

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 10, 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, October 10, 2007 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Thomas E. Beauchesne, Detention Corporal, Sheriff's Office; Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.; Mr. Sherdeill Breathett Sr., Economic Developer, Community Development; Dr. Jaime Oeberst, Deputy Coroner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Amanda Matthews, Communications Coordinator, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Dolan Pelley, Member, Arena Sales Tax Oversight Committee.
Ms. Carol Bradford, Diversity Kansas Representative.
Mr. Dennis Schoenebeck, General Executive, Greater Wichita YMCA.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was observed by a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, September 19, 2007

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of September 19th, 2007.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes of the September 19th meeting. Are there any additions or corrections?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2007.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item please."

DONATION

A. DONATION FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OF OFFICE FURNITURE VALUED AT \$585, FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION SECTION.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Health Department is the fortunate recipient of 17 wooden bookcases, 18 file cabinets, one round table and three chairs from the Wichita South Parole Office within the Kansas Department of Corrections. They recently vacated the office space at 1530 South Oliver, suite 270 and our Health Detection and Promotion Division is on the floor below where they were.

And the Department of Correction has chosen to donate this furniture to the Division of Health Protection and Promotion. The plan that will be addressed in an upcoming agenda item has to do with the Health Protection and Promotion Division actually moving upstairs to that vacated space and that will be addressed in a future agenda item. The value of the donation is \$585 and I recommend that you accept the donation and authorize the Chair to sign the thank you letter."

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a Letter of Appreciation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Claudia, thank you and express our appreciation for this. Next item please.”

PROCLAMATION

B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 7 – 14, 2007 AS “DIVERSITY KANSAS WEEK.”

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the residents of Sedgwick County have long recognized that we must appreciate the diversity of our residents to create a better community for all of us; and

WHEREAS, Diversity Kansas is a human relations organization founded in 1927, previously known as the National Conference for Christians and Jews or NCCJ. This group works with people from different backgrounds to create communities of justice where each person, regardless of differences, is treated with respect and understanding; and

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WHEREAS, the Diversity Kansas Walk For Unity Walk-A-Thon was created in 1998 to unify communities across the state while raising awareness of the issues surrounding bias, bigotry and racism, and securing funds to support the Diversity Kansas youth and community leadership initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these walks are enabling us to make significant progress in bringing people together across the divides of race, faith, culture and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Diversity Kansas is to assist in building inclusive communities, businesses and institutions through diversity training, advocacy, conflict resolution, interfaith collaboration, youth leadership training and community dialogue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-14, 2007 as

‘DIVERSITY KANSAS WEEK’

in Sedgwick County and call upon all people to learn more about the diversity in our community, and show their appreciation of diversity by joining in the Diversity Kansas Walk For Unity Walk-A-Thon Sunday, October 14, 2007.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Unruh said, "And Amanda, you have a comment about the resolution."

Ms. Amanda Matthews, Communications Coordinator, Communications, said, "I was just going to thank you and let you know that we will get that to the appropriate people."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I happen to be on the Diversity Kansas board of directors or trustees, I'm not sure what the exact title is. I would urge people to think about spending a Sunday afternoon walking at the Unity Walk. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the diversity which is Kansas and as we try to understand diversity, diversity has a lot more to do with just black or white or man or woman, or whatever. It has to do with all those things in this world that makes us a little different, but differences have a reason to be celebrated.

I would also encourage people if they're out and about that Exploration Place has a wonderful exhibit called 'Race, Are We Really So Different' that really ties into the idea of diversity and those things that really make us the same, as opposed to those things that make us different in this world. I know that we understand that the world is changing, demographics are changing, the way we live our lives is changing and we can either embrace change and try to understand it and be proactive with our ideas or we can hate every bit of it and be angry about it and we still will have the change, so I would encourage people to look deeply into both of these, not only the Unity Walk, but the exhibit at Exploration Place. That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you commissioner. Can you remind us when that walk is and where?"

Commissioner Norton said, "It's Sunday, the 14th and I'm not sure of the exact place. I think it's Sedgwick County Park . . . Central Riverside this year, okay."

Chairman Unruh said, "And we would gather at what time?"

Ms. Carol Bradford, Diversity Kansas, said, "As you said, it is Sunday the 14th at Central Riverside Park. We have entertainment and registration beginning at noon and then the walk itself starts at one."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, tell me your name please."

Ms. Bradford said, "I'm Carol Bradford. I'm with Diversity Kansas, and thank you very much for this honor. We really appreciate it and we appreciate the bully pulpit too, so thank you."

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Chairman Unruh said, “Well, thank you for being here and the comments made by Commissioner Norton represent the attitude of this board and we look forward to a successful event on Sunday.”

Ms. Bradford said, “Great. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you for being here. Madam Clerk, next item please.”

RETIREMENT

C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO THOMAS E. BEAUCHESNE

- Thomas E. Beauchesne, Detention Corporal, Sheriff’s Office, retired October 1, 2007 after 20 years of services.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agenda item recognizes one of our long-term public safety officers for his commitment and contributions to public safety. Today we have Thomas E. Beauchesne, who is a detention corporal in the Sheriff’s Detention Facility. We’d like to thank his co-workers and supervisors for joining us today for this recognition. Thomas Beauchesne retired October 1st of this year after 20 years of service.

Chairman Unruh said, “Why don’t you stand right here, so we can see you Thomas. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to congratulate you on your retirement and offer to you this little certificate that commemorates it and also want you to have this clock that we give to all of our retirees and hopefully this will help decorate your home and when you look at it that you’ll think fondly of your memories at Sedgwick County but we appreciate your service. In the years that you’ve been here, you’ve seen a lot of changes at the detention facility and you’ve had a lot of stress and pressure working with overcrowded situations but we really appreciate your efforts and your service to the citizens of Sedgwick County. We’d appreciate it if you’d like to say a couple of words.”

Mr. Thomas E. Beauchesne, Retiree from Sedgwick County Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes I would. You called me here today to honor me for 20 years of service to the citizens of Sedgwick County. I am proud of the service I gave to them. I hope I can be remembered as a positive influence for the county but I know sometimes I really wasn’t. Well, we all have our bad hair days. Shoot, I wouldn’t mind just having some bad hair.

I guess you could say I was born to serve. Prior to my career here at Sedgwick County, I served 21 years in the U.S. Navy. I’m equally proud of the service I gave to my fellow countrymen.

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When I retired from the Navy, they honored me by giving me an American flag. It was not just an ordinary American flag, but a continental flag like the one borne by the Continental Army back at the beginning of this country. That flag is a symbol of my service to my country. You have honored me with a huge, heavy crystal clock, one I might add that does not have an alarm on it and I'm real happy about that because I don't need alarms much anymore. This clock is a symbol of my service to my county.

But if you really want to honor me, and all of the other employees that chose to make this job a career, then please consider bringing up and voting in favor of allowing those of us with ample sick leave to donate it to our fellow co-workers that need it. I'm walking out of here with over 1,600 hours of sick leave on the books. I had to have 850 hours to sell back 255 hours and I really thank you for that opportunity. My last paycheck was a whooper. But 800-plus hours that I earned will just disappear. I was blessed with good health and didn't need to use very much sick leave during my career. I didn't use it frivolously, as my conscience wouldn't let me.

But not all people are built the same. Some deputies suffer from migraine headaches and take a lot of sick time. That's not something they really want to do, but who in their right mind wants to come to work and face a bunch of inmates when they can't see straight or think straight. Our risk of injuries is higher in this occupation than in some others and injuries can come unexpectedly and keep us out of work for long periods of time.

My son is a detention deputy and is one of those that suffers from migraines and he calls in sick quite a bit. He also had the misfortune of having unexpected back problems involving surgery and was out of work for four months, no sick time, no vacation time, and no pay check. I'm tell you, he struggled to stay above water during that time and now that he is back to work, he still struggling to get caught up. He married and has an 11-year-old daughter.

Yes, I helped him financially and it was difficult for me to do so, but he is my son and I wasn't about to let him go down the drain if I could help it. It would have been so much easier if I had been able to transfer over some of my sick leave.

I know this is something you don't have to do. Bill Buchanan is always telling us that we're about people and service. We should strive to give our best to the citizens of Sedgwick County but we also need to give our best to our county employees. Wichita and Haysville police departments allow their officers to donate sick leave to their comrades.

Bill Buchanan wrote an e-mail last month. I would like to quote a part of it. *'I came across this*

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quote, I like her because she smiles at me and means it. It made me think about the work we do every day in serving citizens, how we work with other employees or agencies to carry out of jobs, meeting with stakeholders and developing workable plans and especially when we have direct contract with those we serve. It is about building and maintaining relationships based on our county values and customer service guiding principles. I think about relationships based on honesty which fosters trust, integrity and a lasting work relationship. I think about respect, regard for the needs, feelings and beliefs of others’.

If you believe in our county values and customer service guiding principles and take it one step further and apply it to your employees as well, after all they too are county citizens. If you’re going to tell your employees that they are important and you really care about them, then please consider allowing those employees with ample sick leave on the books to donate it to fellow co-workers that need it. Thank you for allowing me to serve the citizens of Sedgwick County for 20 years and thanks again for this big, heavy glass clock without an alarm on it.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you, Thomas. Clerk, call the next item while the Chairman is coming up.”

APPOINTMENT

D. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOLAN PELLEY (COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE ARENA SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, we’ve prepared this resolution of appointment for Mr. Pelley to serve on this committee and I’d recommend that you adopt the resolution.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “And with us this morning and Mr. Pelley and Sedgwick County Clerk Don Brace, so we’ll administer the oath of this office.”

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, “Good morning, Dolan. Nice to see a friendly face up here with me once in a while. Please raise your right hand.

I, Dolan Pelley, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Arena Sales Tax Oversight Committee, so help me God.

Mr. Dolan Pelley, Member, Arena Sales Tax Oversight Committee, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Dolan, congratulations.”

Mr. Pelley said, “I really don’t have any comments. Thank you for the appointment and I’ll do my best to serve you well.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. We do have a comment from Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well Dolan, thank you for taking this appointment. You have served your community well for many, many years on many different boards and I appreciate very much what you’re doing and I’m sure you’ll make a good contribution to this tax oversight committee. Thank you.”

Mr. Pelley said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, well thank you very much. Congratulations and we look forward to your serving the citizens of our community and this committee has to deal with a lot of

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information so you've got your work cut out for you. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

- E. STATEMENT OF COSTS AND ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDE NOTICE THEREOF.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Joe Norton, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For your consideration this morning is the first step in the process of levying special assessments for two capital improvement projects which you've previously authorized, the cost of which will be spread 100% against properties benefited by those improvements.

Those improvements are Eberly Farm Office Park street improvements and Hedgecreek Estates street and drainage improvements. The Eberly Farm Office Park area is located approximately 135th Street West and 21st Street North. It has five parcels that are proposed to be assessed for this benefit district labeled lots one through five on the screen before you.

The Hedgecreek Estates subdivision is located approximately 45th Street North and 247th Street West. There are 30 lots within this proposed benefit district, two lots to be assessed for drainage only, which aren't on the streets, and the rest to be assessed for the street improvements. Public Works has prepared a statement of final costs for these improvements. Basically, the method of assessment on the Eberly Farm Office Park is a fractional basis, equal to the approximately the size of those diverse lots. The Hedgecreek Estates, again the street improvements divided by 30 lots . . . excuse me, 28 lots, the drainage improvement by 30 lots. The 28 platted lots have an assessment of approximately \$23,000, the two lots for drainage only about \$7,400.

The schedule of events, if you proceed this morning, is to today accept the costs and set October 24th as the date for public hearing in which these affected property owners may come and provide comments to you. At the conclusion of that hearing, you would consider a resolution levying these assessments. The property owners then have until November 26th to pay these amounts in cash or have them spread as special assessments over a period of years and financed by the county's General Obligation Bond issue done in early 2008.

The recommended action is to approve the statement of final costs, the assessment roll, the notice of public hearing, establish the 24th of October as the date and time for a public hearing and authorize the statutorily required notices to be given to these property owners. Jim Weber from Public Works

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is here to address questions about the projects you may have, or I can try to address questions you have on the process.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you Joe. That . . . on this particular project, the assessment is spread over each individual parcel and for how long do those assessments last?”

Mr. Norton said, “Fifteen years I believe.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Fifteen years. So that’s the typical assessment period.”

Mr. Norton said, “That’s is customary for the county’s public improvement projects.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, and these costs are pretty consistent with other improvements of this type?”

Mr. Norton said, “Jim could address that rather than I can. As you notice from the cost statement, the costs came in less than the petition and authorizing resolution, so the property owners should not be surprised at these amounts.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, very good. So this is pretty much standard business for us.”

Mr. Norton said, “That’s correct.”

Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Public Works, said, “I think, just to briefly comment on that, the Eberly Farms, the lots are pretty large, that’s a pretty large assessment if you had an urban sized lot, but these are two or three acres, so that’s a large assessment, but it is typical for that lot size, and Eberly Farms is an office park. The user right there is the Wichita Clinic’s Eberly Farms office and again, those are large lots. They’re urban style lots, but they’re significant, but those lots are large.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Well just substantiate the fact that no one should be surprised or think that these are out of the ordinary or untypical for this type of action.”

Mr. Norton said, “Right, these projects were initiated by petition of the affected property owners.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve Statement of Costs, Assessment Roll, and

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Notice of Public Hearing; establish October 24, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. as the date and time for a public hearing; and authorize a notice of such public hearing to be published and mailed as required by law.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. A FORGIVABLE LOAN AND PROMISSORY NOTE ZTM, INC. OF WICHITA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES.

Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Sr., Economic Developer, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The company ZTM, Incorporated is a manufacturer of large, complex precision machine parts and their facility is located at southeast Wichita. The company began operation here in Wichita in 1996. ZTM mills close-tolerance component aircraft parts in support of Wichita's major aircraft manufacturers. ZTM also performs tooling and prototype work for the aircraft industry. ZTM utilizes sophisticated computer-controlled equipment for their precise milling work.

ZTM has assembled an impressive and efficient array of equipment, including three-axis and four-axis machines. ZTM is planning an expansion of its facility, to include acquisition of new manufacturing equipment in the amount of \$2,000,000. The Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition, with Kim Yonkers in attendance as well today, initiated this process in assistance and expansion that includes new employees over the next five years. GWEDC has coordinated the development of an incentives package with Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita and The State of Kansas.

The recommended action is to approve the forgivable loan and authorize the chairman to sign. I'd entertain any questions at this time."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Sherdeill. The loan amount on this forgivable loan is

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...?”

Mr. Breathett said, “\$12,500.”

Chairman Unruh said, “And the term is . . .?”

Mr. Breathett said, “Five years.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Is this sort of an economic development incentive lends itself to cost/ benefit analysis? I mean, do we know what that is?”

Mr. Breathett said, “Yes, it does. We’ve done the cost/ benefit analysis and it came out very positive and great return.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. We have a question from Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And if by August of 2012 they don’t have 40 employees, that loan is paid back then?”

Mr. Breathett said, “That is correct. What we do is an annual compliance to the facility to ensure that they are keeping compliance, because they have a ramp-up each year, the number of employees that they’ll bring in, that they’ve exceeded, that they’ve been pretty much on top of things thus far.”

Commissioner Parks said, “If I’m not mistaken, the VPS has a business expo on them. I really enjoyed seeing the ground floor and building of this business. I think it’s important for our small business to be supported in our community.”

Mr. Breathett said, “I totally agree. Bret Julius, who is the president and CEO is in attendance and if you’d like to ask him any questions, I’m sure they’d be happy to respond.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, commissioners, are there any questions? All right. Is there anything you’d like to say this morning? All right, very good. Seeing no other questions, commissioners, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Forgivable Loan Agreement and Promissory Note and authorize the Chairman to sign; and authorize the intra-fund transfer of budget

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authority.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE ACHIEVE INITIATIVE, TO PREVENT CHRONIC DISEASES AND RELATED RISK FACTORS.

Ms. Blackburn said, “Before you is a grant application from the Sedgwick County Health Department to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for participation in the Achieve Initiative. This initiative is designed to bring local leaders and stakeholders together to build healthier communities by changing policies to promote a healthier environment and culture.

The Achieve Initiative will build on the work of the Health and Wellness Coalition, which is focused on promoting physical activity and improving nutrition in the Wichita area and also on the Visioning Wichita Healthcare Alliance goals related to improving health and thus the quality of life in the Wichita area.

The application is for \$80,000 and includes \$40,000 for our partner the YMCA. And I’d like to acknowledge Dennis Schoenebeck, the YMCA’s general executive who is in the audience. Many of you know him. His picture is in the paper all the time. The YMCA, under Dennis’ leadership, convened the Health and Wellness Coalition about four years ago. The Achieve Grant must be awarded to a local health department. The funding is from the CDC and will be passed through the

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state to the local health department if our grant application is accepted.

One of the goals of the initiative is to bring YMCAs and local health departments together throughout the nation. And fortunately for us, we already have a very strong relationship with our local Y, so this funding can be used to take us to the next level, because we already have a Health and Wellness Coalition, which is really what this funding will do in other communities. We'll be able to further strengthen the community team that can promote environmental policy change.

The funding will pay for training for Sedgwick County Health Department and YMCA staff and training of a community leadership team. Following the training, the combined group of staff and leaders will create a community action plan and the funding will support the implementation of at least one environmental strategy.

There is no match required. Funding would be for calendar year 2008 and I recommend you approve this grant application and authorize the chair to sign the agreement and related documents and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Claudia. That's a pretty thorough explanation I think, and this particular grant will help us achieve our goal in the Health Department of prevention and surveillance so, no matching funds required. Is this a project or some of these programs, have they been used in other communities or is this just an expansion of what we're doing?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "This will help us build on what we're doing. Some communities have Steps To A Healthier U.S. grant, which has allowed them to spend a lot more money on some of the things that I just mentioned. This is for communities that don't have that funding, so this will help us work together as a team to do things . . . I don't know what the strategy will be that the team chooses, but it could be working on bike trails, it could be coming up with codes for grocery stores so that people can easily make healthier choices when they grocery shop. That will be what the team determines."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you, that's helpful. Commissioners, are there any other comments, questions?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I know we've had a good rapport with the YMCAs for a lot of years, but the YMCAs have really carved out a great niche in our communities, because not only are they a gathering center that's taken on the role of almost community centers and provide recreation for our communities, but also are large childcare providers, working with families to provide childcare and also wellness. And those four tenants really, tied with public health, really serve a great place in our community and I congratulate Dennis for continuing to push the envelope on

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building new facilities, serving new parts of the community and collaborating. You know, very easily, the Ys could just be silos and continue to do their work inwardly, but they do their work outwardly and connecting with public health is a good place to do that, so I think it's a great . . . I'm going to be supportive. I think it's a great collaboration. That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Well I don't see any other requests to speak, but I have a question of Mr. Euson. Since there are only three of us here, can we go ahead and call the vote on this item?"

Mr. Euson said, "You do not have a quorum and need to wait for Commissioner Welshimer."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, well we will wait for just a moment then."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well Dennis is here, we might as well take this time to give him a shot at the podium. Dennis, I know you're not going to pass up a shot to be on television and hawk the Y a little bit."

Mr. Dennis Schoenebeck, General Executive, Greater Wichita YMCA, said, "Well, this is a fun project for us, you know, we're able to be on the front end of this, to address what is really a crisis, a health crisis in the United States, if most of you have followed it with the obesity issue and all the related lifestyle, you know, problems that go along with it. So there isn't any one organization that's going to solve it, as Mr. Norton said, it's a team effort and we're happy to be a part of that. So as Claudia mentioned, I think this allows us to take this Health and Wellness Coalition, which we have a great team effort already in place and people are working together and now implement some programs that really impact people's lives."

Chairman Unruh said, "And this program will be focused . . . I mean, the gains we'll make will be in changing behavior. Is that . . .?"

Mr. Schoenebeck said, "That is correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Well, every time that I've tried to look into this issue, and think about how we can be involved in it, it seems like they issue that is paramount to me is that behavior will change is what's going to make us a more healthy nation. We have the science that's available to deal with specific disease and specific illness, but if we can be involved in programs that cause us to do better and be better, well that's how we'll win it seems to me."

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Mr. Schoenebeck said, “And start them at a young age.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Yes, that’s true. Well thank you for being here. Have another comment from Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I’m not going to let Dennis off the hook that easy. I mean, we’ve got time here. We’re waiting for the vote. Tell us a little bit about the new Farha Sport Center down south that’s opened up. I mean, that’s a great add-on to the south Y that just opened up recently.”

Mr. Schoenebeck said, “Sure. We did two additions to the south branch, which by the way the county was very supportive in that facility. It was built and opened in 1999. That facility has around 22,000 members that participate, which far exceeds what we expected. June, we opened up an ultra-waterpark, which had over 30,000 visitors this summer and then last week, we opened up the Farha Sports Center, which is a 55,000 square foot facility, the first of its kind in the country for any YMCA. And it is an eight-gym setup. It’s dedicated just for programs, primarily basketball, indoor soccer and volleyball. It’s a great opportunity in this community. The demand for basketball is great. At the Y, we have to rent 20 gyms just to serve our basketball program, so it was an opportunity for us to have some space and develop some new programming.

We’re excited, the five-on-five soccer for example is very popular in the United States. It’s the only recognized indoor Olympic soccer sport and we don’t offer it here, so when we get into healthy lifestyles, part of this actually came from the whole Visioneering, in that it stated that we needed to have these kind of facilities and addressing the issue of obesity and healthy lifestyles, we felt one of the things we could do is provide these kinds of opportunities. Once kids are active, keep them active. It’s a lot easier to do that than to get people that haven’t been active to start when they’re 50 years of age and they’ve identified some problems. So it is a great venue. It’s the nicest sports venue for youth, really in the tri-state area. It’s beautiful and I think it represents the community really well, so thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you very much. Commissioners, I think we’re ready for a motion on agenda item G.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement and any related documents.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. AGREEMENT WITH DR. RON DISTEFANO TO PROVIDE FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES.

Dr. Jaime Oeberst, Deputy Coroner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The center currently has an open position for a forensic pathologist that we have been utilizing part-time pathologists who come in from Oregon to cover some of the caseload at the forensic science center. We’ve identified a pathologist in Oklahoma, Dr. Distefano, who because of his geographic proximity will give us a little more flexibility and a small amount of redundancy with our current coverage until the position is filled.

Dr. Distefano is a board-certified forensic pathologist with almost 20-years experience. He recently retired as a deputy chief medical examiner from the State of Oklahoma and the position would essentially be revenue neutral and would be covered by salary savings from the current open position, so I would request that you authorize the chairman . . . to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you doctor. We have a couple of folks who want to speak and I think Commissioner Parks was first.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I don’t have any problem with Dr. Distefano, but it’s kind of a related thing with the position that’s open there. The number of counties you serve and service for, the kinds of things that Dr. Distefano is what, 34?”

Dr. Oeberst said, “It varies from, depending on the year, we get . . . we may get referrals from some of the smaller counties, you know, not every year, it’s been approximately 40, yeah so 35 to

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40.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And are we charging those counties to cover our costs and make sure that those costs are covered?”

Dr. Oeberst said, “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay, thank you.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well if we’re having a difficult time finding a forensic pathologist, that must mean we have a shortage or it’s not that easy to do. Is that correct?”

Dr. Oeberst said, “Both actually. There is a national shortage of forensic pathologists, board certified pathologists and there are currently, last time I checked, the National Association of Medical Examiners’ website there’s approximately 20 open positions in the United States and there’s just not as many people going into forensic pathology and pursuing it as a specialty, so we are competing with 20 other offices for a very small pool of physicians, so it’s a challenge to find an appropriate candidate for the position.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well I’m sure then that this makes a heavy workload over there, so I appreciate what you’re doing to keep up and we’re very proud of that department.”

Dr. Oeberst said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “So this does not necessarily build us excess capacity. It just helps us stay up with the workload that we have and accomplishes that with a little bit more reliance on availability and keeps us within our budget.”

Dr. Oeberst said, “Yes it does. It gives us, because he is a little closer geographically, it gives us a little more flexibility as far as getting me some coverage in the office, as opposed to larger blocks of time which is what we’re doing with the current pathologist. We can split them up and spread them out a little more evenly throughout the month, so it just gives us a little more flexibility should there be some immediate need, he would be within a couple of hours and could get here. So again, a little

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flexibility, a little more redundancy.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, very good. Well I appreciate the fact that you are analyzing our situation and planning ahead so that we have the coverage we need for the counties and the communities that we serve, so appreciate that forward-thinking planning. Commissioners, are there any other comments or questions?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Dr. Oeberst, thank you. We’re ready for the next item.”

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, I would remind you, I think you have an off agenda item that you need to take, as it affects the consent agenda item, so I would ask you to take the off agenda item at this time.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to consider an off agenda item.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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Chairman Unruh said, “We have a motion and a second to take an off agenda item and this is . . . this off agenda item is to add a notice for post-annexation hearing to the consent agenda and is for an annexation that happened in Park City and we have a comment from Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “This has no impact on the hearing It’s just some logistics to set the hearing, so I wanted the people that are involved in that to know that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “We have a motion and a second before us to add this item to the consent agenda. Madam Clerk, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “And now we’re ready to call the consent agenda as it’s been amended.”

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Second Quarter 2007 Range Reallocations (12).**
- 2. Cereal Malt Beverage License for Kwik Shop, Inc. #706.**
- 3. Schedule a post annexation public hearing on December 12, 2007 (City of Mt. Hope).**
- 4. Nature of public hearing for October 17, 2007 to receive comments regarding Sedgwick County Housing Authority’s 2008 Annual Plan.**
- 5. Payroll check register for September 21, 2007.**
- 6. Order dated October 3, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of October 3 – October 9, 2007.**
- 8. Schedule a post annexation public hearing on October 10, 2007.**

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Mr. Holt said, “You have the consent agenda item before you and would ask that you take the recommended action is to approve the consent agenda as presented and I would just remind you that there is only 82 more days remaining until the arena sales tax ends.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any comment or question? What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and presented.

Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, “Is there any discussion? We’ve been a little awkward here getting this done, but I think we accomplished what we needed to do, so I see no other requests to speak, so Madam Clerk call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, we’ve come to the end of our agenda and there’s no fire agenda called and we do not have an executive session so now is an appropriate time for other comments and Commissioner Parks.”

J. OTHER

Commissioner Parks said, “Just want to remind everybody about the circus that’s coming to the Coliseum, the 25th through the 28th. I’m sure there will be a circus walk and I’m pleased to not be a part of that this year. That’s a real safety concern, so if you’re going out to see the circus walk,

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make sure you don't park in precarious places.

On another note, in talking with Troy in Finance about a travel policy, I think we need to bring that up at a staff meeting or this meeting. In defining some terms, I did find a couple of typos that make a real difference in the travel policy. And I know that you, as a commission, reviewed that last year in 2006. However, I think there may be some necessity to get back into the meat of that policy and take a look at that.

On a third and final note, the sick leave that Tom BeauChesne brought up, I think that needs to be back on the table also. I think we really need to look at that for the employees and I know I left almost 100 days at Valley Center when I left and that would have been nice to have, set that over for some people that had some problems up there. And a lot of places are doing that and I know we can't always compete with the private sector, but I think this would encourage people that are marginally sick that are in those dependent positions like that to come in and the dedication they've shown, I think, can be transferred over to another employee that we may value and have for a long-term employee also. I just think that needs to be brought to the table at some time in the future also. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Mr. Holt, will we be able to . . . will we be ready, prepared to discuss these two issues at our next staff meeting?"

Mr. Holt said, "I think we could do that next Tuesday, yes sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, if you want to plan on that, we will do it. Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well last Friday W.S.U. dedicated their new campus in Derby and President Biggs of W.S.U. was our speaker for Derby Rotary. I attended the dedication, new building, classes aren't operating yet, they will be soon and that was another good thing to advance the community of Derby.

This afternoon, I'm meeting with Councilman Skelton to discuss how we can work together and in what capacities to restore senior services and other services to the Plainview community and then too I'm still working on alternatives to the jail population."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Don't even have to put my light on? Well I've only got one thing and that's arena parking. Once again, I said that we would comment and report. We were closed

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Monday, so Commissioner Winters and I didn't get to meet, but I've been doing some work. Ron Holt has forwarded me some information from the parking studies that have been done in Kansas City with the Sprint Center. They've done some pretty dramatic studies to try to figure out what kind of parking they have around the Sprint Center, how it will serve the community, what the walk times are and will they develop into more of an urban model in their parking philosophy. So we continue to try to analyze what other people are doing. It's interesting that they're going to open with Elton John and now they're certainly worried about where people will park, what the walk times will be, what the pricing will be and I think we'll continue to follow that. Hopefully, Ron will continue to follow that and get us information on how it's working because that arena will open, you know, several years before ours will and we can, hopefully can learn some things from the way they've managed their parking and the difficulties they may have as they open up and have events there, so that's my report. It's not as much of a report as we've given in the past. We will be meeting with the city, October 17th I believe, and really start some dialogue about what the city would like to see downtown in parking too, so that's my report."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Just in reply to one thing that Commissioner Norton brought up. The doors were actually locked on Monday but there were a lot of employees working here and I would like to thank those employees for doing the in-service and I was certainly here and it helped me out to get some things caught up also and just wanted to acknowledge those employees that did come in and work on Monday. Thanks."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you commissioner. Well my comments have to do with Belaire Days Fall Fling this Saturday. It's their fall festival and a lot of activities going on Saturday, starting with a pancake breakfast at 7:00 and they've got inflatable things out there for the kids. A fishing clinic is going to be over at Eagle Lake, that's a change from the Great Plains Nature Center, so if somebody wants to go to the fishing clinic. Parade at 11:00 and they're going to have a Dutch oven cook-off later in the day, so a lot of activities in Belaire for those of you that are interested in that.

And then secondly, I'd just remark that I had the opportunity to be with some of the dentists who provide care for the Sedgwick County Health Department's Children's Dental Clinic. Had a little dinner for them last Thursday to honor them for their service to our community and there's about 33 to 35 dentists who meet with about 600 new children each year and in 2006 they counted up, they

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provide 8,349 procedures, so that's just a lot of help for the children of our community who have no other way to access dental health. So we really want to thank those dentists for their input and thank the other partners. Our children's dental clinic is really a good example of what we place a high priority on here at Sedgwick County and that's partnerships: so the private community, with the dentists helping us; the school district with the school nurses who make referrals; Wichita State University who helped provide a rotation through their hygiene program, they provide nurses for that; and then Sedgwick County, we provide the facilities and some of the structure. So it's a great partnership, great service to our community and we really want to express our appreciation to those dentists who give their time. It was a good event and I think they enjoyed the dinner.

But that's the extent of my comment and commissioners, if there's nothing else, Mr. Holt, Mr. Euson? We are adjourned."

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

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