MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 23, 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 23, 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. Don Brace, County Clerk; Ms. Sheena Lynch, HR Specialist, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Division of Finance; Mr. Ray Vail, Director of Finance, Department on Aging; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. James Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Brian Silcott, Member, Storm Water Management Advisory Board.
Dr. Jon Rossell, Chair, Coordination Workshop.
Mr. Dave Sanford, Grace Med Clinic.
Mr. Jim Sacs, Director of Ticketing, Select-A-Seat.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Jim Shimer of Westlink Christian Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 9, 2008

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 9th, 2008.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve had an opportunity to review those minutes. What’s the will of the board?”
MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 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.”

PROCLAMATION

A.   PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 27 – MAY 3, 2008 AS “COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, we have one proclamation for your consideration today.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, access to affordable health care is growing concern both nationally and at the local level; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60,000 Sedgwick County residents are uninsured, including many who work, those who have recently suffered a life-changing event, and those who cannot afford insurance; and

WHEREAS, this problem does not affect only the uninsured individuals, but our entire community; and
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WHEREAS, three main barriers to health access have emerged locally- coverage, system coordination and system navigation- and community workgroups have been created with the Sedgwick County Health Department coordinating the efforts to address these barriers; and

WHEREAS, health access is focused on both affordable care- appropriate care means receiving the level of service necessary for the patient’s current need. The ‘medical home’ model for primary health care results in better health for citizens, a reduction in use of emergency rooms for non-critical care, and significant savings to individuals and the community; and

WHEREAS, an insured, healthy community is a more vibrant community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 27- May 3, 2008 as

‘Cover the Uninsured Week’

In Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to take advantage of the assistance provided by the Health Access Project. Information can be found through the Health Department website at www.sedgwickcounty.org and through the United Way’s 2-1-1 system.

Dated April 23rd, 2008.

Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What’s the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation.

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, “And here to accept the proclamation is Claudia Blackburn with our Health Department.”

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for that proclamation, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. It is my pleasure to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Health Access Project. We have three workgroups that have been hard at work on this since October of last year, and really since June of last year, when we began the conversation. And we have representatives from the healthcare industry, from academia, from information technology, business, insurance, and many of them are here today.

And I’d like to start off by introducing those that are in the audience today, if you don’t mind standing and if I miss anybody, please let me know. But these people have played a key role and they have had meetings, even late Friday afternoon from 4 to 6, so I would like to recognize them. First of all, Adrian Burn-Lutz is here. She’s a Sedgwick County Health Department project manager and she has been a co-facilitator. Ron Harris, Center for Health Equity Director, has also been a co-facilitator and he is out doing a presentation on this issue this morning. Charlene Stevens, assistant county manager, has been instrumental in keeping us focused and moving things along. Representing the workgroup chairs, we have Dr. Jon Rossell with the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, and Dr. Betty Smith-Campbell with WSU. She is nursing facility associate professor there and they represent the coordinator group. We have from the coverage group Brian Rose, who is director of sales and marketing for Preferred Health Systems and I don’t believe his vice-chair is here.

And then we have many of our vision group or safety net or community health clinic executive directors here this morning and I’d like to introduce them, because this is really critical for them, this work. We have Susie Swartz, she is the executive director of Hunter Health; Dave Sanford, executive director of Grace Med and I think that’s it for now, others may show up. Ann Nelson is also here. She is the associate executive director of the Central Plains Regional Healthcare Foundation and many of you know her through her presentations about project access. So I can’t thank them enough for the work that they have done on this.

So why do we care about whether or not people have access to a medical home, access to one place where they can go to preventive and sick services and a place where they can be evaluated and referred to other providers in the community who can provide specialty care, but then have all that information come back to them.

Well, we have one person on the commission, many of you I know are interested in this, but
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Commissioner Norton has been... he is actually chairing this project and he has asked that question and been talking about this throughout the community. We know that people with a medical home have been health outcomes and that it’s more cost effective and that’s an issue that you all have been focused on for several years and they’re more likely to receive health prevention messages if they have a medical home. A medical home is the first point of advice for people about their healthcare and it’s also a repository for their health information.

Eleven and a half percent of our Sedgwick County citizens have no health insurance, and that’s about 55 to 60,000 people. And we know that we have a low unemployment rate here and you know, most people are working and so most people are working. Nine percent of those that are working full-time have no health insurance and that number goes up dramatically as we look at part-time employees. People that work one, two and even three part-time jobs, 20% of those people have no health insurance and the numbers go up even more when you look at people’s educational level and income. So as the educational level and income go down, the lack of access or lack of health insurance goes up and the minority populations, 28% of Hispanics have no health insurance, 16% of our African American residents have no health insurance and about 8% for whites, so it’s a big problem. And when I talk about health insurance and access together it’s because without health insurance, you have really limited access to healthcare.

So our workgroup members have approached this very large and complex problem in a systematic way by studying barriers that were identified by the community in planning to resolve these barriers. They have, in the last several months, analyzed the capacity of our community health system and they’ve looked at our community health clinics that are commonly referred to as our safety net system. They have studied the need and availability of after-hours services. They have identified the United Way 2-1-1 line as an easy way to connect people. They identified easy to understand health material, recognizing that many people, regardless of their educational level, don’t understand the information they receive about healthcare and they have studied publicly funded health coverage and they are currently studying the transportation system and how our patients experience barriers to actually getting their healthcare.

The workgroups identified target groups to focus on first and the first one that they’re focusing on during ‘Cover the Uninsured Week’ is small business, employers that employ less than 10 people
and they’re focusing on the employers and the employees of those small businesses who are uninsured. During and around Cover the Uninsured Week, Commissioner Norton and health department staff and community volunteer ambassadors are going out and doing presentations about this issue and handing out these kits that have information in them. I believe you all have a copy and I’m not going to try to go through it, because I haven’t figured out a way to do that gracefully but I will tell you what’s inside of the kit.

Inside the kit, you’ll find a description of what a medical home is and a brochure for affordable community clinics; how to know when a common problem is an emergency, versus an instance when self-care is the appropriate response; self-care manual for adults; a kids-care manual; a discount prescription card and information on four-dollar generic prescriptions; and where to call for assistance with Healthwave and Medicaid and then 2-1-1 promotional items. We have this magnet that is in the kit that if people remember nothing else, they can remember 2-1-1 and call that number to find out where to go for healthcare.

If those of you that are listening are interested in attending a presentation, there are two that are open to the public. One is at the Wichita Independent Business Association, located at 445 North Waco. It’s Tuesday, April the 29th at 1:00 and that is open to the public and there’s one at Sedgwick County Health Department, 1900 East 9th North on Thursday, May the 8th, at 6:00. If you’d like to host a presentation, you can call Rodger Karris at 660-7312. So what happens next, I think at this point I’m going to let Commissioner Norton say a few words. He has championed this project and I believe he is passionate about it and would like to say something.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I didn’t know I was going to get called on. I feel like I’m in school, not prepared. Well, this has been something that I’ve wrapped my arms around and really hope the commission understands that I think it’s important in the community. Some four years ago we had a health assembly and that brought together around 200 people in our community that wanted to understand what the health department’s role was in the community and what health in general was going to look like in Sedgwick County in the next 20 years.

And one of the things that came out of that health assembly was that it was so important, and a lot of it talked about what are the chronic diseases that we need to be facing, like obesity, you know how are we going to deal with that in our community. Some of it talked about capacity, but one of the tenets that came out of that was access to healthcare that if you can get people in a medical home that they can be in wellness programs and have prevention and do medical maintenance, we’ll all be a healthier community.

Well it struck me that just knowing that just wasn’t enough, so last year we put together a health summit and that brought together around 90 professionals, folks from the insurance businesses, community health clinics, emergency room doctors, nurses, government officials to really talk
about this issue of access to healthcare.

And for me it’s always been kind of a two-sided conversation. On one side it is about the wellness and health of your community and the quality of life. On the other side, it’s about the economics of it and how it can be a weight around the neck of a community, because we spend a lot of money in the United States for medical care, yet there’s people still left out of it. And they’ve become the most expensive to care for, because they’re in our emergency rooms. They are in the community health clinics and that becomes a burden, as far as capacity. Or they don’t get any healthcare and then it becomes a chronic illness and it’s even more expensive.

So the quality of life side had to be dealt with and the economic side and I’m very proud that from that summit the conversation divided into ‘we need to form work groups’, it’s too big an issue to bite off in one chunk. We need smart people in smaller groups taking on individual items and I really applaud our work groups. Dr. Jon Rossell, Dr. Adrian Walling, Brian Rose have chaired those. I’ve sat in on many of them and I’ve got to tell you, it’s very intelligent but spirited conversation, because this is a complex problem. You know, you push on the balloon on one side, and you go ‘we solved the problem’ and then a bubble pops out on the other side that you didn’t realize about. So they’re very intuitive about saying the right things, understanding the issue.

And we’re starting, as I call it, move the rock up the hill. Just the idea that we haven’t spent a lot of taxpayers’ money but have made some pretty good movement, combining it with 2-1-1. You know, how do you have a one-stop, how do you get the information out? Well we’ve got this great system at the United Way and they’ve come to the table and said ‘yes, we’ll be glad to be part of this’. So I’m really pleased that we’ve gone as far as we have, but there is a lot of work still to do. I just don’t think it’s good enough in today’s society to have 60,000 people and many of them children that don’t have a medical home.

I often go back to the idea that when I was a kid, if somebody said ‘whose your doctor?’ I could tell you. I knew Dr. Swingle from the time I was five until I went off to college and I just think there’s too many people that if you asked them who their doctor is, they go ‘Well, I don’t know, I stopped in the emergency room the last time I had any medical care at all and I’m not sure who the person’s name was’. And it doesn’t have to be a doctor. That’s a simplified statement, but having a medical home, somebody that knows your medical history that you trust that can guide you into wellness programs, make sure you’re controlling your blood pressure, checking you for diabetes or other chronic illnesses that may happen is so critically important to our community, so I’m proud of this proclamation.

We’re going to have all kinds of community events. We’ve got information on our website but this is just the beginning of the hard work. I mean, all that hard work we’ve done so far just leads us to start to solve this problem in our community. And I don’t think it’s a problem that’s going to be all the sudden manna from heaven from the feds or the state is going to fix it. If we don’t work on
fixing it ourselves, it won’t be fixed so, I’m glad we’ve got the proclamation.

Thank you, Claudia for your words and thanks for those that continue to work in the community. Now I would ask if any of the folks here that have been with the work groups would like to speak. I know Dr. Rossell has been part of this for a long time and he’s helped guide me through a lot of conversations. We’ve gone on some visitations around the nation to places where they’re doing some good work and somebody has to whisper in my ear what this really means because it is so complicated. Thank you for being here, Dr. Rossell.”

Dr. Jon Rossell, Chair, Coordination Work Group, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well, thank you commissioner and thank you for your leadership in this issue. Also the leadership of Claudia and her staff have been outstanding. From the Medical Society’s point of view, this is a critical issue for this community. You’re exactly right at 60,000 uninsured people put an unfair and unnecessary burden on this entire healthcare system that we enjoy here in this community.

I would just indicate that the group that we’re working with, the coordination group, is really focusing on three primary areas. One is access, the hours of access, what options are available for those without insurance other than the emergency room during the day or during the evening and we’re trying to kind of zero in on what those issues are and I think we’re coming up with some very good results that we’re looking forward to sharing here.

The other issue that we’re focusing on is that of transportation. We know that it’s a critical barrier for folks to be able to get to a healthcare provider at the right time, to receive the right service, so that it maybe diverts an unnecessary burden on our emergency rooms for those concerns or issues that could be treated in a medical home, as Claudia indicated.

And then lastly, the area of Internet technology or electronic medical records for example, we think has a great degree of promise in terms of helping expedite the sharing of information so that quality care can be delivered promptly and effectively to people in this community. So on behalf of the medical society, we’re very happy to be a part of it. We pledge our continued support and whatever leadership that we can provide, so thank you for your time.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you Dr. Rossell. Well, we’ve got a whole host of people here that are passionate about it and I’m sure will stand up and tell the story. I don’t know that I’m going to call on everybody today. I know Susie and Dave are both here and they represent our community health clinics. That’s a critical area of capacity in our community and maybe one of them might just take a two minute thing. In fact, maybe let’s bring both of them up if they would.
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Just give us a little snippet of what you’re trying to do in our community to take care of that population. And Dave, I’ll let you introduce yourself and Susie.”

Mr. Dave Sandford, Grace Med Health Clinic, greeted the Commissioners and said, “One of the challenges we have as a health clinic is, as you indicated, there seems to be an increasing number of uninsured people year after year. And many of those people, if they have been successful in finding out that Hunter Health or Grace Med or some of our other safety net clinics can be their medical home as opposed to an emergency department, that continues to put a challenge on our operations.

We are fortunate, at least Hunter Health and Grace Med, that we do receive some federal funds to help address the uninsured challenge and we all, in Sedgwick County, receive some state funding from KDHE. But yet, when you see the percentage of uninsured patients continue to go up, and of course by federal guidelines, we charge on a sliding fee scale for their care, and a family that makes under 100% of federal poverty level may pay no more than 15, 20 dollars for their doctor’s visit. Well you know that the cost of providing that care is much greater than that. And so, as I have worked on the access summit, and worked on the coordination committee, we have been very diligent at working toward how we can increase access and capacity.

I’m sure Susie will address what they’ve done at Hunter, in terms of increasing hours of operation and most of us are ready and stand by willing to increase access, to increase hours of operation but the bottom line is that, with any issue, is resources. And so I hope this proclamation will awake the community to this need, just as the homeless situation has, over the past couple of years, in that we’ll see a community response that will help support the community health centers and the safety net clinics to address this 55 to 60,000 population that’s currently uninsured, so I want to thank you for the proclamation today and appreciate your support and all the support from the Sedgwick County Health Department that’s gone into organizing this and we certainly hope that there’ll be some exciting results after this process.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks, Dave.”

Ms. Susie Swartz, CEO, Hunter Health Clinic, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for this opportunity. I think what’s really important is that the community understands that all of the community health clinics are working together to integrate and coordinate services, not only in the inner-city but in Planeview and the areas that need us the most. We’re doing everything we can to address these needs and I can’t give you the numbers of all of the clinics together, but Hunter Health Clinic alone is serving 15,000 of those uninsured people and our efforts are all towards this
healthcare home concept that we’ve known about and been a part of for a very long time. But it’s good to see the community support as we work together, with the health department and all the community clinics and all the businesses out in the community with all the different committees and groups that have been brought together. It’s just a wonderful, wonderful conglomerate of good effort, good faith effort to really address this need and I thank you all for that.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Mr. Chair, that’s all I have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, very good. Well thank you again, everyone who is working on one of these community workgroups or is involved in the process. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we appreciate your work very much. Thank you for being here today. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item.”

APPOINTMENT

B. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN W. SILCOTT (CITY OF GODDARD NOMINATION) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, under the terms of the resolution creating this committee, Mr. Silcott will serve at the pleasure of the City of Goddard and I recommend you adopt the resolution.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. You’ve heard the recommendation. What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Winters 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
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Chairman Winters   Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, “And Brian is here this morning, so at this time if County Clerk Don Brace would swear in Brian.”

**Mr. Don Brace**, County Clerk, said, “Please raise your right hand.

*I, Brian Silcott, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Storm Water Management Advisory Board, so help me God."

**Mr. Brian W. Silcott**, Member, Storm Water Management Advisory Board, said, “I do.”

**Mr. Brace** said, “Congratulations Brian.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Well Brian, we want to say welcome to the board of county commissioners meeting this morning and welcome to this committee, advisory, storm water management advisory board you’ve agreed to serve on. I would share with the commissioners that Brian is the new city administrator at Goddard and has probably been on the job now about three weeks, but certainly has roots here and has been Wichita State person, along with others, but Brian, I’d give you just a few moments to make a couple of remarks.”

**Mr. Silcott** said, “Yes, sir. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Sedgwick County and to offer input on behalf of the City of Goddard in an often overlooked situation until it’s needed and I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and to serve the community. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, well thank you again for agreeing to be on this advisory board. It’s a good group of people, it’s a large group but the problem is large and embraces many parts of the county. So again, Brian, welcome to Sedgwick County and welcome to this advisory board. Thank you.

Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

**AWARDS**

C. **PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.**

**CULTURAL/DIVERSITY AWARENESS CERTIFICATES**
Ms. Sheena Lynch, HR Specialist, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “If I could have all participants receiving career development certificates join me on this side of the room please.

We are here today to reward these individuals for their hard work and dedication to career development. Each of these certificates has a required number of classes as required electives. This is a lengthy process, depending on the availability of classes and their schedules. I would like to thank these individuals for their commitment to career development, as well as their supervisors and managers for allowing them time away from the office.

Those receiving the Diversity/ Cultural Awareness Certificate include: Steven Brant, Brenda
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Dietzman, Bradley Gamber, Jim Harrison, Dorsear Ligon, Michelle Mullin, Charisma Rankin, Michael K. Russell, Zachary Querubin and Ken Woodard.

Those receiving the Professional Development Certificate include: Beth Cooper, Brenda Dietzman, Jim Harrison and Patrick Moroney.

Those receiving the Supervisory Management include: Nicki Childers, Brenda Dietzman, Shawn Dowd and Dorsear Ligon.

Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, let’s give these folks a round of applause. Oh behalf of the board of county commissioners, we want to thank you for your extra participation in advancing your information and knowledge that you have about your fellow workers and about the organization. We know that we serve a lot of different types of individuals in this community, but by your participation in these continuing education classes, you will provide a better service to the taxpayers, to those you serve directly and to our organization, so thank you very much for your participation in these classes. Good luck to all of you. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE GNMA SECURITIES ACQUIRED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS (MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES PROGRAM), 1998 SERIES A; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION OF SUCH BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, TO DO AND PERFORM ALL THINGS NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE AND INCIDENTAL THERETO UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ACT.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I know commissioners are aware of what this means, but if I could explain it simply to the audience. The mortgage revenue bond program is a federal program that Sedgwick County, in partnership with the State of Kansas and Shawnee County, operate statewide. Mortgage revenue bonds provide revenue for first-time homebuyers across the state of Kansas. It provides revenue for mortgages for first-time homebuyers across the state of Kansas. We’ve been operating this program for over 25 years
and with that longevity comes certain responsibilities to the bonds themselves.

What you have before you today, as regarding bonds that were issued ten years ago. So the bonds were issued, funds were available, people used them for mortgages and they’ve been paying down those mortgages for the past ten years or they’ve sold their house or conditions have changed. What we’re asking you to approve today is a technical revision, restructuring based on all those changes that have occurred over the past ten years, so it’s a technical adjustment to a technical bond program that provides revenue for mortgages for first-time homebuyers statewide. This has been reviewed by bond counsel and they’re not here today but it is all in order and we’d request your approval of the action.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Irene. One question for Mr. Euson. Mr. Euson, you and/ or your staff have reviewed all of this, along with our bond counsel and as to the best of your knowledge, this is all proper and in order?”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes, I did review it myself and it is in proper order.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Changes from ten years ago to today, I need a little more information. What type of changes? I mean, is this a change in the terms of the mortgages or loans?”

Ms. Hart said, “Oh no, it has nothing to do with the homeowners. It’s all at the bond level. It could be difference in interest rates between 1998 and now on the bond market. It’s a structure in that there’s more money in the old system, since house payments have been made, so it is . . .”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Not affecting borrowers.”

Ms. Hart said, “No, none at all.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, are there any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents.
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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, “Next item.”

E. **AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO REVISE D20, CLIFTON CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS; ADD A PLANNING PHASE TO D21, MERIDIAN, 79TH STREET TO 119TH STREET SOUTH; REVISE D11, 103RD STREET SOUTH FROM HILLSIDE TO THE ARKANSAS RIVER.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Public Works has requested three CIP amendments. All three are drainage related. The first amendment is to D20, that’s been named the Clifton Channel Interceptor and it’s shown in red on the slide. It’s a major drainage channel. It’s located just west of K-15 and south of 47th Street and its purpose is to improve the handling of a lot of storm water runoff from both the Boeing and Spirit complexes. The construction phase of this particular project was planned and approved in the CIP for this year.

After the project design was substantially complete, the McConnell Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study impacted areas around the base and in this case it affected a development that was planned in this particular area and caused the developer to shift the project to the west. He also donated a portion of the planned development to the city as a future park.

Because of these changes, the design needs to be revised but will take advantage of a new pit pond.
that will be available to storm water conveyance and detention and that should reduce the overall cost of the project. Timing of the construction phase will be determined during or after the redesign and be programmed into a future CIP.

The second project is D21 and that’s shown in the red outlined area in the center of the slide. It’s generally west of Meridian and west to southwest of Haysville and our friends in Public Works indicate that this is pretty flat and problematic drainage area.

This was originally planned to begin design in the year 2011 of our current CIP. What Public Works is proposing is to add a planning phase to the project and to begin that this year to determine most effective and appropriate engineering alternatives for this project.

The third request is for D11 phase 1. D11 phase 1 is outlined in red in this project. Its predecessor, D11, extended to the north. D11 phase 1 would proceed along 103rd Street from Hillside to the Arkansas River and construct a channel improvement in that area.

This request would move all phases of D11 phase 1 into 2008. Public Works is requesting this change because of recent citizens’ feedback and additional analysis indicated that this approach is expected to be a more effective attack on the problem. And the follow-on, phase two, if necessary would be adjusted to within the CIP after there’s an appropriate period to determine the effectiveness of this particular project.

The good news is that we can fund the project out of the existing funds that were originally programmed for construction of D20. Some funds in D20 will still remain for the construction phase, when that’s further defined.

The CIP Committee reviewed all three of these projects, adjusted some changes that Public Works concurred with and now recommends approval. If you’ve got any questions, I’ll stand for those and we’ve got our technical expert Jim Weber available to field those questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Pete. We do have question or comment. Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “This is a situation where we’re on a drainage project and we’re not using the one cent sales tax that funds Public Works, bridges and roads and so forth. Apparently, that does not apply to drainage, is that correct?”

Mr. Giroux said, “That’s correct.”
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Commissioner Welshimer said, “So we’re moving some of the funding from one project to another.”

Mr. Giroux said, “The 2008 approved budget included the 1.5 million that we’ve just shown you on the proceeding slide and so we’re going to rearrange it and make some progress on other projects while the redesign that’s being accomplished.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “But that’s not going to leave the original project, which is in District 5, in need in the near future.”

Mr. Giroux said, “No, it’s a major project. It’s probably Mr. Weber’s territory more than mine, but . . .”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I just wanted to make that clear, that that will not be an abandoned situation.”

Mr. James Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “No, it’s just we’re trying to take advantage of the fact that the changes there have made this money available. We can push that to some needed projects. We have every intention of coming back, when we have a better definition of what we need to do on D20 and requesting additional funds to do that one at a later date.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay, thank you very much.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. We’ve heard the report and the recommendation from the Capital Improvement Committee. Commissioners, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Amendments to the CIP.

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, “Thank you Pete. Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- DEPARTMENT ON AGING

**F. AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM B. GAULT TO PROVIDE TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

**Mr. Ray Vail,** Director of Finance, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to present an agreement with William Gault to provide targeted case management for our Aging clients. These case managers help clients manage the services they receive. This contract has been approved by Finance and Legal and I ask that you approve the contract and authorize the Chair to sign and I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Ray. Commissioners, comments? What’s the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.
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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 Ray. Next item.”

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

G. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

1. **AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION FOR COLLABORATIVE SERVICES RELATING TO TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL.**

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The proposed agreement provides an infectious disease physician four hours a week to provide medical services to clients with active tuberculosis, suspected tuberculosis and those receiving treatment. He also assists with consultation on other communicable disease issues for us. This also includes x-rays for our clients who are being evaluated for tuberculosis. The contract is for $50,000, including $10,000 for the x-rays and I recommend that you approve this agreement.”

**MOTION**

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

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, “Next item.”

2. **CONTRACT WITH THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL FOR $232,330 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM.**

Ms. Blackburn said, “These funds will be used to coordinate a regional medical response for 19 counties, including Sedgwick County. This is new for us. We are taking a regional approach now and we will continue to expand the regionalization through development of deployable resources and services to the 19 counties. Some of the things they’re going to do is complete a directory, a regional phonebook and a first responder. They will also begin the process of regional assessment and they’re purchasing a deployable medical surge system which is a tent and an emergency radio station. They are focusing mainly on communication issues and supplies that can be of value to the whole region and I recommend that you approve this agreement.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign it and any related documents; and approve establishment budget authority.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.
Chairman Winters said, “We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion? Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I was just going to say, having served on that 19-county committee and MMRS, I was going to move that I will certainly be supporting this. Thanks.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Claudia. Next item.”

H. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. AGREEMENT WITH MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE WING TOP 3 FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON ROCK ROAD FROM OAK KNOLL ROAD TO 47TH STREET SOUTH. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item H-1 is a renewal agreement with the McConnell Air Force Base Wing Top 3 for the Sedgwick County Adopt-A-Highway program. They will be responsible for picking up litter along Rock Road between Oak Knoll Road and 47th Street South. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.
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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 David. Next item.”

2. **ANNUAL REPORT TO FEMA OF THE PROVISIONALLY ACCREDITED LEVEE PROGRESS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO THE PROVISIONALLY ACCREDITED LEVEE AGREEMENT.**

**Mr. Weber** said, “In January of 2007, Sedgwick County, Haysville, Valley Center, Park City and Wichita entered into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency that designated the levees in the Wichita’ Valley Center Flood Control Project as provisionally accredited levees. This provisional status allowed the current countrywide flood plain maps to become effective and allowed the communities in Sedgwick County to remain in the flood insurance program.

Under the terms of the agreement, we have until February 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2009 to provide FEMA with certification that the levees meet current standards. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a remapping of the community as if the levees do not exist. This would result in higher insurance premiums and the inclusion of large areas of the community in the floodplain even though they are protected by the levee.

Design and construction of the levee system in Sedgwick County was begun approximately 60 years ago. The US Army Corps of Engineers designed the system and constructed the levees. Wichita and Sedgwick County acquired the right-of-way and are responsible for maintenance of the system through a jointly funded flood control department. The system is inspected annually by the Corps of Engineers staff from the Tulsa District Office.

The system includes approximately 100 miles of levees and protects properties along the Big
Arkansas River, Little Arkansas River, Middle Branch of Chisholm Creek, Main Branch of Chisholm Creek and the West Branch of Chisholm Creek. The most well known portion of the project is what we commonly call the Big Ditch.

A year ago, the cost to accomplish this task was unknown. The City of Wichita went through a selection process and has contracted with AMEC Earth and Environmental to perform the accreditation study. The contract with AMEC is for approximately $2,400,000. They are performing settlement analysis, seepage analysis, field surveys, soil borings and hydraulic analysis of the levee system. As with all operation of maintenance on the flood control project, this cost will be split equally between the City and the County.

Another element of this study is the requirement to complete a topographic survey of the entire flood control system. In order to complete this work rapidly, Wichita has contracted with an aerial mapping firm to provide complete LIDAR mapping of the system. Since the scale of the mapping project is so large, Wichita decided to go ahead and contract for mapping of the entire City of Wichita and asked if other communities would like to participate.

Sedgwick County decided to take advantage of this opportunity and has contracted with Wichita to have the entire county flown. We will have two-foot contour maps of the entire county. Wichita and some of the other cities will have one-foot contour maps. Sedgwick County contracted for some additional one-foot contour mapping in the area southwest of Haysville along Meridian, D21 area that we were looking at this morning and that data will be used to help in this study. It will work together real nicely. This is another $900,000 investment that will expedite the completion of the levee study and provide accurate topographic mapping that can help us for the next several decades.

In the next few months, the city also expects to negotiate a contract with the Corps of Engineers to provide some additional services for the levee accreditation project. I expect that will be a relatively small contract and the corps is cooperating fully with the city on the project right now.

You should also be aware that we expect that this study will identify some areas of the system that require improvements in order to be accredited. AMEC will try to identify those areas early in the project so that solutions can be found and repair funds can be budgeted in a timely manner.

On January 24th, local officials met with FEMA and the Corps of Engineers to discuss the status of the project. Region 7 officials from FEMA seemed to be very satisfied with the progress to date. They were told that we do not expect to complete this work by the February 2nd, 2009 deadline. We in fact expect the study to be completed by the end of 2009. FEMA noted that Sedgwick County
was the first community in the nation to enter into a PAL agreement and they acknowledged that we are all plowing new ground together.

Our annual report to FEMA is included in your backup material. We’ll need to submit it to FEMA by May 2nd, 2008. Given our timeline for completion, we are requesting a two-year extension to our PAL agreement to complete the study. Depending upon what improvements might be needed to the levee system, we may need additional extensions beyond that two-year period. I just want to remind everyone in the community that properties that are already protected by the levees will continue to receive insurance credit for that protection while we complete this work.

We request that you approve submission of the report and authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Acknowledgement and the request for extension of agreement. And I’ll be happy to try to answer any questions that you might have this morning.”

Chairman Winters said, “All thank you. Jim, you may have mentioned this and I maybe just missed it, but is this a request for extension in coordination, together with the City of Wichita and the other cities, or are we making it for the entirety of this project?”

Mr. Weber said, “I did not mention it, but it is being made by all five communities, simultaneously.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, very good, thank you. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Because we’re going to have an extension, if we find something that needs some immediate attention, will we have that brought to us and we’ll say ‘okay, that’s a set aside, we’re going to need to work on that’ and not wait for two years till all the study and everything is done. Is that appropriate?”

Mr. Weber said, “Absolutely. This will probably happen on several levels. One, let me tell you that the consultant was in town last week, spent over a week in town. They have already made a run-through on foot, or on ATVs, of the entire system with Flood Control staff and the local consultants that are doing work on it. Simultaneously, the Corps of Engineer staff was in town with another group making their annual inspection of the system. And anecdotally what’s happening is that as those people run into things that they identify immediately, if it’s something that looks like a quick staff fix, they’re literally calling it in on the radio, ‘put this on the list’ and get out and get it done. Because the first goal is try to clear as many of these things as possible before it ever gets
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into a report.

The second level is that as they finish that run-through and do more detailed work, they’ll be generating things that they really think are a problem that we may not be able to just do with the maintenance forces, but need to start doing some engineering on and try to work through. We don’t have that yet and I’m not sure when we’ll have it, but part of the purpose of making this quick run-through was to get that list flushed out pretty quick.

And then the third thing is, I suspect when all the hydraulic calculations are redone, that may be where sort of big ticket solutions get identified, when we find out something is not quite high enough because we had to change the way we calculate the flow of water or something. So it will come, kind of, at different stages but the goal of the Flood Control staff is to try to identify them as quickly as possible and let us start wrestling with it.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay, good. That’s all I have Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. I thought one of the comments in the backup, or material that was interesting, and I was a little bit surprised to learn is that in the Tulsa district of the Corps of Engineers, half of all the levees they supervise or are responsible for are in Sedgwick County, Kansas. I thought that was a large number for the Tulsa Corps.”

Mr. Weber said, “I hate to correct . . . it’s 25% but it is an extremely large number.”

Chairman Winters said, “It’s 25%?”

Mr. Weber said, “25% of all the stuff in their jurisdiction is right here. So obviously the Corps is cooperating with us because it’s in their best interest to work with that.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, very good. Commissioners, you’ve heard Jim’s report concerning this request for extension. What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve submission of the Report and authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Acknowledgment and request for extension of the Agreement.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.
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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 Jim. We appreciate your work and your staff’s work on this project. Next item.”

I. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

1. RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM #3 ON THE APRIL 10, 2008 BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – 2008 OIL DISTRIBUTOR TRUCK.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Board of Bids and Contracts, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This item was deferred for further review by staff and a visit with the vendor and the recommendation is to accept the low bid meeting specifications from Kansas Truck Center in the amount of $128,421. I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “And Iris, that was the original recommendation of the bid board. Is that correct?”

Ms. Baker said, “That is correct.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “I just wanted to say that I checked with a Chevy dealer in my district, and they didn’t bid on this because they couldn’t meet the specification on the timeline. Their production of their vehicle stopped on February 22nd. And I think we just need to maintain the integrity of this process and press on with it and maybe the next time things can go a little smoother and the bidders can be more concise on what they’re bidding.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Unruh.”
Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chair. Well I was sensitive to the fact that there was a $3,000 difference in the bids and was wanting to investigate this further. I want to be sensible and pragmatic, as we look at the different proposals that we’re confronted with but I also think that it’s critically important for us to maintain the integrity of our bid process and at the time of the bid opening, the one other consideration that I’ve been thinking of did not meet the bid specifications. So as we go forward, I just want to underscore the fact, as Commissioner Parks did, if we don’t establish a process and maintain that process, I think that we expose ourselves possibly to potential undesirable manipulations, so we don’t want to put ourselves in that position, so I’m going to be supportive of the recommendation.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you commissioner. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I’ll be supportive of the recommendation. I think it’s a good process to occasionally stop, take a breath, revisit what you’re doing and we did that. Truthfully, if it had been $300,000 instead of $3,000 we probably would have swallowed a lot harder and maybe even changed our process, but this is a relatively small amount of money and I think we’ve put it through the filter, we’ve talked about it at staff meeting. We tried to understand all the nuances of changing our own policy. And that doesn’t mean we would never do that, but I don’t . . . I think we came to the conclusion this is not the time or the place to change that and make policy determinations kind of in the middle of the flow. If we’re going to do that, we need to have a systematic thought process that gets us to a mechanism that will let us do that, so I’m going to be supportive, but I’m glad we had a chance to take a pause, take a breath, look inside ourselves and then move on.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, you’ve heard the report from Iris on this deferred item. What’s the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “We have a motion and a second to approve the bid of the Board of Bids
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and Contracts, and that would be to purchase this truck from Kansas Truck Center, the name brand Sterling, is that correct?”

Ms. Baker said, “Correct.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. You’ve heard the motion and the second. Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

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

2. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2008.

Ms. Baker said, “Commissioners, the meeting of April 17th results in six items for consideration.

1) ROAD IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

The first item is road improvements for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the bid from Cutler Repaving Incorporated in the amount of $1,288,455.68.

2) CHANGE ORDER #2- AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR TICKETS.COM-KANSAS COLISEUM FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM (COMMISSIONER FEE BASED)

Item two is change order #2 and amendment for contract with ticket.com for the Kansas Coliseum. Recommendation is to accept the amendment and modify the contract with tickets.com Incorporated to add the additional services.
3) LABOR FOR TIRE SERVICE AND REPAIR- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT  
Item three is labor for tire service and repair for Fleet Management. Recommendation is to accept 
the low bid from Becker Tire of Wichita and to establish contract prices for one year, with two 
additional one-year options to renew.

4) 2008 ARTICULATED CENTER MAINTAINER (MOTORGRADER)- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION  
Item four, 2008 articulated center maintainer, which is a motorgrader, for Fleet Management. 
Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Murphy Tractor and Equipment in the amount of 
$432,894.

5) 2008 SMALL 4-DOOR, 4WD CREW CAB PICKUP TRUCKS- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION  
Item five, 2008 small 4-door, 4 wheel drive crew cab pickup trucks for Fleet Management. 
Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Shep Chevrolet in the amount of $80,303.

6) JANITORIAL CLEANING PRODUCTS- SHERIFF’S OFFICE  
FUNDING: SHERIFF’S OFFICE  
And item six, janitorial cleaning products for the Sheriff’s Office. Recommendation is to accept the 
low bid from Massco and execute 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 Iris. I think I would like to have a little discussion 
on item number two, the contract with ticket.com out at the Kansas Coliseum. There was an article 
in the paper talking about that, so Jim, if you would . . . are you the one that could kind of bring us 
up to speed on what these added services are going to be.”

Mr. Jim Sacs, Director of Ticketing, Select-A-Seat, greeted the Commissioners and said, “These 
added services, one would be as mentioned offering cell phone ticket delivery. It would be an
option when you buy tickets on-line only right now. It’s basically a delivery method, you can print at home, you can have it at will. Another option will be that you can send your ticket to your cell phone and it will send the bar code that you normally get and you’ll be able to scan that at the door.

The secondary option, added service that we’re adding will be ticket insurance. It’s a lot like the vacation insurance that you get and it’s handled by a third-party company that handles those type of insurance policies. That will be a fee. Right now I believe it’s going to be a 5% of the total ticket price to get that insurance. It’s an option only. It’s only if you want to take that insurance. It will cover illness, traffic accidents, airline delays, care of family member, jury duty, even required to work, as far as some of the things that that insurance will cover, in helping people that can’t make it to an event, recoup the cost of those tickets.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, well it sounds like a couple of additional benefits that I’m sure the cell phone ticketing probably . . . I don’t want to say the younger generation, but I would say that that would most likely be something that the younger generation, who lives on a cell phone, would be extremely interested in. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well a couple of things that I wanted to talk about were item five and item three, so I don’t have any questions . . .”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, does anybody else have any questions of Jim? Thank you very much, Jim. All right, commissioner.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Item five, I just wanted to be sure that we acknowledge that Shep Chevrolet is owned by another county commissioner and he bid freely. He has every right to have a business. But I wouldn’t want anybody to think that we’re buying from other county commissioners and other things that hadn’t gone through the appropriate bid approval.

On item . . . what item, three . . . item four, the Murphy Tractor bid is significantly lower than some other . . . the other bidders. Was there a reason . . . I mean, can you enumerate any kind of reason for that, Iris, that the other bids were so high?”

Ms. Baker said, “No, we did . . . what we did verify is that it met the spec and then the using department and Fleet went through their standard process of evaluating the product for use, how it’s used, user friendly and verified that it did meet the spec. But we did not inquire to any of the others as to why their pricing was so high.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. One of the things that came out of this conversation we had about the oil distributor truck was describing any kind of specifications that limit other bids, and I
just want to be sure that that in no manner happens here, that we put the specifications together so that only one company really could make that bid. The others met specifications, they were just higher priced.”

Ms. Baker said, “Right.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay.”

Ms. Baker said, “Some of them . . . occasionally you run into issues where they far exceed . . . where they will offer something that they feel is most comparable and the pricing will vary.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay, thank you Iris. That’s all I had Mr. Chair.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “On item number five, none of the Sedgwick County dealers bid that at all then? And they were sent the opportunity and given the opportunity to bid that?”

Ms. Baker said, “Steven Chrysler is all over this county and they have a site in Butler County. Their bids come out of west Wichita.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay, thank you. But there were other bids sent out to the other dealers in Sedgwick County?”

Ms. Baker said, “Yes, yes. The vehicle bids, cars and trucks, go to all of the vendors in this community and then they decide whether they want to bid or not.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Any other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the board as regards the Board of Bids and Contracts?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.
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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 Iris. Next item.”

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. One Temporary Construction Easement and one Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 795-V-3802; bridge replacement on 199th Street South and 55th Street South. CIP# B-416. District #3.

2. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 777-X-1640; bridge replacement on 343rd Street West between 63rd Street South and 71st Street South. CIP# B-434. District #3.

3. Two Easements for Right-of-Way and one Permanent Drainage Easement for Sedgwick County Project 839-P-4500; bridge on 143rd Street East over the Kansas Turnpike. CIP# B-444. District #1.

4. Waiver of policy to hire a Facilities Project Services Manager, B428, above the 6% minimum for this pay level.

5. Grant Award for the FY2007 Citizen Corps Grant in the amount of $15,000.00 from the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

6. Affiliation Agreement with TKG Services, LLC. allowing direct billing to Medicaid for services provided to persons with developmental disabilities.
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8. Resolution authorizing disposal by destruction of Purchasing Department, Division of Finance bid records for the year 2002 (DISP 2008-12-60).


11. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 16 – 22, 2008.


Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the consent agenda before you and I recommend you approve it.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Norton, you have a question?”

Commissioner Norton said, “No, just an acknowledgement that items 7 through 10 we’re authorizing disposal of documents and I assume that’s according to policy and is legal. Is that correct, Mr. Euson?”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes it is.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Just wanted to be sure we acknowledge that it’s very appropriate that you don’t keep things forever, but that it is encumbered in there. Thanks.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Number four, I’d like to ask a question of the county manager. Some time back, isn’t this the position that we upped the salary on so that they could hire a facilities project manager?”
Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “It’s the same one?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I don’t understand, the way this is worded, does the policy say that we have to stay within a 6% minimum, or does this open the 6% over that any amount we want?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “The current policy indicates that I can waive the policy up to 6% on hiring, but anything above 6% must come before the county commissioners for approval.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “And that’s, if we approve this, that’s the way it will be?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “So they did not fill that position as yet?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No, we have a candidate in mind. This is a position that was vacated by Stephanie Knebel, so in-house we did this. It’s that position we’re talking about.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Oh, okay. All right, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, anything else? What’s the will of the board concerning the consent agenda?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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, “That does bring us to the end of our meeting today. We are at the point of ‘other’ business. Anybody does have something they’d like to discuss we could do that, but I’d remind the commissioners that we’re on our way to Cessna Aircraft to join the governor and others as they do a bill signing at Cessna today. Is there any other discussion for today’s meeting? Mr. Manager, you have anything? Mr. Euson? Then this meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.”

K. OTHER

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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