

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 3, 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, , 2007 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; Ms. Sheena Lynch, Senior Project Assistant, Human Resources; Fire Marshal Tim Millspaugh, Fire District #1; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disabilities Organization; Ms. Carlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Marty Hughes, Grant Manager, Finance; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Joe Thomas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. Kevin Myles, Fleet Director, Fleet Management; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Mary Ann Fox, Promise Coordinator, Susan B. Komen For the Cure Breast Cancer Foundation.
Mr. Justin Lewis, Boy Scout Troop 281.
Lieutenant T. K. Bridges, Supervisor, Internet Crimes Against Children, Missing Children's Unit;

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Greg Brandvold of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Derby.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

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DONATION

A. DONATION FROM GOETZE DENTAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300 FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CHILDRENS DENTAL CLINIC.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Each year Goetze Dental, which is a dental business that is over 123 years old, it's family owned, provides a cash donation to the Sedgwick County Children's Dental Clinic. This cash donation is used to purchased small gifts of appreciation for our volunteer dentists. We have 33 volunteer dentists who provide \$100,000 in free services and time at our dental clinic to our uninsured, low-income children in the community.

The gifts are presented during an annual volunteer dinner. And I believe Commissioner Unruh will be there tomorrow night to recognize the dentists at the annual dinner. The dentists really make a big difference in the lives of our children. In fact, we had a child not too long ago who came in with an extra tooth between her two front teeth and I just got back from the orthodontist with my daughter this morning, so I'm into teeth, and she was so embarrassed by the way it looked, she concealed her smile all the time and the dentists were able to extract the tooth and the two teeth moved together and next time she came into the clinic she was all smiles, so they really do make a difference in the lives of children and I recommend that you accept the donation and authorize the Chair to sign the thank you letter."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Before I call the vote, just want to express thanks for this. Some information I saw indicated that we performed over 8,000 procedures for children in 2006, and that's a substantial amount of service to those folks who need it, so this is a great assist in continuing to provide that, so we want to make sure and express our thanks."

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Ms. Blackburn said, “And I’d also like to express our thanks to you for allowing us to upgrade the dental hygienist position from part-time to permanent part-time. That really helps us to keep staff and to do a better job at the dental clinic.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you. Madam Clerk, please call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “We have a comment from Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Just a question. Do we have minutes from the last meeting?”

Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk, said, “That was September 13th, when we were gone.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Oh, I see, okay, all right.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. We’re ready to go forward. Thank you Claudia. Okay, next item please.”

PROCLAMATIONS

B. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 5, 2007 AS “BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY.”

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

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 40 and 59; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 it is estimated that 178,840 women and 2,030 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the majority of breast cancers occur in women without any family history of the disease; and

WHEREAS, approximately 77% of breast cancer occurs in women age 50 and older; and

WHEREAS, early detection is the key to survival and a greater quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas and Sedgwick county are committed to the eradication of this disease, support the treatment of citizens who suffer from it, and encourage private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2007 as:

‘Breast Cancer Awareness Day’

in Sedgwick County to enhance the understanding of breast cancer and to encourage voluntary activities to support education programs and research funding programs to find a cure for it.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt the Proclamation.

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	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "And we have a representative from the Komen Foundation here."

Ms. Mary Ann Fox, the Promise Coordinator Susan B. Komen For the Cure Breast Cancer Foundation, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I handle all education and grants, so forth. We want to thank all of you for your support and everything that you've done. We've had the recent race recently. Due to the recent decline in mammograms we want to continue to go forward and continue to educate women as to their chances of getting this disease."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well we thank you for being here and we're very happy to be supportive of this. The Race For the Cure as Saturday, right?"

Ms. Fox said, "Right."

Chairman Unruh said, "Had, was there 7,000?"

Ms. Fox said, "A little over 7,000. We're actually still compiling numbers and donations are still coming in from the race."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, it's a huge event and a lot of excitement and fun to help promote awareness of breast cancer and to encourage people to early detection."

Ms. Fox said, "Yes, and we did make a difference at this race. We have found that in the previous years that women were still walking away and not really sure what the race was about. We had an education tent this year and I was in charge of that. It was never empty, the line was always wrapping around the race site, so women are definitely thirsty for that education and so we want to thank you guys for continuing to support us in that."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, well thank you very much for being here."

Ms. Fox said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Madam Clerk, next item."

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 7 – 13, 2007 AS “FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.”

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires kill 3,000 people annually in the United States- roughly eight people every day; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Fire Prevention Week theme, ‘It’s Fire Prevention Week- Practice Your Escape Plan!’ effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2007 as

‘FIRE PREVENTION WEEK’

and urge all residents of Sedgwick County to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2007, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our local fire and emergency services.

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

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Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “And Tim Millspaugh, Sedgwick County Fire Marshal, is here to receive the proclamation.”

Fire Marshal Tim Millspaugh, Sedgwick County Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As you know, we do this every year. We have a lot of activities during Fire Prevention Week. The big capping event is October 9th at the Sedgwick County Zoo. We have over 2,000 5th grade children, teachers and some adults come to that event. We have a number of trucks, including Haz Mat and Rescue, anything we can think of to put out there that kids can learn about the fire service and fire prevention is out there. We’re doing demonstrations, such as rappelling from 100 feet in the air, so many interesting things so we’d like to invite all the commissioners to come out if they could fit it into their schedule.

Also during the month of October our annual school inspections that the company crews will be doing. They will be in every school within the fire district, of which I think we’re well over 50 to 60 schools now and growing every year, but they will be doing fire drills in the schools. They will be doing kindergarten demonstrations, where they let the kindergarteners maybe squirt water, put on the gear. It’s a week and then a month full of activities related to fire prevention and thank you for this proclamation.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, we’re very pleased to do that. We have a comment here from Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well thank you Mr. Chairman. Just wanted to again express our appreciation for the work that the fire prevention folks do and to share with commissioners. We’ve had a couple of new commissioners, just to share a story that happened out in Goddard, Kansas in

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the mid-90s. I had not been a commissioner long and our fire prevention folks had been in a Goddard school talking to children and one of the things they'd talked about was make a plan for how to evacuate a home. And just within a few weeks after that presentation by our fire prevention folks, the family home did catch on fire and all five of the people were able to get out of the residence and those children had gone home and insisted that they make a plan and you know, if you ever wonder if fire prevention is effective, I think that's a story that we should chisel in stone some place in our fire prevention education office, because I think it's very good and I really do appreciate, as all of us do, appreciate the work fire prevention folks do so thank you all."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you commissioner and I guess we all can learn from those success stories how important this is, so thank you Tim for being here and we're very happy to be supportive. Madam Clerk, next item please."

**3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2007 AS
"COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH."**

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, community planning can help manage change in a way that provides better choices for how people live, learn, work and play; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community;

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America, as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of elected community officials, appointed members of planning commissions, professional staff and citizens at large who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of Sedgwick County.

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

‘COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH’

in Sedgwick County in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

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	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

Mr. John Schegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the staff of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department I’d like to thank you for doing this proclamation today. I think it’s very important that we take this opportunity to provide public recognition for all the active citizen volunteers in the community that help those of us that do get paid to do this to put these community plans together.

These include the people that you appoint to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission that serves Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita, as well as the many other folks throughout Sedgwick County that serve on planning commissions in their individual communities. In addition, we find that in doing community planning that we engage many other citizens volunteers that give

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freely of their time and talent, out of a concern for the future of their individual communities, in order to make this a better place to live, work and play. So I thank you very much again for providing this opportunity to provide recognition for people that often don't get much recognition and sometimes even wind up taking quite a bit of abuse for their efforts. Again, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you, John. Your remarks were well said and we're very pleased to make the proclamation and indicate our support. One of the things that I learned, a big lesson as I came on the commission a few years ago, is how much effort and planning, advanced planning and consideration goes into these things from community development and from planning our roads and bridges and all the things that make for a good community. As a citizen who was just at work, doing his . . . carrying on his own business and not thinking much about, you know, you think 'well, it's just big bureaucracy up there and they're just doing things and not much to it' but it's very complicated, detailed process and the way that we do it here were we involve different governments and different planning organizations and community citizens. It's a good way to make process, it's very inclusive and so we're proud of the work that you do. We have another comment here from Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I just wanted to kind of reiterate some of the sentiment that the other commissioners have given and you've given also. I do know that Valley Center for instance is going through a comprehensive plan with their local board and they are unpaid volunteers and like to thank them. And those decisions that they make and things that they do, day in and day out, and they're having like four meetings a month to get their comprehensive plan done. There's a lot of homework that goes into that and they are unpaid and those are important decisions that the governing bodies really need to listen to and really need to . . . since they've had all their involvement and their hours in it, that they need to embrace the idea that the professionals and the people that are there doing their job aren't just doing it for logistics, you know, it's for a reason, so I'd like to thank them for that. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you commissioner. John, thanks again. Before we call the next item, I want to recognize the presence of a Boy Scout who is in our meeting today from Troop 281, I understand, Justin Lewis working on your Citizenship in the Community and Citizenship in the Nation merit badges. And so we're proud to welcome you here today and what . . . does your troop have any other name or identification, besides Troop 281?"

Mr. Justin Lewis, Boy Scout, Troop 281, said, "We are the White Buffalo district. Other than that, no."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Well, we welcome you here. We're always glad when young

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folks take the time to learn about government, so appreciate your presence. Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

AWARDS

C. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

CULTURAL/DIVERSITY AWARENESS CERTIFICATES

JANE CARROLL	APPRAISER
MICHAEL CAVANAUGH	CORRECTIONS
DONNA HAWZIPTA	REGISTER OF DEEDS
RUS HODGES	HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MICHELLE MEYER	CORRECTIONS
JOHN VALKO	CORRECTIONS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

VIRGINIA BERG	TAG OFFICE
MICHAEL CAVANAUGH	CORRECTIONS
RUS HODGES	HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MICHELLE MEYER	CORRECTIONS

SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

RUS HODGES	HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Ms. Sheena Lynch, Senior Project Assistant, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Could I have all those receiving certificates please join me on this side of the room. You have a small group today, but we are here to recognize these individuals for their hard work and dedication to their professional development.

Each of these certificates have a number of required classes, as well as elective hours and this can be a lengthy process, depending on availability of classes as well as their schedules. I would like to thank you for the support of this program and thank their supervisors and managers for allowing them time away from the office to pursue these certificates.

The first group of certificates is the Diversity/ Cultural Awareness and our first recipient is Jane Carroll of the Appraisers Office; Michael Cavanaugh with the Department of Corrections; Donna Hawzipta with the Register of Deeds; Rus Hodges with the Health Department; Michelle Meyer with the Department of Corrections, she’s not here today; and John Valko with the Department of

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Corrections and I know he's not going to be here today either.

The second group is the Professional Development certificates and the first recipient is Virginia Berg with the Tag Office; Michael Cavanaugh with the Department of Corrections; Rus Hodges with the Health Department; and Michelle Meyers who is not here today.

And finally, Rus Hodges is also receiving the Supervisory/ Development certificates. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well let's congratulate them. We do want to express appreciation for the extra effort from these individuals to continue to improve themselves and their ability to provide good government for Sedgwick County and I know this takes an additional commitment on your part beyond the duties of your work so we want to thank you and thank your supervisors, as Sheena has said but I think this is an important process and one not to be ignored if we're going to continue to be the best that we can be, so we appreciate your efforts in helping to make us better. We have another comment from Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I congratulate you for ongoing and continuing education. It just makes us a smarter county operation. I talk a lot about the intellectual capital that all of you bring to our organization and that just makes us smarter at doing our business and I particularly like to congratulate Rus for hitting the trifecta. You got in on all three of them, Rus. That's a great commitment to you and your organization, so thanks a lot.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I also appreciate your dedication and thank you very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you commissioner. All right, Madam Clerk, we're ready for the next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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D. ADJUSTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM STAFFING TABLE FOR A FULL TIME REGISTERED DIETICIAN POSITION, B321.

Ms. Blackburn said, "Last week you approved the WIC agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for about 1.5 million dollars, which was an increase of about 71,000 from the previous year. Our WIC caseload is consistently 2,000 patients above what our approved or assigned caseload is and of course we get permission to serve over our assigned caseload.

With the new money, we are requesting a reclassification of a part-time registered dietician to a full-time registered dietician. The main reason for this is that our waiting period right now for new patients at our two satellite clinics or outlying clinics, Colvin and Stanley, is about three weeks, which is about twice the amount of time it takes to get in at the main clinic on East 9th and we'd like to kind of level the playing field. So the cost of this reclassification is \$31,720 for the duration of the grant, which began October 1. I recommend you approve this reclass and authorize the Chair to sign any associated documents and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Claudia. I had one question about the caseload numbers that we are already serving more of a caseload, a higher caseload number than what this agreement requires us to serve. Is that correct?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, well how do we get the funding up to match the caseload we have?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Well we did get some additional funding and we do what we can. We try to keep up with the demand as much as possible and as long as there's money in the state that they can reallocate to Sedgwick County, we tend to get the funds that we need to be able to serve the patients."

Chairman Unruh said, "And the demand for these services, we have individuals seeking the services. We don't have to go out and recruit and find folks?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "That's been our experience. Word of mouth works pretty well and we do do some . . . I mean, we do outreach and education, but we don't seem to have a problem getting clients."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "And give us that number, Claudia. I insist on that number almost every time we talk about WIC because I don't think the community always understands how many people are in this program."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Fifteen thousand, nine hundred clients."

Commissioner Norton said, "And we're really authorized for about 14,000, is that correct?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "Describe the program just a little bit. It is a USDA program that we administer locally."

Ms. Blackburn said, "The USDA funds come through the State Health Department to local health departments and we provide nutrition, screening, education, and food vouchers so that, depending on whether it's a pregnant woman or a just delivered mom or a baby, we serve children up to the age of five and they receive various vouchers for food that they can then cash in at local vendors and it brings quite a bit, and I don't have that figure and I apologize, but it brings quite a bit of money, over a million dollars easily into the economy every year."

Commissioner Norton said, "So WIC put together with Smart Start and Healthwave, takes care of children from prenatal to age five, is that correct?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Are there any other questions, commissioners? What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the adjustment to the Health Department's

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Staffing Table.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICE- COMARE

E. COMCARE.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH THE WICHITA CENTER FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – WICHITA FOR A PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT PROGRAM AT COMCARE.**

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a renewal of an agreement that we have with the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education or WCGME is what we call it for short. The agreement provides reimbursement to WCGME for one full-time equivalent of third-year psychiatry residents. This year, we actually have four residents. Some years, we have five and other, just depending on how many are in that third-year program.

We’re fortunate to have a quality medical school in Wichita and this agreement has provided a great benefit to COMCARE because it allows us to get medical provider services at a very low cost. It allows us to get to know the psychiatrists that are going to be graduating in a year and it allows them to understand our system of care for those that we don’t hire, that they’re aware of

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COMCARE and the services we offer, especially those who stay in the community. A majority of our psychiatrists, I think all but one, have come from this program so we are recommending that you approve the agreement.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you Marilyn. Commissioners, is there any comment or question? Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It’s more of a general comment. We have a lot of places where we attach to the medical school. Psychiatric care through COMCARE is just one of them, but the residents program serve safety net clinics, they serve in the emergency rooms, as they learn their craft and move out into the community as full-fledged doctors, they supply a lot of medical care and psychiatric care to our community. And just a comment, we know that our medical school here has been deficient in some funding from the state and this is a chance for us to talk about how important this medical school is to our community, not only for creating doctors of several protocols that serve not only Wichita, but western Kansas, the lion’s share of it, but also provides the ability to train folks right here in our community that are going to stay and live among us, and while they’re here, provide some services as residents, so very important program and it’s going to be in the community dialogue to make sure we continue to support graduate medical residencies and training programs in our community at the highest level. Just kind of a little add on to what Marilyn was doing.”

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item please.”

2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS THAT ALLOWS MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS TO BILL MEDICAID THROUGH COMCARE.

Ms. Cook said, "Commissioners, this is a renewal of our affiliation agreement with Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas. It's been in place for many, many years. The primary purpose of affiliation agreements are to provide mechanisms for our affiliates to be able to bill Medicaid through COMCARE.

MHA has agreed again, we always agree what the scope of services will be when we are putting these contracts together, they've agreed to provide a wide array of services again, such as case management, attendant care, parent support and they're the only ones in town that do that for us, and psycho-social rehabilitation, individual and group services and they added a new service and that's peer support. These are individuals who have mental illnesses themselves, they identify themselves as peers and there is new funding under the new Medicaid state plan for that service.

The agreement, which is lengthy, outlines the referral process, the documentation requirements, the service definitions, anticipated outcomes and provider qualification for providing each of those services. We're recommending that you approve the agreement."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. And without this agreement, they have not the capability on their own to make this billing."

Ms. Cook said, "Correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, but we do exercise some oversight over their activities. You mentioned they have outcome measurements and so forth."

Ms. Cook said, "Yes, they turn in quarterly reports to us. We make two site visits a year to look at their actual documentation. As of two years ago, they actually, along with our other affiliates, transfer electronic documentation or progress notes on each of these services so that we have an integrated record. And the referral process are monitored, so there's tremendous oversight actually."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well very good. I know the Mental Health Association is a good organization and last Saturday my wife was selling candy through Cero's somewhere to help support their efforts, so fully supportive of this. Commissioners, any other comment? What's the

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will of the board?”

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	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- CDDO

F. CDDO.

1. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES.

Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, Community Developmental Disability Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, “For your consideration this morning, we do have our annual contract with the State of Kansas, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. This is a very similar agreement to the one that you see each and every year. In this case, it’s only a nine-month agreement. You may recall that we had to extend last year’s agreement while we completed negotiations with the state.

New to this year’s agreement, I’m pleased to report to you that our work with the Kansas Legislature and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services has led to the ability to increase reimbursement rates this year and so we’re quite pleased to be able to pass along that type

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of increase to our providers, who make these services possible.

I would also point out that this agreement has a discontinued payment of case management funds to us as the CDDO. Those dollars now will be paid directly to providers of case management services.

As you went through our budget process looking at 2008, you would have noticed a decrease in dollars that flow through our budget of about 4.4 million and that relates back to the fact that those dollars no longer need to come through us in order to get to our affiliated service providers.

A new allocation process for CDDO administration funds ensures that our function here as the administrative entity is fully funded through this contract and once again, I can assure you that no dollars that were allocated by the county budget process are utilized to fund the administrative portion of our local service system which is quite nice when we can pass along all of those dollars to our affiliated providers.

Those are the highpoints of the agreement. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have and ask that you approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS (51) WITH QUALIFIED PROVIDERS OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES.

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Chairman Unruh said, “The follow-up piece to the last agenda item is the agreements that we make with our local affiliates. In this case we have 51 for your consideration at this point in time and as we’ve discussed in the past, this is a gamut of services that are provided through these agreements. You’re probably very familiar by now with the residential services that take place in a person’s home to help assist a person through their disabilities. There are day-program activities, assistance with gaining and retaining employment, all the way to home modifications, wheelchair ramps, wheelchair modifications, van lift systems and that’s why, when you look at our list of affiliated providers, you will see some very familiar names and others which you might wonder why are they on this list. Our role as the Community Developmental Disability Organization is to make sure that there is an adequate system of supports for people with qualifying developmental disabilities and we find that in Sedgwick County it means this many agreements and more each year to make sure that people have the service choices they require.

I would also point out that through the course of the year, you and we talked quite a little bit about the problems with the system. We’ve talked about challenging behaviors, how we try to keep people out of the criminal justice system with developmental disabilities, try to meet their very significant behavioral needs at certain points in time. But at this time of the year, we get to point to the successes of our community service providers and their ability to take the dollars that are allocated through the contract with the State of Kansas and help people make that next step to obtain employment in the community to learn things that they would not have learned otherwise. A good number of families are surprised to learn that when their child reaches the age of graduation from high school that there’s not necessarily anything there to assist them in taking those progressive steps, if not for the service system that we oversee as you CDDO.

So in many cases, this is truly a life-saving system that we have in place that could not be made possible without our community service providers and I would request that you approve these agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you Colin. There are 51 agreements here that we’re entering into.”

Mr. McKenney said, “And my apologizes for all the signatures that may be required.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, that’s okay, no problem, I’m happy to do that. But how many individuals do we serve? Do you have a number on that?”

Mr. McKenney said, “Right now, there are roughly 2,100 individuals in Sedgwick County who are eligible for these services and to give you a little bit more detail, we have right around 1,500 receiving some service other than case management, that’s a day service, residential services, family support, which means providing a person in their home. So if you do the math, you realize

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that we have in excess of 600 people who aren't being served with one of those services in some fashion. And so we've got a little bit of work to do to make sure that everyone in our system has the supports they require."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. We have a couple of other questions. I think Commissioner Norton was first."

Commissioner Norton said, "Out of the 51, have you added some or subtracted some, just so we kind of know what the changing look is? Generally these are just kind of re-ups from the year before. Is there any significant changes?"

Mr. McKenney said, "We have lost two providers of case management who will not be continuing and that is largely related to the changes that have taken place at the state level and the differing requirements for documentation that was just too much of a hassle for them to continue in the service. One of our key residential providers, Zachary House, has since been acquired by Res-Care so while you see Zachary House on this agreement, their services with us actually ended at the end of September and Res-Care will take over service provision for both of those entities. And some of our other key providers have discontinued services for core populations. Again, you will see their agreements, but again due to this case management changes they've scaled back their level supports they're providing. So the list looks very similar but there have been changes through the course of the year."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks, Colin. That's all I have."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Colin, do we have many subs? I noticed in the contract that they could subcontract out with other agencies and services."

Mr. McKenney said, "It's still very rare. Recently we talked about the need to retain a temporary staffing agencies for these homes from an agency that could provide direct care to professionals in a pinch, when the agency cannot provide them themselves and their preference continues to be that they need to be responsible for these services, they need to figure out how to make it happen. We would subcontract maybe a couple of times a year."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay, thank you."

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Chairman

Unruh said,

“Thank you, commissioner. Any other questions? Madam Clerk, do we have a motion on this? What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

G. COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS TO FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICAL POSITION.

Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning, the Facilities Department is requesting authorization to make some adjustments to our compensation. Since the middle of 2005, the Facilities Maintenance has had difficulty filling our HVAC positions. We’ve had three positions and have had five individuals fill those positions and leave shortly after gaining experience with the county. They’ve left within three to six months. This creates a backlog of deferred maintenance and forces us to rely on outside vendors who charge more and are less efficient in serving our systems.

In order to correct this problem, we worked with human resources to conduct a market study of the positions and agree that we needed the ability to hire those positions at or near the mid-point of the

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salary range, approximately 37,000 to 39,000. Additionally, by doing that we would create some unintended salary compression among other positions in the department. Therefore, our request this morning is to advertise and hire two open HVAC technical positions at a range between 37,200 and 39,763 per year; adjust the compensation of the one filled HVAC technical position who has been with the county for three months to the mid-point of 39,760; adjust the senior trade specialist from 37,296 to 43,000; adjust the technical team leader from 40,094 to 45,500; adjust the jail team leader from 40,094 to 45,500; advertise and hire the open project administrator position at a range between 50,350 and 53,045; adjust the building services manager from 48,011 to 51,000; and adjust the facilities maintenance manager from 52,259 to 54,000.

The cost of doing that for the remainder of 2007 is 17,158. The cost in 2008 would be . . . is 58,379. We have the money in salary savings to do that. These adjustments we feel will allow us to remain competitive in the marketplace and hire qualified individuals to provide quality services for the county and most importantly, to retain those individuals. I would recommend you approve the recommended action and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Charlene. Have we been struggling with this issue for some time?"

Ms. Stevens said, "We have been struggling with this issue for some time, since 2005. We've just had difficulty filling those positions and keeping those filled. I mean, we've been able to hire good people, but once they get experience, they leave us to go to another employer. In some cases . . . the example I can give you is one individual, we hired them at the former range, which is about \$14 an hour. In three to six months, they were able to leave and take the same position at Via Christi Hospital for \$19 an hour."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well, thank you for that answer. I think that we're compelled to respond to the marketplace and if we're going to take care of the facilities that we're responsible for, you know one of the lessons we've learned out of all this is that technical careers that we're involved in through our technical education and training program, this is just one facet of it but technical careers are good careers for people."

Ms. Stevens said, "Absolutely, there's a demand for those positions and they're well-paying positions."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, we have another comment from Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Well I do know we can't always be competitive on the outside world with whatever staff we need to fill those positions. I would like to thank the staff for getting me

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some information. On the surface, when I looked at this and saw this, it was going to take some convincing for me to support this and I did get the additional information and some of the exit interviews and some of the things that I've reviewed. I'm going to be able to support this."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Any other comment, commissioners? What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the compensation adjustments.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. COOPERATIVE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,000 FOR JANUARY 1, 2007 – DECEMBER 31, 2008 FOR OPERATION OF THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASKFORCE.

Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Finance Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Dave Thompson had a conflict in his schedule and could not be here to present this item this morning, so I'm going to try to fill in for him.

On September 11th, 2007 the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant in the form of a cooperative agreement from the US Department of Justice to fund the Internet Crimes Against Children program operated by the Exploited and Missing Children's Unit.

This award covers a two-year period beginning January 1, 2007. It provides funding in the amount of \$525,000. This federal funding covers the cost of two detectives and their vehicles, training,

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supplies and other operating costs associated with the program. A portion of the funding will be passed through to the City of Wichita to reimburse them for the cost associated with their detective and the vehicle for that detective. This grant funded program has been in operation since 2000 and has been successful in working with other law enforcement agencies across the state in investigating these Internet- related crimes and I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have regarding the grant award process and Lieutenant T.K. Bridges, supervisor of Exploited and Missing Children's Unit is here also and could answer specific questions if you have any of those. I recommend that you accept the cooperative agreement and continue this important program."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I'd just like to ask the lieutenant to make a comment about the success of the work being done and whether you feel like you're making progress or just make a few comments about your activities."

Lieutenant T.K. Bridges, Supervisor, Exploited and Missing Children's Unit, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I will. We are one of currently 46 taskforces around the country. That's soon to be expanded to 61 by the end of the year. These taskforces are an integral part of the Department of Justice. We work very closely with them and are also a very integral part in an initiative called 'Project Safe Childhood' which has come through the U.S. Attorney's Offices.

Locally, our teams are doing some great work. Recently, within the past month, they've gone out on investigations that initially led from exchange of photographs to actually going out and identifying live victims and rescuing those kids out of really, really bad situations, as you can imagine so it is very successful. Our guys are doing great work out there and we're proud of them."

Commissioner Winters said, "And would you identify yourself again and the department you work for."

Lieutenant Bridges said, "I'm Lieutenant T.K. Bridges. I'm a lieutenant on the Wichita Police Department. Our effort is a joint taskforce, combined with the police department, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and SRS."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well I appreciate the work this group has done and is doing. Violence of any type against children is just deplorable and there are times I don't really know how you guys can do your job, but I just want to say we appreciate the work that you do."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you commissioner. I guess that's my immediate response is I don't know how you are able to have successful conclusions to some of your investigations. I don't know

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how that works but we're glad that you're there doing it and as the commissioner said, it's really a deplorable situation that we have to address these sort of crimes, but thank you for your good work.

And I'm also proud of the fact that the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County and SRS all have cooperated very well to make this a successful effort. Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Award and authorize the Project Manager, or his designee sign all necessary documents; and approve 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	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

I. AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WICHITA FOR THE TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANT

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FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179,306.71 FOR OPERATION OF THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASKFORCE.

Mr. Hughes said, “The Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce includes two detectives. One is from the Sheriff’s Office, as we mentioned, and the other one from the City of Wichita Police Department. The inner-local agreement provides the mechanism whereby the County can reimburse the City of Wichita for the cost related to the detective on the City of Wichita Police Department and his/ her related vehicle costs that are included in the approved grant award budget. Based on the approved budget, the county is reimbursing . . . or will be reimbursing the City of Wichita no more that \$179,306.71 for the approved costs related to the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce operations and that covers a period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

This agreement has been developed and approved to form by the Assistant County Counselor and I recommend your approval of the agreement and continued successful relationship, working relationship between the local law enforcement agencies. I’ll be glad to answer any questions you have on the agreement.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “You did touch on it just a little bit there, with the other agencies in the county, that there is cooperation with the EMCU and those agencies.”

Mr. Hughes said, “Yes, they work with the other agencies in the county and across the state, because this is a statewide taskforce, so they work with I know Salina and Hays and other law enforcement agencies across the state.”

Commissioner Parks said, “That was a little bit unfair of me. I did know the answer to that question, but I wanted to get it on the record. Thank you.”

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

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Marty, Lieutenant Bridges, thank you very much. Next item please.”

J. UPDATE ON THE OCTOBER 13 – 21, 2007 REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I think all of you have probably seen one of these promo handouts sometime in the last couple of weeks. My purpose today is to update you on a major training that’s going to occur in our community in the next week and a half that’s actually been about two years in the making.

A little bit about the background, this major regional training initiative is a funded relationship between K.U. Medical Center in Kansas City and South Central Regional Homeland Security Council, it’s a funding partnership. They’re the principle sponsors. As a point of background, this is really a convergence of opportunity. Dr. David Cook, who is the Vice Chancellor for External Affairs for K.U.M.C. in Kansas City approached Sedgwick County, I think it was November/December 2005 about duplicating an event that they sponsored with some grant funds in the Kansas City area.

Well, about that time the state had formed regional homeland security councils and Sedgwick County is part of a nineteen-county South Central Regional Council, that includes representatives

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from each county. I'm your representative on the council. Representatives from each Class 1 city and then representatives from major groups, the sheriff's association, regional hospital associations in that process, and its purpose is really to foster regional cooperation and regional efforts in dealing with emergencies and disasters, whether they're related to homeland security or natural disasters in the state I think as we've all learned in seeing that if something happens in your community and it's big, no matter how big you are, you can't do it on your own, so the purpose is to foster this and work together.

But back to my story, Dr. Cook approached us. At that time as the state formed these councils, funding for these kinds of things shifted from counties to the regional councils. And so I brought this initiative, along with some friends from Wichita at the regional council for funding support, so we've combined a substantial pool of money to bring this training together. KUMC is the training provider. They have a series of contracts with both a team of folks, rescue training associates that will provide a lot of the technical training for fire and law and they're also covering the cost of instructors for some of the medical tracks as well.

Since it is occurring here in Sedgwick County and the reason, the principal reason why it's occurring here is we have facilities that we're demolishing that could be used as a disaster site, so we have facilities on Washington, between Waterman and English, that are being demolished as part of the expansion of that road to support the arena, so that provided an ideal opportunity to create a simulated disaster site, which is the capstone event of this training and we'll talk a little bit about that later. So Sedgwick County is the project lead. I am ably assisted by Lieutenant Jeff Weible from the Wichita Police Department, linking that process and our job is to really help and facilitate, make sure the connections are made in the community to allow this to happen but K.U. is really the lead agency in providing the training.

The training is designed and must meet federal, state and regional objective needs. The two investment areas that we looked at for this training was regional collaboration and a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear explosive focus. Basically, in order to use the grant funds, we needed to focus in those areas.

And some of you know Dr. Elizabeth Ablah from K.U. Med and she developed and worked with a number of regional focus groups to tailor the training to the needs of this region and so we kind of followed the practice that we typically do in bringing stakeholders together, determining what the needs are, creating a preferred future and tailor the training to that process.

Who is participating? Well as of the last count yesterday, there were 700 participants from 118 different agencies that will be converging in our community to get this training and they are fire departments, law enforcement, emergency managers, EMS, elected officials. In fact, we have a

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course and this came out of actually the Greensburg event. We recognize that we hadn't put something together for elected officials that were essentially a survey course. All you were afraid to ask about your roles and responsibilities in a disaster, what's this thing called NIMHS. FEMA is going to come in, they're going to talk to you about individual assistance and public assistance, continuity of operations, some of the things there so Randy Duncan actually will be teaching that course at the Cargill Center and Commissioner Norton will be kind of the lead-off speaker, essentially using his experiences to place the elected officials there and the circumstances that they'll find in that process. Government staff, military, there will be a public information track, medical professionals, hospitals, so it's a cosmopolitan group of folks that are converging here for this training.

There are two . . . there are a number of training tracks divided into two principle areas. First is kind of the academics and that will occur from the 13th through the 18th. We'll have an emergency operations center and a command track. Those will be taught in our new public safety facility. There will be a fire rescue track that will be taught, be academic and some hands-on, will be taught at the Wichita Fire Training Facility. There will be law enforcement tracks, a disaster and medical specialist, which is to teach doctors, nurses and paramedics how to treat, appropriately treat folks that are trapped in a collapsed site. And then there's an EMS disaster medical management and procedures course, which is how to manage the scene, how to do the triage, how to work that process and again that's a course that came out of the experiences that some of our folks had in supporting Greensburg in bringing together large numbers of medical providers and managing that circumstance and situation.

There is a hospital track that has I believe five sub-tracks in it: public information and offices track that's being taught by folks from the state; the public health track; disaster management 101 for electeds is the course that I talked about previously. So that will occur in the classroom in kind of controlled environments.

Phase two is kind of the hands-on and that starts on the morning of the 19th and continues to the morning of the 21st, and that's Friday morning to a Sunday morning. And there will be three significant events happening simultaneously in this process. There will be a simulated structural collapse. Again, if you've been by Washington and Waterman, you'll see we've started that

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process. Some folks came in and staged the buildings. We've got some cars there and some of those other kinds of things that will be staged a little later and I'll talk about that in a minute. There's a mass-casualty event that will occur that will test the hospitals. That's the important part of that process.

And then there will be a law enforcement incident whose details are not being told to folks because it needs to be a surprise for the law enforcement folks, but it will involve this high activity period, again as I mentioned, we'll have a structural collapse and initial response. The initial response will be very theatrical. There will be smoke and flames and fire engines coming and that will last about a couple of hours. We'll have ambulances from the region and some of our own responding to that area. Patients will be taken to different areas for treatment and triage in that process and then that will settle down into a more predictable response. We'll be rotating principally fire and command folks in, in terms of managing that response and practicing the techniques to extract patients, essentially from a collapsed structure.

There will be a mass-casualty incident, this is what the hospitals wanted and it's really to test regional hospitals. The local hospitals, the ones here and I think one in Andover, will receive a number of patients that have been moulaged to test their ability to receive a relatively large influx of patients, somewhere between 25 and 50 over a relatively short interval, so that was the test that they wanted to have.

Out in the region, in the regional hospitals, some of the smaller hospitals, they will be doing their own tests with folks from their community doing the same kind of thing and some of them will be testing decontamination, so there's a whole series of objectives that the hospitals have that they're satisfying themselves.

The E-MEDS and forgive me, I forget what the acronym stands for, I've been too long away from the military but it is the deployable hospital that the state has, I think they have four of them. One is at Greensburg right now. That will be on site, and they will receive the initial patients, or a number of the initial patients from the disaster site to this EMEDS for triage and treatment. The remaining of the patients are actually going to be converging at Lawrence Dumont and will be cycling through

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the hospitals, with the help of Wichita MTA on buses. Some will be moulaged and some will have tags on them to work on that. The law response, what I do know is it will be a Longfellow School, which is not an active school. It will involve SWAT, EOD and beat officers in this process.

So why do we do these kinds of things? Well this effort is to learn, to practice what we've learned, to learn again and then to perfect what we've learned over time as we go back to our own communities. It provides us an opportunity to understand our capabilities and to recognize our limitations in this process, but probably the most important thing that these things do is it develops and cements the relationships that are so vitally important when something bad happens in your community. We saw it in Greensburg through things like Merge and those kinds of things where you have pre-existing relationships that get the help to you when you need it and for you to offer the help to your neighborhoods when they need it and a part that's most important to that is developing and cementing those relationships.

Commissioners, that ends my review of this process. There will be an opportunity for you all to hear more about this. I think you and some other folks are receiving an invitation some time in the next few days to a small reception down near the site on Thursday evening, hosted by K.U. and we'll provide some opportunities for those of you that are interested during the initial response to get down there and actually get up close and personal, small groups.

We're still working and hoping to have perhaps a Black Hawk provide some aerial surveys to this process. The interest is there but that hasn't been confirmed yet in this process. And so this is really a significant event. This is probably one of the largest training events that I've been involved in. I'm deeply grateful to the folks at K.U. who came to us with a desire to do this and some funds and I'm grateful to the regional council for seeing that this was a need to also support it with funding. We've had lots of help so far from both our friends at the City of Wichita Public Works, and police department and our own Public Works at moving debris in there and helping meet the neighbors.

One of the things that's significant for our community is Washington Street, between Waterman and English, will be closed for a week starting on Sunday the 14th and will reopen on the 21st. As is our custom, I visited with every business up and down there between Douglas and the freeway and a block either way, told them what was going on, invited them to a public meeting. We had a meeting, two folks came, I probably spent more time with them as I was visiting with them, providing the invitation to let them know so the neighbors know what's going on in the area. We

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certainly will alert the public about making the diversions. The City of Wichita, again, has been very helpful, their public works will close this off. David's folks are going to put a small driveway for one of the businesses who is going to be closed off by this, by putting some gravel down and doing those things this week, so we're being accommodating to the neighbors as this is going on and making this happen in our community.

So with that, I certainly would recommend that you receive and file. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Bob. We do have a couple of questions. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well thank you. Bob, I think you read my mind and answered part of my question, and that was going to be how are we going to . . . I mean, I fully support this. I think this is a very good activity, but in thinking about those businesses that are located very close, and particularly on the day you have the smoke and the simulated fire, and 50 fire engines there, I would say that that intersection is going to come pretty much to a standstill and my question was just have you coordinated with those neighbors right there, adjacent to the operation."

Mr. Lamkey said, "Absolutely. We've visited with every one of them. Again, we provided an opportunity in a forum to come to this process and we're making some accommodation for some of those businesses. We're fortunate that a big part of the sweep between Waterman and English is covered by KETCH and our buildings, and so that particular segment, it doesn't really effect any business, but there are some businesses immediately to the north that we've provided some signs that say 'Yes, we're open' and so we've talked to everybody there."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's what I thought about, is the signage at certain key locations indicating that certain businesses are still open."

Mr. Lamkey said, "Yes, we've done that."

Commissioner Winters said, "And then the other thing, and I don't know how important this is, but I mean if the day of the big simulation, it could be an event that a number of citizens will think we've had perhaps a disaster for real, and I would just hope that you provided some information to all the media and the news media that, at the time of the event, they should be broadcasting this is a test, this is a test, this is not an invasion."

Mr. Lamkey said, "There is a communications plans that K.U. is taking the lead on. I think

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Amanda is part of that process. It started last week, when they did the demolition. We had media out there talking about this process. Certainly, as we get closer to this process, we will make sure that that information is out there to the public, that this really is a test and that traffic will be disrupted for several days along that corridor and not to be alarmed about that process.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And what day, again, is the day when the major simulation will take place?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “The 19th, and it will start off about 9:00 in the morning.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you very much. That’s all I had, Mr. Chairman.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Is this the first time you’ve done this, Bob?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “I think this is the first time we’ve pulled together something of this size. We’ve done a number of exercises here of substance. A number of years ago we had an exercise at WSU that was, again, federally funded, not quite the same level of scope and number of participants, but certainly was well publicized, learned a lot and worked this process. But this certainly I think is the largest single exercise or training that . . . because I want to classify it as it really is, it’s principally training, that the folks at KU and it’s one of the largest that I recall and we’re bringing several hundred folks. But our fire folks bring four or five hundred folks for HAZMAT training in an academic environment to our community every year, just about so there’s a lot of folks that are doing this. It just took a lot of coordination because there are lots of players in the process.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well I think it’s very important you’re training for commissioners, elected, and you know does that include telling us what kind of decisions we might expect to have to make in a disaster?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “In this particular case, the course that we’ve kind of set up for elected officials, because as this was designed, it was designed principally for the responder community and the hospitals and that process, so we don’t have a place where you as elect . . . because it’s such a regional event, combining this process, but the course that we have here on Thursday that’s going to be at the zoo will touch on some of the things that you will have to face as elected officials, what are your legal authorities and responsibilities in a crisis, because to some degree they’re defined in

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statute. You know, in the particular case of a county commission, when there's a declaration of local emergency, a lot of authority shifts to the chairman, in terms of making decisions, some of which have to be ratified by the commission at later points, so there are legal authorities, relationships with the media.

You know, we're looking particularly for this course at those elected officials who have not had a lot of experience in this process, and those particularly who are not full-time elected officials who have a significant staff to add them and guide them in this process, and our friends in Greensburg and Coffeerville, the former Mayor of Haysville. You know, when something happens in your community, there's a pretty significant focus that shifts to the identifiable elected officials about communicating to the public and that process and so we're going to provide that training."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "So when is the training for commissioners?"

Mr. Lamkey said, "For elected officials is on the 18th and I'll visit with you after this and make sure you get a brochure. It will be out at the zoo. It will start in the morning, 9:00, and I think it runs until about 4:00 in the afternoon, with a break at lunchtime."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay. Well, I think we need to know as much about the entire process as possible."

Mr. Lamkey said, "Absolutely, ma'am. In our state, it's not if, it's when. Some community is going to get affected by an event that's going to require the elected body to make decisions and to be in the spotlight and understand all the things that bear upon them in that crisis."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay, thank you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I'm real pleased with what Dr. Ablah has done through the KU Med Center. I mean, she's been a real advocate for emergency preparedness, not only on the medical side, but on the disaster side, so this just comes to fruition of some dreams and thoughts that several people have had for a couple of years.

I think the difference in this is that we've had tabletop exercises, which is pretty academic. You're around a table and scenarios are described to you. But now you're going to have the ability to walk into an area where there is rubble and observe and let people start taking that particular scenario and then go back and academically tear it apart and look at it, but you're going to see the real-life simulation of a bad event and in three different kinds of scenarios all simultaneously happening.

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I think that's wonderful for the responder community, for the medical community and for the elected officials. But an event this big is going to be kind of embedded in the psyche of our whole community. I mean, when you start closing down streets for a week and talk about major media talking about what's happening and the Black Hawk helicopters flying over our community, people are going to get that we're serious about disasters. You know, we've had plenty of natural disasters in our community, but you know we have an airbase here, we have major chemical manufacturers, we have a huge presence of airplane manufacturing. We have risk factors in our communities that many other communities don't have.

Now granted, we don't have the White House or we don't have you know some things like that, but we have some pretty significant places that could cause us risk and I think it embeds it into the community psyche that we're pretty serious about understanding emergencies and disasters and what our roles are as elected officials, but how we also support the responder communities, from the medical side and from the public service and safety side, to make sure our community understands these kinds of events and not just our smaller community, but the regional community, because there's not enough resources when something really big or bad happens, there is not enough resources. Certainly we found that out at Greensburg. I mean, almost the whole state had to mobilize to make sure that that community got taken care of and we need to learn those things.

But I think just the ability for our community to see that we're taking it seriously and I'm sure we'll get some phone calls, it will be the War of the Worlds kind of phone calls, 'gee, I see Black Hawk helicopters, what is really happening?' but that's okay because it stimulates the dialogue and it lets the community know that we're serious about emergency preparedness which has fingers out in the community every day. Because if you're prepared for the big things and sweat the details on that, you're probably going to take the small things and do them even better when they happen every day in our community, so I'm proud that we're going to have it. It's been, I know, an arduous process to put together but I think it's going to be a wonderful event for our community and certainly will stimulate our intellectual capital about how you deal with emergencies and disasters. That's all I have Mr. Chair."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Well, each step in emergency preparedness is an important step and this is a large, important step. Commissioners, I need a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

- K. PUBLIC WORKS. K.D.O.T. FORM 1306, "CERTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCEDURES AND UTILITY ARRANGEMENTS," FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A FRONTAGE ROAD ALONG US-54 BETWEEN 119TH STREET WEST AND 135TH STREET WEST AND IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION AT US-54 AND 135TH STREET WEST. CIP# R-314. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director, County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item K is approval of KDOT Form 1306, for the frontage road project along the south side of US-54 between 119th and 135th Streets West and the signalization project at the intersection of 135th Street West and US-54, and this is designated as R-314 in the Capital Improvement Program. This form certifies that all right-of-ways have been acquired and all utility arrangements have been made. State Corridor Management funds will pay for 67% of the project. I recommend that you approve the Form 1306 and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you David. Commissioners, are there any questions or comment about this budget item . . . or this agenda item, pardon me? Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I think it is both an agenda item and a budget item, but David, is there anything we can do to convince KDOT when they have a big project like that to include the frontage roads in their project so we can utilize those state and federal gasoline tax dollars instead of our local money on that?"

Mr. Spears said, "Commissioner Parks, KDOT does have certain policies that they try to follow too. For example, there's many frontage roads that you see on many of the state highways around

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and most of those frontage roads they do not maintain. It would either be a township, a city or a county, so their policy is they do not take care of the frontage roads.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Now this is in the right-of-way 454 Highway, is that correct?”

Mr. Spears said, “No, we had to . . . that’s outside the right-of-way. See, part of this form was we had to purchase the right-of-way and some of it was donated to widen out that corridor on US-54 on the south side and that’s what we did. That’s part of what we’re certifying here today, that we have acquired that right-of-way to build this frontage road.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Anything else?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve KDOT Form 1306 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2007.

Mr. Joe Thomas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “There are two items for consideration that resulted from the meeting of the Board of Bids

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and Contracts of September 27th.

1) FOUR DOOR, FOUR CYLINDER ENGINE SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Item number one, four-door, four-cylinder engine sedans for Fleet Management. The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Olathe Ford for the amount of \$32,796.

2) LARGE INTERMEDIATE FOUR DOOR SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Item two, large intermediate four-door sedans for Fleet Management. The recommendation and clarification of costs for the record is to accept the low bid from Shep Chevrolet in the amount of \$108,714. This includes the cost of the manuals.

I'd be glad to answer any questions and recommend approval of these two items."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Joe. We do have a question. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "On the bid process, the bids did go out to local dealers?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes sir, it did."

Commissioner Parks said, "In Wichita, Sedgwick County?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes sir. What we found . . ."

Commissioner Parks said, "And they chose not to bid on that?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes sir, what we found is the majority of the responses back was that they were too busy to quote on the fleet management, and the reason is the nature of fleet cars being highly competitive, margins being low, of course they assign a lower priority to it. And in many cases, they simply chose not to quote on those type of cars."

Commissioner Parks said, "I've seen Whiteside Chevrolet, Oldsmobile in quite a few of the bid processes. When we get those out of Ohio, how are they transported in?"

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Mr. Thomas said, “Kevin?”

Mr. Kevin Myles, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “When those cars come in from Whiteside up in Ohio, they actually bring a truck. They bring them down here, transport them down on a truck and they deliver them to the Fleet building.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And that’s not included in the bid.”

Mr. Myles said, “That is not included in the bid. We do not pay anything for the transportation of the vehicles to fleet.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Is that all, commissioner?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well I would just like to say, I’d like to see a staff workshop or some kind of a discussion in the future, it doesn’t have to be immediate, but on the local bid process and maybe get some of the input from some of our local dealers on why they’re not bidding. I’m getting quite a few of those myself from my constituents in my district, so I’d like to just explore that a little bit sometime. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. In response to that, Joe maybe you can help me, but these dealers don’t make much money on the sale of the car, and they . . . warranty work and that sort of stuff, they still make their regular margins on that, so they’re quite content to take that side of the service and not fuss with selling us at very little or not profit. I mean, that’s my assumption.”

Mr. Thomas said, “Right, that’s basically true, and what happens, we’re looking at maybe consolidating some of the number of cars that we bid on, because what they don’t get in margin, maybe in volume would be an incentive for them to go ahead and quote, so there’s several items that we will look at, to try to address better response.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Just an observation on both of them. The first one says the bids were sent to 50 vendors and on the second, 47 vendors. I’m sure a lot of those were local and they had every opportunity to bid. I agree that I would much rather it be somebody local to get that bid, but if they had the opportunity in a free market enterprise, this is not . . . this is pretty untypical. Over the last few years anyway, many of our bids have been won by local enterprises, so it’s pretty

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untypical I think to see this many out of community bidders.

But really the reason I put my light on is on the second item, Shep Chevrolet, Francis Shep is a county commissioner there. We all know him. I had no knowledge of him bidding or winning this bid. I just wanted to be sure it was on the record that he is a county commissioner and he went through the whole bid process and it has nothing to do with this bid but we do know him and we see him quite often at county commission functions and this has gone through appropriate channels and bid board and has nothing to do with him being a county commissioner.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Well thank you. I’d just again echo what Commissioner Norton says. The first I saw this was just on this bid item. But my comment is going to be is . . . and I’m going to support this today, I certainly have no problem with this but it does raise the question, have we thought about trying to buy these vehicles off of the state contract. If we’re not going to have any local bidders involved, the state has got a bid contract with somebody I’m sure for both four-door, four-cylinder sedans and the other large ones. Do we need, if we’re going to have some kind of review about this, do we need to have a review about how we ought to just buy off the state contract and not put these out for bid.”

Mr. Thomas said, “I believe we do also look at the state contract on these bids. That’s a part of the bidding process, but again, that’s something we would review. All options are on the table, in order to get the best bids.”

Mr. Myles said, “And also commissioners, I want to say, that is something that we are going to explore because it’s something that we’re looking at with the heavy equipment. With the maintainers that we’re in the process of trying to purchase for public works, that’s one of the options that we are exploring heavily is can we buy off of the state contract, so we’ll continue that conversation down to the sedan level as well.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, well again, if we have continued discussion I think we ought to certainly explore the state bid contracts. Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “Just to kind of follow up on that, I do know that Don Hattan Chevrolet is always in the state bid process as winning some bids there, so I think that would be something to explore. I’ve had two fleet managers tell me that they’ve basically given up trying to answer Commissioner Norton’s comments there, that they’ve kind of given up on some of the bid process,

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so I think we just need to . . . we owe it to our local bidders and our local people that pay tax here in support of our county here to look at it and have a dialogue with them, so thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Well just a comment, and not to extend the conversation too long, but either from the bench or from a private meeting with our Director of Purchasing, Iris Baker has stated that they always look at those numbers and that we buy most of the time cheaper than what state contracts are, but we need to look at that again, but I think that we are pretty thorough in the process and we’re getting a low number on these purchases, but it needs to continually be reviewed. Well commissioners, any other comment? What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Range Reallocation from Case Manager I, B217, to Case Manager II, B218, for the Department on Aging.**

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2. Schedule post annexation public hearing for December 5, 2007.

3. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V04032	\$162		Pemic, LLC
V07053	\$319	4	Valley View Apts.
V07054	\$183	2	Main Street Place Res.
V07055	\$550	5	David Pickering
V07056	\$630	2	Kansas Invest., LLC
V07057	\$279	4	Sunflower Gardens Sen.
V07058	\$236	BU	Travis McAdams
V07059	\$284	BU	Triple Rentals
V07060	\$243	BU	Walnut River Phase 1
V07061	\$526	BU	Andover Crossing Apts.
V07063	\$575	2	Chapel Ridge Apts.

4. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to change in the income level of the participating client.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V04063	\$252	\$221
V03089	\$329	\$305
V04061	\$297	\$275
V04056	\$361	\$160
V010150	\$219	\$221
V020046	\$332	\$262
V06057	\$123	\$99
V05071	\$266	255
V06056	\$345	\$297
V20104	\$325	\$291
V06061	\$509	\$492
V2069	\$301	\$286
V05072	\$280	\$243

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V2093	\$550	\$374
V05073	\$350	\$356
V010156	\$218	\$239
V04062	\$271	\$249
V05060	\$209	\$195
V05074	\$243	\$203
V05062	\$235	\$145
V04007	\$142	\$75
V04056	\$160	\$0
V07042	\$598	\$600
V06032	\$635	\$655
V07033	\$372	\$346
V07033	\$413	\$372
V07030	\$535	\$213
V03046	\$306	\$317
V07034	\$475	\$475
V04024	\$495	\$260
V04024	\$292	\$495
V07063	\$575	\$575
V05073	\$319	\$350
V04062	\$249	\$21

5. **Order dated September 26, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of September 26 – October 2, 2007.**

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’s only 89 more days until the sales tax expires.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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Chairman Unruh said, “We have a motion and a second. We have a comment from Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well I just wanted to ask, on item two on the consent agenda, what city is that with the post-annexation public hearing?”

Mr. Euson said, “I don’t know. I’ll find out for you.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “And that post-annexation, it’s scheduled for December 5th.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Right.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Any other comment? Madam Clerk, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, we’ve come to the end of our agenda and we do not need to have a fire district meeting or an executive session today, so now is an appropriate time for other comments of interest. Commissioner Parks.”

N. OTHER

Commissioner Parks said, “I would just like to remind the cities that are out there that have unilaterally annexed, they have an obligation to come back and visit us, as I just alluded to on item two on the consent agenda. It’s a state law that at the five year mark they come back and tell us what services they’ve provided to the county residents that they have annexed. Just wanted to bring

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that up and remind them, I don't think that we've seen too many of those and I don't know . . . there's been a lot of annexation going on and there has been for the last five years, so I'm just wondering if they're getting that done. If not, it's going to be up to the legal process, between their constituents and them I guess to challenge that.

The African American Museum fundraiser, October 19th, the golf outing, if any of you are golfers, I know I've talked with several of you already about that and we're planning a big golf outing with that fundraiser in mind. If you need any information you can certainly call my office and I can either help you out or get you in touch with Carolyn McGinn who has graciously agreed to sponsor that tournament, so just have a lot of fun and do some fundraising at the same time. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. On Monday of this week, October 1st, there were a couple of us, Commissioner Parks, Chairman Unruh and myself attended a press conference held by the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation talking about the numerous activities we see happening in downtown Wichita and just a couple of the figures that were presented last Monday was that . . . one was that over the past five and a half years, there has been over \$310,000,000 invested in downtown Wichita. The other item that I thought was of particular interest was in going back to 2002, 2003, 2004 the number of properties that were purchased or changed hands in downtown Wichita was in 2002 it was 28 properties; in 2003 it was 42; 2004 it was 38. Then after the vote passed by the citizens to build a downtown arena, in 2005 that jumped from 38 to 110 properties changed hands; 2006, 163 properties changed hands in downtown Wichita. So again, as you can see, there's activity in downtown Wichita.

Now this \$312,000,000 investment over the past five years does not include the downtown arena project and it does not include either of the two hotel projects that are floating out there and several of the condominium projects. So anyway, pretty impressive numbers that were given out by the Downtown Development Corporation."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Yes, are we going to have a parking report today?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Of course we will."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay. I'm still working on the Planeview restoration of community services. I'm also still working on trying to avoid the debt that we would take on for building a new jail and the ultimate property tax increase. I'm hoping to hear some ideas coming from other areas of the county, either from the other commissioners or the sheriff, or our public

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safety administrators and I feel that's very important. We have a \$10,000,000,000 debt on the federal level. That doesn't include the debt on the state level and if we add to it, I don't think that's helping things out much and there are alternatives out there and so I think we need to find them. That's all I have."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I'll report on arena parking in a minute, but first of all we went to the Economic Outlook session that was hosted by Wichita State and the Hugo Wall Center and Koch Industries and the news was good. I think it's been reported in the paper, but one of my reflections of that is that how many jobs are on the table now and how many are going to be created in the aviation industry, which really speaks to the idea that technical training and training for the aviation industry is going to be critical to keep this economy flying in Wichita. They're producing planes at a record number. They're looking to hire people but as you talk deep into those organizations, they need technically trained people to fill those slots and for us to make sure that this economy stays as vibrant as it was reported this week, for the next eight to ten years, you know I think we need to continue to understand what our role is in promoting workforce development and job training in our community, because I think it's just vital. But good news, and I think it was reported at the Economic Summit.

The second thing is I have worked on our Health Access workgroups. We've had three of them, last week and to great results. Yesterday, we had our steering committee meeting and went over what the workgroups talked about, the coordination workgroup, the navigation workgroup and the coverage workgroup have just raced out of the starting chutes to get going on trying to figure out what we can do as a community to create a health access network for every citizen, not only those that have insurance, but those that are somehow do not have availability to insurance, so we're working on it pretty hard and I have to say Dr. Walling, Brian Rose and Dr. Rossell of the Medical Society have done a wonderful job chairing those for us and that the community needs to understand that although we're facilitating the conversation in our community, this is community driven by volunteers that understand this issue at a pretty deep level and that it's not just going to be government trying to step up and solve this critical issue, but it's going to be a community-wide effort, trying to figure that out.

I also, this morning, went to a homeless taskforce workshop, as we've done every two weeks for a year, and we're pushing real hard to make a substantial, strategic plan hit the table by the, I'd say middle of November, at least by the end of the year and that's going to require this board, the city council, the chamber, United Way and other organizations to look deep into whatever this plan is and understand their role, their responsibility and what funding mechanisms are necessary from both public and private sides to make this issue . . . I don't know if you'll ever make it go away, but at least stem the tide on it and take care of it in our community.

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The next thing I have is I was at EP this weekend for the Octoberfest and there was a huge crowd for the first year. The 'Race, Are We Really So Different' is still there and flourishing. I would urge the community to stop by and see that. And Al Malone, somehow worked magic and got the DaVinci Codex Atlanticus here for the remainder of the year, through December 31st. It's scheduled to go to China. It was going to be in storage and he kind of . . . I don't know how he did it, but he negotiated that it's going to be at Exploration Place through the end of the year. So not only do we have 'Race', which is a huge exhibit, second time in the United States, we've continued to carry the Codex Atlanticus, all the DaVinci drawings and ideas onward till the end of the year and that's pretty powerful because that's the only time it's been in the United States, so two of the premium exhibits in the world are now at Exploration Place and I would urge you to grab your kids, your family and stop by and be part of that.

And then finally, Monday morning, 9:00 as always we met on the arena parking issue. Commissioner Winters, Manager Buchanan, Ron Holt, John Schlegel and I met again. We've got a meeting set up with some city officials on October 17th. We're starting to really narrow down what we think some of the key ideas are of what we're going to need to do to make sure arena parking is available, accessible and affordable for our community. We continue to get information from individuals in the community on what they think needs to be done, but we're doing, I think, what is a very thoughtful, arduous process to make sure that we understand the community's needs and are going to come up with, I think, a workable solution for parking. I don't know that it will please everybody in the community, but I can guarantee you, we've worked very hard to try to understand all the nuances of what parking looks like for the arena and I think once we engage the city, we'll start narrowing down what needs to be done, what mobility needs to be put together as far as transportation to get people to outlying parking to the arena and what structures might need to be built to supplement what's already downtown. And with that, if Commissioner Winters has anything to add to that, I'll turn it over to him. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I would just add one thing, is still we're preparing for our meeting with the city elected officials and their staff and so I think that's . . . we're at a point now where we really need to get them involved in the process with us and we're just about to that meeting. We're sorry we couldn't have scheduled that meeting sooner, but in just scheduling these folks to get together, the scheduling was not easy. But again, we plan to continue that dialogue with them after our first meeting."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you commissioners. Well Commissioner Norton, your

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comments about your healthcare activities and working on access reminded me that last weekend, Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday morning, I was on a retreat with the Envision group, who deal with issues related to blindness and low vision and it was brought to our attention, we had a lot of conversation about how that's going to effect this Baby Boomer population as we go forward and how Macular Degeneration and other vision issues that afflict people of my age and so forth, that this is going to be a big, big problem and so that's a health organization in our community that's had kind of a low profile, but doing a great work among folks who have vision problems and the challenge that they're going to face again with the future is also a part of this whole issue of how we provide health for our citizens, so that's part of my activities this last weekend. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well it's interesting you bring that up, chairman, because all of these things tie together. I mean, every meeting I go to, it's amazing how so many of these issues weave in and out and I think Bill could tell you today, one of the subjects we got off on in homelessness is transportation, but that's the same conversation I have on technical education/ adult basic education, how do we get somebody that doesn't have a job, has limited transportation into a technical training program and somebody that needs maybe some kind of services with healthcare and doesn't drive, how do we get them there. So there's a lot of these things that weave together and certainly vision, dental, healthcare for just immediate care but also acute care, all of that ties together, is in the same conversation I have in so many meetings that I go to. It's just another piece of that continuum of how we make our community the best it can be and as well as it can be. Thanks."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. Well the only other comment I would want to make is County Manager Bill Buchanan is approaching his . . . the end of his term as the president of the International City-County Managers Association, which he has had to have some time dedicated to that this last year. It did not disrupt any of Sedgwick County's activities, but it's really quite a prestigious position that he's held, not only for him personally, but also for the fact that Sedgwick County can lay claim to the fact that we've had a president of that international organization as one of our employees and so as you approach the end of your term, Mr. Manager, I'd want to say thank you and from all I can see it appears that it's a job well done and I appreciate your ability to keep all the balls in the air at one time but congratulations."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I couldn't have done this without the great support that certainly you have provided and the great support of this staff, Ron Holt and Charlene Steven and the rest of the staff can just pick up the ball and make seamless transitions when I wasn't here."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well very good, it worked well and we're proud of the recognition that you received. Commissioners, is there any other comment? Hearing none, we are adjourned."

O. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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