

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**February 20, 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, February 20, 2008 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Tim R. Norton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; 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. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. James Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works; Ms. Karen McNally, Director, CSS; Mr. Jim Sachs, Administrative Assistant, Select-A-Seat, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Scott Goltl of the Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, February 6, 2008

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2008.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, we were all here on February 8 [sic], you've had a chance to review the minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2008.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE.**

**A. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR A PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS (PATH) FORMULA GRANT.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a two-year renewal for the PATH Grant that we've had in our COMCARE Homeless Program for a long time. It is a rigorous process that Karen McNally, our Community Support Services Director, and our staff went through and I want to ask her to explain this item. She will be much more capable of addressing any questions that you might have on it, so I am going to turn it over to Karen."

**Ms. Karen McNally**, Director, CSS, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Marilyn explained, this is a renewal or a continuation of funding through the PATH Grant, which is the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness and we have had the benefit of this funding for many years. It is, however, a competitive process and so, this is an application now for a two-year funding cycle."

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As you are aware, Commissioners, the Homeless Program at COMCARE provides therapy, screening and intake services, case management, psychiatry services and supportive employment. One of the key activities at the Homeless Program is our Street Outreach, our Homeless Outreach, to folks who are in the shelters, the drop-in center, living under bridges or abandoned buildings and that's the primary source of funding. The PATH Grant has been for the two Outreach Case Managers that do that critical activity. It also funds a Housing Specialist, who helps manage the subsidized apartment's certificates that we have access to.

It also helps people learn how to rent an apartment, find an apartment, be a good tenant, understand your tenant's rights and helps people run through the hoops of the various systems that are involved in supplying housing for people who have been homeless.

With this application this year, we are hoping to add a PATH Peer Provider. And what that is, is a person who has their own homeless experience and a history of mental health treatment because we've learned nationwide, that people who have that "own lived experience" can really make connections with those who are struggling to change their futures and their lives and so we are hoping to be able to add that to this Grant with this proposal.

As you can see from your Agenda item, again, it is a two-year Grant. The Grant funds from SRS would be \$216,950 and it would cover the fiscal years of 2009 and 2010. I would be glad to answer any questions you might have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you very much Karen. I certainly am going to be supportive of this but I'm going to ask Manager Buchanan or Commissioner Norton if they can make a comment or two.

You know, we've just had in the news this week that the Homeless Task Force has taken their final action on a process to move forward to the City of Wichita and to Sedgwick County. One of things that I'm not certain of is, I know that Sedgwick County is involved in several homeless activities. Here is one that we are involved in.

How are we going to fit all of these together and is there a mechanism with this Homeless Task Force, that I know has been doing long, hard work here, but are programs like this going to stand alone, are they going to be wrapped into that, do either one of you have a couple of comments you could help or is this something that we really, as the homeless plan comes, will we need to sit down and digest all of that?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I think it's both of those things, Chairman Winters. As we've gone

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through this process, we know that Sedgwick County is a provider of a lot of services and you can call them homeless services but in some cases they're mental health services that transition over to the homeless because that's a population that deals with that issue a lot.

We have a Housing Department, but housing, we do on one end but we also do on the other end of the spectrum for trying to place homeless individuals into housing. We've got a lot of services that tie into this. And a lot of them will co-locate in this new Resource and Referral Center. At one time, COMCARE and the Open Door Center did co-locate, they had to move to a smaller place and we kind of split that partnership. We still work together but we're not co-located.

Our hope is, we move forward and build this new Resource and Referral Center, is that there will be placements of COMCARE and mental health kinds of things, housing, other services, wrap-around services that we do, so that the homeless can get that service easily and readily every day as they have a place to be during the day.

And I think it will be all of those things, both sides of it as you described it. I think; as we bring the plan forward, there will a lot of nuts and bolts details of where the County wants to engage. There is probably three or four or five touch points where we are already part of the system, but there may be some expansions, some nuances that we will want to deal as we really refine the plan.

The plan has five tenants. Build a resource center and referral center, similar to what Open Door is today. Expand emergency beds, temporary housing a little bit because we know there is a little bit of a need for that during the bad weather months. Adopt a housing first model, which indicates that you try to get the chronic homeless off the streets into some housing and then put some services with it. But first of all it's a national model that gets homeless folks, as Karen described, out from under the bridges, out of abandoned buildings and into some kind of decent housing to kick start their life. And then the two final things are where does the funding, the sustainable funding come from and what does the governance, the oversight look like?

I think one of the things that everybody on the Task Force thought was that all five of them are important but that you have to have a Governance and Oversight Committee to make sure that all the agencies work together, that we use our dollars to the best advantage, not have a lot of individuals working out in silos trying to manage this population and help them out.

So it is a very complicated issue in our community. The chronic homeless take a lot of our services. They draw down a lot of them and if we can get them into a more stable environment, I think it would be cost efficient, but it will also save lives and help the community. I don't know if that gets you kind of where you wanted to be with the question?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Well, that is helpful and I am sure that we'll talk and think more as we see the plan. I just, I know that we don't have what is the solution that we wish was out there, it's

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not happening today. But I think people tend, if you just listen to what you hear in the media, tend to think that we are not doing anything. And I think we are doing a lot. I think there is a lot happening right now. So sometimes I'm tossed between how we are going to integrate what is currently happening and what needs to be done in the future. Commissioner Parks?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I'm going to be supportive of this, in that it's connection with the mental health services and the, that connect, and I think that one of the things I wanted to say about this Grant application, we need to be careful over the next two-years and looking at this, in my belief, that we don't fund something long term that is actually the State's job. And you know, make sure if the people that need to be in the State institutions, get there also.

And that's just one of those things that when the State Hospitals closed up a few years ago, that was another one of those items that fell back on us to take those responsibilities. I look at this as a short term fix and hopefully we can, in the two-year plan, integrate those people that need to be in State services back into those. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Mr. Manager? You look like you had something you were going to add?"

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I wanted to point out that the Task Force spent about a year or so reviewing current delivery systems and current programs and activities and from that information they developed a list of gaps in the service delivery. If we weren't doing these kinds of services, that gap list would be huge. It's not huge because we have a foundation for service, for homeless people in this community over the last number of years.

So I think you're observation is correct. It is unfortunate that we haven't gotten the recognition that we need to in this community, that there is a whole lot of services being provided. There are gaps and we are going to try to address those."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am also going to be supportive of this, but Karen, I had a couple of questions. How long have we been involved in this program? This is a renewal, how many years have we been involved?"

**Ms. McNally** said, "Well over ten-years Commissioner. Really since the inception of the PATH Grant process from the Federal Government, our homeless program has been recipient. It is passed

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through the State of Kansas. The State of Kansas also puts some dollars with it and then releases the Request for Proposal to the communities. So we have some considerable history in that process.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “And can you quantify how many individuals that we are able to assist annually? Are those folks, do they tend to recycle back through our system for one reason or another or once we’ve helped someone that they are on their way to good community living?”

**Ms. McNally** said, “That answer is yes, no and yes. I can tell you that last year, in 2007, we had 559 outreach contacts, 559 unduplicated people that we outreached, the contacts then continue, so that it takes a while for that outreach worker to build the trust for the person to maybe think about stepping into a service, to going to the Lord’s Diner, to going to other resources in the community. And so the 559 is the tip of the iceberg on the contacts because we continue that with folks as we encourage them to seek services.

In terms of those that are enrolled, that come to us for mental health treatment, probably about, and this one is not as much of a hard number that I can give you Commissioner, but about 60% will stay engaged in services. Once they’ve stayed engaged in services, about 90% will improve their housing status, whether that’s going into transitional housing or into permanent housing.

Once we have had an opportunity to work with folks, do they cycle back? And that’s the question that is yes for some. That social economic personal reasons, for a variety of reasons, people may find themselves from disengaging, having difficulty dealing with the stressors of the next stage of this journey they are on. And we will then, occasionally, pick them back up off of homeless sort of situations in a year or two after we have lost contact with them.

So much like the human condition, it’s not a static permanent process, but many people have been able to go on and live independently quite successfully.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Welshimer, did you have a comment?”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “It was the same question that Commissioner Unruh had.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Very good. Commissioners, you’ve heard Karen’s report on this Grant, what’s the will of the Board?”

### **MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you very much Karen.”

**Ms. McNally** said, “Thank you Commissioners.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Next item.”

**B. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**1. ADDITION OF ONE ISO II GRANT POSITION, B220, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS STAFFING TABLE.**

**Mr. Mark Masterson**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved our request to submit a Grant application to the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority for funding of a pilot project to implement system improvements for youth returning to live in the community from Juvenile Correctional Facilities. Basically a reentry program.

We’ve received notification of this Grant Award of \$261,546.00 to be used during the Grant period which starts March 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

This morning I am here to request addition of a Grant position to the department staffing table to work on this project. The position is an Intensive Supervision Officer II, Range B220, and Grant

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funds are available to cover the funding, which is projected at \$40,136.00 for 2008 and \$48,164.00 in 2009. I would be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions about this? Commissioner Parks?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “I just did see where the funding started back in October, so we have been kind of getting this as a continuation?”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “That’s the next item. This item is the STAR Project and the funding starts March 1<sup>st</sup>.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Any other questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the addition to the Department of Corrections Staffing Table.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Next item.”

**2. GRANT AWARD FROM THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN’S LAW AND POLICY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISPROPORTIONATE**

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**MINORITY CONTACT (DMC) ACTION NETWORK.**

**Mr. Masterson** said, “For the past several years, as you know, Sedgwick County has been working to study and address the over representation of minority youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

Last month I provided the Board with a detailed presentation of our work as part of a three-year pilot project that was funded by the State of Kansas. This work involved data gathering at ten decision points in the justice system, that of analysis, interventions and evaluation.

Now, based in large part on that work, we have been accepted to participate in the Models for Change DMC Action Network which is a national initiative to address this problem, funded by the MacArthur Foundation.

I am here this morning to ask you to accept the Grant Award of \$100,000.00 and enter the Agreement with the Center for Children’s Law and Policy to participate in this project. These funds are for the first year of a three-year project to sustain and expand our work.

The funds will provide one full-time DMC Community Outreach position to work in my office, travel costs for mandatory meetings, office furniture and equipment for the Coordinator, contractual fees for data analysis and evaluation working with Wichita State and an Agreement with the Urban League of Kansas for one part-time Manager position to coordinate DMC activities for the newly formed African-American Coalition.

This funding will cover costs through September 30 2008, second year funding is expected to start October 1<sup>st</sup>. I would be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Winters said**, “All right, thank you Mark. Commissioners, if you will remember back to the early part of January of this year, Representative Melody Miller was here. And this is the process and the funding mechanism coming through the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, that Representative Miller, Judge Burgess, Mark Masterson and myself traveled to Washington D.C. in November of last year.

And I think, you know, we probably use the term ‘on the cutting edge’ maybe a little too much, but they are already working with four states and now they have included four other states and we are one of that second group and this is really a, you know, Mark mentioned even the mandatory travel. One of the things that they are trying to do is to get people communicating across the country on what’s working. I mean, what can we do that we can enhance and help each other?

And, I was there when Mark made several presentations and Mark did an excellent job and I think they were listening to what we we’re doing here in Sedgwick County. And I think that is one of the

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reasons we've been pulled into to this Grant process, to try to make a change and these folks are serious about wanting to change this Disproportionate Minority Contact with the Justice System and I think we are on a good track and I think they are going to be watching that we'll be watching and I hope that over the course of time we will be able to see some changes.

Again, this was an issue that when Representative Melody Miller was a County Commissioner, she brought to this group, before any of the rest of us even knew what this meant. Melody has certainly been a tireless worker and she is even part of the reason, I think, we got in this Grant, because she had heard about it, talked to Mark about it, said let's try to get involved. I think we are off on a good start here. Commissioner Welshimer?"

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Just briefly, could you describe a few things of what you are doing that addresses this issue?"

**Mr. Masterson** said, "First, with the pilot project, we gathered lots and lots of data, ten different decision points. The point of arrest, the detention to detained, the detention to charge, access to diversion programs, access to standard probation...all the way through the system and then looked at the minority representation.

That's just the first blush of taking a look at how do we next focus our interventions. We've done a lot of things in Sedgwick County, put in an objective screening tool on who gets detained and who doesn't and who gets to go home. That was one of the most important pieces that we put in place to ensure fairness and to help address the over-representation.

With our Detention Utilization Committee, we meet monthly with the four Juvenile Judges, District Attorney's Office and our staff, to look at what we are doing, how it's working and make adjustments. Continuing to drill down into the data to understand what does it look like and then to bring it to a group that can help decide what does that mean and is there anything we should do about that or not is what a lot of this work is about.

Having a range of detention alternatives that don't need to be in the most expensive locked detention bed is an important addition that we made in our system here, so we have those that are diverted to home supervision, home supervision on electronic monitoring, we have a staff secure shelter that is less expensive to operate when a youth doesn't need to be in a locked facility to

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ensure their appearance at court, so we put a lot of effort and investment into our system, which is a model system and has drawn attention nationally, which is what this represents. And those are just a few of the things.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Mark, this, our action today is to approve the Grant Award. Is this going to require adjustment in the staffing table?”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “Yes sir, and that would be the next item.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “It would be the next item after this?”

**Mr. Masterson** said, “Yes.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Commissioners, we are on item B2, are there other questions, if not what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the Grant Award Agreement; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the Grant Award documents are executed.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Next item.”

**3. ADDITION OF ONE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR GRANT POSITION, B322, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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**STAFFING TABLE.**

**Mr. Masterson** said, "Commissioners, this Agenda item supports implementation of this Grant project that you just approved. It asks that you approve the addition of a Range B322 Coordinator position to our department staffing table. The estimated costs for the position for the first Grant cycle, through September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year are \$26,971.00. Additional Grant funding is expected to sustain the two additional years beginning October 1, 2008. I would be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you, Mark. I guess my only question is, one person is what we're talking about here and will that be sufficient?"

**Mr. Masterson** said, "I'm the DMC Project Director and I worked leading that project through the pilot project and before that, so this position will assist me in expanding the project out to engage the community."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, so you will stay very much engaged in this process?"

**Mr. Masterson** said, "I will continue to be the Project Director, yes."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I am sure that will make Representative Melody Miller happy that you are staying engaged. Commissioner Parks?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "If this funding goes away then you'd come back to us and either request an on-line funding from Sedgwick County or would make another decision at that time then?"

**Mr. Masterson** said, "Yes sir."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard Mark's report, what's the will of the Board on item B3?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the addition to the Department of Corrections Staffing Table.

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Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Mark. Keep up the good work. Next item.”

**C. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Jim Sachs**, Administrative Assistant, Select-A-Seat, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We had a busy January this last month. A lot of the events that we had, we had five hockey games, U.S. Weapons Gun Show, Wichita RV Show, the U.S. Hot Rod Thunder Nationals, the Rodeo, Flea Market and to finish off the month, we had the Reba McEntire/Kelly Clarkson concert.

Through the month, we had a total attendance of 68,701 people, from 14 events and 25 individual performances. The net revenues for the month were \$377,114.86.

Coming up, we continue our busy schedule starting tomorrow with the Sport Boat and Travel Show at the Coliseum, it runs through the weekend. Next week we have the hockey game and 3-Days Grace concert. Next weekend we’ve got EquiFest of Kansas. And as we host the horses in the Pavilions, we also have Elmo in the Britt Brown Arena with Sesame Street. Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood concert on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Wichita Wild open their season March 8<sup>th</sup>. And at the end of March, Cirque De Soleil.

That is our upcoming schedule, if you have any questions, I would be glad to help.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you Jim, sounds like a busy schedule. Commissioners, you have any questions or other comments about Jim’s report? All right, seeing none, do we have a motion to receive and file?”

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Parks moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Jim. You got off with no questions today. Next item please."

**D. PUBLIC WORKS.**

**1. CONTRACT WITH RUGGLES AND BOHM, P.A., FOR DESIGN OF 39<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH FROM ROCK ROAD TO WEBB ROAD.**

**Mr. James Weber**, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On item D1, we are requesting your approval of an agreement with Ruggles and Bohm for engineering design services for the paving of 39<sup>th</sup> Street South from Rock Road to Webb Road. The east ½ mile of this project will be built with hot-mix asphalt to serve the Prairie Breeze Estate Addition.

Half of the cost of the east ½ mile will be assessed back to that sub-division. In order to complete the entire mile with pavement, Public Works is planning to cold-mix the west ½ mile this summer. This engineering contract includes design work for the west ½ mile so that we can coordinate the drainage, the grating and the utility work for the entire mile.

The cost of the work will not exceed \$28,700. Of that cost, \$8,980 will be paid by the owners in Prairie Breeze through special assessments. And I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. We request your approval of the recommended action and that you authorize the Chairman to sign."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Jim. Commissioners, questions on this item?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Jim. Next item."

**2. RESOLUTION RECLASSIFYING 77<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH BETWEEN WEST STREET AND HOOVER ROAD FROM THE VALLEY CENTER TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM. DISTRICT #4.**

**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item D2 is a Resolution reclassifying 77<sup>th</sup> Street North between West Street and Hoover Road, from the Valley Center Township Road System to the Sedgwick County Highway System.

The reason for the change is that we will construct cold-mix asphalt from this road this year and from that point forward we would be better equipped to maintain the road than the Township. And I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you David. Are there questions? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed in a platted residential sub-division and in accordance with County standards, that road is then assigned to the Township Road System. In this particular case, 205<sup>th</sup> Street West, located in the sub-division of Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition will become the responsibility of Union Township. The Union Township Board was informed that this Resolution would be on the County Commission Agenda by letter, dated January 11<sup>th</sup>. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Unruh  | Aye |
| Commissioner Norton | Aye |
| Commissioner Parks  | Aye |

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| Commissioner Welshimer | Aye |
| Chairman Winters       | Aye |

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you David. Next item."

**E. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup> results in seven items for consideration today. First item..."

**1. ANNUAL SOFTWARE & EQUIPMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT – FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER  
FUNDING – TOXICOLOGY/CRIMINALISTICS**

Recommendation is to accept the quote from Agilent Technologies in the amount of \$59,164.08. Item two...

**2. COMPUTER HARDWARE – DISTRICT COURT  
FUNDING – COURT TECHNOLOGY**

Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Dell Computers in the amount of \$33,189.52. Item three...

**3. COMPUTER HARDWARE – ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING  
FUNDING – POST SAP IMPLEMENTATION**

Recommendation is to accept the quote from Dell Computers in the amount of \$41,098.69. Item four...

**4. CAD SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE – EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
FUNDING – COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

Recommendation is to accept the quote from Northrop Grumman Information Technology for a monthly cost of \$6,005.80. Item five...

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**5. PROPERTY DEMOLITION AT 920 E. LEWIS – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT FUNDING – LAND ACQUISITION – SC ARENA**

Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Cornejo Construction in the amount of \$28,160 and to establish unit pricing. Item six...

**6. DS1 SERVICE – FIRE DISTRICT FUNDING – FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Recommendation is to accept the quote from AT&T Kansas and execute a contract for a 60-month total of \$26,414. Item seven...

**7. JUDGE’S CHAMBER FURNITURE/JUVENILE COURT PROJECT – DISTRICT COURT FUNDING – CONSTRUCT JUVENILE COURT/REMODEL FOR DA – JUVENILE COMPLEX**

Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Scott Rice in the amount of \$3,004.48 for items 1 and 2. And accept the low bid from John A. Marshall in the amount of \$33,265.56 for items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. And then item 8, recommendation is to reject the bids and rebid that item. Would be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Iris. Commissioners, are there questions about the Report of the Board of Bids and Contracts?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Unruh     | Aye |
| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Parks     | Aye |
| Commissioner Welshimer | Aye |

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Chairman Winters

Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Iris."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Thank you."

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 811-J, n ½ K; widening of Ridge Road between K-96 and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North. CIP# R-282. District #4.**
- 2. Member's Certificate to the Child Advocacy Center.**
- 3. Order dated February 13, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of February 13 - 19, 2008.**
- 5. Payroll Check Register of February 8, 2008.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners you have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Is there a motion to approve the Consent Agenda?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, this does bring us to the end of our regular Agenda. We do need to have an Executive Session today, but before we go into that Executive Session, I would ask if there is any other business or anything that you would like to share with the Commissioners. Commissioner Parks?"

### **G. OTHER**

**Commissioner Parks** said, "As Jim stated, the Wichita Wild football team, if you are so inclined to continue the football season, there is going to be indoor football starting at the Britt Brown Arena on March 8<sup>th</sup> and the Wild season tickets are available. I certainly enjoyed that last year and have my season tickets this year.

March 1<sup>st</sup>, the reappraisals went out, if you get those reappraisals, or they're scheduled to go out, if you get those and your taxes have gone up, the mil levy stayed essentially the same, so it's not due to a raise in taxes. There are remedies if you feel like that your appraisal is out of line, you can appeal those.

Also, just last night, I wanted to report that I was at the Valley Center City Council meeting and they approved paying the jail fee for the month of January. That's it."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you Mr. Chair. Just wanted to give an update on the progress at the Sedgwick County Zoo at the new restaurant out there. After the Board meeting last night, we took a little tour of the new restaurant facility, which should be completed and open for business in mid March. And I think it will greatly enhance the enjoyment of people who visit our Sedgwick County Zoo.

The old facility will be coming down just shortly after the opening of our new building. It's a

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good looking place, got a lot of space. Going to be serving, probably a higher quality food than you are used to at the Sedgwick County Zoo, but I think it will really enhance your enjoyment. So I would just encourage everyone to make plans to visit the Sedgwick County Zoo. And that's all I have Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Welshimer?"

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "There are still a couple of issues that we haven't addressed that I would like to remind the Board of. One would be the discussion of registration and regulation of lobbyists for local government purposes. People who lobby, elected officials, City, County and so on, we don't have any actual rules on that.

The other thing is the debt issue. Setting policy on how much debt we will assume in the next year or so, in the next three years, and how we are going to weigh those consequences. That is all I have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Norton?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well to dove-tail on what Commissioner Welshimer said, I think the debt policy discussion will probably be during our budget season this year. We have that every year as we talk about the 5-year, 10-year debt limits and I think there is a pertinent discussion that needs to be had.

I would welcome that discussion as we move into the budgetary season and try to figure out the budget for 09', but what the implications are on our debt policy over the year is subsequent to that. I think that's a good item to bring up but I think it really wraps into our budget discussions that are coming. And it's not only what to do with 09' and past that, but what our over-all debt limits should look like. So I agree with that.

I did want to comment a little more on the Homeless Task Force. That should come before the County Commission in the next couple of weeks. It will not only describe the plan in more detail, I think to the Commission, but I think we'll have to have some talks about what expanded services we might want to offer and how we figure in to some of the capital projects that may happen.

There is going to have to be an ability to sustainably fund the plan. I think there is plenty of partners out there from the City, the County, the Faith community, private industry and non-

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profits, that will be at the table, willing to discuss this, but it will come before us relatively soon from Jack Focht and Janet Miller, who have been very instrumental on the Task Force and I would hope that we would have some pretty deep discussions about where we want to be involved and where our engagement is on that Task Force recommendation.

Yesterday at the staff meeting I talked about adult basic education, GED, GED prep and testing and ESOL. I have been very engaged through Visioneering in trying pull that away from WATC, look at adult basic education, try to understand the needs of the community and put it through the filter of whether that is really a Sedgwick County proposition to take on and fund and administer.

And we had a little bit of discussion yesterday but I would want to urge us to continue to think about that. This group that I am working with will bring some recommendations forward, probably in the next month and I would like for us to be prepared to talk about that very diligently and no holds barred about what our obligation on adult basic education.

As you know, we inherited that because it was imbedded deep into WATC and we will need to make some decisions real soon as to how that moves forward, how we want to participate, what the funding mechanisms will look like and what the future of adult basic education will be in our community.

Just an add on to that is, I think we all believe that it is important because not one individual can be sacrificed in today's work force shortage. We need to have everybody up to proficient skills to make sure that in the next 5-10 years, that every individual that wants to work, that has some abilities, can seek out a job to their highest abilities. And adult basic education helps that. We know that we are going to have a work force shortage. How Sedgwick County participates in that becomes the issue.

And then, finally, one other thing we talked about and I know we're going to have to deal with it soon, solid waste recommendations from our Solid Waste Committee. Lawn and leaf bans, recycling and franchising will be three of the tenants of that very, very important issue and I just want us to be prepared to have discussions here real soon about that because I know, it's kind of waned for a couple of years, we had some very intense discussions a couple of years ago and then it kind of went off the table, but it's back, coming through the Solid Waste Committee, it's going to be on our plate and we are going to have to engage with the City of Wichita, the other small cities and really start working on what we really want to do with recycling, lawn and leaf bans and franchising really soon. That's all I have Mr. Chair."

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**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you very much. Commissioner Welshimer?”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “Just one more thing. You’re mentioning that the debt policy can be with the budget talk, I don’t think it was last year and so we need to be sure that it is a separate issue. Because most of the budget talks have just been education by the Finance people on what it is we are expecting to have in our budget and how we’re going to spend it. I want it to be a separate issue. Thank you.”

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman, don’t want to prolong a budget conversation when we are not there yet. I wouldn’t want to leave the impression that we do not have a budget policy and I appreciate the fact you want to discuss it and see where we want to go, I just want to assure folks that we do have a very strong policy in place with certain regulations or caps that we have imposed upon ourselves about how much debt that we will impose upon County government and how it relates to the per capita debt for our citizens.

And it is pretty strict policy, I think, and it has earned us the highest bond rating that’s available. We have AAA, A Plus, whatever all those letters are. And we are very jealous about making sure that we maintain that very strict policy because as we do that and we issue bonds then we get a more favorable interest rate, which saves Sedgwick County citizens money. This is kind of, I don’t want to say complicated process, but we do have controls in place that I want our citizens to know that we are watching it closely and we have a very high bond rating now. It’s not something that has been unattended to. That is all I have Mr. Chair.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you.” Commissioners, we do need to have an Executive Session this morning. Commissioner Norton?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 10:15.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "We are in recess, thank you."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session as 9:55 a.m. and returned at 10:22 a.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "I will call back to order the meeting of Sedgwick County, County Commissioners, February 20, 2008. Please let the record show that we are returning from Executive Session and that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before the Board? Mr. Euson? Mr. Manager? This meeting is adjourned. Thank you."

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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

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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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