

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 23, 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, May 23, 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. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Karen McNally, Director, CSS, COMCARE; Mr. Kevin Miles, Director, Fleet Maintenance; Mr. Mark Kemper, Ambulance Mechanic, Fleet Maintenance; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Greg Dye, 623 S. Grove, Wichita, Ks.

Mr. James Barfield, 2131 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, Ks.

Mr. Harlan Foraker, agent for applicant, Certified Engineering Design, LLC.

Ms. Kendra Ernst, Owner, P & J Storage LLC.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Mark McMahon of West Side Christian Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, May 2, 2007

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the regular meeting of May 2, 2007.

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Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 2nd. Are there any additions or corrections."

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 2nd, 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, "Next item."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 20 - 26, 2007 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral party of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as streets and highways, bridges, drainage improvements, noxious weed control and household hazardous waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

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WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 20-26, 2007 as

‘NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK’

in Sedgwick County and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

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 receiving the proclamation is Director of Public Works, our Chief Engineer, Mr. David Spears.”

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “First, thank you for the proclamation recognizing May 20th through 26th as National Public Works Week. The theme for this year is ‘Public Works: Moving Life Forward’, if you can see this. It’s a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

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Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unheralded workers of our society, the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication. Often their accomplishments are particularly noteworthy in relation to the limited manpower and financial resources available to them.

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through NPWW and other efforts, American Public Works Association seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations and I simply want to remind you that infrastructure is still the mother's milk of economic development."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you David, and if you hadn't ended with that phrase, we would have been disappointed."

Mr. Spears said, "I know you would have mentioned it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well we would have, yes sir. Well with the joking aside, we want to commend you and our Public Works Department for the great work you do for the citizens of Sedgwick County. You know, we're proud that when we do a project, when you oversee a project, when our employees create a project that it's done with the highest standards and it's done with a purpose and it's just good work that we're proud of and it makes Sedgwick County a special place to live because of that. So we want you to communicate to your whole department how proud we are of them and the work they do for our citizens."

Mr. Spears said, "I will, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."

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APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTMENTS.

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CRAIG PERBECK (COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD.**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we've prepared this resolution of appointment. This is for a term of one year and I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer 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, "We have a comment from Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Yes, I want to thank you Craig for accepting this assignment. They say when you want something done, find a busy person and I know you are that and I know you are that and you certainly have many admirers and come very highly recommended for this job, so thank you very much."

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Chairman Unruh said, “All right, with that comment, County Clerk Don Brace is here and he will administer the oath.”

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

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

Mr. Craig Perbeck, Member, Wichita/ Sedgwick Access Advisory Board, said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations.”

Mr. Perbeck said, “Like to thank Commissioner Welshimer for giving me this opportunity and the rest of the commissioners for allowing me to give back to the county and give back to the city. I really appreciate it and I’ll take my job seriously and give it my every effort. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Thank you for your willingness to serve. We appreciate it. And next item Madam Clerk.”

2. RESIGNATION OF KATHLEEN GIDEON FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, this resignation was recently submitted and I’d ask that you accept it at this time.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the resignation.

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, "Next item."

**3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHARLIE HAWTHORNE
(COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE
SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this resolution will make this appointment to the vacancy you've just created and this is for a term to end in March, 2008. I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer 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 Don Brace is here to administer the oath."

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Mr. Brace said, ““Please raise your right hand.”

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

Mr. Charlie Hawthorne, member, Sedgwick County Board of Zoning Appeals, said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations Charlie.”

Mr. Hawthorne said, “It’s certainly a pleasure to serve with such a fine group and such a great honor as you guys do for the community and this is . . . again thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Charlie, before you get away, Commissioner Welshimer would like to make a comment.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well I just want to thank you for taking this assignment. It requires someone with some good background, it has to do with appeals and I think I know you’re fair-mindedness and your abilities and I think you’re most qualified for this so thank you very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you Charlie. Madam Clerk, before we call the next item, it’s citizen inquiry, I just wanted to state that there are certain procedures for citizens to get on the agenda to speak about issues that are particularly important to them and our procedure calls for citizens to make a request to the county manager’s office 10 days in advance of a commission meeting and they’re allowed five minutes to speak, and pretty well unrestricted on what topic on which they wish to speak. That’s just some information to let people know what the process is and the length of time they can speak and what the procedure is. So with that introduction, Madam Clerk, please call the next item.”

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CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE COST OF LIVING IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Greg Dye, 623 S. Grove, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've lived here for 62 years. I want to thank the commissioners for allowing me to speak today. I'm going to read this, because I'm not a professional speaker, to save time here. Spending is beyond the growth of private sector. It is also beyond the population growth, concerning the mill levy stays flat. The County Appraiser raises taxes five, ten and twenty percent each year. Our taxes are higher than larger cities such as Overland Park, Lenexa, Shawnee, Lawrence, Liberal, Olathe, Leawood and Prairie Village. And the second page, you'll notice 100 items that we're taxed on. One hundred and fifty years ago, there were no taxes. This 100 items we're taxed on is just part of what we're being taxed on, you know, it's tax and spend. It's just way out of hand here and I know the people wants entitlements and entitlements all cost money and when people run for office they make promises to the people who vote for them to be in office and the entitlements come, so we're in a quagmire here and I understand that.

Also, this is a message from 'cave people'. In the past the news, the President of WDDC Ed Wolverton and former county commissioner Ben Sciortino has stated that there are cave people in Wichita. These people that these gentle refer to are the large number of citizens who vote against the downtown arena. This is an insult to a large portion of the taxpaying citizens who do not have the so-called visions and dreams that the Visioneering steering committee has and most of the city/county commissioners may support. To quote Webster's Dictionary the definitions of visions and dreams are as follows: Visions, other than ordinary sight created by imagination, unusual powers in foreseeing what's going to happen. Dreams, a dreamlike vision, fantasies to dreamland, and unreal imagination.

The citizens of Wichita deserve better. A solid plan should be used in any project, not speculative gambling with taxpayers' money. This will help our representative government and will create more harmonious relations. This is a must for good government. We should be allowed to vote again on the arena project because of all the changes in the arena project and expenses involved, as well as other issues. And some people might say 'Well, who are you coming to the podium to speak?' Well, I'll tell you what, I never use planning visions and dreams, I use planning to get out of debt and I'm out of debt today. I don't have to work because I'm . . . hopefully I get to collect my Social Security which doesn't get stopped because of all of our debt that we.

Anyway, I'll finish up here. I'd like to give with rest of my time James Barfield. He's got a whole

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lot more to say about this than I do but I think because of all the changes that are made in this arena, and I realize it would cost money to stop the project, but you know we have a \$500,000,000 budget for the city. County budget I guess is what, \$360,000,000? \$420,000,000 for schools. Our city hasn't grown to a million people. We have 235,000 people living here in 1964 and the population doubled in 30 or 50 years. You know, we can't afford all these projects at the same time. I'm not against the arena. I'm against too many projects. The city has theirs. The county has theirs. The city makes statements like 'well that's the county's project' or the county says 'that's the city's project'. We pay for all three budgets and I hope we get to revote on the arena because of way too many changes and the amount of cost that's involved in this thing and I want to thank you very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you sir. Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well Greg, I just want to thank you for your presentation. It's well thought out and I think it represents the thoughts of many of the citizens of Sedgwick County. I think we're all frustrated with the tax situation and the huge budgets of all three levels of government and I think you've said it well and it is a challenge for us to figure out how we can address this. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. I see no more requests to speak. Madam Clerk, please call the next item."

D. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OPPOSITION TO THE ARENA.

Mr. James Barfield, 2131 N. Edgemoor, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "And the reason for my being here this morning is to ask two things. That first of all you schedule a public hearing on the downtown arena, the proposed downtown arena, and secondly you put this issue before the voters on the August 7th ballot. Now the realization and the justification for those two requests I will attempt to address here in a few minutes.

First of all, I want to say that my comments will be devoted to two areas, what was said prior to the vote and what's been done since the vote. It has been said that there were several public hearings prior to the vote. From all I've been able to ascertain there were eight public forums and those were informational forums, not public hearings and one public hearing prior to the vote.

At those public forums and at the public hearing. \$184,000,000 was pronounced as the cost for this

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arena, 15,000 fixed seats was the number that was sold and promoted, \$19,000,000 for parking is the amount of funding that we were sold on, \$23,000,000 operating and maintenance fund was clearly projected. Now I'm going to try to speed this up. Leading up to the vote, just weeks before the vote, there was an advertising campaign and one of the major proponents of that advertising campaign was the notion that if you vote no for this arena your property taxes will increase. Nothing could be further from the truth and I offer, as documentation for that this document right here, that comes from the county commissioners. It is the Capital Improvement Plan and if I look here, one of the issues that's involved in this Capital Improvement Plan says 'planning for the expansion and remodel of the Britt Brown Arena'. I turn to the page over here and we see that the funding is clearly identified for the expansion and remodeling of the Britt Brown Arena was to be financed by bonds. I take that to mean general obligation bonds, so therefore one as to ask since this information comes from the county commission, how is it and why is it that when this kind of deceptive advertising goes out, not one single member of the county commissioner is willing to stand up and disassociate themselves from that kind of deceptive advertising. One has to question, was there such a commitment for this arena that those five county commissioners decided to compromise their integrity? I certainly hope not, because as a politician, the only thing you have to sell is your integrity, all right.

Now let's move after the vote. After the vote, the first thing that happened was, and this was documented by the title of the Business Journal of June the 3rd 2005 'Arena Seating Capacity Dwindles' so now we're no longer talking about a 15,000 fixed seat arena. We're talking about a 13,500 fixed seat arena. This is not a 15,000 seat arena, gentlemen. This room here, I counted today, has 57 seats. None of them are fixed. Yesterday morning I was here for your meeting. There were approximately 30 seats here, so the configuration can be changed. Fixed seats are those seats that will be stabilized and will be there day in and day out. We're building a 13,500 seat arena and I can tell you, I have not been able to find in all of my research, in the last ten years, a publicly financed arena with 13,000 seats. Now if you want to be laughed out of your britches, go to the NCAA and talk to them about scheduling a tournament in a 13,500 seat arena. It simply is not going to happen.

Now further, once this information was made public I want to quote here from the late Jordon Haines, who was a supporter of and contributed to this arena. Here's what he had to say when he found out it was going to be 13,500 seats. 'I didn't personally contribute to this project or raise money on any other premise than it would be 15,000 fixed seats' said Jordan Haines. Now he further went on to say, that 'Wichita should build a facility that would satisfy needs for the next 20 to 25 years. Anything less than that isn't very positive forward thinking in my view'.

Chairman Unruh said, "Excuse me Mr. Barfield. Your five minutes is . . ."

Mr. Barfield said, "Boy that was fast."

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Chairman Unruh said, "It goes fast doesn't it, well especially when passionate. Can you finish up here pretty quickly?"

Mr. Barfield said, "If you'll give me just a couple of more minutes, I will try to wrap it up. So here's what I want to say, at this point in time, not a nay-sayers, but this is one of your most ardent supporters. He feels now betrayed and deceived, so if he feels that way, why shouldn't John and Jane Doe taxpayer feel the same way?"

All right, now lets more further. Also what we find is now there's parking spaces that we've talked about that we found \$19,000,000 worth, now it turns out we're talking about 225 parking spaces, all right. Now what we find also is that a cost increase has taken place. Now I want to say this real quickly, here's what we're talking about, here's what brings us here today. Since September the 1st, 2004. Okay. The site parking infrastructure, additional parking infrastructure, operation maintenance reserve added up to \$52,000,000. Now as of December of 2006, that number has been reduced to \$14,600,000. That's a reduction in funding of 72%. Gentlemen, that's not a minor change, that's a major change. All right?

Now, pavilions at the Kansas Coliseum in 2004, September, was 9.1 million. December of 2006 is 7.1 million. That's a reduction in funding of 14% all right. And here's the bottom, core costs, September the 1st, 2004 that was 123,400,000. December of 2006, that has been increased to \$178,000,000. That is an increase of 45%. Gentlemen, that's not a minor change, that's a major change, all right. Now we look at the grand total, \$184,000,000 in September of 2004. We're now looking at \$201,000,000 and counting, gentlemen. So we say that these are the facts, these are the major changes that have been presented to the taxpayers and these were changed after the vote, all right. And what we're saying here is now, just to quote one more real quickly here, the Mayor who was a lobbyist for this arena in Topeka, when he found out about these changes . . ."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, excuse me again, I hate to interrupt, but it's five and then we gave you two. Are you on your last sentence?"

Mr. Barfield said, "I'm on my last sentence. Now, because and I make this point because these are supporters, these are people that certainly supported this project, that believed in the project. Okay, Mr. Mayans said, 'A lot of people worked together on the belief and information that 15,000 fixed

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seat was the correct number of sort of a minimum. We need to make sure those kind of commitments are met and also he says we need to have transparency on this. We don't have the transparency. That's why we're here today and that's why we asked for a public hearing on the changes that have been made and a vote on the new arena as proposed today, not the arena that was proposed in 2004. Finally say one thing, you can save \$100,000,000, have 15,000 seats and solve your parking problem simply by going to what was presented in 2004 sir and raise the roof on the Coliseum and increase the seating to 15. You can do that for \$56,000,000, or for \$101,000,000, as proposed at that time, you can completely level that coliseum, build a brand new arena with 15,000 fixed seats, save \$100,000,000, save face on this issue and possibly save your seats in the next election. Thank you very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, any . . . I see no comment. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Some of the items you brought up there might be something that you'd want to also take to the Tax Oversight Committee. I know that is a public meeting and I want to make sure that transparency in government is at all levels and that you know that that Tax Oversight Committee for the arena project is . . . does meet quarterly. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I think you've made some good points and I think where the confusion is for us is state statute and what we can and cannot do and I have a copy of both that and the . . . what was on the ballot and the state tax money, as I interpret the resolution and the statute, we cannot rehabilitate the Brit Brown Arena. We can use the sales tax money for the pavilions, but not the arena. So perhaps we can visit a little bit more, another time, one on one, and see if we can find some things that maybe we can work this out. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well just very briefly, we had an election, 88,920 people voted yes, 82,209 voted no. I'm going to continue to support those who voted yes and that's about all I can say. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. I see no more requests to speak so we will move on the agenda and Madam Clerk, would you call the next item."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

E. MAPD CASE NUMBER ZON2007-00011 – ZONE CHANGE FROM "RR"

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**SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “GC” GENERAL COMMERCIAL;
GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF 21ST
STREET AND 391ST STREET (K-251). DISTRICT #3.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, MAPD, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In this case, the applicants are requesting this zone change in order to bring a non-conforming use into zoning . . . into compliance with the zoning code. The tract that this request is for is an unplatted tract of about six acres in size. You can see its location, near the intersection of West 21st Street North and 391st Street West, just near the base of the Cheney Reservoir Dam. The applicant is seeking this General Commercial zoning, subject to a protect overlay. The restrictions of that particular overlay is outlined in the resolution that’s attached in your agenda backup report.

The site currently contains a old restaurant, convenience store and a fenced area that . . . let’s get a picture of that up here, that has some abandoned RVs and boats stored on it presently. As you can see from the aerial photo, the area around this site is currently undeveloped or in agricultural use. The nearest neighbors are really across the street to the west and those are structures that are used as part of the lake operations.

The site would be developed in accordance with the restrictions that are part of the protective overlay and they include zoning screening requirements, compatibility setbacks, height and noise standards and lighting limitations.

When this item was heard by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission at its meeting on April 19th, the planning commission voted to approve the request, subject to the protective overlay. So the recommendation before you now from the MAPC is to approve the zone change, subject to Protective Overlay #186 and with that I’ll be glad to take any questions.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. John, do you have any other pictures of the site itself?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “This is from the site, looking to the southeast, toward the intersection. This again is on the site, looking off to the north. You can see the dam in the background. Shot looking from the roadway south, toward the intersection. Sorry, didn’t mean to go so fast. And this is

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looking from west of the site to the buildings on the site.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, thank you. Do we . . . you know, the thought that I’m having and I think we need to make sure that we try to get this in conformance, but we’re in a sense always trying to make things look a little better than they look currently. Do you know what the applicant’s intentions are? Is it going to become a site for abandoned boats and RVs, or is there another plan?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “No, their plan is to store . . . to allow the storage of boats and recreational vehicles for people that are using those vehicles at the lake, so that you know, you could leave your boat at the lake and drive back and forth to Wichita without having to haul the boat or drive the RV out there.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Right. Well, I guess I was looking for a little more comment about how they plan on doing that. We just came back from a weekend at Oklahoma Lake and you know, so of these storage places are actually pretty nice. Some do just kind of have abandoned-looking items there and so I just wondered if their intention is to just get in conformance with the things that are parked out there now, or do they really intend to make a good, attractive business out of this property.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Perhaps we should let the applicant address that concern. I think they could probably elaborate on it better than I could.”

Mr. Harlan Foraker, Agent for Applicant, Certified Engineering Design, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do have the owner here today, Ms. Kendra Ernst and so perhaps they can address maybe some of your questions, but I’ll just be brief here. This is intended to bring this into conformance, so that they can expand or continue to have outside storage, RV related and boat storage. One of the things I might just clarify a little bit. In speaking with Ms. Ernst, currently the units that are there, only one is abandoned. The others are currently paying rent on that property, so and they have started cleaning up the property because of, you know, its condition currently. So she might want to say a few things, but again it is anticipated for outside storage and maybe as this would progress, perhaps even some inside storage if we got to the point of putting up some addition structures or something, and we realize there are some conditions on that as well, but I might let Ms. Kendra Ernst speak for just a moment.”

Ms. Kendra Ernst, Property Owner, P & J Storage LLC, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We just bought the property. What questions might you have for me?”

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Commissioner Winters said, "Well I guess just what your intensions are? And I mean just to drive something in and park it right there, I mean, that's one thing. If you intend to clean up the property and cut down some of the dead trees and make it a little more attractive, because it really kind of is at the front door of the lake. So if you could just tell us a little bit about what your plans are."

Ms. Ernst said, "Yeah, the picture you're seeing here is deceiving because it was in the wintertime. Those trees are still alive, they all have leaves on them, but yes, it has not . . . it's been abandoned for four years, basically, the building itself. Somebody owned it that did not live close so they were not able to go in and take care of it and mow. We, in this process, have already gone in. I've already done some painting to the outside of the building, repaired some fence that had been broken and ran over, because I guess they got broken into a couple of years ago, painted signs, the building is going to be painted. The roof is kind of leaking so we've been cleaning it up, but as far as the outside, the building structure itself, it's in great shape and that's what we plan on doing, is just RV and boat storage for now."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, and you . . . so you are a new owner. You have not owned it for . . ."

Ms. Ernst said, "No, we just purchased it May . . . the first Wednesday of May."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, well that's helpful."

Ms. Ernst said, "Yes, we just bought the property, so we wanted to . . . we know it's grandfathered already for this, because it's been there since 1961, this particular building and business, Bud and Sharon owned it. They sold it after Bud died, Sharon did, to a new owner. He was not able to take care of it because he was running another business and it just got to big for him. So we went in, we purchased it from him and now we're in the process of cleaning it up, but all the RVs and boats that are there right now, all of them are spoken for except for one, it is abandoned."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you. I think that answers my question."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Well, we have another question from Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I did drive by this and I just want to reiterate that it is a little bit different, I just drove by that. There has already been some work started on this and I think this is a good project, to get something that's been abandoned or something that's been less than attractive,

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to have an opportunity to do this.”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the zone change to GC and Protective Overlay #186; 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	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you all very much for being here. Before we call the next item, we do have an Off Agenda item that we need to take care of at this time.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to consider an off agenda item.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

SELECTION OF ONE VOTING DELEGATE AND ONE ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE 2007 ANNUAL NACo CONFERENCE JULY 13-17, 2007 IN RICHMOND, VA.

Chairman Unruh said, “And commissioners, we need to select one voting delegate and one alternative voting delegate to the 2007 Annual NACo Convention conference July 13th through 17th in Richmond, Virginia. And it’s . . . in order for us to be able to vote, we have to have at least one person registered and one person approved by this board, so that’s the issue before us. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I do serve on the NACo Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee and normally attend the annual meeting, but I am not going to be able to attend. If any other commissioner plans on attending, we would certainly make them the voting delegate. If folks are not sure and we need to get this turned in, Debra Donaldson with COMCARE is on the national board, she is on the board of directors of the National Association of Counties, and if commissioners have not made a decision about attendance, it would be my suggestion that we ask Debra Donaldson to be our voting delegate and that we designate Randal Allen, the director of the Kansas Association of Counties, as our alternate of voting delegate and then if any commissioners do end up at the conference, they can certainly obtain the credentials and do any voting that needs to be done.

But again, one of the things that usually happens is Kansas tries to get together and vote as a voting block, so we have a little more effect. I would just make a quick note, this annual meeting is in Richmond, Virginia. Next year, in 2008, the NACo annual meeting will be in Kansas City so it will be much closer and much easier for commissioners and other county officials to attend next summer, in the summer of ’08.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to appoint Debra Donaldson as the voting delegate at the 2007 NACo conference and Randal Allen as the alternate voting delegate.

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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, “Okay, we will now return to our regular agenda, and Madam Clerk will you please call, I believe we’re ready for Item F.”

NEW BUSINESS

F. SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH ACCESS SUMMIT UPDATE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here to give you an update on our health access summit that we’ve been planning for June 7th. Also with me are Claudia Blackburn, Health Director, and Chad VonAhnen, Community Relations Director, who helped me along with this process.

First of all, what do we mean when we say ‘access to healthcare’ and why is this important to us? Access to affordable healthcare is a growing concern, not only nationally, but locally as well. In Sedgwick County, we know that approximately 11% of residents of Sedgwick County are without insurance or access to healthcare. That’s approximately 40,000 in our community. It affects individuals, businesses and our entire healthcare system. Many people do not have access to quality healthcare. They lack a primary medical home.

Who needs access to healthcare? What do those 11% look like? Many of those individuals are working, often in lower-wage jobs with no access to insurance or where they have insurance but the employee pay portion of the insurance is still too costly for them. Most individuals fall below the federal poverty level, struggling to provide for themselves and their family. Other individuals have

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suffered a life-changing event, such as a child that ages out of their insurance plan, or a divorce or loss of a job.

When we talk about access to healthcare, how do we define what is appropriate and affordable for our community? First we look back to the 2004 Sedgwick County Assembly, the Prescription For Health Citizens. This health assembly helped Sedgwick County identify the needs of our community for healthcare. One of the issues that came out of that assembly was better access to healthcare. The health assembly in 2004 also helped us assess the programs that we have in this community, what was working, what was not working and who was being served or not served by those programs.

In 2006, in the fall of 2006 Commissioner Norton and Claudia Blackburn, Health Director, attended a National Association of Counties Healthcare Leadership Institute. The focus of that institute was specifically on providing access to healthcare and what that looks like at the local community level. They saw models of community programs that work in other communities to increase access to healthcare or increase access to primary medical help.

Commissioner Norton returned from that summit and charged the staff to begin working with the community to engage the community in a dialogue about access to healthcare in this community and what that would look like. We formed a core planning team. Along with the Sedgwick County staff we involved Dr. Edward Bismuth, the Dean of the KU School of Medicine, Kim Moore, who is president of the KU School of Medicine and Ron Whiting, who is a consultant, a healthcare consultant and also a member of the Visioneering Wichita Healthcare Alliance. We also contracted with Wichita State University and the Hugo Walls School to facilitate that planning process. If you recall, in 2004 the Hugo Walls School was engaged by the county to facilitate the health assembly.

We also developed a steering team and the steering team as led by Commissioner Norton. The purpose of the steering team was to gain greater input from community stakeholders, have a broader representation. The steering committee had representation from all sectors of the community. We've had representation from the City of Wichita, USD 259, Via Christi and Wesley Hospital, the insurance providers in our community, small businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, safety net clinics, as well as the medical provider community and Visioneering Wichita.

We began to develop a summit. What we focused on was a one-day event and a strategy for addressing the issue. It was determined to hold a summit on healthcare access. For the purpose of the summit, the steering team and the planning team decided to define access to healthcare as access to primary medical care or a medical home. We also decided to focus the summit and have emphasis on how limited healthcare access impacts working Kansas businesses.

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We started by holding some focus groups. We held focus groups with providers, with businesses and with consumers. The focus group and the steering committee were all asked the questions of what are the barriers to healthcare? Who is vulnerable and what is currently working? What we learned from those focus groups and the steering committee is that there appear to be three areas of concern: coverage, how do we finance care; coordination, how do we coordinate care; and navigation, how do we educate consumers.

As we go forward with the summit, the summit participants again will have a broad array from the community. We have government and non-profit stakeholders that have been invited, business stakeholders, healthcare providers and again the consumer or citizens will be participating in the summit.

The summit agenda for June 7th is a full day and it's a very involved day. We are going to start by framing the issue, what is, again, going back to what is access to healthcare and it is focusing on providing individuals with a primary medical home.

The bulk of the day will be spent in breakout sessions. We're trying to move beyond the 2004 Health Assembly in identifying issues, into an implementation and planning stage, actually developing strategies to overcome the barriers, strategies to address the barriers and coverage coordination and application.

What we hope to leave the summit with is a commitment to action, a commitment of the stakeholders that are participating and the participants to come back to the table and more fully develop strategies. We know this is a complex issue. We know it's an issue that won't be solved in one day. This is the beginning work of developing strategies for our community, and a community-wide solution.

Again, where this leads up post-summit is, again, we know this won't be solved in one day, so our intention with after the summit is again, not certain of what strategies will be identified, but our intent is to reconvene the steering committee, review the action steps from the summit, determine if any stakeholders are missing and then develop implementation teams and workgroups. Currently, Sedgwick County's role in the Health Assembly is that of a convener and a facilitator, facilitating the process.

Depending on what comes out of the health assembly or Health Summit, there may be a role for Sedgwick County to continue in the facilitative portion, or there may be pieces and strategies that we take a particular lead on. But what's important to remember, with the summit and with any plan that comes out of this, for it to be successful, it needs to be a community-wide plan and a community effort. And with that, I would remind you and invite you to attend the Healthcare Access Summit on Thursday, June 7th. It will be held at the Ratigan Student Center at Wichita State

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University from 8 a.m. to 5:30 and I would be happy to answer any questions the commissioners have today.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you for that update, Charlene. The folks who have been notified of the meeting and who have been, I suppose, invited, is that . . . others can come?”

Ms. Stevens said, “Others can come. We would certainly like to know in advance who is attending, because there are some background papers that we will be providing individuals to help focus the issue. Again, this is a . . . the Health Assembly was a multi-day event. This is a one-day event, so we are really trying to bring everybody to the table on June 7th with prepared and ready to engage in the strategic portion of this and the planning portion of this, so if they’re interested individuals in attending, we would ask them to contact the county manager’s office and then we will facilitate them getting to the summit and having correct information once they get there.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. We have another comment from Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you Charlene, good presentation, very concise and really tells the story of what we’re trying to accomplish. The truth is, and we serve as the Board of Health and one of our charges is to make sure that we promote a healthy community. And as our assembly outlined years ago, there were several issues that we needed to work on, but one of them was the access to healthcare. That we know that there’s citizens, many working hard, playing by the rules, trying to earn a living but still do not have adequate healthcare and couldn’t describe who their doctor is. They go to a safety-net clinic, they go to the emergency rooms, and I really came to the conclusion that one of our roles as public health officials, the Board of Health is to understand that issue and to promote some kind of solution in our community. The federal government has been hashing this out for years, the state has worked on some pieces of it, but the truth is, like many other things, it’s our citizens, our neighbors, our taxpayers that are suffering and that’s the quality of life moral side of it. On the other side of the equation, small business and large businesses continue to struggle to try to give that as a benefit. It’s very expensive and many people don’t engage in it, even if it’s offered to them.

So the idea that we bring some of the smartest people in our community together, all at one time, to look at the pieces of this and try to make some sense out of it. The truth is, we’ve got many people trying to deliver safety-net kinds of things, trying to advocate for certain populations, but we need to really put this all together into a system that provides access to every citizen in our community. We know that as long as we have safety net clinics, we have some access but many people find themselves struggling with, you know, getting through the whole process and end up in an emergency room, which is the most expensive medical provision we can get and doesn’t allow that

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person to answer the question ‘who is your doctor?’ and I believe it’s important in our community that everybody has the ability to answer that question, where is your medical home and who is your doctor.

And so many people, running in and out of the safety net clinics, go to the emergency rooms, or seek no care at all until it is just chronic and critical need to have that ability. Now I don’t know if we’ll solve it with the summit, with all these smart people but taking the first step is the best way, I think, to take all the other steps that get us to the final conclusion so I would hope that my fellow commissioners would be able to participate at some level. I hope that as we start to describe the best methods and what we want our community to do, that you’ll be engaged and very supportive to what we may do as a county to continue this dialogue and to start solving this.

The other concern I have is that if you look at the landscape nationally, there is a movement that is slowly taking over that employee-based insurance programs are struggling. That many companies are dropping out of that. They may make some salary adjustments, but they’re just not going to offer insurance programs and I think we’re just on the cusp of this becoming a much larger issue nationally, but also in our community and we need to be on the forefront of taking care of this issue instead of way behind the curve and as I look at counties and municipalities and jurisdictions around the country, I think we’re going to be on the leading edge of understanding this issue and trying to solve it as the Board of Health here. That’s all I have.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I think I know the answer to this Charlene. This health summit is still going to stay connected to the Visioneering process that’s taking place in the community? I know Kathy Sexton is kind of leading that strategy and that initiative and I think they’re doing some good work. Remind of what the connection is going to be.”

Ms. Stevens said, “Absolutely. Kathy Sexton has served on the steering committee for Visioneering Wichita and there have been other members who have served on the planning team and also will be at the summit, so we do believe there is a connection with Visioneering Wichita, as you remember when Kathy Sexton was here and talked to the county commissioners, we talked about kind of a three-legged stool and acts as a piece of that and this is just one area that the county is trying to get some dialogue and some planning and implementation moving forward, but we fully expect that this will connect with Visioneering Wichita.”

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Well I just want to make a comment that I'm very much supportive of this. I think it's something that we need and can ultimately be beneficial to the citizens of our county and it's obviously high on the radar of Visioneering and now we are taking a leadership role.

A question I have though, this does not necessarily mean that this is going to result in new department, new work for our health department or we're not taking a hands-on solution to this? Or help me understand this."

Ms. Stevens said, "Sure, no it does not mean that at all and I think Claudia Blackburn, the health director said it best when she said a few weeks ago, our role is engaging people in this problem. It's not necessarily our role to fix the problem, but it's our role to engage the community in developing a community wide solution and there may be small portions of this that we take a lead on. For instance, Claudia Blackburn and Debbie Donaldson, director of Human Services, already facilitate a group call the Vision Group, which is all the directors of the safety-net clinics, so we already are facilitating in that role to better coordinate those services, so that may be a piece that we continue to lead on and continue to facilitate coordination among safety-net clinics to improve our system. That would be an example of where we might continue, but we don't anticipate this is going to mean a new department at all for the Health Department."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Well commissioners, are there any other . . . Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well one finally little thought, as I sit on a United Way impact council board that looked at the environment of our community, number one issue, access to healthcare. As we talk about visioneering several years ago and those things that bubbled up, under quality of life, number one issue access to health care. If you talk to WEBA, small business, one of the big reasons they exist is to advocate for small business, but to also form an insurance pool for small business to be able to have access to healthcare for their employees.

So I mean, if you move through business, you move through non-profits, you move through government, you move through citizen's concern, all of it keeps bubbling up that access to healthcare, healthy lifestyles, what we do to make that happen in our community is very important. And certainly we want to promote wellness and healthy lifestyles, but part of that for this population is hearing that from a doctor. I mean, they're not going to hear it from a marketing campaign. They're not going to hear it from some slick thing that we put out, which we do. We try to reach every person. Many times people need to hear that from a doctor, somebody that they have

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confidence with, somebody they meet with regularly, somebody that can help them with their maintenance and their preventive medicines and we have 40,000 people-plus that can't answer that question, 'who is your doctor that's helping you through that process?' so it is important in our community and I think we're moving in the right direction."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, very good. Well I see no more requests to speak, so we need a motion to receive and file."

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, "Thank you, Charlene. Before we call the next item, I just want to remember my manners and recognize former county commissioner Ben Sciortino is here and thank you for your continued interest in Sedgwick County government. And now, Madam Clerk, please call the next item."

G. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 10, 2006 – JUNE 10, 2007 SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires every solid waste plan be updated on an annual basis. Our plan update is due to the state June 10th, 2007. This plan looks at activities

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that have happened in solid waste since the last plan update and also presents any solid waste data from the calendar year 2006.

One of the things KDHE wants is a list of the current committee members on the Solid Waste Committee. The committee has 15 members and one non-voting chair and in the table in your solid waste plan update it lists those committee members, who appointed them and who they represent. And we have a nice variety of members from first, second and third class cities, the unincorporated area, waste haulers, recyclers and just general citizens to give us input in our solid waste plan.

The state also wants information on the generation of municipal solid waste, which is the polite way of saying trash produced by resident, commercial and industrial people. In Sedgwick County we have two privately owned transfer stations, one north and one south, and they reported in 2006 that they received over 450,000 tons of municipal solid waste. That calculates to 1,235 tons per day of municipal solid waste going to those stations and that's a decrease of 30 tons a day from 2005, which is good because that indicates that maybe some of that material is being recycled or handled in another manner, because our population base continued to grow through that time period.

Also statewide, Kansas Department of Health and Environment has realized that it's very difficult to calculate how much each community is recycling. Part of the reason for that is businesses are not required to list what material comes in in a recycling facility. So the state has looked at a new formula for calculating municipal solid waste, and that's pounds per person per day. As long as every community does that, they can compare one community to another. And statewide 2006, the state says that it's 5.8 pounds per person per day of trash that's being generated in Kansas. How we compare with that is we generated 5.3 pounds per person per day in 2006 so Sedgwick County is below the state average.

Another component of solid waste management is construction and demolition material. This includes such material as bricks, two by fours, roofing material, carpet, anything you might associate with the construction site or a demolition site. There were three landfills in Sedgwick County to take this material. In 2006, those three facilities combined buried over 176,000 tons of construction and demolition material. This is a decrease of almost 25,000 tons from 2005. Part of the reason for that, if you'll recall, in 2005 there was the ice storm and so we had a high amount of material in 2005.

These facilities don't only receive construction, demolition material and bury it but they also try to

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pull material out and recycle it. Over 2,000 tons of metal was recycled by these facilities, over 1,300 tons of wood waste and over eight tons of sheetrock were recycled. And the big item recycled at these facilities, concrete, asphalt and rubble, and as you can see, over 427,000 tons of that material was recycled at these facilities instead of being buried.

Another component is compost material, there is one large compost facilities in Sedgwick County, located up at 53rd Street North, west of Broadway and in 2006 it reported receiving over 8,600 tons of wood waste, over 3,000 tons of yard waste and over 3,600 tons of food, sheetrock, grain and other waste that it is permitted to receive. This was an increase of 12% from 2005 data. Part of the reason for that increase is there was a business change at this facility in 2005 and they were closed during part of 2005, so actually this is a decrease from the 2004 numbers. They're still rebounding from the business change.

We also have different ways for residents to recycle in Sedgwick County. One way is the drop-off bins that you may find located at some of the grocery stores around our community. There are twenty of these bins. Sedgwick County used to pay for these bins but Waste Connections has stepped forward in the last couple of years and they are now sponsoring these bins.

This map shows the locations of those twenty bins in the middle of the yellow circle and what this is indicating, the yellow circle is a two and a half mile radius around this location. Eight-eight percent of the households are within two and a half miles, in that yellow area of the recycling bin locations. In the blue area around that is three and a half miles and approximately 98% of the people are in those areas, so we have a good area for people to recycle, if they chose to go to these facilities and drop off the material for free.

Another options, people can pay for curbside recycling and have the convenience of it being collected at their house. We have recently done a telephone survey of waste haulers to determine what they charge for curbside recycling. You can see it's quite a range of price and part of that range depends on if you're a customer, a trash customer that recycles or not. You get a lower recycling rate if you're also a trash customer and some companies only collect recyclable and quite a variety, so the rates change quite a bit, and my suggestion is people shop around and see who gives them the best bang for the buck if they want to recycle curbside.

There are also recycling centers available where people can take the stuff directly, metal recyclers or combination of material. We have Weyerhaeuser and Pro-Kansas Mill, the recycling centers

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where people can take material and in 2006 the larger recycler, such as Pro-Kansas Mill or Weyerhaeuser and Waste Connection reported receiving over 40,000 tons of recyclables from the residential and commercial customers. It's hard to do a comparison of previous years on recycling, since different facilities report one year to another and as I mentioned earlier, that's why the state is going to a pound per person per day figure, so we can compare one year to another and one community to another.

Household hazardous waste is an important component of our solid waste. It gives a location for citizens to take paints, oils and cleaners and other household chemicals for free and have proper disposal. The Sedgwick County facility is located at 801 Stillwell and in 2006 it reported approximately 16,000 customers, which is an 11% increase over 2005. They have received over a million pounds of materials, which is a 7.6% increase over 2005, so that facility continues to grow in customers and material received. The facility also mixes paints together and sells them and sold 6,000 gallons of paint in 2006, generating a revenue of \$24,000 to help offset the operation costs of the facility.

Christmas tree recycling, Sedgwick County sponsors 19 sites around the community where people can take Christmas trees, drop them off for free, the material is mulched and they can come back and receive that material. There was a decrease of 16% in the amount of trees recycling in 2006. I personally called Christmas tree vendors and they are ordering fewer trees every year for sale. They don't like to have trees left over that they have to get rid of, plus more people are buying artificial trees, and some of the vendors run out of Christmas trees a week or more before Christmas, so they are definitely cutting back on the number of trees sold in our community.

And also in 2006, the Solid Waste Committee and the Board of County Commissioners looked at and approved three different solid waste permits. One was for EnviroClean Medical Waste Transfer Station to take medical waste from hospitals up to their facility in Emporia. C & D Recyclers of Kansas expanded their C & D facility to the west and Brooks C & D Landfill added a five-acre compost facility. Those have been approved and they're now . . . some of those are up in KDHE waiting for their approval.

So that covers the 2006 update from June of last year to June of this year. Solid Waste Committee did approve this at their last committee. There was not a quorum but it was a unanimous vote of those who were there to advise the county commissioners to approve this. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you Susan. We do have a question from Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well Susan, I think what you're telling us is that every year we have to increase the amount of recyclable material that we produce in the county, under state statute."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Every year we have to report what's going on in our community. Next year is our five-year plan update and the state is requiring every community, at their next five-year plan update, to address how they're going to minimize waste and what they're going to do and have a timetable to do it."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "So whatever we've done now, we've got to improve on."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct. That 5.3 pounds per person, per day, we need to look at that and see how we want to decrease the trash going to the transfer stations and look at the options."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay, well I guess we have some choices. The Chairman and I are going to be meeting with the mayor at the end of this month and see what we can work out with the city in this endeavor and hopefully we'll come up with some good ideas. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Susan, I just had a question about the pounds per day comparison. I guess that's just a benchmark. Isn't it difficult to compare pounds per day of waste to someone living in Wichita with someone living in a small community? I mean . . ."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Well what . . . the state's formula looks at your population base. They use 365 days a year and they look at what's going to your disposal facility, in our case the transfer stations. In another community it might be a landfill and that way even those small communities landfill may be open only five days a week, they make sure you use the 365 day a year calculations so we're trying to compare apples and apples."

But in our community, we do have larger commercial, larger industrial area, which is going to increase our number compared to some smaller communities and we have a lot of restaurants that would also add to that, bringing in people to the shopping centers, so we have a lot of visitors as well that may increase our trash rate, so we have a more difficult base to work with to lower that number."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well thank you. I just didn't know exactly how you could make a real apples to apples comparison, but at least it gives us a starting point to know how we can improve on it."

Another question, on the C & D material, you had two slides, one showed received and landfilled and the other was received and recycled, I guess. I mean that's two different . . . we keep track of that, two different categories, so total amount of C & D . . ."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "You'd add those two numbers together."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, all right. Well, we're recycling an awful lot of our C & D material then."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct, especially the concrete, asphalt material coming in. That's ground up and taken right back out into our community and used in road base."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, very good. Well it's another . . . excuse me, David Spears would like to make a comment."

Mr. Spears said, "A comment, perhaps a question. Susan, I know that you and Joe Brunk, head of household hazardous waste, have also . . . so the public knows that we continue to move forward and look at new ideas, you guys are looking at e-waste, I guess you would call it, electronic waste with computers and that sort of thing, printers, bring in and there's like, some families might have two or three computers and have two of the old ones they're trying to figure out how to get rid of."

So I know that you guys have been working on that and we, I think there's so much of that out there that we can't possibly take it down at the existing household hazardous waste building, so we might, if we decide to get into this, might need another building by that down there but no where near as elaborate as household hazardous waste building. It will be more like a storage type building, but just want to let you know and Susan, you may want to comment on that also."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "In fact, I'll add another area, the household hazardous waste facility is currently taking pharmaceutical waste, so if people have leftover prescription drugs that are not regulated, by regulated I mean morphine, cocaine, but anything that is not regulated can currently go to our household hazardous waste facility and be disposed of in a proper manner. We do not want you just putting it in your toilet and flushing it because then that has repercussions on the"

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waste water side, so want to let people know you can do that.

And as far as electronic waste, yes I have been working with Joe Brunk on that. There's a large volume of electronic waste out there, from cellular phones to old television sets and computers and we have been studying how we can help the community recycle that instead of just throwing it away in the landfill. There are businesses that also take that material in town and they process it. We would not be a processor. We would simply collect it and then these businesses would receive that material."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. I have another comment from Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well thank you Mr. Chairman. Really, this last discussion was one of the issues I wanted to just comment on. As we move forward in looking at next year's plan that we're going to submit, the two areas that we should remember and I know people are interested in more convenient recycling for households and citizens, but we need to think about one, the e-waste and how we're going to handle that in the future, and secondly just about the commercial waste stream because that's where the big volumes are and if there are ways that we can encourage commercial business and industry recycle, we need to certainly have that in our plan. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Sue, you led into what I was going to say a little bit there about e-waste and business. I know Ink and More in Valley Center has worked with Starkey and some of their people also and I believe she's willing to participate in some of those extended programs on that, so there are businesses out there and if there are any listening today that would want to enhance a program or get into that business, would you be willing to speak with them about that?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes, and one thing I would like to also mention is Sedgwick County website, sedgwickcounty.org. We have a recycling guide on there and we try to update that, as businesses change and receive material. So people can go there to look at who does take computers now and who can recycle them and any business who wants to get on that list that currently is not on that list, please contact us."

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, with copper at \$2.50 a pound and aluminum at 68 cents a pound, I would think that there would be more people wanting to do some salvage on that too. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, we had a briefing with Susan prior to this to kind of look over all of it and one of the conclusions I came to is that we’re going to really move recycling back onto our agenda, as we move towards re-describing our five-year plan, we’re in the last year of that. The state and KDHE is pushing us to do more. I think that’s going to put that really back in the forefront of our agenda. We talked a lot about it for two or three years recently and then it kind of waned a little bit.

One of the problems we have with it is that it’s kind of a four-legged stool. There’s the citizen taxpayer, there’s the waste industry, there’s the strong advocates for environmental concerns and then there’s the government and sometimes those are all in sync and sometimes they’re very divergent in opinions of how we should solve this, so it’s not an easy issue. I look forward to working on the five-year update because that does describe what we’re looking at doing over the next few years.

One of the things that we probably need to talk about is the lawn and leaf ban. That is something where we debated that heavily for a while and there’s still an issue with lawn clippings and leaves and debris that come out of residential yards, so I’m willing to start that discussion again. Once again, do you mandate it? If you ban it, then there has to be an easy way for people, particularly seniors, to get that taken care of. I know we promote mulching mowers but not everybody has a mulching mower and that puts a little bit of burden on some people that have a mower, take care of their yard but can’t afford to go buy another mower, so we need to think about that.

The other issue that’s always a prob . . . is problematic is franchising. As you get into recycling and mandatory recycling and how all that works, one of the things that comes up is franchising. The idea that you don’t have as many waste haulers running up and down the streets, that you wrap in the franchising agreement, you wrap up mandatory recycling or recycling all in the middle of that package and bid it that way. So I assume that, as we move forward on the five-year plan, looking at that and re-looking at recycling, that the debate about franchising is going to come back up and that’s really not particularly a county issues, that’s going to be a municipality issue. As I understand, we can mandate franchising, but then cities can opt out of it, so really there’s no mandate to it if they can opt out of it, so I think that’s something we’ll have to work with our partners in Wichita and the small cities to at least have that discussion one more time as to whether franchising makes sense.

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Obviously that throws into feeling that whole waste industry, the government, the advocates and the citizens all have a different view of what franchising is. You know, government a lot of times doesn't have a problem with it but the waste industry does and in some cases citizens don't want to lose their right to pick, so pretty complicated issue.

The final thing I wanted to talk about is outreach. As we talk about recycling, we have 20 bins throughout the communities. You saw the ability for citizens to access that pretty easily. We have the household waste disposal thing and this last weekend in Haysville, and I was going to talk about it later but this is a good time, we did a household hazardous waste outreach. The first two years in Haysville we had just nominal results but I'm pleased to say they had 160 cars this weekend, 19,750 pounds of household hazardous waste was taken in and disposed of in Haysville and I've got the details of that, I won't go through it, but that is a huge increase. So the truth is, with a little bit of promotion, a little bit of real easy access for people, they're willing to recycle, didn't cost them anything and we took in almost 20,000 pounds from one small area of our community. So we're making it pretty easy for people to recycle, I mean, I know I went into my garage, cleaned out some paint cans, some other liquids. Some of them the label had fallen off, I didn't even know what it was and they readily took and disposed of it in a proper manner and I think we need to be sure that we remember that we do have some pretty good programs going on to help people recycle in our community. That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, any other comment?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the annual update for submission to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton

Aye

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

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

H. COMCARE.

1. AGREEMENT WITH HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC. FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION AND CONSULTATION SERVICES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a renewal of an agreement that we have with Horizons Community Mental Health Center that we've had for a number of years now. In the agreement, Horizons agrees to pay COMCARE for three hours of Dr. Deanne Jenkins time to supervise the Advanced Nurse Practitioners that are practicing in that community mental health center.

Dr. Jenkins is a board-certified child psychiatrist in our children's program and one of very few now remaining in our community. It's complex to treat young children, as they have very limited verbal skills and the rapid growth and subsequent weight changes often make medicating them very much more complex than medicating adults with psychotropic medications.

Dr. Jenkins does this consultation through our televideo connection, so she doesn't actually drive there with these nurses in Hutchinson. We're recommending that you approve the agreement."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, are there any questions, commissioners? Just a comment, it seems like this is a way to maximize and leverage our resources to the best effect, so it looks like we should be approving of this, but is there any question or comment? What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

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

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Chairman Unruh 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."

- 2. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR FUNDING OF 1.4 FTE CASE MANAGERS, 1 FTE DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR, 1 FTE THERAPIST, 1 FTE OFFICE SPECIALIST AND RENT SUBSIDY FOR 16 HOUSING UNITS FOR COMCARE'S DUAL DIAGNOSIS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.**

Ms. Cook said, "Commissioners, this is the second renewal of an application of a primary HUD grant that funds the transition housing program at our homeless program in Center City. The grant supports the leasing of, as was just read, 16 apartments that are rent subsidized by HUD and it also supports the positions mentioned, 1.4 FTE case manager, a therapist position, a therapist position, an addiction counselor and an office specialist and all of those staff members are housed on-site at the apartment complex.

The individuals who are leasing these apartments have to have a severe and persistent mental illness, they have to have a substance abuse disorder and they have to have been homeless. And the program is designed for individuals who are experiencing these multiple challenges for months and sometimes even years.

One such individual is a gentleman who lived in the transitional housing program for two years, remained in treatment there, because they get treatment right there, where all the counselors are. He achieved, while he was living there that two years, a two-year anniversary of sobriety before leaving the program and while he was living there, he attended a local technical school where he completed course work for a skilled trade. So by the time that he moved out several months ago, he was able to move into permanent housing, he was sober and he was able to begin a job and had the skills to do that. So this is an example of how life-changing sufficient treatment and support and

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structure can be for individuals with these multiple problems.

COMCARE does provide some matching money, which is generated from billable activity with these individuals that are residing there. We are recommending that you approve the grant application.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you again, Marilyn. It’s good to hear success stories like that and 16 individuals live there though?”

Ms. Cook said, “There are 16 apartments, 14 of them are individual apartments, two of them are designed so that families could live in them, so they’re two bedrooms. Two of them are two-bedroom, 14 of them are one-bedroom.”

Chairman Unruh said, “And do we know a normal length of time that someone might be there before they’re able to transition out?”

Ms. Cook said, “I believe it’s two years. Karen McNally is here from our program. She can answer some specifics on that.”

Ms. Karen McNally, Director, CSS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “There isn’t exactly an average, but what I can tell you that two years is the program limit and the things that we’ve learned include that if someone stays six months, they have a greater likelihood of successfully transitioning on to permanent housing.”

Chairman Unruh said, “So there are some who are there less than six months, but the individual that you just gave the story about was there for how long?”

Ms. McNally said, “He elected to do the full two-year program.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, and predominately males I suppose?”

Ms. McNally said, “Yes, predominately but certainly not exclusively.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, and we’ve been involved in this for how many years?”

Ms. McNally said, “This is our fourth year.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Fourth year, okay. Well, I think that’s all the questions I had and it sounds like a worthwhile program. If we can help individuals become active, productive

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community citizens, so . . .”

Ms. Cook said, “I would add one other thing. Individuals need to be working whenever possible that are participating in this program. They do pay some rent and that rent is held back, so when they do leave, we provide them with the rent that they have paid, so that they have a little nest egg to start independent living more successfully. That’s a very wonderful part of the program.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Well, it’s a good way to help ensure success when they get out in the community, I suppose. And most of these individuals, are they without family or do many of them have family in the community?”

Ms. McNally said, “Most of them don’t have family in the community, at least when they first come into the program, since one of the last supports that goes prior to becoming homeless is that social and family network, so they won’t be very active with their family when they begin our program. Some do reconnect with their family after they become more successful in their sobriety and their mental health treatment.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, and alternative to this is we just have those individuals without help and without support and create community problems in another way. Okay, well commissioners are there any other questions? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Unruh 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. Next item please.”

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

I. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

1. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADD NEW SERVICES AND MODIFY FEE OF EXISTING SERVICES.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On October 4th of last year, that’s actually a correction to your agenda item, you approved a fee resolution updating the pricing for services at the Health Department and there were several hundred of those fees. Today I’m requesting an amendment of that fee resolution to include eight additional items and we knew that there would be a couple of things that we just missed and I’m including those today. There are some changes and then the addition of three vaccines.

The items include a charge for venipuncture which is basically drawing blood, Cystic Fibrosis screening, it’s a test that we would like to be able to provide. We don’t think we’ll be doing many of them. It is an expensive test and we would like to make it available to people who need it. Kansas certificate of immunizations, that is a form that is required by the school system for entry, DNA testing that’s a blood sample and an oral swab and we send it to an outside lab and then rabies titer, the price for a rabies titer has increased and so we need to increase our price as well.

In addition, we’d like to add three vaccines to our private stock. Two of these we already have through our vaccine for children program. That is Rotateq, it’s a vaccine for Roto Virus, which I’ll tell you a little bit about in just a second and then also the Human Papiloma Virus vaccine. We already have that through our vaccine for children program and we’d like to add it to the private stock and make them available to clients who are insured who, for some reason, maybe don’t have a

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medical home, so that they can't get it through their doctor but they want the vaccine or their doctor doesn't carry it and they want the vaccine and they can pay or their insurance company can pay for it.

So let me start by telling you a little bit about Rotateq. It is a vaccine to protect against Roto Virus and anybody that's had a child is probably familiar with Roto Virus though maybe you didn't know what it was called. A Roto Virus infects most children by the time their five. It is a disease that causes severe diarrhea, mostly in young babies and young children. It's often accompanied by vomiting and fever and, as I said, most children in the United State are infected with this by the time they're five years old. Rotateq costs \$62.50 a dose. It's a series of three doses and we would be charging enough to cover our costs, we would be charging \$78.88 a dose versus the \$62.50 a dose, which it will cost us.

The second one is Gardasil or HPV vaccine and that vaccine protects against two types of Human Papiloma Virus that causes 70% of cervical cancers. It also protects against two types of Human Papiloma Virus that causes 90% of genital warts. It is given in a three-dose series as well and the first dose is usually given at age 11 to 12. However, it can be given to women up to age 26. Through the vaccine for children program, we have to stop at age 18, so anybody that wants it after that, they can't get it from us, so this would allow us to be able to make it available to people who want it and can pay for it and can have their insurance company pay for it.

The new vaccine, and this is what I'm really excited about, is Zostavax. It's a vaccine for Shingles and Shingles is a painful skin rash that comes with blisters usually. It can last from two to four weeks and beside causing pain, it can cause fever, headache, chills, upset stomach and can leave people with various conditions that don't go away, long term pain, blindness. It's really . . . most of you have probably had friends that have had it. It's not a fun disease. Two in ten persons stand the risk of having Shingles during their lifetime and it is most common in people that are age fifty and older and those that have weakened immune systems. It is caused by the same virus that causes Chicken Pox and people who have ever had Chicken Pox, which is almost everybody in the United States, are susceptible to developing Shingles. Chicken Pox virus stays in your body and then can cause Shingles later in life. So the Shingles vaccine is recommended for people who are 60 and over, that's who they tested it on. Eventually, it will probably be recommended for people 50 and over, but right now that's who it's approved for. It's about 50% effective in preventing the disease but it's also effective in reducing the symptoms from the disease, the pain especially. Medicare Part D covers the cost, but clients have to pay in advance and then they get reimbursed when they submit receipts, and I want you to know that I visited with the medical society about this, because it is a vaccine that you would expect to be provided by private doctors and we certainly don't want to step on toes.

And I visited with the public health committee, they took it to the full board and they're very

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supportive of us doing this because a lot of doctors do not carry vaccines and they don't carry this one. This one has to be kept very, very cold and its expensive and we have a vaccine management program, so we're really good at that, so they encouraged us to move forth with requesting your approval of this vaccine. It's \$145 dollars a dose and right now only one dose is required and we will charge \$145.35.

So the overall cost associated with these fee changes are \$95,300 in 2007 and \$163,400 annually and the estimated general revenue is approximately \$96,000 in '07 and \$180,470 annually, so the revenue exceeds the expense. We would order just a small amount to begin with, so that we don't run the risk of having any expire or have any wasted and then budget authority would transfer, incrementally, for the operating reserve in 2007, based on the actual requisition cost of the vaccine, with transfers not to exceed \$95,000. I'm not asking for a budget increase to be able to do this. We can do it with existing funds and I recommend that you approve the amendment and authorize the Chair to sign and I'm open to questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign and approve the budget adjustment.

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, Claudia. Next item."

- 2. AGREEMENTS WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF KANSAS, MID-MISSOURI, GRACEMED HEALTH CLINIC, INC., AND PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER OF WICHITA, INC. TO PROVIDE LABORATORY**

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SERVICES AT DISCOUNTED PRICES.

Ms. Blackburn said, “The Health Department has historically provided lab services to a number of clinic for a reduced fee and we have felt like it expands our ability to see cash-paying clients who we would ordinarily be seeing in our clinic but don’t have the ability to. So when you approved the fee resolution in October of 2006, the prices for these, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Syphilis, HIV and Hepatitis B rose dramatically and effected the arranges that we had with some of the clinics. We did that so that we could bill third-party payers and Medicaid the full amount for those lab services.

Today what I’m asking you to do is approve an agreement with the Pregnancy Crisis Center, GraceMed Health Clinic and Planned Parenthood for discounted prices for lab tests, as described in you backup documentation. The proposed prices cover our costs and move us towards our objectives of decreasing sexually transmitted infections in Sedgwick County.

The overall effect on the budget will be to maintain a revenue stream of \$28,000 that we get for these lab tests right now. We have fixed costs, so we wouldn’t be able to reduce our expenses if we reduce this service. And if we discounted all agencies, if we decreased the price for everybody, then we would lose about \$15,000 a year, so we’re recommending that we have special contracts with these agencies because they service people who are uninsured and under-insured and it fits with our mission. So I recommend approval of this request and would be happy to answer any questions.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. If we support this item, then can . . . will we be supporting the signing of those agreements, or do those have to come back as a separate item?”

Ms. Blackburn said, “You would be supporting the signing of those agreements.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Very good.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, any other questions? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Once again, thank you Claudia. Next item please."

J. APPROVAL OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FORM 1302, "REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT," FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 805-F; BRIDGE ON 119 STREET WEST BETWEEN 77TH & 81ST STREETS NORTH. CIP# B-446. DISTRICTS #3 AND #4.

Mr. Spears said, "Item J is a KDOT 'Request for Construction Project' form 1302. This initiates our request for construction and federal funding through KDOT for the bridge on 119th Street West between 77th and 81st Streets North over the Arkansas River. The Sedgwick County Fire Department requested this project and it is currently included in the Capital Improvement Program for construction in 2012 and designated as B-446. The project is estimated to cost \$6,200,000. KDOT will contribute \$4,600,000 and the County's share will be \$1,600,000. Recommend that you approve the form 1302 and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, are there any questions or comments for Mr. Spears? This is in districts 3 and 4. It's right on the dividing line."

Mr. Spears said, "Right on the line."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Do you commissioners have any comment? Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, I think that the development of this area, especially around 2012, I think the general consensus is in that area that this needs to be done. The fire department certainly is asking for this to serve those areas, those new developments and whatnot and I'm going to be in favor of this project. It is a big project, but I think due to development in that area, not only the fire department but the alternative routes, if we have another bridge go out or something in that area,

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that would be a critical spot for an alternative track route. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Well what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve KDOT Form 1302 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, David. Next item please.”

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 17, 2007.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of May 17 results in four items for consideration today.

1) TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCKS- FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

The first item is tandem axle dump trucks for Fleet Management. Recommendation is to accept the low bid of Kansas Truck Center for an initial purchase of two tandem axle dump trucks for an amount of \$207,599 and execute a contract for additional purchases of the current model.

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2) AMBULANCE CHASSIS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Item two, ambulance chassis for Fleet Management. The recommendation is the low bid meeting specifications Pfaff Chevrolet for an initial purchase of six in the amount of \$212,576 and execute a contract for additional purchases of the 2008 model chassis.

3) POWERED AIR PURIFYING RESPIRATOR (PAPR)- HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Item three, powered air purifying respirators for the Health Department. The recommendation is to accept the low responsible bid from Mid-Continent Safety in the amount of \$15,623.61.

4) CHANGE ORDER #1- TRANSPORTATION SERVICES- COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE

And item four is change order number one for transportation services for COMCARE and the recommendation is to accept the change order and amend the contract with ABC Taxi for an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you Iris. I have one question. On item one, the warranties of this vehicle that we’re purchasing, it looks like the warranty from the bid that you’re recommending, does it include warrant of engine and transmission like the others? I mean, is that standard with that vehicle?”

Ms. Baker said, “I believe it did.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, it just wasn’t listed. All right, any other . . . Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “On that same item, Item #1, what brand truck is that that we’re purchasing from Kansas Truck Center.”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes, it’s Sterling.”

Ms. Baker said, “Thank you. Sterling.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Is that acceptable to you, commissioner? Any other comment or question? What's the will of the board on the report of the Board of Bids and Contracts?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Is there any further discussion?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well I have one just quick comment. I do see we have some folks here from Fleet Management and on the chassis that we bought from ambulances, we did start a program several years ago of transferring those chassis bodies on there and I think it would be appropriate just to acknowledge the folks from Fleet Management who are involved in that process and it is saving Sedgwick County money, the way they're doing that, so if Kevin and his guys would like to make a comment, I'd be interested in hearing it."

Mr. Kevin Miles, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are in the process of doing the remounts on the ambulance chassis and part of the process of us buying these six ambulances is we are currently going through, we're doing six remounts per year and at the rate of six ambulance remounts per year, the estimated cost savings to the county will be in the neighborhood of approximately \$1,000,000 by the year 2010.

Now, this year as opposed to the buys from last year, you notice we bought some Chevy chassis this year. They are slightly higher in cost. That's due to a lawsuit currently going on between Ford and Navistar, so that the models we ordinarily would use, the Ford E350 aren't currently available but those should become available with the 2008 model year so the effect on the cost saving is negligible, so we're still looking forward to approximately a \$1,000,000 cost savings to the county and with these six ambulance purchases, we are essentially on schedule."

Commissioner Winters said, "Could you introduce the gentleman that you brought with you today."

Mr. Miles said, "The gentleman that I brought with me is Mark Kemper. He is from the light equipment shop and he is one of our ambulance technicians, and Mark, if you'd like to say anything."

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Mr. Mark Kemper, Ambulance Mechanic, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Mainly thank you gentlemen and madam for the opportunity to provide this service for Sedgwick County and we do a real supreme job and every step of the way, we make sure that we are providing a good service, perfect service so thank you for the opportunity.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you very much and for our newer commissioners, just a point of information, when we started doing this chassis remount of the existing units, we had some ambulance vendors who were not at all happy with us and in fact appeared at a commission meeting. And the Fleet Maintenance guys were here and told us they could do this project, told us it would work and they have made it work. So I think this is one that really came out of efforts of the folks working down in Fleet Maintenance and we’re all very pleased that this has been a successful program.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “Well I have been down to Fleet Maintenance a couple of times, into their shop, and I think they do a wonderful job down there. One of the things that you alluded to, Commissioner Winters, is the difference of kind of the specs on these boxes also, as I would call them. And when it’s damaged, the people at Fleet Maintenance have been good about repairing them and you can definitely see the cheaper bid or the lower bid or the lesser bid when there is an unfortunate accident.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. Now I’ve forgotten where we are. We have the Motion. Have we voted? All right, well then call the vote please.”

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

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

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1. 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:

Stonebridge Second Addition

- 2. Waiver of policy to hire a Senior Attorney at 8% above the minimum hire rate for position B327.**
- 3. Waiver of policy to hire a CNA II at 6% above the minimum hire rate for position B322.**
- 4. Request to Juvenile Justice Program Authority for program line adjustments for Juvenile Case Management.**
- 5. Seven Easements for Right of Way and one Temporary Construction Easement 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.**
- 6. Order dated May 16, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 16 – May 22, 2007.**

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd just remind you that there's only 222 days left on the sales tax for the arena project. You have before you the consent agenda. I would not note Item I-3 . . . or L-3, item three of the consent agenda, there is a correction. It would read 'waiver of policy to hire a CHN II at 6.7% above the minimum hire rate for position B3322 [sic]. It currently reads 'waiver of policy to hire a CAN. CAN should be changed to CHA [sic] at 6%. The 6% should be 6.7%. Recommend approve the consent agenda with that correction."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Well commissioners, that brings us to the conclusion of our regular agenda and we need to have a Fire District meeting, so at this time I will adjourn the Regular Meeting of the County Commissioners.”

M. OTHER

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District

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THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

KELLY PARKS, Commissioner
Fourth District

GWEN WELSHIMER, Commissioner,
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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