

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 5, 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, September 5, 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; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Dr. Jason Deselms, Director, Suicide Crisis Center, COMCARE; Mr. Mike Moriarty, Senior Transportation Engineer, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Monica Cissell, Program Manager, Department on Aging; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care; Ms. Susan Wilson, Program Manager, Healthy Babies Initiative, Health Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; 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. Sam Frey, Architect, Schaefer, Johnson, Cox & Frey.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was observed with a moment of silence.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, August 15, 2007

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2007.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes of August 15<sup>th</sup>. What's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2007.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item."

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS.**

**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2007 AS "INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH."**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Infant Mortality Awareness campaign has been designed by the National Healthy Start Association to increase the community's awareness of the high rates of infant death; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of September, 2007 marks the first annual Infant Mortality Awareness campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the Healthy Babies Home Visitation program in Sedgwick County, Kansas is one of nearly 100 federal Healthy Start projects nationwide; and

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**WHEREAS**, since 1991 the National Healthy Start program has been dedicated to reducing the incidence of infant deaths that are prevalent in many communities with large minority populations, high rates of unemployment and poverty, and limited access to safe housing and medical providers; and

**WHEREAS**, our Healthy Babies program has helped reduce the incidence of preterm and low birth weight births among high-risk moms, both of which are leading contributors of infant death. In grant year 2006, the Healthy Babies program provided 5,483 prenatal and postpartum home visits to 719 moms and babies who did not experience any infant deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the Infant Mortality Awareness campaign offers the opportunity for the community to be educated about the role they can play in ensuring we have healthy mommies, healthy babies and healthy families.

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

**‘Infant Mortality Awareness Month’**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And receiving the proclamation is Claudia Blackburn.”

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**Ms. Claudia Blackburn**, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you commissioners for recognizing National Infant Mortality Awareness Month. Why do we care about infant deaths? Well the infant death rate, like the immunization rate, is more than just about infant deaths. It’s actually a surrogate marker for the health of our children. And we know that there are many things that go into causing an infant death, social, health and economic issues and so it just tells about our society when a child zero to twelve months of age dies.

And this morning I have with me Susan Wilson, who is the director of the Healthy Babies program, to tell you about one of the Health Department programs, one of the county programs that works really hard to prevent infant deaths.”

**Ms. Susan Wilson**, Program Manager, Healthy Babies Initiative, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’d like to tell you about the goal of Healthy Babies. Our goal is to educate the residents of Sedgwick County on how they can play a part in reducing the number of babies in our community who die before their first birthday. Based on 2005 three-year averages, the county infant mortality rate of 7.82 infant deaths per 1,000 live births remained steady and in close proximity to the Kansas rate of 7.13 and the national rate of 6.75. However, for that same period the infant mortality rate for African American babies was 19.08 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, which is almost three times the national average.

A mother’s medical problems and lifestyle choices prior to and during pregnancy influence the weigh of her baby. Babies who weigh less than five and a half pounds at birth are considered low birth weigh and are more likely to die before their first birthday. African American babies are more likely than any other race to die due from complications related to their low birth weigh.

We urge all county residents and businesses to take a moment to think about how they can help improve birth outcomes in our community. That help could be in the form of a neighbors’ offer to take an expectant mom to her prenatal visit or to take care of her other children while she goes. Or it could be an understanding employer who ensures that the expectant mom is given time off work without penalty to attend prenatal appointments.

Reducing risks for high-risk pregnancies is beneficial for the physical and emotional health of the community. And it also makes good fiscal sense, in terms of lost dollars in time from work. The cost of healthcare alone for a significantly premature and low birth weigh infant can exceed one million dollars in the first few months of life, and those babies who survive can experience lifelong health and cognitive problems that can have a profound impact on school readiness.

In the fall of 2006 Healthy Babies embarked on a multi-faceted bilingual outreach plan designed to

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educate the community on how to have healthy babies by promoting early prenatal care and breastfeeding and educating about the risk factors associated with poor prenatal nutrition, smoking, drinking and using drugs. To date, our outreach initiatives have included the distribution of 25,000 informational door hangers in three federally funded Healthy Start zip codes in northeast Wichita, 67208, 14 and 19 that have high rates of premature and low birth weight births and infant deaths. The project will be completed by the end of this year; the distribution of over 200,000 educational inserts in the Eagle's coupon section during National Women's Health Week in May; the placement of Health Mommies, Health Babies bus ads on six city buses; the partnership with Office of Minority Health in Rockville, Maryland to kick off their 'A Healthy Baby Begins With You' campaign during a large community health and wellness fair on August 4<sup>th</sup>, with over 260 people in attendance; the placement of Office of Minority Health public service announcements on all local radio stations; and the collaboration with New Communities Initiatives Partners to reach high risk moms. Thank you for your continued support of the Healthy Babies program, as we work to ensure healthy mommies, healthy babies and healthy families in our community."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you Susan. We appreciate your leadership in this effort. It's a problem that can maybe not be totally solved, but at least significantly impacted by a little education and encouragement and support in appropriate areas, and so we're proud that Sedgwick County can offer some of those services of education and support and actually impact those statistics so that we can have healthy babies and appreciate your effort. We do have a couple of comments from Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well this whole infant mortality issue is part of Visioneering. It's one of the key benchmarks for our Visioneering, as we look across our community. One of the things that we described was that a healthy community will be a community that has a low infant mortality rate. And the idea that even though we have a pretty low rate, we're not at the state average and we're not at the national average, indicates that we're too high and particularly in certain populations. We owe it to our community to make sure that we tune in on that, that we understand the issue."

I think what we're doing with the Health Access Summit and some of the issues that came out of that are indicative of how we move the dialogue along, because many times the first time that a

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young person might need real access to preventative and maintenance care is when they become pregnant and they don't have insurance, they put it off way too long, they don't understand that some of their bad habits: smoking, drinking, bad health for themselves impacts the infant mortality rate and the health of their infant, so it's very important that all those things are tied together and I'm tickled that Health Babies continues to move that process forward. But now our Health Access Summit and some of the things that we're doing through the Health Department are also moving that along to get us below the national average, as we said, as a benchmark for Visioneering, so thank you Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well thank you Mr. Chairman. Just very briefly Susan and Claudia, thank you for coming and I, you know, want to say this Healthy Babies program I think is one that commissioners are very proud of. I can remember back years ago, even a couple of health directors back, Charles McGrueder was here and really started us thinking about this OLDS program and then how that has really evolved into what we're doing today. But thank you both for your work, and Susan, please share with the other folks that work with the Healthy Babies Initiatives that I think the commissioners do have a great deal of pride in that program and we like that work a lot."

**Ms. Wilson** said, "Thank you and we certainly appreciate it and we're excited to take the steps we need as a community to break that cycle."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Thank you Susan and Claudia. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

### **2. PROCLAMATION DELCARING SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2007 AS "SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK."**

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

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of all deaths in the United States and ranks third as the cause of death among our youth ages 15 to 24; and

**WHEREAS**, in Kansas, suicide is now the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of all deaths and second cause of death among youth ages 15 to 24. One out of every six Kansans who die from suicide is from Sedgwick County; and

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**WHEREAS**, in Sedgwick County the average suicide victim in 2006 was a white male in his early 40s; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that every suicide leaves eight to 15 ‘survivors’ (those who have lost a loved one to suicide) grieving; and

**WHEREAS**, perhaps the most important factor is our resistance as a society to speak openly about suicide. Our lack of understanding keeps us from detecting signs, asking direct questions, and acting to get immediate help; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths through education programs, research projects, intervention services and support groups.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2007 as

**‘SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK’**

in Sedgwick County and I encourage all citizens to make themselves aware of the warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide and make suicide prevention a community effort.

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Winters 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	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And Jason DeSelms from COMCARE is here to receive the proclamation.”

**Dr. Jason Deselms**, Director of Crisis Center, Suicide Prevention Taskforce of Sedgwick County, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “National Suicide Prevention Week is an annual observance to raise awareness about suicide at the community level. It’s sponsored by the American Association of Suicideology and takes place from September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme is 40 Years of Suicide Prevention: Moving Forward with Education and Training.

This year, the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Taskforce will be distributing 50,000 prevention bookmarks, I believe each one of you has a copy of those, to the residents of Sedgwick County. Over 80 volunteers will take place at different community agencies, we’ll be handing out the information on the bookmarks on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 21 different Quik Trip locations. In addition to the Quik Trip locations, we have 12 Dillons and Walgreen locations as well as Leekers Family Food Stores in Valley Center and Park City will also carry the bookmarks. These locations have been identified as the higher risk areas within our community for suicide.

Over 30 community agencies participate and we’ll have the bookmarks on hand to distribute to the residents of Sedgwick County. This event is the second largest awareness activity that’s sponsored by the Suicide Prevention Taskforce with the largest being the annual run which is actually held in April.

When we’re out in the community, we hear a lot of stories from folks as we’re passing these out and I’d like to share two of them with you if I may. We handed a bookmark to a high school student, who happened to be stopping by in the morning to get a drink before they went to school and they told the folks that had approached them with the bookmark that they received this information last year and it did save their life.

The second one is we had a gentleman who took the bookmark, he interacted with some folks that were again out at the Quik Trip locations, and he was observed to go to his car and actually picked up the bookmark and read both sides of it and then asked the workers that were there for the address of the Crisis Intervention Services building, because he had a friend that he needed to get help for.

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So as you can see, small efforts like this, which actually . . . you know, one location with one person can make a big difference in our community.

I'd like to take this time now to thank each and every one of you for having the wisdom to appoint important community members to the taskforce, so that we can provide education and these prevention efforts. And there are a number of taskforce members here in the room and I'd like them to stand now if they would and thank you again."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, well thank you Dr. Deselms and we want to thank all of the members of the taskforce for their continuing effort and focus on this particular issue that we have in our community. I do think this bookmark program is . . . it's handy and as your story told us, it's effective. And it kind of keeps the issue on our mind, if we keep these things close by so that we can be aware of those signs and it's a problem that can be solved, if we're just sensitive to it and we're willing to respond. And I know one of the guidelines on here says 'don't be sworn to secrecy' and I think that we have to be open about this in all aspects if we're going to actually be helpful and instrumental in helping someone in a time of crisis. But anyway, appreciate all of your work and thank you all for being here this morning. We're very pleased to make this proclamation. Thank you.

Madam Clerk, next item please."

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **B. APPOINTMENTS.**

##### **1. RESOLUTIONS APPOINTING MEMBERS (AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT.**

- **BERNARD A. HENTZEN**
- **JOHN W. MCKAY, JR.**

**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have two at-large appointments to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and we've prepared resolutions reappointing Bud Hentzen and John McKay to those positions and these are four-year terms and I recommend you adopt the resolutions."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "And County Clerk Don Brace indicates that neither of these gentlemen are here, so we will swear them in at another appropriate time, so thank you. Next item please."

**2. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JEAN SCHODORF (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "And commissioners, this reappointment is also for a four-year term and I recommend you adopt this resolution."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And once again Mr. Brace indicates that Senator Schodorf is not here so we’ll swear her in another time. Madam Clerk, next item please.”

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**C. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE CITY OF WICHITA AND WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATOR INTEGRATION PROJECT.**

**Mr. Mike Moriarty**, Senior Transportation Planner, WAMPO, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m presenting today on behalf of John Schlegel. He could not make it. He has jury duty and he sends his apologies. He also apologizes that you’re stuck with me giving the presentation.

Today I will be discussing an Intelligent Transportation Systems project taking place in our region. The project I’m referring to is the multi-jurisdictional, automatic vehicle locator/ mobile data computer integration project. In the interest of brevity, I will just refer to this as the AVL project.

First, I guess I’d like to provide a brief overview of what an AVL system is. A public safety AVL system provides a virtual map on a computer screen, showing where public safety units are located.

If there is a 9-1-1 call, the closest unit can be readily identified by dispatchers and sent to respond. The application of this kind of technology does reduce public safety response times and makes more efficient use of these valuable resources.

Sedgwick County currently operates an AVL system. The system was deployed in 2005 and is used by Sedgwick County EMS, Sheriff and Fire, as well as Wichita police and fire departments. Municipalities surrounding Wichita were not included in the 2005 AVL deployment. This

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integration project is essentially the second phase of that 2005 deployment and will allow a coalition of 12 municipalities to integrate with the current existing AVL system.

These communities will be purchasing radio modems to integrate with the system, and some will be purchasing mobile data computers as well. Mobile data computer is essentially a ruggedized mobile laptop that's mounted inside the public safety vehicle and this computer terminal provides the public safety officer with access to work-related data.

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is facilitating the funding for this project. The total cost is \$198,000. A federal earmark for intelligent transportation systems will finance half of the total project costs and the Coalition of Municipalities will finance the additional half. The project will be administered jointly by WAMPO and Sedgwick County and, as I mentioned, the project will consist of purchasing, installing and configuring radio modems and mobile data computers in public safety vehicles. The installation and configuration will be provided by Sedgwick County.

We are asking the commission to authorize the Chairman to sign and enter the supplemental agreements so the project may begin. The county's signature is needed on this agreement, since the AVL system is currently administered by the county."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, well thank you. I think that this will easily find approval. Public safety is a high priority and any sort of program that will increase our efficiencies and reduce response times I think something that we're going to be approving of, but appreciate you presentation. We do have comments from a couple of commissioners. I think Commissioner Norton, you're first."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I'm going to be supportive of this. This is just a continuation of the progress we've made to put AVLS out in the system. How many units will this cover now? Do you have any idea of how many actual units, police, fire, emergency vehicles that will now be accessed to this?"

**Mr. Moriarty** said, "I have that information, but not with me. I could furnish that to you."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Is there increased potential, past what this does for us? Will there still be other vehicles or units that can be added on later or does this pretty well cover everything?"

**Mr. Moriarty** said, "This covers everything that's currently on the ground, as a lot of these municipalities that surround the urbanized area grow, we will definitely expect to see their department size and number of vehicles increase and there will always be room for us to add on."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. And this will be all coordinated and utilized out of the new 9-1-1 safety center. Is that correct?”

**Mr. Moriarty** said, “Absolutely.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. It’s critical that at some point, when we have disasters and those things where we have to mobilize that people can communicate. Will they be able to communicate via other ways, besides the computers? I mean, will the radio system and all that be integrated where all of the different municipalities and governmental jurisdictions will be able to talk to each other?”

**Mr. Moriarty** said, “I can’t speak to that. That’s unfortunately not my area, but I can say they will be able to speak via the mobile data terminals and I know steps are being taken, through Sedgwick County, to incorporate and integrate the radio systems as well.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. I think that’s an important feature, that not only can 9-1-1 know where all the vehicles are and communicate with them, but they can all coordinate and communicate with each other. I think it’s going to be a great system. It just takes us one step closer to being able to, at all times, but particularly during disasters, to make sure we understand where people are and mobilize them as quickly as possible. That’s all I have.”

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Yes. I’ve been on kind of the planning edge of this, back three years ago some of this started, so it was a really good project and I’m certainly going to be in support of it. And for the past and what we’re doing today and it is going to link some important communication needs for the future.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Mike, thank you for being here, Nancy thank you for being here. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. UPDATE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTER FOR AVIATION TRAINING AND PRESENTATION OF THE DESIGN FOR THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDINGS.**

**Ms. Charlene Stevens**, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Like to give you a brief update today of where we are in the construction process for the Center for Aviation Training. I also have with me Sam Frey of the firm Shaefer, Johnson, Cox and Frey and after I give you kind of an update of where we are in the process, Sam will walk you through the design and the pictures we have today.

If you remember, back in January of this year, we started the process of doing a needs assessment to understand what it would take to build a world class training center for aviation here in Wichita. We invited our stakeholders, both representatives from industry and education to tell us what was needed. We held those meetings at the Kansas Coliseum. They were attended by a number of individuals.

We took the information that we heard at that needs assessment and the architects developed a schematic design. I came back to you a few months ago and talked about that schematic design. In determining what we would need from the schematic design, it was determined that we would need to construct approximately 210,000 square feet to provide capacity for 1,300 students. That capacity of students is based upon aviation students of 250 in the day and evening and then the manufacturing of 400 day and 400 evening and we would also be housing the administrative offices for WATC at the campus. The aviation center contains approximately 69,000 square feet and the manufacturing tech center is going to contain approximately 77,000 square feet. It also includes 10,000 square feet for expansion.

We are currently in the design development phase, which means that we’ve taken the information from the needs assessment, we’ve taken the information from the schematic design, and now we’re sitting back down with the educators, with representatives from WATC and industry and going through the design kind of room by room, to make sure that we understand what class is going to be taught there, how the class is going to be taught, what equipment is going to be needed in that room,

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what kind of air handling, what kind of electrical capacity and things of that nature. Once we've completed that process of design development, which we have targeted for completion at the end of this month, the end of September, the architects will have an opportunity then to give us an updated cost estimate.

Once we have that updated cost estimate, we'll come back to you and we'll talk about that and then we will proceed from design development into the construction documentation phase. Construction documentation will develop the plan's specifications that we would use to bid this project. We anticipate bidding this project in two phases, doing the site work first in the fall of this year, and then doing the construction of the buildings themselves in the spring of 2009. And with that I'm going to turn it over to Sam Frey, whose going to walk you through the design and after that, we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have."

### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Sam Frey**, Architect, Schaefer, Johnson, Cox & Frey Architecture, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Going to give you a brief overview of the development of the design for the Center for Aviation Training at the Jabara Campus that Charlene has just outlined for you. On the screen, there is a graphic of the area around the northern end of Jabara Airport. On the upper right of the drawing you can see the northern end of the runway that is in place and you can see a taxiway that is being extended to the west and then inserted on that drawing in the colored area is the 25 acres that is the lease arrangement between the county and the aviation authority for the development of this project.

The main entrance . . . I'm sorry, the orientation, this drawing is rotated from convention. North is to the left of the drawing, with Webb Road along the bottom of the drawing, running from your right to left is from south to north. The southern entrance onto the campus is roughly in alignment with 39<sup>th</sup> Street and the northern entrance is roughly halfway the distance between 39<sup>th</sup> Street and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street.

The red line around the perimeter of this drawing represents again the 25 acres and in the upper right you can see the connection to the taxiway that connects to the apron that serves the aviation service center component of the campus. Webb Road again is on the bottom of the drawing, north is to the left. You can see parking resources for approximately 800 cars. There is what we call the 'gateway' building is the building that projects to the south of the drawing or to the west closest to

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Webb. This is a point of entry to campus for first time visitors to the campus. This is where they come for registration, for financial aid, for assessment testing. This also . . . this facility also houses the assessment program and the administrative quarters are on the upper level of the northern wing of that facility.

To the upper right of the drawing, or the southeast quarter of the site is the aviation service center, which obviously is anchored in the southeast corner of the site because of the connectivity to the runway, to the apron. It's organized around a 16,000 square foot hangar, with the power plant, lab and its affiliate labs to the right of the hangar and the airframe component of the aviation service to the left. There is a partial second floor to this building that includes the avionics program.

The larger building to the left of the drawing, or the northeast corner of the campus is the manufacturing facility, with the labs arrayed around a U shaped facility, so that there's a nice service court where we could bring truck traffic around and provide truck access to load large equipment, supplies and just load the labs through overhead doors, wrapping the architecture around to sort of screen that kind of rough component of the activities on the site. You can see that we have allowed for some expansion of the manufacturing facility, as illustrated in the upper left hand corner of drawing. The aviation component could expand. We don't expect as much pressure for expansion there, but it could expand by relocating some of the soft labs or those labs that are intensively connected to utilities over to the other expansion area and provide for contiguous expansion from within should that become necessary.

At the core of the campus, the connection between the three buildings is the common space. There is a large atrium space that services as a break room, a lunchroom, can be used for large meetings, for congregation of all the students, can be leased to business and manufacturing for trade shows, job fairs. It also serves as the lobby to a 250-seat lecture hall that you see connected to the common space. And then arrayed around the perimeter are those services that are of mutual service for the students. That includes the bookstore, the computer service where students will go to get the update of software commensurate with the curriculum and a small catering kitchen.

If we could, the next slide please. In translating this into a architectural form, we're looking for an architectural language that conveys a sense of technological innovation and that will become more and more apparent as the refinement of the details of the architecture evolve. We're utilizing some roofs that sort of soar out from the points of entry, the lobby areas. At the center of this rendering is the lobby to the gateway building, and that is again the entry point onto campus and you can see some other roofs arrayed around the perimeter that are lobbies into the manufacturing building, the

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commons area and the aviation training center.

Because roughly 35, maybe 40% of the hours of operation and student instruction will be after dark, we like the use of a lot of transparency, so that after hours the architecture will be very radiant, glow in the evening hours to have a strong presence, just as strong a presence in the evening hours as it does during the daylight. And because of the orientation of the site, facing to Webb Road on the west, we have developed this screening devise that you see in the drawing that is a shade or a screen to be responsible about the orientation and moderating the use of utilities to heat and cool the facility.

That's the summary. Be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Sam. On these elevations, do you have with you slides of any other directions to the building, or is that not available yet?"

**Mr. Frey** said, "We'll have more available for you as the project progresses. That is a work in process. There's still some minor changes and we've developed this drawing to give you a sense of where we're headed with the architectural character, but some of the elements are still changing as it's evolving and we'll have more drawings available for you at a later date."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. How much of the land space that is dedicated to this tech college do these buildings consume? I mean, is this 50% of the space or all of the first phase, or help me understand that again."

**Mr. Frey** said, "I'm not sure that I've done that calculation, but with the parking and the building and then there are some small areas of plaza to give it a little more collegial environment to the campus, we're utilizing about 90% of the 25 acres and there is a 10-foot standoff from the security fence that wraps around the campus so that we hold the . . . or we make the campus very accessible to the public, but we acknowledge and respect the security of the airport property right at the perimeter."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, and the anticipated opening date, Charlene you said was . . .?"

**Ms. Stevens** said, "Our anticipated opening date at this point is February of 2010, and you know I think that that's the anticipated date. That date we will firm up after we have gone through the full design development and construction documentation and then have the bid out. But again it is our intent to bid this in two phases, to do the site work in the fall of this year and give us a clean site and then have the construction occur in the spring of next year."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay. And then another question that . . . you said that we would probably have 400 students daytime and 400 in the evening time. Is that the full capacity?”

**Ms. Stevens** said, “No, that’s for one program. The capacity that we have designed for is a capacity of 1,300 students and again that capacity there’s room to move in there as well, because that 1,300 depends a lot on how WATC or the managing entity programs classes and labs. I mean, again there’s parking for 800 cars and the architect Sam has also included some areas where we have banked additional parking that could be created as the campus grows, so there’s expansion space, but for the purposes of designing this, we focused on 1,300 students and that includes 400 in the manufacturing during the day and 250 during aviation during the day and then that same number in the evening in both programs.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, very good. Well it’s something I’m looking forward to. I think the commission is looking forward also to see as we move forward. It’s a . . . the aviation industry is important to Kansas, important to south central Kansas and you know, without going through all the rationale for why we’re involved in this, a couple of statistics always stick out in my mind. We have about 35,000 people employed in aviation in this area and it deserves our support, the needs not going away as the aviation industry grows. And on a statewide basis, statistics have been given to us said of the 5.9 billion dollar state budget, 1.6 billion dollars is directly attributable to the aviation industry in south central Kansas, so this is a state . . . it has state importance, not only local importance and I’m proud that Sedgwick County is taking the lead in it and is moving this forward and the work you’ve done, Sam, looks real good. I’m looking forward to more pictures.”

**Mr. Frey** said, “Very good, thank you very much.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Pictures isn’t the right word, is it. You know what I mean. Commissioners, is there any other comment or question?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Sam, thank you. Charlene, thank you. Madam Clerk, next item please.”

**E. AGREEMENT WITH FRONTIER AIRLINES HOLDINGS, INC., A DELEWARE CORPORATION, TO INITIATE LOW-FARE SERVICE BETWEEN WICHITA AND DENVER AND THROUGH DENVER TO OTHER DESTINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEST.**

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The agreement that you have before you is the culmination of lengthy efforts by Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita and the Wichita Airport Authority to expand the affordable airfares program that was initiated a number of years ago with the services provided by AirTran to destinations in the eastern U.S. We have sought ever since then to obtain a low-fare carrier who would provide similar services and similar benefits to travelers who want to go to western U.S. destinations and we believe that we’ve achieved that objective now with the announcement of Frontier Airlines, that they’re going to initiate service in the Wichita market beginning approximately October the 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

One of the items that we have discussed with Frontier is this notion of providing a revenue guarantee to assist them in covering anticipated losses in the start up of service for this market. The contract that is before you would provide a guarantee of not more than \$500,000 to Frontier to be paid in monthly installments for the period between the start up of service, again estimated to be October the 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, through June the 30<sup>th</sup> of next year and a second year of revenue guarantee not to exceed \$500,000 for the period from July 1<sup>st</sup> of next year through June the 30<sup>th</sup> of 2009.

So the contract is a total not to exceed obligation for Sedgwick County of \$1,000,000. We would propose to fund that with a combination of county general revenues, revenues from the City of Wichita, through agreements that they have executed and we anticipate they will execute for the second year, and with funding from the state through the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program. As you know, we have received a total of \$5,000,000 of grant award from the state’s program, and we have received a total of \$1,000,000 from the City of Wichita for their air services agreement with

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Sedgwick County for the year that began July the 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through next June 30. We would expect to have similar agreements for the succeeding year, which would provide funding to support this second year of this agreement.

What is the benefit to Sedgwick County residents and taxpayers, to businesses and more generally to Kansas taxpayers and residents? We think that it's considerable. The top 25 destinations for Sedgwick County travelers, for travelers from the Wichita airport currently include 13 that are served by AirTran and 12 that have no low fare service. Between 2000 and 2006, the number of passengers traveling to those destinations served by AirTran, with its low fare competition, increase by 68%. The number of passengers to the other destination that had no low fare service increased by 3%. Looking at fares between 2001 and 2006, the average one-way fare to destinations served by AirTran and its low fare competition decreased by 31%. The average one-way fare to the other share of the 25 top destinations that weren't served by low fare carriers increased by 3%. So what we know is that low fare competition increases traffic through the Wichita airport and it saves travelers, every traveler, it saves them money whether those travelers use the low fare carrier or one of the other carriers that is competing, they're going to benefit from lower fares. We anticipate that the addition of Frontier, which will serve another six of the 25 top destinations, will provide similar benefits going to the western U.S.

Let me provide some anecdotal information. In June of this year, I had occasion to travel to southern California. That was before Frontier started service of course, before they had even announced the start of service. The cheapest fare that I could get for my flight, round trip, was \$496. Today that same flight is being advertised on the Internet for \$200 for October flights, after Frontier has initiated service, so we think that there are substantial savings to be achieved by Kansas travelers because of the addition of Frontier in this market and we think it's a very good investment of public funds. I'll be happy to answer any questions if you have them. Otherwise, I would recommend that you approve this contract that's before you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Chris. We do have a comment. Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Just wanted to review that this is a City of Wichita, state, REAP and other entities have bought in on this project and there are some contracts out there with that and it's just not the money from Sedgwick County."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That's correct."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "And what are the benefits for the non-flyers in the Wichita or south

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central Kansas area?”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “We think that there are pretty substantial economic benefits. Many of the businesses, the larger employers in Sedgwick County do an awful lot of business outside of Sedgwick County. They spend a lot of time and a lot of money on air travel. And those businesses have told us repeatedly that if there were not low fare service from Wichita, they would not be here and in fact before AirTran entered this market, we saw the departure from the Wichita market of a number of very large companies. And one of the main reasons that they chose to move elsewhere was because they were simply spending too much on air travel, getting their employees and their sales representatives from Wichita to their customers. We have been told by numerous businesses that remain in Wichita that low fare service from the Wichita airport is critical to their continued success and in fact their continued presence in Wichita.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “And other counties across the country do this, or subsidize their airlines for low airfares?”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “It’s fairly uncommon. And in fact the program that we use, to the best of my knowledge, is unique. There is no exact replication of this program elsewhere, but there are numerous instances of communities that are providing some sort of incentives to airlines in order to provide service in their markets.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Thank you. That’s all I have for Mr. Chronis. I did have one thing for Mr. Euson. You don’t anticipate any kind of legal ramifications for this for other airlines or anything?”

**Mr. Euson** said, “No sir, I don’t and one of the reasons that Sedgwick County is involved in this is to avoid some of the problems that the City of Wichita was in.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Is that all? All right, thank you commissioner. Well I don’t have a question, I just have a comment that I think that what has happened with previous agreements has proven that this program works and I think the expansion of flights to the west is going to be looked on as a great benefit to many of our citizens. This is beneficial to business travelers. It is beneficial to leisure travelers. It’s beneficial to folks who might want to visit Wichita and otherwise might not, because of the high cost of airfare. So I can’t see a way that this is negative for our community and it saves business and leisure travelers tens of millions of dollars annually, going east, and we

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think that will also occur going to the west. So it's part of the competitive situation in which we exist and if we want to have low cost airfares, we have to be involved in some way, so I'm going to be very supportive. I think it has a very positive cost/ benefit and beneficial to our citizens, so that's all I have to say at this time. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I'm going to be supportive and I've got a couple of instances that are more anecdotal but I'd like to share them. This past summer I've had four or five acquaintances that said they have flown into Wichita as opposed to Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Tulsa to do their traveling to those locations because it was cheaper to fly into Wichita and once again that's anecdotal but I was attending a wedding in Stillwater and the family was out of Tulsa, but all their relatives were out of Georgia, around Atlanta and 14 of the relatives went on the Internet and found that they could fly into Wichita, save enough money to rent their car here and pay half their hotel bill for the 14 people by the savings of not flying directly into Tulsa or Oklahoma City to get to Stillwater. And once again that's anecdotal, but that . . . I never heard that kind of story, ever, for years and years and years. And when I used to fly with Target, it was maddening to try to get to Denver. Back in those days, the ticket was around \$1,000 to fly to Denver and many times we'd drive to Kansas City to be able to fly to Denver to go to meetings, so I think we're on the right track.

I know there is still a little heartburn out there of why you would take some combinations of state, federal, private and local money and put it into subsidizing airfares, but that's a good reason. I mean, families are getting taken care of, not just businesses. It is good for the economics, and it does bring people through our airport that are going to go to other destinations, so hopefully we'll continue to have success, Frontier will change a little more of the landscape of our air flight options coming in and out of Wichita. I think we all hope that at some point we get to that density in our community where other airlines will want to come here, low cost airlines, because it makes all the economic sense because of the flying public. But we're not quite there yet and we're going to have to continue to be innovative to make sure that we are supplying good air service and a destination thought process for our public. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well I'm certainly going to be supportive of this contract and this agreement that we've got in front of us. The Kansans for Affordable Airfares program is one that, as the Kansas Legislature put that together, it is a very good program and it's one that as we even begin at the state level, it has a payback for the State of Kansas. State of Kansas puts \$5,000,000 into this program, and the payback to the state through increased sales taxes, employment taxes and other benefits to the state amount to a net benefit to the state of six or seven million dollars, so it's one that pays back to the state and I'm certain that we can feel that same kind of economic impact here.

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One of the things that we were successful in Topeka is that other parts of the state, other counties that use . . . citizens use Mid Continent Airport can see how much it's effecting their counties and the citizens in their counties. I don't believe Chris mentioned the number, but I think to these top 25 destinations, between 2001 and 2006 there has been almost \$25,000,000 saved on airfares to the top 25 destinations, and that does include the rest of the destinations that folks fly in and out of Mid Continent.

And as people around the state or the region again wonder about this and think about how we've put this together, the state legislation calls that three things need to happen for a community to participate in this Kansas for Affordable Airfares program. One is your investment in dollars has got to create more competition at your airport. It's got to provide for more flights at your airport and it's got to make them at a lower airfare charge or a lower cost. And again, the experience with AirTran has met all three of those criteria and I'm certain that this is going to follow in that same line, so I think we're off to a good start. And we thank the folks at Mid Continent Airport for their participation with Frontier, and Chris, we thank you and your team for your part of negotiating that contract. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Commissioner, if I might I'd like to just clarify one thing that Commissioner Winters said. The estimate of \$25,000,000 in savings is an estimate of the annual savings, not the cumulative savings, since AirTran entered this market. We have estimated, based on that 31% reduction in average fare from AirTran that Kansas travelers through the Wichita airport, going to destinations served by AirTran are saving between 25 and 30 million dollars per year, compared to what they would pay if AirTran was not in this market."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thanks for that clarification."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right. That is substantial. Commissioners, any other comment? What's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Agreement.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you Chris. Next item please."

**F. DIVISION OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH THE OAKLAWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS IN OAKLAWN ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2007 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW BLOCK PARTY PARADE.**

**Mr. Ron Holt**, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As noted, this is a request, it's an annual request made by the Oaklawn Improvement District for controlled access to the referenced roadways for the Oaklawn/ Sunview Block Party that's held each year in the Oaklawn Improvement District. Arrangements have been made by parade officials with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Reserve for traffic control on the affected county roadways before the event takes place. We also have a certificate of insurance that's required, naming the board of county commissioners as an additional insurer that's required as a part of this agreement. Commissioners, again this has been an annual request for several years and I would ask you to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Ron. Commissioners, are there any questions?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item please."

**2. AGREEMENT WITH ATHLETICS WICHITA FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS TO CERTAIN COUNTY ROADWAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPONSORING THE KAKE-TV/WICHITA MARATHON ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007.**

**Mr. Holt** said, "This is the 28<sup>th</sup> year for this event and as with each of the past years, Athletics Wichita has made arrangements with the Sheriff's Reserve to support the sections of the course that are in the county. The county will grant to Athletics Wichita controlled access to the roadways on Sunday, October the 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 in the morning until 2:00 in the afternoon for the purpose of sponsoring the KAKE TV Wichita Marathon. And those roadways are indicated on your backup information. There are no special expenses or costs here and a certificate of insurance approved by the county counselor's office is required and will need to be submitted for review, as in past years, pursuant to section 4 of this agreement. Commissioners, I would ask that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**G. GRANT AWARD FROM UNITED METHODIST HEALTH MINISTRY FUND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED AT THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SUMMIT ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS.**

**Ms. Blackburn** said, “On June the 7<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Norton spearheaded the Health Access Summit, in which 90 community members convened to address barriers to accessing healthcare in Sedgwick County. Specific topic areas discussed included coverage of the uninsured and the under-insured, health system coordination and navigation of the health system.

Over two-thirds of those in attendance committed to continuing to work on this issue. The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund has awarded Sedgwick County with \$19,000 to support this continued work. The funds will be used for continued facilitation from the Hugo Walls School of Urban Affairs, WSU for a capacity assessment and a gap analysis that will be done internally at the Health Department, using the work groups that will be established and to reconvene the Summit participants in a year to discuss and talk about the progress that we’ve made on these issues.

The implication process will be facilitated by Roderick Harris and Adrienne Byrne-Lutz from the Health Department. Three work groups will be formed to work on a number of issues identified during the summit, including improved transportation options for people needing access to healthcare, decreased and appropriate use of the emergency room, more usage of after-hour clinics, improved patient provider information by means of a shared health information data process and increased awareness of medical services available in the community.

You will be provided with regular updates about this process and the grant for \$19,000 includes a \$15,000 match that we will be providing in-kind from the health department with Adrienne’s and Rod’s salaries and some indirect costs. I recommend that you approve this agreement and authorize

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the chair to sign this and all necessary documents and I'd be happy to answer any questions, and I'm sure Commissioner Norton would as well."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Claudia. Commissioners, are there any comments or questions about this grant award? Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I'll be glad to go ahead to make a motion on the recommended action. But I did want to comment, we moved this forward, I've recently made calls and I've got chairman and vice chairs of the three workgroups already put together. They'll start the hard work of trying to figure this out.

Truthfully, I think we're pretty well ahead of the curve nationally, you know. Recently, I've read article after article that the number of uninsured in America is growing, that now there's many people who have had insurance for years through their employee-based insurance plans that are now dropping out of the system for various reasons, that it's becoming much more problematic for small employers to provide insurance, it is putting a heavy burden on health departments and emergency rooms and other safety net clinics and it puts a huge strain on working poor and people that need to have health access and just don't and if we talk about Healthy Babies programs and other things that tie to that, low birth weight, access to health care and preventive medicine and a medical home is going to take care of so many of those kind of problematic situations in our community. So I'm going to be very supportive of this.

I have to thank United Methodist Health Ministry Fund for stepping up and helping us with the grant. Obviously, they see this as important. The health foundation has seen it as important. Via Christi and Wesley's foundations have also been very active and are supportive because it is a huge, huge issue in our community that can't go without attention. I applaud Claudia for helping me keep talking about this and spreading the word that it is important and that we've got to come up with solutions. And truthfully, I want to let the public know the solution is not for government to spend a lot of money fixing people's problems with that money, but to bring our community together to find solutions with the resources that we already have available that people just don't know about.

It is encouraging to find that we now have another federally qualified health center in our community, that two centers are expanding and picking up more hours and that eventually we may

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have incubated the dialogue and the solutions in our own community that many communities are just not doing, so that's my comments."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents including the Grant Award Agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Application; and approve the establishment of budget authority at the time the Grant Award documents are executed.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

**H. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY, FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, FOR STUDENT PLACEMENTS AT CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING.**

**Ms. Monica Cissell**, Program Manager, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've got a general agreement with Wichita State University Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Social Work with the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging to provide student placement at CPAAA.

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The program is intended to provide students with educational experience at our agency and undergraduates and graduate students will participate in various community programs, participate in providing resources to older adults and caregivers, and will learn . . . graduate students specifically will learn administrative skills under the supervision model, advocacy, infrastructure and legislative action, and undergraduates will learn about community events, activities that promote aging services and the like, so I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the chair to sign and if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Monica. This is . . . the term of this agreement is . . .?"

**Ms. Cissell** said, "It's a two-year agreement."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Two-year agreement, okay. Commissioners, any other question or comment? What's the will of the board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Monica. Next item please."

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE**

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**I. CONTRACT WITH BREAKTHROUGH CLUB OF SEDGWICK COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a renewal of an annual contract that we have with Breakthrough Club to allow them to provide community-based or what we call rehabilitation services to adults and adolescents in our community. Having this contract enables the Breakthrough Club to continue to provide needed rehab services by providing some administrative compensation. There is also some money in this contract to provide flex funds for the consumers that they do case management with, much like we do at COMCARE. And it pays for a portion of the uncompensated care that they provide folks who just have no other insurance that we refer to them.

The documents of the services they provide is sent electronically to us this year for the first time, which is very wonderful because it has enabled us to integrate the work that they do into one health record, so we are recommending that you approve the contract.”

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**J. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2007.**

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### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My report today is on the activities in August at our facility, as soon as I can wake the computer up, there we go. In August of this year we had kind of a slow month. We had three events, four performances and nearly 4,300 folks in attendance. Our revenues were in excess of \$28,000.

Now we did have some events. Cub Scout Pack 494 had a family campout down at Weidemann Park and although it was pretty hot at the beginning August, if you recall, the kids really had a good time down there and it was a lot of fun to watch.

And of course we had a Hispanic concert, with Pepe Aguilar, attended by nearly 2,000 people. Pepe had such a great time, he said he'd love to come back and do another one. And we also had the machinist had a big meeting out at our place, roughly 2,400 folks in attendance.

Commissioners, you know on the surface it looks like it was kind of slow, but really behind the scenes it's been really active. We more than likely are going to be presenting in this fourth quarter, if not the busiest fourth quarter ever in the building's history, it's going to be one of the top. We've got eight separate events being announced and going on sale within the next several weeks and that's not the full calendar. This is all in addition to our regular annually recurring events in those time frames. So coming up we're going to be announcing concerts, we're going to be announcing family shows and we're going to be announcing a national televised event.

So I'll start off with Park City's Barbeque Championship in the park the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. The machinists will be back for another meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Mid-America Flea Market will be in Pavilion I on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Of course the newly remodeled pavilions will be hosting the Kansas Junior Livestock Show as the inaugural event September 19<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Gary Allen and the Cross Canadian Ragweed, promotion . . . co-promotion between the Coliseum and the Cotillion on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Benny Keith Company will be back with their industrial food show, their commercial food show October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Show the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

World Wide Paint Horse Congress will be here October 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Now they take every facility on the property, that we actually bring the dirt into the arena and they hold their big show arena in there and they did that last year. They were so pleased with it, they're going to do it again

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this year.

Larry the Cable Guy returns for a concert on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Thunder Hockey opens their season on the 20<sup>th</sup> and we have the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus October 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners, if there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you John. We do have a question. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "John, just about upcoming events, the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, that September 19<sup>th</sup> is a Wednesday. Have they slipped their dates? Don't I remember that usually starting on a Monday?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Well that's part of the move-in kind of things, commissioners. That's actually where the showing and the judging, as I understand it, is going to be. There'll be some smaller things there but . . ."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "So their final auction and all of that may be on the 24<sup>th</sup>."

**Mr. Nath** said, "Right, I believe so. That's when the Beefeaters is."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, so did you say if the place was going to be ready for them on the 19<sup>th</sup>?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "I think we'll be fine and I hope to have . . . I'm planning on having a lot of really nice event-related pictures in the newly remodeled buildings. I think we'll be in good shape."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay, very good. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Are you planning a tour of the buildings for the commission or anything in the near future?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Any time the commissioners want to come out, we'd be happy to take you on the 25 cent tour."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I've been on the nickel tour so I guess anticipating the 25 cent tour. Talking about 25 cents, in parking, all the season tickets that I'm buying now for the upcoming Wild and the Thunder and everything, that will be included in the price of the ticket?"

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**Mr. Nath** said, “There is, at the Coliseum facilities, there is no more parking accept for certain designated events, such as the Wichita As and the Ringling Brothers Circus. All other events have a \$1.50 facility fee that’s in the ticket price.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you. Any other questions or comment commissioners? What’s the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Parks 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	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 30, 2007.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of August 30<sup>th</sup> results in three items for consideration today.

**1) POLICE MOTORCYCLES- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING SOURCE: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

The first item, police motorcycles for Fleet Management. Recommendation is to accept the bid from Alefs Harley Davidson in the amount of \$83,980.

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**2) INFLUENZA VACCINE- HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING SOURCE: HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Item two, influenza vaccine for the Health Department. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Sanofi Pasteur, Incorporated for an initial purchase of \$89,823.44.

**3) PROPERTY DEMOLITION GROUP SEVEN AT 217, 235 AND 237 S.  
WASHINGTON- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Item three, property demolition group seven at 217, 235 and 237 South Washington and the recommendation is to accept the low bid from Bradburn Wrecking, Incorporated in the amount of \$45,499.33 and to establish unit pricing.

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you Iris. Commissioners, are there any questions about the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts? Seeing none, what’s the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Absent
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**L. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Resolution authorizing the Sedgwick County Manager to approve Construction Change Orders for the Sedgwick County Downtown Arena.**
- 2. Schedule a post annexation public hearing for November 7, 2007.**
- 3. Range reallocation of Communications Director, B429, to Communications and Community Initiatives Director, B531.**
- 4. Waiver of policy to hire a Network Support Analyst, B324, at more than 6% above the minimum pay for this position.**
- 5. Compensation Adjustment for Assistant County Counselor, B431, exceeding 6%.**
- 6. Lease Agreement with Northridge Friends Church, located at 2655 Bullinger, Wichita, Kansas for space used by COMCARE for its after-school programs focusing on youth with severe emotional disturbances.**
- 7. Order dated August 29, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 8. Payroll Check Register of August 24, 2007.**
- 9.**
- 9. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of August 29 – September 4, 2007.**

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**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it and remind you that there is only 117 more days until the sales tax goes away.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you Mr. Manager. Commissioners, are there any comment or question on the consent agenda?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well commissioners, we’ve come to the end of our regular agenda and this is an appropriate time for other comments or items that you wish to discuss. Commissioner Parks.”

**M. OTHER**

**Commissioner Parks** said, “I just wanted to say that there is a vote coming up on a city sales tax for the City of Valley Center only. Only those residents of Valley Center will be voting on that and to get more information, you can certainly contact the election office, but a lot of those voting areas that were around Valley Center and the schedules and everything will be the same. The advanced voting, I would urge people to go out and do that when they come to that. That last voting day will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September and that is an unspecified sales tax for the City of Valley Center with no project included on that.

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A couple of other things that I want to say is that on your calendars you might want to plan for the Valley Center fall festival coming up the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. One of the biggest car shows in the region has been growing with this event and it will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at McLaughlin Park. Make your plans for that.

Another thing that I promoted when elected was that volunteer donations for items and soon you will see a sign coming up at the 4H building. They're still about \$6,500 short on that, but I think that they will certainly meet their need for that sign out there and the volunteerism for this sign just goes to show that we don't have to always throw tax money at a project, and to get in on that you can certainly contact the people at the 4H building and write your check for a donation for that sign.

This replaces a kind of tattered portable sign that's been out there for years and this is going to be a great improvement to that facility.

One just quick last thing, I wanted to say that I know that other county commissioners get a lot of questions about jurisdictional things, like traffic lights, signs. If those are in a city, we can certainly help you get to the right people if you call us. However, the decision on those things, that if there's not a stop sign put up where you wanted one or there's not a street light put up where you wanted one, we're out of the realm of doing anything about that if that is inside a city limit, so just kind of a little comment about that and we'll certainly direct you to the people that are in your jurisdiction. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of quick items. One, we don't normally mention individual businesses, but I did want to share with you that Eberly Farms, Sam and Judy Eberly and their family, are celebrating 45 years in business this week and are planning a celebration this week and I think many in the community know Sam and Judy and the recreational opportunities at Eberly Farms, so wanted to say congratulations to Sam and Judy.

Then secondly, the Clearwater Fall Festival is this coming weekend, so if you're looking for something to do on a Friday evening or Saturday, the parade is on Saturday, so I encourage everyone on September the 8<sup>th</sup> to attend Clearwater Fall Festival. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Well I don't see any other requests to speak. I would just want to remind everybody that Zoobilee is this weekend and I still have tickets available, if anybody wants to buy a ticket. And maybe the Manager has a few also, if somebody wants an easy ticket, now the time to get it. We do have a comment from Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well just one quick thing. Tom and I had both dedicated that we would talk about parking at the arena every week. Because of Labor Day on Monday, we haven't

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had a meeting, but I did want to let you know that we've continued to work on that, gathering information and trying to understand what the best solutions are for parking at the arena, so I made the commitment I would report every commission meeting, so the report is short but we did move forward last week and we'll have a meeting again next week with staff to start working on that. And I think we're encouraging the City of Wichita to make sure they have a couple of council members or staff members at our next meeting also. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Well if there's nothing else to come before us commissioners, this meeting is adjourned."

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Chairman  
First District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**KELLY PARKS**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**GWEN WELSHIMER**, Commissioner,  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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