's going to be a great event, great exhibit and I just really hate the fact that I'm not going to be in town that day, but I expect all the commissioners will be there to get that kicked off appropriately.

And then last comment I'd make is with things going on at Greensburg and all the help that's needed out there and we had the proclamation about the Letter Carriers Association, how they're putting up food for people and all the proclamations we had today, talk about opportunities to serve and do good, it struck me that it's so easy to become tired of doing good things, and I've thought

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about a verse I had memorized from scripture that says ‘Don’t grow weary in well doing’, so I guess it’s just a comment I would make to our citizens that we’ve got lots of opportunity and we’re going to get tired, but we need not to grow weary in well doing, because there’s a lot of people who have needs.

So with that commissioners, I think we’re ready for a motion to go into Executive Session.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 10:45 a.m.

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, “We will recess to Executive Session.”

Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m and returned from Executive Session at 11:19 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, “We have returned from Executive Session. While we were in Executive Session I will declare that no binding action taken while in Executive Session and I don’t know if I said I call this meeting back to order, but I assume that everybody knows that. All right, we are back to order. The announcement is made and now is there anything else to come before this meeting?”

Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Euson said, “No sir.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right then, we are adjourned.”

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I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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