

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**March 19, 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, March 19, 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. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications; Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Jim Sachs, Computer Ticket Administrator, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Dave Rush, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was observed by a moment of silence.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, February 13, 2008

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the regular meeting of February 13, 2008.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, you have had an opportunity to review these minutes. What's the will of the Board?"

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2008.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Before we move into New Business, I have two things just to mention quickly.

One, we would remind all of those that are interested in the West Valley Petition that today is March 19<sup>th</sup> and as we stated at our Public Hearing, we will continue to take written comments up until the end of business today, March 19<sup>th</sup>. So if anyone has any last minute comments that they would like to give the Commissioners, if they would get that to the Commissioners, or the Legal Department, then we will have that for our permanent record.

The other thing, Commissioners, is the Board of County Commissioners has received a letter from the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs that we believe needs to be responded to. So do we have a motion to take an Off Agenda item?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to take an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**OFF AGENDA**

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ON BEHALF OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

**POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Mike Pepoon**, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As the Chairman just said, we received, about a week ago, a letter from the Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office in Muskogee Oklahoma.

The letter essentially stated that the Wyandotte Nation, out of Oklahoma, owns property just south of the Greyhound Park in Sedgwick County and they have made an application to the Federal Government to take this land in Trust for purposes of gaming.

They wanted four specific pieces of information from Sedgwick County, and that was in the letter and they asked for any additional comments that the County might have. I think it is important that we respond to this letter as promptly as possible.

The four pieces of information that they have requested was, they wanted to know what the annual amount of property tax is being levied the property in question was and the answer to that is \$60.09 per year.

They wanted to know of any special assessments levied against the property and the city of Park City has provided sewer improvements on the property which amount to about to \$2,276.00 annually and there is a balance at the beginning of the 2008 tax year of \$22,766.00.

They wanted to know of any government services Sedgwick County provided to this property, we provide EMS and Fire. And they wanted to know how the property was zoned and the property is zoned I1-light industrial. All of this is in our response to their letter. The other additional comments I made in the letter was, that we just wanted to make sure that the Bureau of Indian Affairs understood that Sedgwick County citizens had an election on August 7<sup>th</sup> of this past year and that two separate issues were voted on by the Sedgwick County citizens; one, whether there should be State owned casino in Sedgwick County and the other question was whether or not there should be a gaming in the form of slot machines at the Greyhound Park.

We mentioned that the voters rejected the casino question by a vote of 56%-to-44% and that on a 50% split, the Wichita Greyhound Park lost by 244 votes on the question of whether there should be

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expanded gaming at the Greyhound Track. I also mentioned in the letter that following that, the Greyhound Park closed to concern cited by the owner of lack of continued economic viability.

This property is, it looks like from just looking at the maps that it includes about 11-acres. It's just south of 77<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Hydraulic. It would just be to the, kind of the northeast of Wild West World's small tract of land there that is in question. I see that Kristy is pulling that up right now, you can see that on the map."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And so, Mike, as an identifier, it would just be west of the former Optima Bus manufacturing location?"

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "It would be that property, yes, just where it looks like they've built that little cul-de-sac in, yes, right there, where it's being pointed. That is the property in question and I've had a couple of conversations with the Regional Office and the County is entitled to make any additional comments if they can, but they primarily wanted the information and..."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And so, Mike, again, this is really not a process that Sedgwick County has much of a say in. We are just responding to these four questions and the letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs has said any other comments, your comments are invited, so we have then, in the letter explaining here, what happened here last summer."

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "And my understanding is we don't have the authority to say yea or nay to this process. That authority rests with the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs. They will make a recommendation to the Department of Interior and then it's the Department of Interior that will decide whether or not to accept their application to take this property in Trust."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you. We have a couple of questions. Commissioner Norton?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Mike, how long has that property been owned by the Wyandotte Nation? That's not tribal land, is it?"

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "My understanding is it is not tribal land. They bought the property in 1992 from a couple, according to the Deed. So they have owned the property for about 15-16 years."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay, and in this process, because it's obviously connected to siting casino, will we send a copy of this to the Governor's Office and the Lottery Office, if we decided

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where we're sending it, other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs? Is that something that we would decide as Commissioners?"

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "The letter that I have drafted for the Chairman to sign doesn't show copies going to anybody else, but I would be happy to copy the Governor's Office or any other person if you like."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, it just seems that because of the, it's a State debate about siting, that maybe the Governor's Office and the Lottery Commission Office, at least be made aware, if they haven't already figured this out, that somebody is at least talking about land in Sedgwick County to be used as a casino, that would make sense to me, that we would let everybody have full disclosure and let all principals know that might be connected to that issue."

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "That's a good point, because I know the State has entered into a compact relating to tribal gaming and so they should be on notice that this is going on as well. That's a very good point Commissioner."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. That's all I have for now."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Commissioner Welshimer?"

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Well, I think, aren't they asking for a Class 2 gaming, they're not asking for a casino, they are asking for Class 2 gaming, isn't that what they are saying?"

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "That isn't in the letter, Commissioner. The Bureau, the Regional Office in Oklahoma, and it's a part of their letter, says that anybody that wants to look at their application can go down there and it is available for inspection. And that information will probably be contained down there. I haven't gone down there, don't know if anybody from Sedgwick County has, but I don't know what class of gaming they're requesting on their application."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "So if they are successful in doing this then there would be no property tax income to the County? Or Park City?"

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "My understanding is that property taken by the Federal Government in Trust is not subject to property tax from Sedgwick County."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "No sales tax either?"

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "Sales tax, I don't know."

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**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "I would like to suggest that we add to the letter and stay up front on this, setting out the fact that we would want to negotiate with them for some type of fees for our costs. Rather than to let it, you know, roll on, since we are not involved in it as far as approving it is concerned. And should it be approved by the Department of the Interior, that they would know that we're interested in talking about some fees for services because we will have some costs involved."

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "Okay, that can be easily added to the letter."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Keep that up front until we find out whether they can do it or they can't."

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "I can certainly add to the letter a statement to the effect that Sedgwick County would like to reserve the right to be able to negotiate with the Wyandotte Nation for fees for services that the County would provide."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Yes, that would be my suggestion."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And Mike, you would see no problem in adding that kind of language to this letter, do you?"

**Mr. Pepoon** said, "No."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay. I think that is a good idea. Anything else Commissioner?"

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "No."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Parks?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I think that is a good idea also and it's no different than the en-lieu of for the EMS and Fire that we have one regular tax-abatement. And expanding on that a little bit, of what Commissioner Welshimer said, if it's a Class 2 license, it may be more of a Bingo license than a full-fledged casino. I don't know what they have in mind, but a lot of the machines do have Bingo in the upper left-hand corner of their electronic Bingo machines. There is kind of a play on words, I believe, here. Thank you. That's it."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you. Commissioners, we need to have an action here

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and I would certainly support the inclusion of some kind of wording, as Commissioner Welshimer has suggested, that if this should proceed forward we certainly want to make it known that we want to negotiate for some of our services.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “Do we need a motion to amend the letter?”

**Chairman Winters** said, “I would think that we would just need a motion to approve this letter with the amendment as you have described.”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an amended letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “And Mike, as soon as that amendment has been made to the letter, we certainly want to have our letter and the letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs available to anybody who may want to take a look at them.”

**Mr. Pepoon** said, “Okay.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you very much Commissioners. Now, Madam Clerk, if you will call New Business, Item A.”

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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**A. AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR USE OF SPACE TO HOUSE A REGIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER.**

**Ms. Diane Gage**, Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is an Agreement with Sedgwick County and Kansas Department of Transportation to utilize office space over in the Public Safety Building at 714 N. Main.

This is kind of a formalization of the plan that has been going since about 1997-1998 is when we started investigating some of the traffic management systems for this area. What will happen is there is an office over there for, there is two offices that will be utilized by the State, and then they will also have a console in our Communications Center that will serve as a Traffic Management Center for this area.

In fact, they are getting ready, in the next 6 months to a year, to start cameraing three of the key intersections on the Interstate, 135 and Kellogg, 235 and Kellogg, and then the I-135 - 235 Exchange to the North. So we will actually be monitoring cameras in our 911 Center as to what is going on there, be able to input messages for variable message signs and things like this. And this is just a formal Agreement so that we can move on and they have an Agreement that we are going to let them in to work in our space. In fact, we have had staff over there since about May, when we moved into the building."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Anything else Diane? And this is part of the Intelligent Transportation System, is that correct?"

**Ms. Gage** said, "That is correct."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And how long, again, have we been working on this Intelligent Transportation Project?"

**Ms. Gage** said, "We met with them for the very first time, I believe it was in 1997. Some of the pieces of this are already in place. The automatic vehicle location equipment that is in all of our public safety vehicles was part of this project. There has been quite a bit of Federal money and State money that have gone into this as a whole to make this whole thing happen.

Their whole plan is to better utilize the Interstate Highway system that we have to limit building



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new highways and use the resources we have more efficiently.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “And that partnership has been between KDOT, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County...”

**Ms. Gage** said, “And Federal Highway Administration has been involved as well.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Right. And quite a bit of Federal Highway money has gone in, much more than from us local?”

**Ms. Gage** said, “Yes. Because Federal Highways can, well even on just the AVL System alone, Federal Highways part of it was over a \$1 million.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you. Commissioner Parks?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “I just wanted to clarify, when the Public Safety Building was built, was this in mind, to have those offices there?”

**Ms. Gage** said, “Yes, those offices were part of the initial plan. In fact, those of you who have toured over there have seen where we’ve set aside space just for the Traffic Management Center.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “I just wanted to make sure that the public knew about that. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you very much. Commissioners, any other questions about this Agenda item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

### **MOTION**

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

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

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

**B. CONTRACT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR OPERATION AND FINANCE OF THE EXPLOITED AND MISSING CHILDREN'S UNIT.**

**Mr. Marty Hughes**, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning we have for your consideration a Contract with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, whereby SRS will provide one-third of the operations and support costs for the Exploited and Missing Children's Unit for 2008.

SRS has historically provided one-third of the cost share of the materials, supplies and operating expenses as well as the clerical support of the EMCU, and with the City of Wichita Police Department providing another one-third of the costs.

The 2008 EMCU budget is \$134,566.00 and this Contract will not exceed one-third of that amount or \$44,856.00.

The Contract has been approved at form by the Assistant County Counselor and I recommend your approval of the Contract and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have about the Contract."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you Marty. Commissioners, any questions about this Contract relating to Exploited and Missing Children's Unit? This group does very good work and sometimes it's kind of heart wrenching, but we're glad they are about this work. Any other comments?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Mr. Hughes** said, "Thank you."

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

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE**

**C. COMCARE.**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL PSYCHIATRY AND SUPERVISION SERVICES.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE**, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a renewal of an Agreement that we have with the Wichita Child's Guidance Center. You have been reading in the paper lately that Wichita area has only three Board Certified child psychiatrists, which is not very many for an area the size that we have.

One of them is a COMCARE employee, Dr. Deanne Jenkins. When she joined us a couple of years ago, she talked to our Medical Director and myself and requested that she be allowed to continue

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with a couple of activities that she had been involved with for a while. One of those was providing some consultation and supervision to Heart Spring. And the other was to be able to continue her supervision and consultation with the Advanced Nurse Practitioners at the Wichita Child Guidance Center.

She is one of a few people in this area that can really deal with very complex cases of early-onset childhood schizophrenia and some developmental disorders. So it made good sense to us to have her to continue to do that and this Agreement, which has been in place a couple of years, is doing exactly that.

The Guidance Center pays us for three hours a week of Dr. Jenkins time. She consults with the Advanced Nurse Practitioners there about medication issues and every now and then, if they have a therapist that is kind of stuck in a therapy process with a complex case, she also provides some consultation on that. So we are recommending that you approve this Agreement.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CENTER FOR RESEARCH, INC. FOR AN INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM FOR YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS INVOLVED WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

**Ms. Cook** said, “Commissioners, this is a new Agreement with KU Center for Research to provide, and they are providing us with \$30,000, to fund an Interdisciplinary Team in Sedgwick County to focus on increased collaboration between mental health providers and the Juvenile Justice System.

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The team is actually in Denver this week. Part of this funding was to go have them attend a conference there on Evidence Based Practices in collaborations between mental health and juvenile justice, and I think they are coming back tomorrow from that.

And they will, as far as this Agreement, meet once on a month basis, once a month, for a year's time. They also agree to participate in a minimal of three cross-trainings between the two organizations and they are also intending to travel to Great Bend, where this is an interesting and very successful collaboration between the Mental Health Center there and the Juvenile Justice System.

The KU's researchers are going to monitor the progress that this team makes and they're going to document the strategies and hope that lessons learned from the adventure here will be available to others throughout the State who want to increase these collaborations. We are going to recommend that you approve the Agreement."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Not a question, just a comment. More and more we find that connecting anyone that's entered into a Juvenile Justice System or the Adult System, mental health screenings and mental health attachment really helps the system because for so many years we didn't see the connection between criminal activity and doing things that aren't particularly socially right and mental health issues.

So, early intervention is going to be a major key to this. Is that kind of where we're moving on this Marilyn?"

**Ms. Cook** said, "That's part of it and part of it is establishing relationships, face-to-face connections with one another so when there is an issue that comes up they know who to call, they've been working with them and they're meeting regularly to kind of problem solve any barriers in those systems."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. That's all I had. I will be glad to make the motion."

### **MOTION**

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

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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

**KANSAS COLISEUM.**

**D. KANSAS COLISEUM**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA PRO SPORTS TO PROVIDE TICKETING SERVICES FOR THE WICHITA WINGNUTS BASEBALL TEAM AT LAWRENCE-DUMONT STADIUM IN EXCHANGE FOR A FEE PER TICKET PLUS CREDIT CARD FEES.**

**Mr. Jim Sachs**, Computer Ticket Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have an Agreement with Wichita Pro Sports to provide ticketing services. This is similar to our current Agreements with the Cotillion and also the Wichita Orpheum Theater. We will provide the ticketing, allow for the distribution channels through our outlets through the Dillon's Stores, Internet and our phone system. This will also include the NBC Tournament down at Lawrence-Dumont. And I will take any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you. We have question from Commissioner Parks"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "This has been through the gambit of things with the Legal Department and...?"

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "There's nothing in here, for longevity or anything, that would conflict with the SMG ticketing or anything like that, or that they wouldn't get in on this at all?"

**Mr. Sachs** said, "No, not at all. Legal has looked at it."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you. Any other questions? Commissioner Norton?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Have we done the ticketing for Wranglers, Lawrence-Dumont, any of that before? Have we...?"

**Mr. Sachs** said, "It's been some time since we have done the ticketing for the Wranglers. They went in-house, I'd say almost ten years ago. So it's good that with our relationship with the Thunder and Wichita Pro Sports, Chris Presson, since they're handling both Thunder and the baseball. We will continue the relationship down there with them."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And we didn't do the ticketing for the NBC Tournament either, is that correct?"

**Mr. Sachs** said, "That is correct."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "So this brings us back in to Sedgwick County's prevail? Okay, good."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, very good. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

**MOTION**

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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

### 2. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2008.

**Mr. Dave Rush**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This February, we had a total of 13 events and 18 individual performances with 71,174 people through the doors. And there was revenues in the amount of \$278,954.00 generated.

The highlights in the last month were the Thunder Hockey; the Model-A Swap Meet; The USD 259 High School basketball game that we hosted out there; Flea Markets; Sports, Boat and Travel Show; 3-Days Grace, which was a tremendous concert, the kids really enjoyed it and had a great time out there, we had well over 10,000 of them out there for that event, it was really, really quite successful; Equa Fest, which was a very successful event again this year, Sesame Street.

And events that have been in March, that have already past was Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood, which was another sold out event; the Park City Wrestling Classic, which was the youngsters wrestling, that was a tremendous event, they had excess of 1,200, I think it was almost 1,400 youth out there wrestling; and the Wild Football, which we had March the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>; and the Chisholm Trail Gun Show, which was this past 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Coming up this week, this Friday night, we've got the Freaknic Jam with Bow-Wow; Thunder Hockey on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cirque du Soleil, which we're going to be running seven performances of; Yappy Days, which is a fun event for all the dog owners to come to and participate in; the Sunflower Cluster Dog Show in April, which is one of the premiere dog shows in this part of the



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Nation; Wichita Wild Football and then the Downing Concert Series, Joe Cocker, which is going to be a fun night for all who attend that, it's a big gala event.

And then through the sporting events, we've had seven games this year, which totaled 23,961 events, I mean participants. Is there any questions?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "It sounds to me like that you are getting off to a great start in the first quarter and pulling it right on into April."

**Mr. Rush** said, "We've had a real successful first two months. March is going to end up being good. April, we've got a lot of events happening then. This summer, we are working on some several events, some comedy acts and some different things that we're working on, they're not inked yet, but we are trying to do business."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And so it will, may be, graduation high school, you have several of those planned for this year?"

**Mr. Rush** said, "Yes, yes. We have a full slate of the graduations and then there is the Chisholm Trail, I mean the US Weapons will be in there with a big gun show and then the horse shows that will be coming in."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Dave, thank you very much, we appreciate all the work that you and the folks that are working at the Coliseum are doing and this sounds like a very busy Spring."

**Mr. Rush** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, are there other comments? Do we have a motion here?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Again, Dave, thank you, Jim, thank you. Next item.”

**E. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 13, 2008.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of March 13<sup>th</sup> results in six items for consideration today. First item...”

**1. POLICE SEDANS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE  
FUNDING – FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Rusty Eck Ford in the amount of \$445,860.00. Second item...

**2. 2008 ¾ TON CARGO VAN W/ANIMAL CAGES – FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING – FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Recommendation is to accept the bid from Don Hattan Chevrolet in the amount of \$94,578.00. On this item, I need to note a correction and clarification in the note section. I received a visit from Stephen Ford late yesterday and they had indicated that the Ford product, the Ford product they presented would meet the specification for wheel cover and would meet the specification for a slide tilt-out window.

The product from the other Ford dealer states it will not meet the specs. It does not change the result of the recommendation that is being presented as the Ford product still cannot meet the specification on the rear tilt windows. Item three...

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**3. CISCO SERVERS AND UPGRADE – DIVISION OF INFORMATION  
& OPERATIONS  
FUNDING – NETWORKING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Recommendation is to accept the low bid from SKT in the amount of \$41,594.06. Item 4...

**4. COMPUTER HARDWARE – ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING  
FUNDING – SAP UPGRADE**

Recommendation is to accept the quote from Dell Computers in the amount of \$42,242.92. Item 5...

**5. FTR RECORDER DECKS – DISTRICT COURT  
FUNDING – DISTRICT COURT TECHNOLOGY**

Recommendation is to accept the bid from Precise Digital for an initial purchase of \$9,080.00 and establish contract pricing for one-year with two additional one-year options. Item 6...

**6. WEED CHEMICALS – NOXIOUS WEEDS  
FUNDING – NOXIOUS WEEDS**

And that recommendation is to accept the low bid for items 1, 4 and 5 from Vegetation Management in the amount of \$36,813.08 and items 2 and 3 from Van Diest Supply for a cost of \$6,927.36 for an initial total purchase of \$43,740.44 and execute contract pricing for one year. Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you. We have a couple of questions. Commissioner Norton?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I’m okay with all of the bids, I’m interested on Item 3 and Item 5, I don’t recognize a lot of the names of those companies. Are they local companies or are they regional or are they state wide? Obviously ATT and SKT I recognize, but on both of those bids, I don’t recognize many of those names.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “On number 3, a lot of these are national, located throughout the country. Several of them have bid this particular product in the past. And item 5, FTR Reporters, those are national companies as well.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Are there not local distributors for most of these items? You just have to bid...?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct. We search out the local market and then we also send to vendors in the bid list, we post on the website and some of these, like the dot coms, actually pick up the bids off of the website and solicit that way.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I guess that leads to a broader question, Iris. How often do you go and kind of mine the local landscape for companies that might be able to do some of this? I mean I know you’ve got a glossary of places you send to, but how often do you locally see if some company has bubbled up, an entrepreneur has started a company that might fit some of these needs?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “We do it on a very regular basis, pretty much every time we bid something. In the Contracts, it’s every two or three years, when those expire and they are up for renewal, we go out and update the vendor list. Any time we bid anything we’re not familiar with, we do an extensive, local search to try to find those avenues as well.

There are, on occasion, when there is limited distributorship, we approach manufacturers to try to get them to broaden the distributor base, to try to find something a little more local. On occasion that works, a lot of times it doesn’t, but we do try.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. I think it’s always our intent, where we can, to get some local vendors to bid and I know you have difficulty on some of these high-tech items, but I just want to be sure we are always sensitive to that. That’s all I have Mr. Chair.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Parks?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “My comments were along those lines also, but I just wanted to add that, Van Diest, is that a local vendor?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “I don’t recall where they are from. I can find out and get back with you. They get some portion of the wheat chemical bids pretty much every time they’re bid. They’re a very reliable source.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Do the local Coop’s and local people that do that, they just don’t have that volume or is there...?”

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**Ms. Baker** said, “In many cases, the wheat chemicals are distributorships so they’re not available to anyone who wants to sell because chemical regulations fall into play and often times manufacturers will limit the distributors there.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Ms. Baker** said, “Thank you.”

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**F. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

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### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. That brings us to a conclusion of our Regular Agenda and our time for discussion of “Other” things. I would like to acknowledge that we have two boy scouts in the room today. If they would both stand so we could recognize them. Rowe Bryers and Bryce Saunders are with Troop #614 at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church and they are here today working on their ‘Citizenship in the Community’ badge. And we appreciate your being here and we hope that you are successful in obtaining your additional badges. And you picked us on a lucky day because we only have gone for 45-minutes today, sometimes we go for three hours and to get that badge you would have had to stay for the whole thing.

And we also want to thank the person who brought them. Are you the Scout Master or one of the parents?”

**Gentleman in the audience** said, “I am the Assistant Scout Master and a parent.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Well, thank you for the work that you do with the Scouts and boys, thank you very much for being at our meeting today. All right, Commissioners, “Other” comments. Commissioner Welshimer?”

### **G. OTHER**

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “Last night we, the Chairman and I, attended a meeting out in Kingman, it was very interesting and it was presented by the Department of Revenue, State of

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Kansas. The Property Valuation Department gave us a presentation on the new CAMA systems called Orion. We had, we were addressed by the Director of Vehicles, she talked about a new modernization project that they are trying to install to make the whole operation of the Vehicle Department faster and easier.

Joan Wagnon, Secretary of Revenue, talked to us about the erosion of the property tax base. The erosion of the sales tax base and what is effecting local governments and our local debt affordability. It is quite interesting and I think we've gained a lot of incite on what's happening and I'm very glad I attended that."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. I was out there also, as was Manager, Bill Buchanan, and the event was hosted by the Kansas Association of Counties, but I was very impressed that the Secretary of Revenue made the effort to attend these meetings that KAC is hosting and brought her staff with her to answer questions that counties might have. And again, it was an interesting meeting because there was Commissioners, Treasurers, Register of Deeds, Clerks, had just a lot of representation, so it was a very good meeting. Commissioner Parks?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Well I have all happy things today I guess, so you would say, to report. Pro football in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Man, that's something. I went to the Wild game again out at the Britt Brown Arena on Saturday.

Although it was a loss, it was a second loss, this is a league that is now, that the Wild are now in, and April 5<sup>th</sup> is the next home game and I would encourage everybody that wants to see pro football or has a football fix in the summer time or spring time to get out and attend this function. They are an improving team. There is some hard hitting action and it's really, if you haven't seen indoor football, it is really fast.

I also wanted to acknowledge Joe Brunk, who is in the room today. I was at a council meeting last night at Valley Center and he reported about the Hazardous Household Waste Site. And I think this is something that people need to be thinking about in spring clean-up and what not and that there is going to be one of those in Valley Center and several other areas and of course, you can always take your product to the South Sub Station.

But the hazardous waste is an important thing to keep out of our landfills and out of our environment. And paints, pesticides, car batteries, things like that, even gets down to the batteries that you have in the hearing aids and the cell phones and things like that. Keep those heavy metals out of the landfill and recycle those.

I do want to just in closing say Happy Easter and may God Bless America and God Bless Sedgwick

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County. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Norton?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just a couple of things. In the next couple of weeks at our staff meetings we are going to be talking about a couple of issues I think are of interest to our citizens.

The first one is we have got a group of folks that are coming to visit with us about the upcoming elections, not only the primary but the general and the presidential election. Obviously, Commissioner Gale has made some decisions that have rearranged and restructured polling places and there are those that think maybe we have gone a little too far with that, and we’re certainly interested in having that dialogue and talking about right-sizing polling places and elections.

Obviously the Secretary of State and the Commissioner Bill Gale, which is a non-elected position, tried to figure that out to try kind of keep the politicians out of it, but we’ve been urged by several groups to take a look at it, be sure we’re putting the right emphasis and money into the right places as far as elections and polling places and voting machines and manpower. Not all of it is our call, but we certainly want to listen to the citizenry that have some thoughts about it and we are going to do that in a workshop, I think next week or the week after.

The next week, after that I believe, we’re going to be talking about solid waste and our Solid Waste Plan. We’re challenged this year to reinstitute our five-year Solid Waste Plan. There are some recommendations from our Advisory Board that has come to us and we’re going to have to kind of chew on them and debate them and discuss and see what we can and can’t do. There is some issues that we’re going to have to really debate and talk about.

I’ve written a series of articles for my website and for some of the small town newspapers in my District and I’ve talked about waste bans, lawn and leaf bans, recycling and reuse systems, franchising, disposal methods, wasted energy, all those issues that are kind of wrapped around the axel that we’re going to have to discuss. So, I think that is coming up in about two weeks. We’re going to have to have some very sensitive hard discussions about how we want to move that along in our community.

Obviously there are those that want franchising and those who don’t want it. There are people that are very interested in recycling and others that it’s okay with them but they certainly don’t want to pay for it. So there is going to be some real debate and discussion and discernment as we move through that.

The final thing I have, Mr. Chair, is that Monday, we had a wet and soggy, but a wonderful ground breaking for the Kansas Aviation Training Center. And I am really excited that we’ve got that



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started. This is just the first phase, but I think we've made a great effort to keep aviation strong and do what's right for our citizens as far as training, not only in the aviation industry, but eventually in the health care and IT and construction and other manufacturing skills for the community and we know that Workforce training and Workforce development is going to be a key to keeping the economy strong and keeping us viable as a County and as a South Central region. We've moved forward on that, we had the ground breaking and I think that was a pretty good day for Sedgwick County."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I would agree. And thank you for bringing that up Commissioner, it was a good event, a lot of people attended and I think that we got that thing started."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, you may want to comment, Chairman, that, who kind of showed up. We had some folks here..."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We were fortunate, Senator Sam Brownback was here and Congressman Todd Tiahart, both brought brief remarks and expressed their encouragement about moving this process forward. So we were very pleased to have them in attendance."

All right, Commissioners, any last comments? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you."

### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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

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