

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 2, 2008**

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, January 2, 2008 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. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. David Thompson, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Dave Rush, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Ms. Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Co-President, South Central Legislative Delegation.  
Mr. Jason Watkins, Co-President, South Central Legislative Delegation.  
State Representative Melody McCray-Miller.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor CJ Fox of Central Christian Church, Wichita.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, December 5, 2007  
Regular Meeting, December 12, 2007

The Clerk reported that all commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of December 5<sup>th</sup>, and December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes of December 5 and December 12. Are there any additions or corrections?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 5 and December 12, 2007.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE END OF THE ARENA SALES TAX.**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2004 Sedgwick County citizens voted to implement a sales tax for constructing a first-class arena in downtown Wichita; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens from throughout the county voted 'yea' including majorities from the cities of Wichita, Derby, Mulvane and Bel Aire; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spring of 2005, the state legislature approve the sales tax, and on April 4, 2005 Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed the Sedgwick County Arena tax bill authorizing Sedgwick County to collect a one percent sales tax beginning July 1, 2005 for 30 months; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenue generated from the sales tax can only be used for the downtown arena project, and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners appointed citizens to the Sedgwick County Arena Tax Oversight Committee to oversee expenditures for the arena project;

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**WHEREAS**, as of midnight on December 31, 2007 the 30-month collection period ended, the one percent sales tax expired and the Sedgwick County arena has been paid for, without borrowing any money; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick County arena will continue to help revitalize downtown Wichita, creating a strong center city for our region and giving our community something to cheer about for years to come.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that the promise made to end the sales tax at 30 months has been upheld, and that the citizens of Sedgwick County and South Central Kansas will enjoy the many, long-lasting benefits of investing in a modern, first-class sports entertainment venue in downtown Wichita.

Commissioners, you've heard the proclamation. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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 I perhaps was too fast on the trigger there. Commissioner Welshimer."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Well we do say in that proclamation that the funds can only be used for the downtown arena."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "For the arena project."

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**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Project."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "But does that include the pavilions that we can use that money for?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "That was defined in the referendum, that part of the project included renovations to the pavilions, so it's part of the definition."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "All right."

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I was going to save this until 'other' at the end of the meeting, but I think this might be an appropriate time. Retailers beware, people are watching out there. I just had a constituent call before the meeting and say that he was charged a 7.3 yesterday and the manager refused to give him his 19 cents back, so I just wanted to remind them. I know that I've talked with a lot of retailers, the merchandize that I bought yesterday did have 6.3 not 7.3, just wanted them to know that the people are watching, and get you . . . if you have a computer or a computer-generated cash register, to reprogram those. Thanks."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you commissioner. Well, I think that we would want everyone to know that we took all the appropriate and due diligence to make sure that the State of Kansas had sent out their notifications, which they did and so we are confident that if there's any error in that, it's due to internal problems, retailers I think, rather than with the process."

But this proclamation was just simply intended to kind of put official closure on the sales tax and allow our citizens and everyone in south central Kansas to know that we proud of the fact that we've accomplished this and we've got the end of the tax and we hope citizens can take added confidence in their local government because of the way this was handled. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well there is one final housekeeping piece of business and that's the interest that we drew off the money as it sat. As we started paying and at some point we'll need to deal with what our definition is using that for the arena is. I understand that it's being held in the general fund separately but it is not been encumbered to the arena project yet. I think eventually we'll need to have debate and action taken on that interest money, and maybe that's not for today but at some point we need to have that described to us, as how much money that is and make our decisions on where we place that within the arena project."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. And that, as you know in other discussions, we've made it clear that that interest money is segregated. When we know exactly what it is, then we'll take the appropriate action for the benefits of our citizens. I would make one other comment. Probably most of you saw this nice full-page article in the paper yesterday that celebrates the end of the tax and says that the tax is saying goodbye to us, but I just want to thank the Downtown Arena Committee and all the folks involved in that who contributed money to this whole process in the publication and the publicity for it. But I just want to thank them for investing in this piece of celebratory . . . did I say that right . . . you know what I mean, we celebrate at the end of the tax. So at any rate, it was a nice ad and appreciate their investment and willingness to do that. Well commissioners, is there any other comment on this item. Thank you and Madam Clerk, call the next item."

### AWARDS

#### **B. AWARDS.**

##### **1. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO REPRESENTATIVES JASON WATKINS AND OLETHA FAUST-GOUDEAU FOR THEIR SERVICE AS CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well we wanted to . . . turn around. I don't know where the camera is or how the camera works exactly, but we want to get your face on their and your face on there, because you are our folks that . . . you're our heroes today. We want to just tell you thanks for the leadership that the two of you have demonstrated to the South Central delegation, as you co-chaired our delegation. We appreciate folks who like to work in partnership and work across party lines and who work for the good of all of south central Kansas, not only among our delegation, but among the whole legislative contingency in Topeka.

So this is the end of your service, and so we want to present you with these plaques and I picked yours up first, Jason, so if I can give that to you. And Oletha, this is yours and we hope that you can display that proudly, because we're very proud of the work that you have done on behalf of Sedgwick County and south central Kansas. So we want to thank you very much."

**Ms. Oletha Faust-Goudeau**, Co-President, South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Commissioner Dave Unruh and other commissioners. And I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you guys for what you do for Sedgwick County and to commend you on your efforts with the downtown arena.

And it has been my extreme honor and pleasure to co-chair the South Central Legislative Delegation with Representative Jason Watkins and to work with the other members on bi-partisan

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legislation that has moved Sedgwick County and the State of Kansas forward and again I thank you so kindly.”

**Mr. Jason Watkins**, Co-President, South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well I also thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the commission. I remember, recall before getting in the legislature, hear the citizens in the business community and especially the folks at the Wichita Eagle saying why can’t Sedgwick County and the South Central Delegation be more like Johnson County. I think in partnership, with the help of Oletha and our other delegates from south central Kansas, but in partnership with the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County I think we’re starting to make some great gains. I think if you would talk to the folks in Johnson County, they’re starting to say, ‘why can’t we be more like the folks down in Sedgwick County’ and that’s something that we’re doing together, so thank you for this. Thank you for all your help in that regard, and have a happy new year. Thank you.”

**Chair Pro Tem Winters** said, “Madam Clerk, would you go ahead and call the next item please.”

### **2. PRESENTATION OF LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CERTIFICATES.**

#### **Leadership Academy Participants**

- **Lunda Asmani – ERP**
- **Jeremy Biltz – EIO, Call Center**
- **Tania Cole – Finance, Budget**
- **Paula Downs – DIO, Project Services**
- **Chris Duncan – Finance, Budget**
- **Rodney Horton – DIO, Networking & Communications**
- **Tim Kaufman – COMCARE, Operations**
- **Dorsha Kirksey - Human Resources**
- **Jeannette Livingston – COMCARE, Operations**
- **Sheena Lynch – Human Resources**
- **Janice McCoy – Health Department**
- **J’Vonnah Maryman – Health Department**
- **David Miller – Finance, Budget**
- **Kevin Myles – Fleet Management**
- **Terri Patterson – Corrections, JFS**
- **Andy Schlapp – Government Relations**
- **Chad VonAhnen – CDDO**
- **Kathy Wegner, COMCARE, Operations**

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**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, you and I have heard over the last several . . . a year or so, about the aging of our manufacturing workers, especially those in the aircraft industry. As Baby Boomers reach a certain age, their thoughts turn to retirement and what we’re facing nationwide is a demographic tsunami if you will of people retiring and wondering where those replacements are going to come from. That occurs in local government and that is occurring here in Sedgwick County.

Last year, we began a process of trying to do some succession planning, of thinking very thoughtfully and carefully about how we go about producing leaders to take our places. And when I say our places, of the ten assistant managers, division directors, including myself, seven over the age of 50, four of them are 55 and older and two are older than 60. So in the next several years, 70% we can assume, approximately 70% of those leaders will be replaced.

So we went through this process of trying to identify current employees who had demonstrated some leadership qualities and we then proceeded to ask them to participate in a leadership academy. Leadership Academy lasted for 16 weeks, from eight o’clock in the morning until noon on Fridays. There were written assignments. There was homework to do and these folks stepped up to the plate. And this is the first of the Leadership Academy. We intend to continue this to try to grow our own leaders.

And so it’s with a great deal of pleasure and a great deal of pride that I would like to now recognize these folks who have gone through the program and hand them their certificates. And Sheena, my . . . Sheena Lynch, who participated in the program, also was the logistics person for the program, so Lunda Asmani, from ERP. I want to wish you congratulations. Jeremy Biltz, Tania Cole, Paula Downs, Chris Duncan, Rodney Horton, Tim Kaufman, Dorsha Kirksey. I don’t see Dorsha, she’s not here today. Jennette Livingston, Sheena Lynch, Janice McCoy, J,Vonnah Maryman, David Miller, Kevin Myles, Terri Patterson, Andy Schlapp, Chad VonAhnen and Kathy Wegner.

Commissioners, again these people . . . take a good look at those. They are the future leaders of this organization. We’ve invested in them and they’re the intellectual foundation for this organization for a long time to come. Congratulations folks.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “We have a couple of comments. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. Just again, Mr. Manager, wanted to say thank you to you for looking towards the future. I did have the pleasure of spending an hour or so with this group at one of their meetings and I hope I didn’t get them too far off track, but this was a very engaging group of folks and I really appreciate us looking towards leadership in the future.

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And I'd also encourage all other county employees that want to think about continuing education, there's ways that you all can do that in our organization and outside our organization, but I think one of the things that this commission does appreciate very much is folks continuing to learn and grow, knowing more about the community, knowing more about your job and your responsibilities and knowing more about your counterparts in the organization that are leading different departments with different types of problems, I think all working together, I think this is a great program and I hope that there are others in our organization that will want to participate in future leadership training and skills. So again, thank you all and we certainly appreciate all of those who had part in putting this program together and making it work. So Mr. Chairman, that's all I had to say but certainly thank you to all the participants."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you commissioner, and I would just echo what Commissioner Winters has said, congratulations to the Manager for his vision in seeing the need for that and preparing for it and we want to thank and commend each of you who have said I will go through the process, I will exert the energy and put myself in a position to take strong leadership positions in the future. I think probably, although it's a dramatic phrase, a demographic tsunami is upon us and you all are going to have to pick up the pieces after that, so we appreciate your willingness to say I will serve and I will lead, so thank you all very much. Thank you Mr. Manager. Madam Clerk, next item please."

### **C. PRESENTATION REGARDING DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC) PROJECT UPDATE AND RECOGNITION OF DMC PARTNERS.**

**Mr. Mark Masterson**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to provide a progress report on the Disproportionate Minority Contact project and our acceptance by the MacArthur Foundation into what they call the Models For Change Initiative. State Representative Melody McCray-Miller is here with me in the audience and as you know she has been a key leader in our community in working on this issue at the national, state and local levels.

Sedgwick County is working on DMC since 1992 when amendments to the federal and state law elevated it to a core protection for minority youth under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. In 2003, the State of Kansas was found to be out of compliance on DMC by the federal government and under the leadership of the Kansas advisory group on which Representative Miller serves, implemented a three-year pilot project to study and begin to address the issues. Sedgwick County was invited to participate with two other Kansas communities, in the Garden City area was one and in the Manhattan area was the other, to serve as pilot sites and to study this issue.

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This morning I'll present an overview of the work we've done on the pilot project and in Sedgwick County on DMC. Kristina Woods did a very nice story in this morning's Eagle in the local and state section that describes that a very detailed report exists about the project, but I won't try to cover all the numbers on, but that is available on-line at [sedgwickcounty.org](http://sedgwickcounty.org) by selecting the Corrections Department and anybody that would like a hardcopy of the report can contact my office at 660-7017 and receive a hardcopy of the report.

I'd like to begin by talking a moment about being selected by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to participate in the Models for Change, DMC Action Network. This is a national effort by a private foundation to reform juvenile justice systems across the country. With funding from MacArthur, this initiative is gathering evidence about what works to reduce the very complex problem of DMC and funding model programs to illustrate the potential for reform.

Sedgwick County was selected to represent Kansas, based upon our work over the past 15 years and in this pilot project on DMC, our leadership on DMC in our state and quite frankly the fact that we have work to do and so we have the opportunity for MacArthur to work with us to put in and implement other strategies to try to address areas where we need to make improvements.

Kansas, along with Maryland, North Carolina and Wisconsin were selected by MacArthur in this round to join the original Models for Change states that were funded last year, which include Illinois, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Washington to expand the work in this field.

We're very proud and honored in having been selected and what it will mean for us is at a minimum we will be eligible to receive annual grants of \$100,000 a year for each of the next three years to sustain and expand our work on DMC.

I'm hopeful that after the first year that we'll be able to actually receive some funding to implement new interventions, but the first year will be around systemic planning and further identification of strategies that have a good chance of producing positive results. On that I'll be back before the end of the month with a work plan and formal agreement for your consideration for approval with MacArthur.

## **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

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From here on out I'll be using a slide format to get into the details of the report. Models for Change, DMC Action Network is about action. It's a national platform to expand the work of state and local jurisdictions in sustaining DMC reductions. And it provides a learning laboratory with a communications infrastructure to get technical assistance, to share ideas, to problem solve with the other communities. And while there's eight states involved, within those states it's 12 communities and we will be able to work with those 12 communities and learn what's worked there and get additional ideas and problem solve about our issues. MacArthur will help with technical assistance to bring about system change with their funding.

Talk about DMC, so let's define it. In this project it's talking about disproportionate minority contact of minority youth with the juvenile justice system at different points of contact along the way, decision points, and there are ten of them. The goals are to examine and reduce over-representation of youth of color to reduce racial and ethnic disparities where they exist and to prevent youth of color from entering and moving deeper into the juvenile justice system.

I think it's important to know about what DMC is not. It is not a research project. It is not solving the problems of racism or poverty. It is not about the blame game, that it's the music videos and television and kids of today and their parents and the system and the media. It's not about finger pointing at public officials and saying 'Gotcha'. It's not about the abuse excuse that oh, you know, these things happen because kids are from broken homes and bad neighborhoods and poverty. And it's not about a slap on the wrist for African American or Hispanic youth.

Why does DMC occur? One reason is structural inequalities in our society, differential offending rates, juvenile justice policies that are fair on their face, but have unintended negative consequences, police responses to crime, and the location of offenses, conscious or unconscious use of racial and ethnic stereotypes, policies based on gut feeling rather than on data, failure to use data to drive decisions, and failure to include all stakeholders in policy decisions.

Nationally, what we know about strategies that work to reduce DMC are prevention and early intervention programs, alternatives to secure detention, administrative rule modifications, cultural competency training, use of objective decision-making tools at the various decision points in the justice system, DMC tracking and reporting as part of every program design.

Now what have we done in Sedgwick County? I said we've been working on this since 1992, and you'll recognize many of the things that they've discovered nationally over the years that work on DMC we've been able to put in place here along the way well ahead of that information. Alternatives to secure detention we put in place in our community between 1990 and 1994. Detention utilization committees, we have a policy group with the four juvenile judges, district attorney and other stakeholders attend every month and have since 1996 to review our utilization of

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detention resources to examine the resources to examine the impacts and to look at strategies that we can put in place and rule modifications that we can make to reduce our need for secure detention. And by doing this we were able to divert 40% of our detention population that would have been in secure beds to alternative programs and we've maintained that through the years.

In 1997, one of the most important decisions of the Detention Utilization Committee was to adopt an objective risk screening instrument on who gets detained and who doesn't. When I go and speak at local and state and national conferences about this to communities that are considering this work, if they did one thing, one first thing to do that would be it and that's what I show them with the data. Prevention and early intervention programs, as you know here the Crime Prevention fund and the Juvenile Justice Prevention funds started in about 1999 and continue today. Part of our strategic plan was to put a detention advocacy service program in place to provide specialized legal representation at detention hearings and that's been a successful program, helps level the playing field and we've put that in place and all of these things continue today in 2000 [sic].

In 2000, we participated in an outside study of detention practices to look at the factors predictive of who gets detained in our facility compared to other facilities around the state, and in our facility with the use of that detention risk screening tool I'm happy to say that the strong factor by far was what it should be, severity of offense. We're getting the right kids, the violent, the chronic and the severe offenders detained and those that don't pose a public safety risk are going to alternatives.

The DMC Policy Committee, we had the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board in place from 1999, but as part of this pilot project, that body was identified to be the policy committee and there are 16 individuals, it's a statutory board, nine of whom are appointees of either the county commission or city council that represent the general public with the remaining members, stakeholders from the elements of the system.

In 2004, we received the funding from the Kansas Advisory Group to start our DMC project and to go deeper into this issue. One of the first things we did was to go out and engage the community and have lots of meetings and develop partnerships and Mark Masterson, the Corrections Director, can call the meeting, but when State Representative Miller or Judge Burgess calls the meeting, people come and we had lots of Saturday morning meetings over this issue and developed plans, understanding of the issue, understanding of the data and participation in development of strategies on how to address it.

We also do cultural diversity training, we expanded it with . . . I guess a fresh look and a fresh approach in our Corrections Department, the curriculum we adopted has been adopted by the county for all new employees as well. We do outside research with Wichita State to track access to

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our prevention and early intervention programs and measure the differential success rates of minority compared to Caucasian youth and families, school based interventions at Brooks and Coleman to address the achievement gap, positive youth development activities, you may recall the new communities initiative project that started last summer with the cleanup of some of the streets up in northeast Wichita, those youth were hired as part of our project here. We also funded job club program at the YMCA North Branch and a science and robotics program in the summer camp at Atwater last summer. Ongoing data collection, analysis, intervention and reports and we published two reports, one in April and one data report to show all the numbers of how things are changing in analysis and then an evaluation of all our programs that's reported and published in October.

Some of the results and preliminary findings include we're able to collect data over four years at ten decision points. We applied the new federal system of measuring disproportionality which is called the Relative Rate Index Measurement which compares the rate to Caucasian youth at each point in the system. We implemented that at each of those points. In our study of prevention services, we were able to demonstrate that minority youth are being served in balance with the percentage being arrested and appear to be as effective, the programs are as effective with minority youth and families as they are with Caucasians. The risk screening tool is working very well in juvenile detention. We see no over-representation in cases filed or probation, access to standard probation services. There's equal access occurring to the diversion programs and the detention alternatives that we've put in place.

The disparity gets greater as we get deeper into the system. At the juvenile correctional facilities the rate of new commitments is about three times the rate for Caucasians, in juvenile intensive probation one and a half to two times the rate and those going into state custody. But in each of those areas, it has come down in 2006 from the previous years and so that's a good sign. We'll have our 2007 data available soon to see if that trend has continued.

Our greatest concern at this time is the disparity in the rate of arrests of minority youth that has continued to grow over the past four years and I want to be clear that overall arrests have gone down, but disparity has gone up so minority youth are arrested at about three times the rate of Caucasian youth in the 2006 data.

What we've learned: keep evolving because the community is dynamic; we need to keep looking at the data; keep looking at our practices and keep looking at the research to see if there's things that we could do different and do better; bring everyone to the table in a cooperative manner; use technical assistance periodically to bring in fresh eyes to look at what we're doing and give us

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feedback and leave no stone unturned, training, data review of the operations and system; involving the community, local and state government and legislative action when necessary.

Our DMC partners of course this board, the juvenile court judges of which there are four, the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice, the DMC committee, Wichita State University, we've worked with the Self-Help Network that was very helpful and we've worked with criminal justice department, members of the African American and the Mesa Redondo Coalitions that we engaged out in the community to learn about this issue and to solicit their input.

Some of the key leaders: Representative McCray-Miller, Commissioner Winters, Judge Jim Burgess whose been a presiding judge of the juvenile department since 1989, Dr. Craig-Moreland from Wichita State who is our evaluator and Deputy Chief Moses who is the chair of the DMC Committee and who has attended the national conferences with our team each of the last four years, Kevin Miles is here in the audience, he is a member of the African American Coalition in his role as President of the NAACP, along with Representative Faust-Goudeau.

That concludes my presentation. Would it be okay for Representative Miller to make some comments?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Certainly. Thank you Mark. Representative Miller, would you like to make a comment?"

**Representative Melody McCray-Miller**, State of Kansas Legislature, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Briefly, very briefly. I appreciate the opportunity and I want to be able to personally and genuinely from the bottom of my heart thank each and every one of you, beginning with: Commissioner Welshimer; Commissioner Winters, you and I and Mark, we've been at this for a little over a decade, was on the commission, I was on the commission when we began this journey; Chairman Unruh; and Commissioner Norton; and of course Commissioner Parks along with County Manager Buchanan.

It is absolutely an honor for me to have an opportunity to tell you thank you personally and the reason why I say that is because Sedgwick County has definitely been an engaged and a positive and a forward-thinking commission when it comes to this issue and this is an issue that impacts not only Sedgwick County tax dollars by way of budget, because you look at juveniles at the lower end, when I say lower, they're at the beginning of possibly going into our adult correctional facility, so

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it's to our best interest to keep those numbers down, to reduce them and then to look at if indeed those numbers are disparate and that's exactly what we're doing here. But not only is it positive and forward-thinking for us to do it from a commission and from a taxpayer perspective, but also from a community perspective quite honestly, from a family perspective, when you look at what this disparity and this disproportionality does to a community and to specifically and particularly an individual and his or her family.

So I'd like to bring for just a moment the community perspective and when you look at systems and when you look at how it is that systems perceive and issue and go about changing how it is they do business in order to get some positive outcomes and reductions in those disparities, you also look at policy changes, which the commission would be a party to and also statewide legislators. When you look at how systems and policies change, you have to look at how those changes impact the person, which comes from a community, and that's where a coalition be it the African American Coalition or Mesa Redondo, that's where they come in as key partners and it's just . . . it's a cooperative and it's a positive partnership that hopefully will be able to net us some true positive outcomes in reductions at the arrest stage or the arrest decision-making point.

This African American coalition, as you can see, has members that are definitely engaged and definitely have leadership abilities. We have Kevin Miles, who is the President currently of the NAACP here, who is a member of the coalition, and we have Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau who is a charter member. Both actually are charter members of the coalition. We are committed to being partners. We're committed to being conduits between systems, policy and the community, because whatever system changes and policy changes are made, it is indeed the community that's going to have to sustain them.

So as a coalition, we truly believe that we are representative of that community by way of faith-based, by way of organizations, social, political, also by way of service providers and individuals. So I'll end at that but I simply wanted to genuinely tip my hat and say thank you to the county, because you've been major players in how it is that we've been able to see the reductions that we had and as a community we're extending a hand to say that it's a cooperative effort here and we are standing to the charge to do our part of it also, so thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you very much. Thank you for your comments and our appreciation to you for your leadership and the other folks that you've mentioned for your focus on this issue and trying to improve the circumstances in Sedgwick County. We do have several commissioners who want to make a comment, so let me begin with Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well Melody, Representative Miller,

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thank you very much for your comments to us. I would certainly say that the work that we've done as a county so far, we've got there because you were either pushing us or pulling us, one or the other. I can remember back the first time I ever hear the term disproportionate minority contact was sitting at this bench and you were talking about it and I am one of those folks who didn't understand what it meant, what it was, why it was important and I think even back in the early '90s I still didn't really understand or appreciate what all was involved in this issue.

Then when we got into 2004 and we started this pilot project, I knew about this and was certainly very supportive of moving forward, but I still don't think I really understood it very well. When we appreciate your paying attention to these model for change that the MacArthur Foundation was developing with some of these states around the country. This past October, late in October Mark Masterson called me and asked if I would join Representative Miler and Judge Burgess and him to go to Washington D.C. to . . . we had at that time known that we were going to be awarded part of this opportunity to make changes and it was a very enlightening meeting for me for a couple of reasons, but one, the MacArthur Foundation is something like a \$6,000,000,000 in assets, award about 230 or 240 million dollars a year to various efforts around the United States and one of their four program foundations is human and community development and that's where this program falls under, but they have taken I mean a full-fledged drive to change this area and we are in, at the very beginning practically, there's four other states that were in before Kansas and a couple of others have joined, but we're really now in at the very beginning of this effort and they want to change the world. They want to change the United States. They want to change the way states deal with this issue of disproportionate minority contact.

And I think it's gotten off to a good start, but there's a lot more that is going to need to be done and I appreciate your effort and your work in pushing us and pulling us in this manner. You have done excellent work, both as a commissioner on this issue and as a state representative and now I think you're the key reason that we've found out about this opportunity and are working on this, so you have certainly been involved and we appreciate that very much.

I would just want you and Mark to, when you bring back our plan of action that we'll go on, I certainly want to have something in there that can demonstrate to the MacArthur Foundation and the other states our county commission support and want to demonstrate that as a county we are taking this seriously and we want to make a difference, and so somehow I want to work that into the plan because just as we went back on this trip to Washington.

When I visited with Mark about it, he said you know we're supposed to take some real decision

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makers along, some people that can make a difference. Well we were the only state there that had a state representative, a county commissioner and a district court judge and I think that demonstrated that we were there to try to take part. So again, Commissioner Miller, thank you very much for leading the way on this and I hope we can make some real progress.”

**Representative McCray-Miller** said, “Thank you, I appreciate your comments, I really do. They are right on target, absolutely and just what you said though, Commissioner Winters, the fact that we were the only state that had a state legislator, a county commissioner and the chief juvenile judge there shows our commitment and that’s the reason why we’ve been ahead of the curve, just as Mark Masterson has said on several of the interventions, Sedgwick County has been ahead of the curve and I mean, that’s . . . I wanted to be able to toot our horn nationally and I knew that we had the data and that we had outcomes to be able to compete and show that Sedgwick County is definitely committed to this issue and making a difference and changing and now we have the opportunity to also bring in the community, which is a key player in this.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “We have another comment from Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, you know I think the county has shown over the years, at least since I’ve been a commissioner, that they’re willing to put additional . . . you always know what you believe in by where you put your money and we’ve got the prevention funds that flow through the state, but we’ve put together more money through the Juvenile Justice Coalition to put money into programs that we think will affect that.

And more and more we’ve found that we have to get further upstream. That we started out thinking truancy in high schools was going to solve some of this and then it became middle schools and now it looks like prevention for understanding kids when they’re elementary school and even, you know, preschool, so we continue to evolve and learn about this issue as to how young people get into the system in the first place.

I wanted you to comment just a little, I wrote down a few things that I think are disproportionate that we need to work about in our community that leads us to this whole thing. The disproportionate economic impact that people feel. I mean, if there’s jobs and there’s low rate of unemployment, does that community that breeds that disproportionate not get a chance to engage in that economic uptick. Educational completion I think is a part of this, single-parent families we know how an impact on this and low home ownership, all that is disproportionate in our community too and that starts as some of the symptoms that lead to the problem. Kind of comment on that a little, Representative Miller, because as we really start to look deep into this problem of where it

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starts, I think all of those systemic things in our community are part of it. Could you comment on that.”

**Representative McCray-Miller** said, “Thank you Commissioner Norton. You are a man after my heart. I tell you, when you speak like that it lets me know that you are definitely wired into the core of what causes these disproportionalities and disparities that are systemic, obviously. As a . . . you are absolutely right, first of all, they do impact and as a coalition, we recognize that early on and when you look at how this coalition actually came about, it really came about from the DMC initiative and this was the initiative that Sedgwick County put in place, which was community mobilization, identifying the issue and attempting to put into place remedies.

So the coalition looked at, okay this is a crisis that we’re dealing with right now, but there are always going to be crises that pop up, we need to be prepared to . . . first of all, we need to identify an agenda that is agreed upon by a broad base of players, of people within this community that’s impacted, disproportionately, and once we do that then we need to act on this agenda. We need to actually figure out a plan that will begin to address these disproportionalities . . . these disparities that are systemic. And in doing so, of course we partner with systems and policy makers.

Well the coalition has five areas, core areas that we are focusing on: neighborhood revitalization, health and wellness, economic development and education, and leadership development. So within each of those five core areas, we have committed group of individuals, committee members, that will work through a plan to address each of those areas and the disparities that exist. If . . . there’s not if, we have got to be able to be successful at remedying what our known systemic disparities in order to lift and make whole this specific community.

And quite honestly I will say it, it is the African American community and it is going to be also the Latino. And so with that, I think I’ve answered your questions.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I think you have. I guess the next question and maybe Mark and you can do it in tandem is, is there starting to be data that you can gather for individuals that enter into the system that goes backwards and says they came from a single-family home that have been without a job for six months and only rent, they don’t have their own housing. To start understanding, backwards, where that group comes from, if they’re disproportionately coming in, I think they’re in a disproportionate situation somewhere and we need to have some data going backwards to kind of tell us that. Is that available and is that going to lead us to some conclusions that maybe 80% come from homes where they don’t complete education and it’s a single-family

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parent, and that's where we can put some money from the county to start fixing some of those issues. I mean is that . . . is there data there, Mark?"

**Mr. Masterson** said, "When a youth is taken into custody and brought to intake and assessment, their family is not the arrested individual so the information we gather doesn't go as far as you're describing, certainly where they go to school, what their residence is and then the assessments that we perform in talking with their family and the youth. I think in the new communities initiative project there's some of the information that you're talking about, where you look at the target area and the amount of state and federal funds and local funds that are going into different types of program, welfare, education, the different programs that it kind of gets at what you're talking about and then you can look at the residences of where the high zip code areas, where we have minorities being arrested so you can get at it in that way."

**Representative McCray-Miller** said, "The other thing that I would like to add to that though, Commissioner Norton, is the fact that as a coalition, we basically also are comprised of service providers are within the coalition and those service providers, they basically can map that. I can't say that that data is retrievable in a package that you would be able to read it and evaluate it, per se, but I believe that is something that this funding opportunity will give us that opportunity to expound upon that and to grow that database and be able to package it so that you can see, looking backwards, who these individuals are, where they come from, what are the commonalities in terms of single-family, so on an so forth.

But service providers already see that. They work families. They work with these individuals. I think of two service providers in particular. One would be youth development with Graham Jackson and then parenting. That's at the very, very beginning when you think about prevention, that's parenting, being able to raise and rear children, you know, where they're going to be productive and happy. And then I think about an intervening service provider which would be Families Institute, that's Carry Jones Williams and they do a project that has to do with reintegrating juveniles, young people . . . young youth that have hit the system, have come out, and we don't want them to hit it again. So they have that type of data, we need to be able to put it into a package that you would be able to make that determination and I think this would give us an opportunity."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well I think it gives you the chance to laser focus where you're going back to. I mean, to know who somebody becomes, you have to know where they came from and how they got to be who they are, even through the juvenile system that's true and I think it gives you a glimpse on the things that maybe we want to really focus on upstream as to taking a shotgun approach to all the things that we think may be wrong to get people in the system. That's all I have Mr. Chair. Thank you."

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

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**Commissioner Parks** said, “Several of the items that Commissioner Norton brought up I was going to address. I won’t repeat and belabor those. I agree with him on many of those things, economic and the education. Until we get to a point of where we can put more money into it, I think that we do have an obligation to embrace USD 259 and the other school districts. We have an obligation to look to the Board of Regents and secondary education for some of that money also, and I’m sure Representative Miller can help us out from the state level on that.

The one question that I did have from Mark Masterson, you said that the juvenile arrests were three times in the minority community and if there’s . . . and it would be unfair for me to ask you to just come up with these figures right now but I would like to get them in the future if I could. How many of those, if they were an adult, would be felonies and misdemeanors? You know, what were they being arrested for and, you know, some of the alternatives that could have happened during those arrests. So I just guess that I would ask that if there’s a way to do that or if you happen to know that answer right off hand.”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “Actually, I do know that answer. When we set up and look at these relative rate indexes at each point, which is what I refer to that in 2006 minority youth were arrested for new offenses at three times the rate of white youth, while the arrest rate has gone down, disproportionality has gone up.

We’ve done 15 years worth of work on this is at the detention level. In drilling down, that’s a cause for us to look and drill down, so we drill down and look a severity of offense. And four times . . . the rate for African American youth is four times greater than the rate for white youth and Hispanic is two and a half. We drilled down on the African American youth being arrested and looked and they represent 35% of the arrests, but over 50% of the arrests for violent crime and that severity of offense, that when you drill down and say ‘now is this a problem’ well it’s not a problem with the decision to arrest them.

It’s not a problem with the decision to detain them, but it helps to explain why when you get to the deep end of the system, where are they going to go? They’re going to go to juvenile correctional facilities and that’s why getting up in front of this we focused on prevention programs and being sure that we’re getting prevention programs to the high zip code areas for disproportional arrests and then measuring to be sure that those programs are getting there in the appropriate supply and that they’re effective with that population.

There’s more work to do but we’ve drilled down to be able to at least I can provide that level of information from the data of what we’ve done so far.”

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**Commissioner Parks** said, "Would you say half of those are felonies?"

**Mr. Masterson** said, "I think down in the severity of offenses that the 50% that I described are all felonies. Those are the violent crime arrests."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Okay, thank you."

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

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Well I'm just so pleased with the phenomenal leadership that we have from all of you in their communities. I'm just very proud of it. You're just doing a great job, Oletha, Melody and Delia and Don Betts. I just see things moving in these communities and I see leadership and I see appreciation in your constituencies and you know, we have to have that leadership for things to . . . problems to be solved and I think you're doing it and I appreciate it and I want you to know that. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just maybe one last comment, and I hesitate to open my mouth sometimes when I don't clearly know exactly if I'm thinking straight or not, but one of the things to respond to Commissioner Norton and a little bit to Commissioner Parks, I don't see the MacArthur Foundation on this project as trying to solve all racism, poverty and economic development issues that affect our country.

And if we focused on that, I'm afraid the task will become huge. I think we're focused on what happens to these young people once they get in contact with the system, and we need to make sure that the system is honest and fair and treats them, all youth, appropriately. Because again youth need to be held accountable, but they need to be safe, they need to be given some opportunities for hope and I mean there's things that we can help in our system today and I'm not sure how we solve poverty because that's going to be a tough one, but there are things we can do here in this field that I think we can make a significant difference in the life of certain youth and so that's . . . I guess I would hate for us to try to set a goal up there or think that the barriers are insurmountable because I don't think they are. I think we can make a difference here.

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And so again, I think we've had great discussion and that's why I want to again show the commitment of this commission that we want to be involved in this process strongly. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well Commissioner Winters, I think you're right on. I'm glad you refocused us. My thought is though if you rehabilitate, if you make sure the system is fair, if you do everything while they're incarcerated to give them hope, and send them back into a family that . . . into a community that still has a lot of those problems, you know we know from our adult offenders that have been incarcerated, supposedly rehabilitated, you know we give them a bus ticket and \$250 bucks and send them back into the community. They don't have a home. They don't have transportation. They don't have a job and what happens? Seventy percent of them reoffend.

I just think we need to be thinking specifically for that youth but broadly in our community that those kinds of problems for our citizens incubate somewhere and somewhere in our community are those problems and we have to identify them, continue to work on them, think about them. I mean, we spend a lot of time on economic impact and job training and workforce development and that's . . . I don't think we've ever said 'well that's only for white-Caucasian folks'. That's for anybody that can train and get that job.

So I think we're doing the broader things, we just need to work harder. Everybody in this community should have the chance to not have to deal with any of these things, regardless of their ethnicity."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Well we appreciate this report and we are well aware, if not previously at least now, that it's a very complex issue. It does not yield itself to expeditious solutions and that we've been working on it now for 15 years and although the progress may be described as incremental, it is progress and we know more now that we used to know and our commitment is not wavering to be a partner with you in trying to address the challenge for our community. And I appreciate, Representative Miller, what you said about this is not just a social investment, but this is an economic investment that will prove profitable for us, so we're fully committed to continuing with you, as we work on this and make those incremental gains larger as we go forward. Thank you all and all the folks who are working on this."

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**Mr. Masterson** said, "I would say Judge Burgess would have been here, but he's on a plane to Miami to a game."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you for that information. All right, commissioners, we are ready for a motion to receive and file this report."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**APPOINTMENT**

**D. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH PAJOR (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTEMANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we've prepared this resolution, the nomination of Mr. Pajor has been made by the City of Wichita and I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Park 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.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**E. AGREEMENT WITH NON-PROFIT CHAMBER OF SERVICES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF NONPROFIT AGENCIES IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today asking your approval for an agreement with the Non-Profit Chamber of Services of Sedgwick County.

also would like to acknowledge that Perry Schuckman, who is the executive director, is in the audience and he’s told me he brought newsletters for everyone. He gets a lot of good information, a lot of pictures, I went through and scanned, there are no pictures of me this time, but we did get Commissioner Norton I see. Their mission is to improve the capacity of Sedgwick County non—profit agencies and as you’re aware, we contract with many of these organizations to provide a variety of services for Sedgwick County and so it’s exciting to have a group that’s really working to help improve those and increase capacity, increase the quality of what is provided.

The contract is for \$45,000 and this next year they will again expand services to non-profits through different kinds of activities such as training, mentoring and advocacy. And they have been very

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involved, in the last several years in terms of providing these kinds of training and activities. The one I've been heavily involved has been the board training, which has been called 'Good Works' and for those of you who have participated or been out there, you'll know that it's a very quality training and I think has been very beneficial for people who are current or we hope future board members. They also will be increasing their members and each year their membership does go up, and their going to continue to build standards of quality. I would recommend your approval. I'd be glad to answer any questions and if you have any questions for Perry, I know he is always willing to answer those."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Debbie and Perry. We appreciate you being here this morning and ready to answer questions. But we do have a comment from Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Several years ago, County Manager Buchanan brought to us the idea that you know we do deal with a lot of non-profits and there was a disparity on the board development, the training, the way different boards ran, how they're organized and that maybe by building capacity, bringing them together, putting them into a cohesive unit they could share a lot of information, they could learn from each other, they could find best practices and best methods and I think today that's where we're at."

And I've had a chance recently to kind of lift up the tent and look inside, again, at the non-profit chamber and they're doing those things. I mean, they're working hard at bringing capacity-building together for all organizations that are members. They work hard on board development and letting their member organizations understand how to form a board, how to develop a board, how to use the board to their best advantage, how to use them for fund-raising, for policy decisions and how to make them really function like boards should. They do a lot of training and there's a lot of shared information that moves through the organization. So my hat is off to the group for I think providing a structure to the vision that was had several years ago, because it is doing what I think, what it was aimed to do at that particular time."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Well I don't see any other commissioners asking to speak, but I think that we can gauge this in practical terms of our investment in simply that it makes our community a better place to live and to share our resources and to move forward as a community but it also has very definite, I think impact on the agencies that we work with in just making them more efficient and making our mission in Sedgwick County more productive, so it's easy for me to support this. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well really one final thought. You know we talk about government, we just talked about a problem that government is trying to work on and solve. But the truth is non-profits in our community do a lot of the heavy lifting of the kinds of social services and fixes in our community that government is not going to take care of. We couldn't possibly do all of those

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things, but we do want to make sure we support those entities and make sure they're sound and understand their mission in our community and I think the Non-profit chamber is a good mechanism for doing that. For us to be attached to them, but not particularly take on their missions, just help them do really good at what they do because they supplement so much of the work that we do as a county."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. I think we're ready for a motion."

**MOTION**

Chairman Unruh 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, Debbie. Thank you Perry for being here. Madam Clerk, next item."

**F. ADJUSTMENT TO THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S STAFFING TABLE TO ADD ONE FULL-TIME FISCAL ASSOCIATE, B216.**

**Mr. David Thompson**, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "To summarize the information I'd already submitted earlier, changes this year to the Kansas Offender Registration Act have placed a lot more work on our clerical staff. Such things as where we have to do the NCIC entries on all the offenders now that was being done previously by the KBI. We have a need to add a full-time clerical staff just to cover these additional duties.

Along the same time, the state does provide that each offender has to pay a registration fee every time they do and they earmark this into a special fund that was to be used for prosecution and law

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enforcement purposes. We would like to use those funds to pay for an additional clerical staff at this time to alleviate the workload that the changes have created.”

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, “I just wanted to clarify with Dave, this is a state mandate and this was a duty shift from the KBI down to the local government, was it not?”

**Mr. Thompson** said, “Correct. These are all mandated requirements and most of them are being shifted from what was the state level down to the local level sheriff’s and communities all across the state are having to deal with how to fund and provide these services.”

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, any other comment or question?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the addition to the Sheriff’s Office 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, David. Next item please.”

**G. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2007.**

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**Mr. Dave Rush**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The month of November we did 63,219 people from 18 events and 21 individual performance. The net revenues were \$226,297.83 for the month.

Some of the highlights of the month, the Wichita Toy Run, which for those people that got caught in traffic, it was the largest ever and the biker community turned out in great numbers this year, had good weather and everything and it was a tremendous event.

The Wichita Farm Show had a tremendous event also, we had Dierks Bentley, Bullnaza, which is a bull riding PVR event. We had Thunder Hockey and we had our flea markets. U.S. Weapons, and then the Turkey Classic go-kart racing inside of the pavilion, the arena building at the end of this year, which was very successful.

Coming up in January we’re looking for a great new year and we’ll have Thunder Hockey, which we talked about a few minutes ago which we got the 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be hockey games. U.S. Weapons will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>. The Wichita RV will be the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, which is a big event in the pavilions. U.S. Thunder Nationals, which is this next weekend, not this weekend but the following one. The rodeo is the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> which you all come out and visit most of the time. We’re looking for a big event there and then the rodeo dance on Saturday night. We’re going to have . . . the band will be Road Hammer.

And then the flea market on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Tthe Wichita Dog Agility Trials will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> and for those that don’t know what a dog agility trial is they’re very interesting. It’s where the dogs run back and forth, jump onto . . . with balls and everything and I like to watch them on TV on the dog shows. They’re very interesting and it’s free to the people that come out and see this event.

The Cowboy Extravaganza, what is a cowboy extravaganza? It is basically an old-time ranch rodeo and the cowboys get out there and just have a good time and put this event on. And then at the end of the month Reba and Kelly Clarkson, which people are trying to get tickets, can’t get them. We sold that show out the first day and . . . as well as another show we’ve got that’s almost sold out, and that’s Keith Urban.

So our concerts are looking good. Things are looking good for this year. I know, myself and my staff are looking forward to the new downtown arena and what is happening with that and preparing our people to move into the management positions in the jobs that are there for that event, as well as taking care of the pavilions when that all comes about. We’re all looking forward to this. If there are any questions, I’ll be happy to answer them.”

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Very good David. I think . . . I can see why you're smiling, lots of stuff going on, lots of stuff in the future. You look like a happy guy today. We have a comment here from Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Well I had a question. On the 31<sup>st</sup> you have Reba and how many people are going to be at that event, or how many tickets were sold?"

**Mr. Rush** said, "It's around 9,000 with the production holes. She does not sell behind the stage, so it's around 9,000 with the production holes and everything like that."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "If your staff geared up and ready, because that is the first day that people go into for the Hays Swap Meet also and they're ready to divide that up and you have that all figured out how the people can bring in their products and do that?"

**Mr. Rush** said, "Yes. Most of that is done prior to the day, to the time that the people start showing up for the concert and so forth. Yes, it's going to be a fun event. There's some logistic problems as always, but we'll work through them. I'm flying home that day previous, cutting it a few days short from Hawaii to take care of this event, so it's going to be a fun time."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "What time will the vendors be able to get in on the 31<sup>st</sup>?"

**Mr. Rush** said, "They move in at noon I believe, they start moving in the big rigs and things like that."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Any other comment or question? What's the will of the board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**H. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Resolution stating findings made by the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners at the post-annexation hearing (City of Mt. Hope) held on December 12, 2007.**

**2. Resolution stating findings made by the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners at the post-annexation hearing (City of Kechi) held on December 19, 2007.**

**3. Waiver of policy to hire a Building Maintenance Worker, B114, above 6% the minimum pay for this position.**

**4. Range reallocations (35).**

**5. Applications for Cereal Malt Beverage License.**

**Applicant Names      Business Name**

**Patrick D. Crowell      Crowell Enterprises, LLC**  
**Melanie L. Crowell**

**6. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<b><u>Contract</u></b>	<b><u>Rent</u></b>	<b><u>District Landlord</u></b>	<b><u>Subsidy Number</u></b>
V07087	\$274	5 Springcreek Apt.	Phase 1
V07088	\$450	5 William Favreau	
V07090	\$104	4 Brookfield Apts.	

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V07091	\$455	BU Santa Fe Terrace	
V07092	\$548	2 Terrance N. Marr	
V07093	\$560	2 Bridgewater Apt. Homes	
V07095	\$688	BU Aimee Smith	
V07098	\$257	5 Springcreek Apt.	Phase 2
V07099	\$400	2 Mt. Hope Community Development, Inc.	
V07100	\$334	5 Hearth Hollow Apts.	
V07102	\$164	2 Wheatland Apts.	
V07103	\$294	4 Brookfield Apts.	
V07104	\$390	4 Brookfield Apts.	
V07105	\$332	2 Main St. Place Residences	
V07107	\$301	2 Clearwater Senior Res.	
V07108	\$495	2 Chapel Ridge Apts.	
V07109	\$350	BU Knoop Apts.	

**7. 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>
V9515	\$221.00	\$264.00
V020079	\$192.00	\$244.00
V04081	\$369.00	\$332.00
V200108	\$273.00	\$307.00
V07007	\$18.00	\$127.00
V05086	\$108.00	\$99.00
V04096	\$225.00	\$270.00
V06069	\$400.00	\$314.00

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V05096      \$195.00      \$213.00

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
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V98004      \$164.00      \$190.00

V020006      \$384.00      \$0.00

V07006      \$172.00      \$197.00

V05098      \$615.00      \$640.00

V06006      \$318.00      \$413.00

V2086      \$304.00      \$334.00

V07005      \$294.00      \$315.00

V02007      \$322.00      \$369.00

V06071      \$114.00      \$118.00

V99079      \$475.00      \$550.00

V2009      \$360.00      \$257.00

V20143      \$519.00      \$499.00

V94116      \$294.00      \$335.00

V04097      \$542.00      \$580.00

V07004      \$33.00      \$64.00

V2002      \$292.00      \$297.00

V07003      \$211.00      \$238.00

V020014      \$313.00      \$324.00

V050103      \$226.00      \$361.00

V05101      \$261.00      \$687.00

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
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V06070      \$234.00      \$339.00

V06067      \$262.00      \$164.00

V2001      \$222.00      \$250.00

V200116      \$286.00      \$317.00

V06068      \$168.00      \$173.00

V07002      \$96.00      \$139.00

V05104      \$0.00      \$91.00

V97069      \$289.00      \$333.00

V010168      \$289.00      \$333.00

V05102      \$242.00      \$205.00

V07060      \$243.00      \$84.00

V2020      \$495.00      \$476.00

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V04091	\$134.00	\$194.00
V06069	\$314.00	\$34.00
V04024	\$260.00	\$495.00
V05094	\$454.00	\$514.00
V05036	\$235.00	\$178.00
V06035	\$145.00	\$253.00
V020052	\$389.00	\$494.00
V05101	\$687.00	\$694.00
V05004	\$732.00	\$95.00
V07053	\$319.00	\$243.00
V04078	\$425.00	\$369.00
V06019	\$187.00	\$585.00
V07014	\$505.00	\$428.00
V07083	\$375.00	\$246.00
V07083	\$246.00	\$231.00
V07032	\$207.00	\$656.00
V04037	\$364.00	\$624.00
V05104	\$0.00	\$91.00
V05104	\$91.00	\$285.00

8. **Payroll Check Register for December 14, 2007.**
9. **Order dated December 19, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
10. **Order dated December 26, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
11. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 19 – December 25, 2007.**
12. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 26 – January 1, 2008.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it and remind you that 32 hours, 22 minutes ago the sales tax expired.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you for that reminder.”

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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, “Commissioners, we are at the end of our agenda and now is the appropriate time for ‘other’ comment. Commissioner Parks.”

**I. OTHER**

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Well, several of my ‘other’ comments this morning have to do with just safety, and that may be my background, that I’ve come up with. I do know that there’s been a lot of talk on the national level about the incident that happened at the San Francisco Zoo and I’m pleased that Mark Reed got out with a press release and a comment about that and that our facility is certainly safe. I guess just the last couple of days there’s been some more information from that incident at the zoo that that may have been . . . there’s some investigation about a slingshot and some other things that were happening there.

But I’m confident that our zoo staff and our security and everything at our zoo is good and seeing what goes on behind the scenes during my orientation, I can safely say that I really feel confident that our zoo is secure and safe and certainly wouldn’t say that we would have any of those same problems.

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Also, during the last ice storm I was . . . I know that our county didn't get out and do everything that they normally do, but . . . for the salt and sand and whatnot. However, I think that worked out okay. You know, there's not a lot of salt and sand on the highway that doesn't need to be there, so I think that little procedure may cause us to look at that in the future and say maybe we've done too much for people, I don't know.

Some of the blizzard conditions that were out there, some of us got out in those and that brings up another safety issue, people driving out in that weather without lights on. I'd like to encourage them to make sure that when they have lights, check your vehicles and make sure that the lights are working properly and not burnt out.

And I guess the third thing that I . . . safety issue that's out there that I wanted to bring up was we've had a lot of kids on ice, on thin ice out there and make sure you know where your children, your grandchildren, neighbor kids, if you see that, report that immediately and get somebody out there to take care of that situation. We're having some 60 degree weather later on this week, according to a couple of the TV stations and we don't need any more emergency services out there trying to pull the kids out. Thanks."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Any other comment? I don't see anyone asking to speak, so we will just say happy new year and this meeting is adjourned."

### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

dThere being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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

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

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

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**KELLY PARKS**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**GWEN WELSHIMER**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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