

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 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, April 16, 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; Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications; Ms. Jo Oliver, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Resources; Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Deputy Director of Human Services, COMCARE (Comprehensive Community Care); Mr. Dave Rush, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, DIO; Mr. Kevin Miles, Director, Fleet Management; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Brad Hawthorne, Member, Sedgwick County Board of Zoning Appeals.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was observed with a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 2, 2008

The Clerk reported that all commissioners were present at the regular meeting of April 2, 2008.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review those 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 April 2nd, 2008.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 13-19, 2008 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IN SEDGWICK COUNTY."**

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation I would like to read for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

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WHEREAS, Sedgwick County Emergency Tele-communicators, unseen heroes of our local public safety agencies, are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters and paramedics depends upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone Sedgwick County Emergency Communications; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County Emergency Tele-communicators have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each Sedgwick County Emergency Tele-communicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their jobs in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County Emergency Tele-communicators provide these services to 26 local public safety agencies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners declares the week of April 13 through 19, 2008 as

‘National Public Safety Telecommunications Week’

In Sedgwick County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our community and county citizens safe.

Dated April the 16th, 2008. Commissioners, that is the proclamation. What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And here to accept the proclamation is Diane Gage, our director of our 9-1-1 Emergency Communications service. And we have a number of employees from that group in our audience today and Diane, I would like somehow for you to introduce them or for them to introduce themselves. I think that it’s important that commissioners begin to connect names and faces with county employees and we want to say a special thank you to those folks that are here, so I’ll kind of just pitch it to you.”

Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Okay, and I do want to let you know that there are still people over in the other building answering phones, so you’re not being abandoned at this moment in time.

You guys are going to have to stand up. I didn’t bring you over to . . . if we start in the front row, here closest to me is Elaina Murano, Teresa Rodriguez, Kevin Lackey and then Talietha Hall and Barb Dailey, who are supervisors. And then behind them is a training class, Nathan Johnson is doing the training, Erica Crayton’s been helping with all of the quality assurance and then Pamela Jackson and Emily Goff, who are in the training class and then Randy Bargdill, our assistant director, and way, hiding behind them, is Kim Pennington, who is over the QA department.

Emily here is our third family member from the Goff family to come work for us. Her dad worked for us at one time, and so is our aunt, so we’re doing a generational thing.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, well thank you and we’re glad to have all of you here. If you want to be seated now, we’ll try to make a few appropriate comments. Diane.”

Ms. Gage said, “Well first off, I want to thank you all for your support over the past several years. The work environment that we’re now in, across the street at 714, is just phenomenal. It’s so much easier to do our jobs over there than it ever was downstairs and we really appreciate the support. We’re getting ready to get our final tools in place to have transitioned all the way over there, which is the CAD system is coming on line next week, so we’ll have all new tools and the ability to really do a good job with this service and I appreciate your support.”

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Chairman Winters said, “Well thank you Diane, and thank all of you both collectively and individually for the work you do. I know that the commissioners are very proud of the facility that has been developed and has been constructed at the location. And you know, I think a number of us believe, just as you said Diane, what a much better environment that is to work in. I can just envision what it would be like if you were in the dispatch situation and you really didn’t know what the weather was actually like outside. So I think that we have developed a fine facility and we’re certainly very proud of you and the leadership and of all of the team that make up the 9-1-1 dispatch operation. We know it’s a critical link for not only Sedgwick County, but as the proclamation mentioned, the other twenty-some-odd jurisdictions that receive information through our center. So thank you all very much. Commissioner Norton, you have a comment?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I have to tell you, from having watched the 9-1-1 center over the years, but the thing that comes to mind to me is that they are the experts in multi-tasking. You know, they have to have great listening skills, wonderful computer skills, critical thinking skills and all compressed into about five seconds, to be able to do their jobs the way they do it. And I don’t know what the call volume is. I’d like for you to say that again to the public, because it is an incredible amount of call volume that goes through our 9-1-1 center. And when you realize that most of the calls have something to do with people and people in crisis or people that have problems or people who have some life event happening to them, it is so critical that every one is handled with a real empathy towards getting it done as quickly as possible, but talk about that just a minute.”

Ms. Gage said, “We handle, right now, close to 450,000 9-1-1 calls a year and then another additional about 430 to 440,000 calls that we’re either making or receiving from other locations or from something other than 9-1-1. Some of those are alarm companies, some are roll-overs from cell phones, but nobody ever calls us on a good day. But we’re fast approaching a half million 9-1-1 calls a year coming through there, and right now about 63-64% of our calls come from wireless, so it’s a bigger challenge for these folks to locate where the caller is, plot them on a map and come up with an address that’s going to be valid for that many people that are calling in.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And all within a very compressed time series to get that done.”

Ms. Gage said, “Typically, they can get the information on a call and entered into the computer within 30 to about 60 seconds so that we can get a response going.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And people say government moves slow. Sounds pretty fast to me. Thanks, Diane.”

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you commissioner. Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well every citizen in Sedgwick County knows that you're just a short phone call away and they depend on you so much and we're really grateful for the job you do, thank you."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "I'd like to echo all those comments and those kudos on that and I want to add that dispatchers are the only people, without getting into any trouble, that can tell police officers where to go. Thank you for your job. Thank you for your work."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, well thank you all for, commissioners, for recognizing these tele-communicators with the proclamation and we thank each and every one of you and those of you who are not in the room, but back working or working other shifts. We appreciate your work very much. Thank you, Diane. Next item."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22, 2008 AS "EARTH DAY."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have one more proclamation for your consideration today."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Earth Day was created in 1970 to spark a revolution against environmental abuse; and

WHEREAS, because Earth Day observances broaden the base of support for environmental programs, rekindle public commitment, and increase participation from many social and business sectors, they can be used to implement wide-scale programs that bring people together to act for the common good; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day activities remind us that the environmental problems we face are every-day issues that require repeated attention and action with opportunities to make positive changes; and

WHEREAS, an event to celebrate Earth Day will be held Saturday, April 19 at the Sedgwick County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. On that date we will be trading new, no-spill gas cans for old gas cans and educating county residents on ways to reduce our impact on the air, water and land.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2008 as

‘Earth Day’

In Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to protect our environment and conserve natural resources.

Dated April 16th, 2008. Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And here to accept the proclamation and tell us more about the events on Saturday the 19th is Jo Oliver. Jo.”

Ms. Jo Oliver, Environment Project Manager, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I want a show of hands. How many people have heard of a non-spill gas can before this morning? How many have seen a no-spill gas can? How many have used a no-spill gas can? There are several varieties but this is the one that we have selected for our event.

First of all, I want to say the walls are rigid, okay. We have some awful cheap gas cans out there with some flimsy walls and believe it or not, we have fumes coming through those walls. Gas can walls are getting more rigid to decrease that effect.

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Probably the most obvious difference is the spout, and this is designed, when used properly, I want to go back and say this is a no-spill can, not a spill-proof can. As long as we have human involvement, there is still room for error, so there are instructions how to properly use the can. And then we also have some other hints for other environmental things that we can all do. But anyway, to use it, it's got a button, it's got an on/ off button and that's one of the safety features but the second is used properly it has this little lip on it that just sits right on the edge of the fuel tank and when you open the flow of gas, when it fills up to that . . . to a level in there, that automatically shuts off the flow of gas, just like a gas pump does. So trust me, I've used it, it does work.

This event starts at 9 a.m. We're going to have 100 cans. I don't think it's going to take very long to give 100 cans away, so if you really want one, be there at 9:00. I do need to say a very special thank you to Communications for helping get the public education pieces done for us. But even more so, I need to thank the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for allowing us to have this there. I am certain this is going to greatly increase their workload for the day and Lowell and your staff, I do appreciate your willingness to work with us for that day.

Again, the event starts at 9 a.m. The facility is open from 9 to 3 and before I leave, I'd like to point out that Earth Day is not just one day. Earth Day is 365 days throughout the year and our Household Hazardous Waste Facility is an excellent opportunity for all county residents to show our concern, because the most important thing that we need to do is properly dispose of our hazardous waste and when we do that, we do take care of the land, the water, as well as the air."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Jo. So just to recap and you might give directions for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. It's on Saturday, April the 19th."

Ms. Oliver said, "Right, the facility is at 801 Stillwell. That is five blocks south of Kellogg, two blocks east of Seneca. Hours are 9 to 3 Tuesday through Friday. Excuse me, 9 to 5:30 Tuesday through Friday and 9 to 3 on Saturday. The event starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday and we have regular hours for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 9 to 3."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. And the first 100 people that show up with an old gas can will receive a new spill-proof can."

Ms. Oliver said, "That's true, thank you for reminding me of that. You have to trade an old one in. This is just not a giveaway event. This is an event to get old gas cans out of our community, because if we're still using them, what good are we doing. You know, how are we decreasing our impact on air quality and a precursor to ozone.

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You know, we've heard a lot about ozone here lately and that's the direction that we're going here. Every time we spill gas, you get this little woof of something that you can smell. That is a volatile, organic compound, shortened to VOC. We hear about VOCs contributing to ozone, so every time we spill, there goes a chemical that going to, or can contribute to the formation of ozone. So decreasing our spills, decreasing our contribution, our emissions, is something we want to educate all residents, so that we do, you know, fortunately as a community, stay within attainment."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, and so this is this coming Saturday, April the 19th, starting at 9:00. Bring an old gas can, you can get a new spill-proof can. And if you're going to the Household Hazardous Waste Center, you might as well clean out some of that stuff in the garage or under the kitchen sink and take it along with you, because the folks there are just very courteous and help get your stuff out of your vehicle and then dispose of it in a proper manner. So again, a good event going on this coming Saturday. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I remember celebrating the first Earth Days back in the '60s when I was oh, so much younger but it has changed not philosophy, but changed some of the things we think about as Earth Day and some of the events that we're having now is a little bit different than walking the earth and picking up a little trash and thinking that's taking care of the environment."

I just wanted to remind people that we do have outreaches for our Hazardous Waste Facility also and they're coming up this spring. I know we've got one in Haysville coming up the end of May and I think we have them in other communities and in the other neighborhoods around Wichita, where we're bringing the hazardous waste collection out to the community. Now you can use that facility during the hours that they're open consistently during the week, but we're also trying to go out into neighborhoods, connect with them during their clean-up days and make sure that we get as much toxic and environmentally unsafe materials out of garages and under sinks and we're trying to make that easier for people."

Ms. Oliver said, "I have one more comment. Yeah, I believe that the Household Hazardous Waste Facility staff is doing an excellent job in reaching out to the community. But it's my personal opinion that it's a huge benefit if you take it to the facility, because then you can stop at the Swap and Shop and that's how Sedgwick County is managing our disposal costs. When we go out to the facility, those items are packed up and they're gone and it's a little bit more expensive for us to dispose of it that way. So I encourage everybody to use the facility. It's open, I'm not going to say 365 days out of the year, but subtract the number of days. It's open all the time, so when you have something to dispose, it's there for you. You don't need to wait until . . . for them to come to you, so I'm proud of that facility and I'm going to tout it as much as I can. Go to them, it's great."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I've got."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, in our background information, we're stating that this is 'to spark a revolution against environmental abuse' Earth Day, and I think that we should remember that we have adopted this proclamation as an official action and bring this up again to remind ourselves of that when we hold hearings on the recycling issue with the public."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, good idea commissioner. Jo, thank you very much and thanks for your enthusiasm."

Ms. Oliver said, "Thank you. Bye."

Chairman Winters said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item."

APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTMENTS.

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRAD HAWTHORNE (COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've prepared a resolution appointing Brad Hawthorne to the Board of Zoning Appeals. This is Commissioner Welshimer's appointment and the appointment will be a three-year term, which will expire in April of 2011. I'd recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard the recommendation. What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Winters said, “And I believe that Brad Hawthorne is in the room this morning and we’ll ask County Clerk Don Brace if he would swear Brad in for this position.”

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Good morning, Brad. How are you today?”

Mr. Brad Hawthorne, Member, Board of Zoning Appeals, said, “Fine, thank you.”

Mr. Brace said, “Good. Please raise your right hand.

I, Brad Hawthorne, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Board of Zoning Appeals, so help me God.”

Mr. Hawthorne said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations, Brad.”

Chairman Winters said, “Brad, thank you very much and if you’d like to make a comment, we’d be glad for you to do that.”

Mr. Hawthorne said, “Well I’d like to thank the Sedgwick County Commissioners for the honor of serving the citizens of our county and appreciate the confidence that you’ve offered to me very much. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioner Welshimer has a comment.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well Brad, I do have confidence in you. You served on another committee for me and you just did an exemplary job and I appreciate very much you taking this appointment.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you again Brad. We appreciate your being willing to

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serve. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN S. DAILEY (COMMISSIONER PARKS’ APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, this is also a three-year appointment, and I recommend that you adopt this resolution.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve heard the recommendation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And I do not believe John Dailey is in the room today.”

Commissioner Parks said, “No. I would like to say just a few things. I have great confidence in Mr. Dailey and his experience and he’s very studious about projects that he works on, so I think he’ll do a great job. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you commissioner. Thank you Mr. Brace for being in the room this morning. Next item.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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C. MAPD CASE NUMBER DR2008-01 – 47TH – 55TH STREET SOUTH JOINT AREA PLAN, 2008-2030. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Prepared to present this item to you this morning, but before I do, just some real quick background information about this item. It has already gone to the Derby Planning Commission and the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission for their review. And both of those planning commissions have recommended approval of this plan. It’s also been reviewed and adopted by the Derby City Council at their meeting last week. I had scheduled this item to be reviewed by the Wichita City Council at its meeting yesterday, but the City Manager held the item off the agenda in order that he would be able to complete his review of the plan.

He has now scheduled the plan to be reviewed by the Wichita City Council at their workshop agenda next week, April 22nd and it’s tentatively scheduled for city council review at their meeting on May 6th. So based on the discussions that we had as I was briefing each of you prior to this meeting, it may be that you want to defer this item to your May 7th meeting.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, John. Thank you. Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Yes. Well this is in my district and I would prefer that we not take action on this until the city council has taken their actions, because this is an agreement between two cities and I think that we should hear from both of them before we would take any action.”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to defer Item C, MAPD case #DR2008-01 until it comes back to us from the city council.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “All right. We have a motion and a second. And that’s a bit open ended. If it takes them a few weeks, then we’ll just . . . we’ll deal with it John, after they have dealt with it. Does that sound acceptable to you and your staff?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Yes.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there other questions or

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comments? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, we do have a motion to defer this until it comes back from the City of Wichita. Please call the roll.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you John. We’ll see you back on this one. Next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

D. AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WICHITA FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO OAKLAWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I’m presenting for your consideration a renewal of an agreement we’ve had since 1990 with the City of Wichita that extends bus service from the City of Wichita through the Oaklawn Improvement District. The amount this year is \$30,472. The ridership on the . . . in the program continues to increase slightly each year.

With the county subsidy pays for the actual cost of extending the service after they subtract the ridership, the tokens that . . . the ridership fees and any other grants that they might happen to receive. I’ll try to answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It goes through Oaklawn and circles back up. Have we looked at maybe delivering service to the South Side Education Center? Has that ever come up, Irene? Which is on 47th Street, just across K-15.”

Ms. Hart said, “Not to my knowledge, but I can ask them to look into it.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I believe they don’t get service and when you think that now WATC

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and the South Side Center are going to merge together, that building is expanding and you know that there's a delivery of a lot of education for people on moderate incomes, that might be . . . public transportation may be important to that whole corridor. So I think it would be worthwhile to check that and I don't know if we can add it onto this program or not, but it's only a half mile from Oaklawn to get to the South Side Center, so just a thought."

Ms. Hart said, "Since it's an extension of a regular bus route, I'm sure there's timing issues and route issues, but we'll bring that up with them and see if we can accomplish that."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mr. Chair. Irene, you said that the usage has been on the increase. Do you have the numbers to tell us about that?"

Ms. Hart said, "I don't have them with me today, but I can get them to you."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I have."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "While we're on the topic but not just focusing on Oaklawn, I know this is what we're voting on, but I've had some inquiries about expanding the north Wichita routes also, so while you're talking that over, you might mention to them that there is some interest in the areas near 58th and 53rd and Meridian that Wichita has annexed out into those areas that would prefer some bus service. I get those comments regularly, not in mass, but I do get a steady stream of comments about that, and I think it's due to the fuel prices going up and people on fixed incomes needing to come downtown, so thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, you've heard this report. What's the will of the board?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Mr. Chairman, Oaklawn is also in my district and I know this is a needed service in that community."

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Irene. Next item."

E. HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PLANNING APPLICATION.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I'm asking your consideration to allow us to consider to submit an application for a hazard mitigation plan grant to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. What this will do essentially is buy the services of experts to assist us in preparing a plan that will help us be ready to take advantage of the funding that the federal government makes available to help the lessen to impact of disasters after a disaster has occurred, the Hazard Mitigation Program essentially.

What this will involve is working very closely, essentially, with every community, with every unit of local government inside of Sedgwick County to make sure that we have an understanding of what we can do to help them lessen the impact of future disasters.

Interestingly enough, we just did a very preliminary survey the other day, and it looks like there may be up to 328 eligible local government applicants for hazard mitigation funding inside Sedgwick County alone, so it's a staggering number."

Chairman Winters said, "Say that again, Randall."

Mr. Duncan said, "328 units of local government, as considered by this inside Sedgwick County

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alone that might be eligible applicants. That includes anything from the county itself to cities, to townships, to improvement districts, to school districts, essentially, every entity recognized as a local government by the State of Kansas. That's an amazing number, is it not?"

Chairman Winters said, "Yes it is."

Mr. Duncan said, "Anyway, we would be more than happy to answer any additional questions that you might have regarding this and we hope that you'll act favorably on the request."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well thank you. I'll be supportive of this. I am a little taken aback by the number of units of organizations that exist. Does that include neighborhood associations and things like that I suppose?"

Mr. Duncan said, "I'm not able to answer that, because I don't specifically know, but I do know, and I'll ask . . . defer just a little bit to Manager Buchanan. I believe the State of Kansas is ranked four nationally in terms of the number of units of local government. It's an amazing number."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "We have a lot."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I understand that. Well I think that whether we have one unit of government or whatever number you recited to us, it's better to plan ahead and be prepared for emergencies as they occur and make the contacts that need to be made, so I'll be supportive of this item. That's all I have."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you commissioner. And just to follow up on that, maybe you could follow up with us. I'm going to be supportive of this and my sense is we'll probably support this today, but perhaps you could follow up with us on what all kind of entities, as the state looks at these kinds of programs, what all kind of entities are involved in these planning processes or could apply for these funds so if you could give us some background information on who those organizations are. Because just real quickly in our heads, if we add cities, counties and townships, improvement districts, we don't get near that number."

Mr. Duncan said, "I understand."

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

Mr. Duncan said, "And I'll be happy to provide that data."

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Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "As Director Duncan stated the multi-jurisdictional answer to a lot of my questions that I had on this. I did have one more question. The person that's going to be hired for this, through this grant, then at the end of this grant would be phased out and they would know that going into the process?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Commissioner, we do not anticipate hiring any additional staff as a part of emergency management. We anticipate this would be a request for proposal in that essentially a vendor would perform this service. So yes sir, it's a limited term contract with the vendor."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay, the vendor would be . . . there would be a sunset on the vendor then."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes sir."

Commissioner Parks said, "I do appreciate this project and coming from the other side, I really appreciate it also, and there's another one of my colleagues sitting at this table that gave me a lot of classes on this subject also, so we're very informed about that. But it's something that there are new and different things coming up all the time and we don't need to be sitting back on our original plan, when it's a living document and needs to be updated."

Mr. Duncan said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you commissioner. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well obviously I'm going to be supportive of preparedness and hazard mitigation as it talks to emergency management. A couple of thoughts though and I'm going to let Randy talk about this a little bit. We're on the cusp on that season that we're most vulnerable, I mean like April 15th and June 15th and that's coming up. I think we all remember the dates of April 26th, May 3rd, May 4th. We all kind of know what those dates mean in this area.

One of the things that I've advocated for and I think it's hazard mitigation when it comes to storms

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is safe rooms and using technologies, emerging technologies that can integrate safe rooms into a lot of public facilities. Schools are really engaged in that right now. I know part of the bond issues that's kind of being floated around for Wichita includes safe rooms in a lot of the schools which don't have them. I'm proud that Haysville took a lead on that and applied for government funds to put safe rooms in most all of their schools and their new schools, as they remodel. But I also believe we have an obligation and I've advocated for this, we're building fire stations, small buildings and we need to make sure that they're mitigated. That we understand that putting safe rooms in all of our facilities, as we move our building forward, is very important. It costs you a little more money on the front end, but it mitigates the problem on the back end, it helps you with insurance cost, it helps you with electricity and other environmental kinds of things so I would advocate that that's . . . you can serve two masters at one time. You could mitigate the building for inclement weather and other hazards and you can also save money along the way. So I would like to think about that.

The last thing is, Randy, talk just a little bit about overall preparedness to the season we're going into. You know, we've got outside warning devices and I know we've got a couple in my district that I continue to poke at you to make sure that they're functioning properly, because I've got some citizens that go 'Boy, I don't remember hearing it on Monday when we tested it' and we've gotten those fixed. Talk about that just a little bit, because that is hazardous mitigation, making sure that the system works right when we need it."

Mr. Duncan said, "You bet it is and thank you for the opportunity, commissioner. We want to remind folks that our outdoor warning devices or sirens are really only one layer in a whole system of making sure that you find out when there is severe weather in the area. And the reason we call them outdoor warning devices is pretty self-evident. That's because they're meant to be heard outdoors and not necessarily in your home environment, where you may have your stereo, or you may be watching your satellite television or some other type of issue.

But the other very important ways to get information about severe weather include our very close partnership with the local electronic media, both radio and television, and NOAA Weather Radios. We really can't talk about them enough and make people aware of them enough. They're a small receiver that you can buy in almost any electronic store and many grocery stores even that allows you to receive a special radio signal broadcast by the national weather service and that thing is available to warn you day or night. They typically have battery backup so they'll function even when the power is out.

In addition, for those folks who are served by Cox Cablevision, we also have our emergency alert system. You mentioned earlier the outdoor warning devices. We do have a very active repair

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program in place on those. We do test those devices every Monday during clear weather. So if it's cloudy outside and you think 'I didn't hear those devices' and it's Monday at noon, probably the reason why is we determined that it was too cloudy to do the test and the reason we do that is we don't want people to automatically assume that Monday at noon is the test, because one of these days we'll get a tornado on a Monday at noon and they'll think we're doing a test when it's a real thing, so we try to test only during clear weather."

Commissioner Parks said, "That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, you've heard the presentation by Randy. What's the will of the board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the submission of the 2008 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Planning Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a Grant Award Agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Grant Application.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Randy."

Mr. Duncan said, "Thank you commissioners."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

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F. AMENDMENTS (TWO) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION AND DR. LAURIE COYNER TO PROVIDE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC CARE.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Deputy Director, Division of Human Services, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You may recall these contracts from last fall. COMCARE received notice that the vendor that was providing in-patient coverage for us for COMCARE patients at Via Christi Good Sheppard gave us notice and cancelled the contract. We worked with the medical school, with Dr. Coyner and existing COMCARE medical staff to develop a coverage plan to make sure that those patients were cared for during their hospital stay.

Our intension was and is to find a comprehensive solution, either through an organization that will provide full coverage or additional staff that will help us give a comprehensive solution to this plan, so we set the original duration of this contract at six months with Dr. Coyner and the medical school.

As we’ve talked about health access in the community in general, one of the things that we continue to discover is that specialty care is also in short supply, particularly psychiatry. We’ve been unable to find another vendor to provide this service and so we’ve worked with the medical school and Dr. Coyner again. They’re interested in continuing to provide this service. It will give us another six months to seek a permanent solution and so our request is to extend this contract for six months with Dr. Coyner and extend the contract with the medical school for six months. I’d be happy to answer any questions you may have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much. Are there questions? Seeing none, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Amendments 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 very much. Next item."

G. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2008.

Mr. Dave Rush, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "March is a very busy month for us. We had 80,500 people, well short five, 495 that were accounted for. Net revenues at \$533,552 through . . . were our net revenues for the months.

The events were Thunder Hockey, Equi-Fest, Sesame Street Live, flea market, Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood, Chisholm Trail Gun Show, the Wild Football, Freaknic Jam, Cirque and Yappy Days were all events of that month.

April events that we've already had, Sunflower Cluster Dog Show, which is a big event every year, and the Wild Football on the 5th and the 10th, the Downing Series concert series which was this last past Saturday, Joe Cocker and then Sunday we did Blue Man.

Upcoming, we've got the Park City Bluegrass Festival that's getting ready to kick off here shortly, Kid Rock Concert coming in, and that pretty much sets it up for the next few days. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much, John. We do have a comment. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "On the 12th, the Thunder Hockey, it says 30 with \$187 worth of . . . was that just a photo op or signing or something that they had there?"

Mr. Rush said, "That was an event that they hosted one night. It's a ladies night that they do and they bring them in and they use the VIP room and then they go back into the dressing rooms and just try to . . . it's a marketing tool to get more people involved in hockey and better understanding of the hockey game and what all goes on in it."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay, thank you. I just wanted to clarify that for my own satisfaction, or seeing 30 in attendance, you wonder sometimes. Thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, "Dave, my wife and I were able to attend the Cirque du Soleil circus event. The first time that we had ever seen that and were thoroughly impressed with that performance and congratulate you and the staff on getting them back in town. That was a very good event."

Mr. Rush said, "It's a phenomenal show, phenomenal show. I was set back when I watched the show. The show last year was different. And I think that I expected something different in this show and when we went out and saw the caliber of the performers in that show, you're right, it was just a phenomenal event."

Chairman Winters said, "Well it was a circus performance with European, French flavor to it that was just kind of a new way to think about juggling, balancing, trapeze, everything. It was a very good show. You all did a good job in securing that. Commissioner Welshimer and I were out a couple of weekends ago for the Sunflower Dog Cluster Show and those folks were great hosts for us, had us right down at the front and there were a lot of dog lovers out there."

Mr. Rush said, "Oh, yes. It's a big event."

Chairman Winters said, "Good event, both ways. All right, commissioners, are there any other questions or comments? If not, is there a motion to receive and file?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Dave. Next item."

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H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 10, 2008.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of April 10th results in nine items for consideration today.

**1. CHANGE ORDER #1, AMENDMENT OF CONTRACTING SERVICES FOR SAP BW ETL-ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING
FUNDING: POST SAP IMPLEMENTATION**

The first item is change order number one, amendment of contracting services for SAP BW ETL work for Enterprise Resource Planning Department. Recommendation is to accept the modification of the contract with Eifer IT for a not to exceed cost of \$108,000.

**2. CHANGE ORDER #3- AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR BI, INCORPORATED- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FUNDING: CORRECTIONS**

Item two, change order number three, amendment to the contract for BI, Incorporated for the Department of Corrections. Recommendation is to accept the amendment and modify the contract with BI Incorporated to add sobriety equipment and monitoring services and establish contract pricing.

**3. 2008 OIL DISTRIBUTOR TRUCK- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Item number three, 2008 oil distributor truck for Fleet Management. Recommendation is to accept the low bid meeting specifications from Kansas Truck Center in the amount of \$128,421.

**4. TELESCOPING STEEL SIGN POST SYSTEM- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: R316 REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS**

Item four, telescoping steel sign post system for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Northwest Pipe Company for an initial purchase in the amount of \$10,153 and establish firm contract pricing for one year with two additional one-year options to renew.

**5. ENCLOSED CAB TRACTORS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

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Item five, enclosed cab tractors for Fleet Management. Recommendation is to accept the bid meeting specifications from Wichita Tractor Company in the amount of \$178,610.

**6. CISCO EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE NETWORK UPGRADE PROJECT-
DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING: NETWORKING AND TELECOM/ SYSTEMS AND SECURITY**

Item six, Cisco Equipment and Maintenance Network upgrade project for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is to accept the low responsible bid from Micro World in the amount of \$59,572.

**7. INTERNET SERVICES RENEWAL- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND
OPERATIONS
FUNDING: NETWORKING AND TELECOM**

Item seven, Internet services renewal for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Sprint Solutions Incorporated to establish contract pricing and execute a perpetual contract.

**8. COMPUTER HARDWARE- SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FUNDING: JAG '05 SHERIFF DIGITAL PHOTO**

Item eight, computer hardware for the Sheriff's Office. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Dell in the amount of \$29,503.20.

**9. FULLY RUGGED LAPTOP COMPUTERS- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FUNDING: EMS EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

And item nine, fully rugged laptop computers for Emergency Medical Services. Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Turn-Key Mobile Incorporated for an initial purchase in the amount of \$28,806 and establish contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, I would like for us to pull item three off of this first go round of discussion. That's the purchase of the 2008 oil

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distributor truck. So if we could have discussion about all the other items and let's see where we head from there. So are there questions about any items except item number three. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I have the same thing on item number five, so I'll make a motion that we accept the recommendations . . ."

Chairman Winters said, "Before I take that motion, could I see what Commissioner Parks . . ."

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, on number seven, the annual Internet service, what do they do basically for that? Can you kind of give me that in a condensed version?"

Ms. Baker said, "Richard Vogt, the chief information officer, can address that."

Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Office, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That particular contract is for our access onto the Internet, and so whenever an employee here at the county needs to get to the Internet to do business and to look up information, needs to receive e-mail from somebody, that comes through the same connection, when we send e-mail out. So there's a variety of things that go on through that Internet connection and it's just basically our onramp onto the larger Internet."

Commissioner Parks said, "So like the other day when the problem was out at the remote office at Valley Center, were these people contacted or some vendor like that contacted for that problem?"

Mr. Vogt said, "No, that was a hardware malfunction. We corrected the hardware on that particular one, but the access would eventually end up on this Internet access."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Richard, I did have a question about that one too, this term perpetual contract. What's a perpetual contract?"

Mr. Vogt said, "Just an ongoing, it's like . . . a little bit like your cell phone, where you sign a two-year contract, but after the two years if you don't do anything, they're not going to do anything. We'll just continue to pay the same price for that access."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. All right, very good. Commissioner Parks, does that answer your question?"

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Commissioner Parks said, "It does, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Norton. Now before you make a motion, are you going to make a motion that we approve the bid board except for items number three and five? Is that what you motion . . .?"

Commissioner Norton said, "That's exactly it."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, go ahead and make the motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts except Items 3 and 5.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I received an e-mail that I really didn't have a chance to look at until this morning on this oil distributor truck and I wasn't sure that I understood the e-mail and the response. But what I would like to suggest is that one of the bidders who believes that they were in the range and should have been considered, I would like to suggest that we defer this item for one week and we ask our staff, and Iris of course is here and Kevin Miles from Motor Pool is here and the potential vendor is also, I believe, in the room. If they could get together and discuss this and then let staff bring us back a recommendation after they have a meeting, and if staff's recommendation is the same, it is.

If the vendor wants to again contact us via e-mail or however and tells us what he'd like to. But I don't think we would accomplish much by us trying to hash this out, deciding what the right

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procedure is. So if that's all right with you, my suggestion would be that we defer Item 3. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I'm in agreement with that. I don't know if it takes a motion to do that, but I think that there's enough information that's come to us since we saw the bid board documents that we need to find out about tire sizes and alternator sizes before we make a final decision."

Chairman Winters said, "Before you make that . . . you didn't quite make that, did you?"

Commissioner Parks said, "I was going to second it for discussion."

Chairman Winters said, "Go ahead, make the motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to defer Item 3 of the Board of Bids and Contracts for one week.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a motion and a second. Is there discussion? Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, I was going to ask Dave Spears if this would adversely affect anything for a week, not having this oil distributor truck. Do you have one now that's functional and is out there, or is this something that you're needing immediately, or during the year, that would affect some of your projects?"

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "One week will not hurt us."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay. And there's nothing in the bid, and maybe Kevin could speak to this more, that there's any kind of timeline when the particular trucks are being built, that would affect one-week delay on this?"

Mr. Kevin Miles, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "No, a one-week delay will not affect anything in the bid."

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Commissioner Parks said, "Well, having dealt with that in the past, in certain types of vehicles being built during certain times of the year, sometimes that is critical, so thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, before we move on, I thought we could discuss Item 5 and if there's action to be taken there, we could include it all."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, we've got a motion for this. We'll just make another motion."

Commissioner Norton said, "That works for me."

Chairman Winters said, "I do have a question for David. David, could you describe for me just briefly an oil distributor truck. Is this a service maintenance truck or is this a road construction truck?"

Mr. Spears said, "Road construction truck. It has a spray bar on the back of it, you put the oil inside the big tank and then it sprays it out the back."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, got you. All right, we have a motion on the floor now to defer for one week the recommendation of action on the 2008 oil distributor truck. Is there any questions? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "And could I recommend that Iris and Kevin visit with this gentleman after the meeting and make arrangements to discuss this either now or sometime before next week. Thank you. All right, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I just had questions on #5. It's \$178,000 and that's the high bid as opposed to the low bid. And specifications, I'm just wondering if we made the specifications so

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stringent that only one vendor could really bid on it because of engine size and all the specifications we put on it that we actually described the only unit that we could possibly buy. That always worries me a little bit, that we don't make it broad enough that the bids really mean anything from some vendors, because they obviously don't have a product that even gets close, and that comes from years of bidding things and you just know that comes up occasionally. It's a lot of money and I thought we'd at least have some conversation about it, because it's the high bid as opposed to the low bid."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Kevin or Iris or David Spears, who'd like to respond to that question?"

Mr. Miles said, "I'll respond to that. Just want to just take a second and just briefly kind of go through the process of how we come up with the specs. What we do is when it comes time to replace a vehicle, especially the heavy equipment because they have such a long timeline, we replace those on about a ten to twelve year cycle. So we get with the user department, in this case Public Works, to find out if what they've had has actually met their needs. From that point, then we go out and we do a look around the industry to see what new pieces of equipment are out there that would enhance the use of that piece of equipment and enhance the value to Sedgwick County.

Our goal, when we do that, is we try to make sure that we spec it broad enough to include at least three or four vendors, you know. Now that's not to say that those three or four vendors are necessarily going to bid or that those three or four vendors are going to bid the actual piece of equipment that we've considered, but we do make that effort to make sure that there are at least three or four pieces of equipment that we can identify that actually meet that specification. So the object is to make sure that we don't make it so narrow that we exclude any vendors or that we spec in only one specific vendor. But at the same time, our driving focus is always trying to make sure that while at the same time that we have something that is cost effective and cost efficient, that we want to make sure that it also meets the needs of the user department.

So there are instances where, as we have here with the enclosed cab tractors, where you end up having one vendor to actually bid that piece of equipment, and I can understand certainly the perception, but I just wanted to communicate to you guys the process that we go through is to make sure that we have at least three or four pieces of equipment that we know meet that specification. That's when we know that it's suitably broad."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I just think it's important that we have that conversation, because you can . . . there are unintended consequences if you get it too narrow. You just virtually eliminate and I know, from dealing with public works people for over twenty years that a lot of

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times they may be loyal to one vendor or another and they . . . you know, a John Deere person doesn't want to get onto a New Holland piece of equipment and you know New Holland doesn't want to ride a Koboto or whatever it may be. And they can force you to narrow it down to pick the vendor that they want. I just want to be sure that we're very open with that. It sounds like we are, but I think we needed to have some discussion. That's all I have."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I would certainly suggest to fleet and Director Miles that, you said look around, when you're looking around have those people that have the products help you with this. They're out there and I've found that 90% of the time, they will really come out and help you with the new products that may have come up or anything that . . . utilize them also."

Mr. Miles said, "Absolutely, and we do try to do that as well."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Just kind of a side comment that probably isn't material to this, but I think sometimes we need to listen to our folks out there in the field also. I think we received some e-mails just a few weeks ago about a rotary mower vendor who was disappointed with our selection, which did not include him and in a call with Public Works and talking to them, they said yes we've bought some of theirs in the past and they break down, they don't work. So we're not buying any more of those and so I think we've kind of got to weigh that into your discussions also. All right, we have before us Item #5, which is the enclosed cab tractors. Commissioners, what's the will of the commission on this item?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I've been satisfied, Mr. Chair."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts on Item #5.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Aye

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Iris. Thank you, Kevin, for being here. And again, our Item #3 has been deferred for one week. All right, thank you. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Agreement with the City of Mulvane, Kansas to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 2. Set the Public Hearing regarding the five year review of the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Plan for April 24, 2008.**
- 3. Payroll Check Register for April 4, 2008.**
- 4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 9 – 15, 2008.**
- 5. Order dated April 9, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you see the consent agenda. What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

J. OTHER

Chairman Winters said, “That brings us to the conclusion of our regular scheduled board meeting. I don’t believe we need any extra sessions or we do not have a fire agenda today. This is the time for discussion of ‘other’. I do have a couple of items I would like to discuss with you.

A couple of what I think were good news, good event kinds of items. Last Saturday, our COMCARE did sponsor the Links for Life Run out at the zoo, with the theme and the process to bring suicide awareness and suicide prevention issues to the forefront. It was a tremendous event and I compliment Debra Donaldson and Bev Baalman with COMCARE and Liz McGinness and the dozens of volunteers that it takes to make those events come off. This was a . . . started off with a 5K race and then had races for varying age groups of one mile, three-quarter mile, half-mile, quarter-mile, eighth of a mile and a 50 yard run for the very youngest. We were very fortunate and COMCARE has been fortunate to secure the services of Clark Ensz, who is kind of the race manager and has the clocks and the timers and can devise the age classifications in like the 5K race, which was an open, which meant any ages, ran and then divided off and be able to tell who is the winner of various age groups. They do a great job.

I’ll come back to that in a minute, but in visiting with Clark, he goes around and conducts these races all around the area and he also attends national conventions where race organizers meet and talk about what they’re doing in their communities. And there were 1,770 racers that participated in the event Saturday. He said there’s no place else in the United States that he knows that has that

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inter-generational classifications for youngsters and has the result of that many people coming out. So Saturday, the race at the zoo was full of families, many of them there supporting their kids as they raced in various races. The zoo is a great setting, a great place to do that. So I just can't say how proud we are of COMCARE and all the volunteers that put that thing together.

Now we did have two participants from Sedgwick County, now there could have been more, but the only two I saw were Mike Pepoon, who Mike took third place in his age group in the 5K and they forgot to call his name. Commissioner Parks and I were there handing out the trophies, so if they'd have called Mike's name, I know we would have picked up his medal and given it to him, but Mike went through the process of figuring out who the winners were in his class and he was one of them. So Mike has received his award.

The other participant was our Manager Bill Buchanan and Bill Buchanan won second place in his age race and so, since Commissioner Parks and I were picking up the . . . or handing out the medals to all the winners, we picked up Manager Buchanan's race, so Dave if you would pass that down to the manager, the manager now has a second place for his age category race in the 5K Links for Life. And we're glad that you were there, glad you didn't need any EMS assistance."

Mr. Buchanan said, "It just proves that if there's very few people in the race, you can win a trophy."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. Well, it was just a great Saturday event and several of us were out there, Commissioner Unruh, Norton and myself, Commissioner Parks. Commissioner Parks and I stayed till the very end and handed out the last of the medals."

Commissioner Norton said, "And the participant that won the 5K was like 15 or 16 years old, very young man."

Chairman Winters said, "Now, the only other thing I wanted to comment is last night I did have an opportunity to be out at McConnell Air Force Base. The local chamber has a program where they spend a few evenings with folks who are new to the community and have been in some kind of business connections and just to introduce folks to the community. They have a good program. Mayor Carl Brewer was there, Senator Carolyn McGinn was there. I was there and then the colonel

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at the air base gave a briefing about what's happening at the air base and I think it is again good for us to remember that that is the largest tanker base in the world, located at McConnell Air Force Base and they expect to have additional planes arriving at that facility, so it will become just a kind of the world leader in tanker bases for the United States Air Force so a good event last night out at McConnell Air Force Base.

Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I just want to say that I'm proud of our public health department. They found a unique new way to serve more patients, for citizens of Sedgwick County. I attended a meeting on Monday out at Wesley. It was called ‘Healthy Babies Centering Pregnancy Kick Off’ but what it actually does is it changes the way that we offer prenatal care in Sedgwick County and how we cooperate with the other providers of prenatal care. It was a unique method of . . . actually it changes the system and the way that healthcare is delivered to pregnant women and it's done in a group setting.

They brought in a speaker who teaches at Yale University who addressed the group, a huge room full of people, and what we're going to be doing is creating instead of having one patient see one doctor and wait in the waiting room and then we go through the same process with each patient, going to be done in a group setting so that each doctor, provider and one assistant can work with ten people at once. This would involve the patients keeping their own records, weighing themselves, doing all the things that they can do for themselves, keeping their own record, understanding their own record and then there would be an area for the doctor to see the patient if that's necessary.

But the biggest part of it is this group therapy, where they all discuss the problems that they're having and can educate themselves more on the condition of their illness or the condition of pregnancy or this would work for babies, pediatrics, for diabetics. I mean, it could be done in any number of groups and so far, the reduction of cost or, you know, the increase of patients that can be seen in that length of time is more than 40%. So I'm very excited about this and I hope to be involved in it.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, well thank you for that report, very interesting. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chair. Well I just want to put my two cents in about the activities out at the zoo and the Link For Life Run. As you described, it was a lot of fun. I would want to say that a couple of young ladies on our floor also participated but Laura out of the Manager's Office ran the race and Jenny out of Communications ran and competed and I think they had a good time doing that but it was really delightful to watch all the youngster out there, clear down to four-year-olds I believe and their eagerness to run and seeing their folks getting involved

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with them and it was good weather, a lot of good participation and great fun.

The second thing I wanted to talk about is a little update on the zoo and basically just to say that the zoo's had a record attendance for the first quarter of this year. They've had more folks out than they had in any other previous first quarter, so things are going well out there. But interesting data point is that there's been, so far this year, nearly 6,500 volunteer hours out at the zoo. And if you put a, you know, a ten dollar per hour value on that, that's quite a support for the Sedgwick County Zoo, so I want to recognize those folks who do volunteer out there and for the service they give to the zoo and our community and actually take the opportunity to encourage others who have some time and some energy. There are many, many ways to volunteer in our community, which is beneficial to the volunteer and to the organization that they serve, so I'd want to encourage folks in their volunteer efforts.

And lastly, about the zoo, just want to say that on the 25th, next week, there's going to be the grand opening officially of the zoo restaurant, and already folks are using it, it had kind of a soft opening but it's going very well, it's a large space and I think people are enjoying that extra amenity out at the Sedgwick County Zoo. So that's my zoo report and that's all I had right now, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well two things, Monday night I addressed the Haysville City Council and kind of gave them an update on issues around the county and then things I'm working on personally, but several of the things that we talked about that are critical issues that we're going to be dealing with, one of them is solid waste and how it effects cities and other municipalities, on the decisions we'll have to make about pay as you throw and recycling and franchising and all of the things that are kind of attached to that. And I wanted to give them a heads up that we're working on that solid waste plan for KDHE and that it does maybe have some ramifications and indications that they may have to take some actions at some point.

We also talked about smoking bans and what the City of Wichita might do and how that affects the county and the Board of Health and how that rolls down to what we may have to do that will affect small cities, so you know I was received very well. They had a lot of questions about those issues and I think we're thankful, at least they have a heads up that they need to be thinking about those things.

The final thing is I wanted to congratulate Paula and Barry Downing for the Downing Concert

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Series. Joe Cocker was in town and the proceeds to that event went to the Fundamental Learning Center and the Wichita Children's Home, two great organizations that will benefit from that Downing Concert Series. It was a great evening, a pretty good crowd there and hopefully those two charities will be able to continue their missions at a strong level because of it. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much. Is there anything else to come before the Board of County Commissioners today? Mr. Manager? Oh, Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I had several things that have already been covered, so I'm not going to rehash that, but I did want to add that at 61st North and Ridge, the former Wichita International Drag Way is now called the Kansas International Drag Way, in fact is in the city limits of Maize now and it's ramping up, starting their season the 24th of April and just trying to . . . they had some improvements out there and they're having some new and different things going on out there.

Also 81 Speedway, if you're a Nascar fan and you're so inclined to watch those races and those stock car races, 81 Speedway is increasing their sanctioned races, which means that they're bigger, better, faster, very good entertainment, so there is an entertainment venue and that is at of course old 81 Highway, or Broadway and 77th Street North, so just thought I would throw those in and you can go to those websites and look at their schedules."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much. Is there any other business to come before this board? Seeing none, we are adjourned."

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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