

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 30, 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 30, 2008 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Tim R. Norton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Robert Hinshaw, Under Sheriff; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Director, Economic Development; Ms. Caroline Hosford, Environmental Training Specialist, Environmental Resources; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Patricia J. Parker, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Lunda Asmani, Business Systems Analyst; Ms. Bev Baalman, Marketing Director, COMCARE; Ms. June Bailey, Community Housing Services, Economic Development; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of Denver, James Conley of Blessed Sacrament, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 16, 2008

The Clerk reported that all commissioners were present at the regular meeting of April 16, 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 16, 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 MAY 4 - 10, 2008 AS "CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation to read for your consideration this morning.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, much is expected from the men and women who work in our county correctional facilities everyday; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are skilled professionals who must act as counselors, communicators, and experts at crisis intervention, and must reserve the safety of lives and property, maintaining their professional demeanor while often facing hostile, aggressive and intimidating behavior from inmates; and

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WHEREAS, these officers must possess an intuitive sense to resolve conflicts and save lives, while also preserving the physical ability to restrain persons presenting a danger to themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, we could not operate the Sedgwick County Detention, Community Corrections, Juvenile Detention or Residential Facilities without the hard work and sacrifices made each day by our corrections officers; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is pleased to join in celebrating Correctional Officers Week, and in urging all citizens to pay special tribute to these men and women who serve so faithfully, often with little thanks or recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Commissioner Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of May 4-10, 2008 as

“CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK”

dated April 30, 2008. Commissioners, that is the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation 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, “And here to accept the Proclamation is Under Sheriff, Bob Hinshaw.”

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Mr. Robert Hinshaw, Under Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am also joined by Mark Masterson, who is the Head of Sedgwick County Department of Corrections. But it is my privilege to accept this on behalf of the over 300 detention deputies, who do an outstanding job of maintaining the custody of over 1,500 inmates in the County Jail, and working with the 36...over 36,000 people that walked through our doors last year.

It's been said before and I firmly believe this, our detention deputies are the gate keepers of our criminal justice system. And in a vibrant criminal justice system you have to have a professional jail that's large enough to meet the capacity of the county in which it resides. We have to have a place to hold those people that have either been found guilty of a crime or those that courts indicate should remain in custody until such time that the trial is concluded.

The job is definitely not glamorous, but I think it's absolutely essential to the operation of our criminal justice system. The personnel we have working in the jail are, I think, the best trained in the State. In fact, the training that they receive is not even mandated by the State and we have been contacted by other jails and correctional facilities in Kansas to provide training and our operational policies as a model as to how things should be done.

I am extremely proud of that and the only way we are that way is because of the high caliber people that we have and those are the ones that you are recognizing here today. That concludes my remarks, I believe that Mark had a few things he wanted to say as well, if you'd indulge us."

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

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd just like to thank you for the Proclamation on behalf of our correctional officers that work with juveniles and adults in our facilities. They are where the rubber meets the road and we are only as good as their skills in working with the clients and they do an excellent job and certainly are worthy of this recognition. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you very much Mark and thank you Bob. We do have a number of uniformed individuals in our audience today and we appreciate very much, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, you're involvement in keeping citizens in this community safe. And we realize that you work in a very, sometimes, not most inviting environment. But if you were not there doing the business of the County, our citizens certainly would not be as well protected as they are today.

So we thank each and every one of you, no matter what your position is, in any of our correctional

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facilities, they are all hugely important. Commissioners, any other comments? Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I’d just like to add my personal commendation to all the folks who work in this area. I think the Proclamation said it well, that often you serve with little thanks, little recognition and with this opportunity to recognize you and thank you publicly, I just didn’t want to pass that up and tell you thanks from the Commission.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, over the years, I haven’t missed too many of the graduations for the correctional officers. And it always washes over me what kind of training they get to go in to work in facilities, work with people that are incarcerated, that maybe some of the worst times of their lives and deal with them with such professionalism. And I applaud them for the work that they do, it certainly is not easy. And I think we should give them a round of applause because they do represent 300 plus people that work in our correctional facilities, and with folks that, you know, have issues in their lives and they have to work with them every day.”

Chairman Winters said, “Let’s hear from a couple of Commissioners and we will end this segment. We’ll end it with a round of applause. Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Just wanted to say thank you also and not to rehash what the other Commissioners have said, but there are some things out there that I think that we need to show our appreciation a little more on in terms of compensation and some other things out there that maybe other agencies have that we don’t and I’m certainly going to explore those in the future. Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I to appreciate everything you do and appreciate the fact that you have a big job and sometimes an overload and it’s greatly appreciated and thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. We will conclude this agenda item with a round of applause for all of those folks. All right. Thank you all, very much. Madam Clerk, would you please call the next item?”

RETIREMENT

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B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO MARY P. HEPHNER.

MARY P. HEPHNER, FISCAL ASSOCIATE, TREASURER'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE JUNE 1, 2008 AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agenda item recognizes the long-term contributions of Mary Hephner. Many of you may have seen Mary Hephner in the Auto License Department over the last 35-years. Mary has worked there as a Fiscal Associate and plans to retire on June 1, 2008, after those 35-years of public service in the Treasurer's Office in the Auto License Department."

Chairman Winters said, "All right Mary, it is always a pleasure to bid best wishes and say thank you to long-term employees. And it appears from all of the cameras here, you have some family or friends here with us today. So, we hope that they are getting some good pictures of this very special moment, both family and friends and those co-workers in Treasurer's Office."

This is just a certificate of recognition that you will be receiving and then also, this clock as a token of the appreciation that the citizen's of Sedgwick County have had for the work that you've done. Thirty-five years of experience is very valuable and your work at Sedgwick County has been appreciated. There are some of those offices that touch a lot of people and the Treasurer's Office is one of those offices that touches a lot of citizens over the years. So we appreciate all of the work that you have done and if you would like to say just a word or two, we would be glad to have you do that."

Ms. Mary P. Hephner, Fiscal Associate, Treasurer's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for the clock. And it has been good to work for the County. The department that I've worked, the Auto License, has been the very best, and I thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Well thank you very much."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, Mary, congratulations from all of us. I've known the Hephner family for a lot of years, because they are south-siders. We are very proud of you and we hope your retirement is wonderful, you'll get to spend time with family and do whatever your fondest desires are, whether that's travel or just stay at home with your feet up. We hope you have a great retirement."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. And congratulations again Mary. And best wishes for the

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future. All right, Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please?"

NEW BUSINESS

C. AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES WICHITA - SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC. FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW TO CONTINUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND SEDGWICK COUNTY, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF WICHITA.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Director, Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an item that I am very proud to present as well as Community Housing Services. Going back some years, twelve years if I can remember correctly, I was a part of the development process with neighborhood reinvestment to bring this organization here to Wichita, Kansas and they have done a formidable job.

The 2008 operating Agreement with Community Housing Services for \$34,250, remains at the same level as of 2007. Fundable (inaudible) agency to continue to community development activities in the Oaklawn and the Sunview neighborhoods, and Sedgwick County outside the City of Wichita.

CHS specializes in mortgage and home improvement loans, housing and budget rep counseling, including home buyers education and home maintenance training, rehabilitation of existing homes, infield construction, neighborhood revitalization, resident capacity building and leadership training.

Because of the growing number of foreclosures in this community, CHS continues to work with home owners at risk of losing their homes. June Bailey will report how many have been saved and CHS continues to implement projects geared toward fulfilling the Oaklawn Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. And June Bailey is with us with members of her staff."

Ms. June Bailey, Community Housing Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to introduce with me today, Maggie Flanders, my Home Ownership Center Director; and then behind her would be Denny Jacob, my Construction General Contractor that has actually been working on the projects.

As we go through this, this morning, there's going to be a few things that you'll see that are a little different, as we have gone through and done some of the changes and met the community needs, we have increased our efforts in several different areas.

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As you know, our organization is actually a Volunteer Board. One of those Board appointees is from the County and that, as in the past, has been Chris Chronis, who's done an outstanding job and we're thrilled to death to have had him with us.

Our Board is made up of 18 members, 10 of those are members from business, financial and the local government and the remaining 8 come from the residents from the neighborhoods that we are actually working in.

The vision of CHS is creating opportunities and changing lives by developing individuals and the community in which they live. CHS is a HUD-approved counseling agency, we are HUD certified and approved. We teach home buyers education, credit, budget, and delinquency and foreclosure.

We do have projects in the neighborhood, we also do home buyers education classes. We are they to train, educate, counsel and assist where needed.

We offer home maintenance classes to residences so they can learn how to repair their own home, keeping the homes more affordable for them. In the home maintenance classes, we also have a tool lending library. Since we had created it in 2000, we have actually rented out 2,300 tools. When I say rented out, they put a deposit down on them, if they bring the tools back, clean, on time and in working condition, we give them their deposit back. And I have to admit, we have gone through maybe a dozen lawn mowers. I just recently had the tiller over-hauled for the third time.

We are also involved in the neighborhood builder program. This program is with the County, with the Federal Home Loan Bank and Intrust Bank, where AHP money, which is Affordable Housing Program money, is given to a home buyer that qualifies for income as down payment and closing costs assistance. Through this program, we've done just about 296 families, roughly \$1 million in forgivable grants. If they live in the house for 5 years, they don't have to pay it back.

This gives you a cap of what we have done since we actually opened our doors in working with low to very low income people. The grants and loans that we have done, sometimes a client will actually be a first, a second, and then a grant, so it could take three years, not four lines to get the full mortgage covered.

To date, we have done 1,455, over \$42 million in helping people in Sedgwick County get into homes. Within the limits of Wichita and outside the city limits of Wichita, in 2007, we did just over \$1 million outside the city limits of Wichita of the 3,006,00 that we actually assisted with.

A snapshot view of how we have helped the residents of Sedgwick County in 2007, we actually provide individual credit counseling to 916 residents. We actually taught home buyers education to

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162 households. We had contact with over 10,400 residents and we have assisted 90 home owners with foreclosure counseling.

When we helped them address the foreclosure issue, we saved 25 of those 90 from going into foreclosure. And, as you can tell, foreclosure is on the rise. Because of my involvement with my Harvard piece, we were prepared and ready. We have four staff that are completely trained for foreclosure counseling.

Out of that program, we also established a program to actually help the home owner with catch up money. Sometimes they've lost a job, had a medical issue, something has happened. They are not in danger of losing the home if they can get the catch up money. So we actually do have a program now that can help some people with that catch up program.

If somebody that is listening is having an issue with foreclosure, we would ask them to call the office at 685-2656 and talk to one of the counselors. We are also part of the HOPE hotline, which is part of NeighborWorks working with the Home Ownership Preservation Foundation. You might have heard the President talk about the HOPE hotline, we are also a part of that and that number is 888-995-HOPE. It's answered 24-7 and it's answered 7 days a week in two different languages.

The website on that is www.995hope.org The increase across the country in foreclosure is huge and, obviously according to the markets in the news, it's still growing. Currently, we rank 33 in the country as far as foreclosures. I did go up to the website last night to look, just to see what Wichita was and there is 1,133 foreclosures within the city limits of Wichita right now that are in the process of happening.

In Oaklawn, during 2007, we've acquired six lots for new housing development. And as you can see, back in October, we actually were there to do a ground breaking and take down a house. In the last twelve years we have either rehabbed or built 43 homes, including the ones that we have done in Oaklawn.

In Oaklawn in 2007, we completed that demolition. We had all TV stations there. It seems like people like to see houses coming down. And I would tell you that this house came in less than 3 minutes. I mean it was a big pile of dust as Commissioner Welshimer will remember. We removed the house and we took out the slabs from the other lots that we would be working on.

The top picture here was Brad Snapp sitting in the machine, he was not the one that took out the house, but he has always said I want to drive one of those, so we actually let him, got a picture of him sitting in it.

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In Oaklawn in 2007, we started construction on the two new homes, with homes three and four starting in May of this year. You'll see the picture of us during that construction process and this is the one Meadowview. And this actually shows you the before and after of that picture. So, you'll see that the one on the left side is what it looked like with the machine out in the front and actually what it looks like as of this week.

There are two homes that we have completed, one on Elmhurst and one on Meadowview and then the next four homes will all be on Meadowview, so it will be two and two when we actually get these going.

We have two different styles of homes out there. Right now we have the 1,138 square foot on Elmhurst. Recently that appraised at \$95,000, minus \$10,000 for location, so we have an \$85,000 appraisal on it. It has full unfinished basement, three bedrooms, two baths, two car garage.

The one on the right is on Meadowview. It's a different style. It's a little bit bigger in the kitchen and the living area and the bathroom is a little bigger. It is also three bedrooms, two baths, two car garage for \$86,500 because it does us a little bit more to do. It has a full unfinished basement as well.

The sign in the middle shows you that it is another home by Community Housing Services and sponsored in part by Sedgwick County.

Transforming communities together through partnership does work and we are proof of that and you are proof of that part of helping us in doing that. We do still have the website and where you can reach us at and I thank you for your support. I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much June, we certainly appreciate you and your staff being here. You've come and give us this report annually and it's always very thorough and a good report. Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I think you've all done a marvelous job down there and I've seen you working hard at it every time I'm there. You've increased the community spirit with new homes and home improvements and it's working. There is a lot of momentum and energy in Oaklawn and it is a good community. And I think that you've created that and moved that forward

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and I appreciate it very much. I do remember the demolition of the house and it was an amazing thing to see that big machine just whack it a couple of times and it was gone. A house, it was strange. But anyway, I appreciate everything you do and I've....want a motion?"

Chairman Winters said, "What is the motion we need?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "To approve the Agreement."

Chairman Winters said, "Yes we will need a motion to approve this Agreement."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "Is that a motion."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "That is."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, "The only other comment I would make is with all of the really, kind of, lofty stuff you're doing, I'm still always impressed with this tool library because as you think about neighborhoods, you can't really do a very good job if you don't have the right tools. It takes the right tool to do a job and this is certainly a way that people can certainly improve the looks of the neighborhood very inexpensively, so I am always impressed with that. Commissioner Unruh, did you have a comment?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "I just wanted to make a comment before we voted that I am going to be supportive and one of the reasons, they've been mentioned, but I think it's remarkable that this is not just a bureaucratic effort and that you've set up a way to get money and financial support, but you actually partner with the home owner and then give them counseling and help on maintenance

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and how to handle to their budget and what it means to be a home owner, those are sort of things that, you know, we all need a little coaching in to make this successful and to make the community strong, those intangible things. So I just wanted to express my appreciation for your effort in that area.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Commissioner. Any other questions or comments before we vote on this motion?”

There was no further 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 again, June, thank you and your staff for being here. Sherdeill, thank you, we appreciate your work.”

Ms. Bailey said, “We appreciate it.”

Chairman Winter said, “Next item.”

APPOINTMENT

D. RESOLUTION APPOINTING LUNDA ASMANI (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, we’ve prepared this Resolution for a one-year appointment of Mr. Asmani and I recommend that you adopt the Resolution.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, you’ve heard that report, what’s the will of the Board?”

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Commissioner Unruh 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 we do have County Clerk, Don Brace here, who will swear in Lunda.”

Mr. Don Brace said, “Good morning Lunda. Please raise your right hand.”

I, Lunda Asmani, 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 Wichita, Sedgwick County, Community Housing Board of Directors, so help me God.”

Mr. Lunda Asmani, At Large Appointment, said, “I do.”

Chairman Winters said, “Lunda, if you would like to make a comment please?”

Mr. Asmani said, “Thank you Commissioners, for the appointment. You’ve all heard the wonderful things that this agency does. I’ve had the opportunity to visit their last Board meeting with Chris Chronis as the outgoing Board and they do a wonderful, wonderful job. I think it’s an excellent public/private partnership and I’m honored to be part of this organization. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Thank you for your willingness to serve and particularly as a member of Sedgwick County staff, we appreciate that and I’m sure, as June knows, and as you know, if you need to visit with Commissioners with any of the activities, please contact us as we’re most interested. Thank you, thank you all. Next item.”

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PRESENTATIONS

E. PRESENTATION OF THE 2007 WASTE MINIMIZATION TEAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Caroline Hosford, Environmental Training Specialist, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to share with you the results of our 2007 Performance Measures as well as some other accomplishments that we have made recently.

County offices have been recycling papers for a long time, for many years, office paper, shredded paper, magazine and catalogs as well as cardboard. And you can see here what has happened over the last three years in this area. Last year we recycled about 20,000 additional pounds from the previous year. And likewise, aluminum and plastic beverage bottle recycling, you can see that this also increased in 2007. So the total that was recycled over these past years has increased about 10 tons just in the last year.

Fleet Management has some very specific items that they recycle. And here you can see what has happened with their vehicle batteries in the last three years, as well as tires. They recycled over 750 tires in 2007.

You can imagine that with the size of our fleet that they have a lot of motor oil. They do a lot of oil changes there. And this motor oil is recycled through our Household Hazardous Waste Facility. In 2007 they recycled about 5,500 gallons. You might notice that these numbers are cyclical, they're up one year, down the next, up one year, down the next. It's not because they're not changing oil in 2006, it's because they just recycle when their containers get full and sometimes they get extra in one and not so much in the next. And they also recycle scrap metal and you can see that the number certainly seems to keep rising.

Now, some people think that the Waste Minimization Team is all about recycling, but we are all about minimizing waste and recycling is one part of it. And as we have discussed in previous years, we have instituted this unsolicited mail program where, starting in 2001, we asked departments to just collect their mail for four days in November and count it, just how much they hadn't asked for. And we had 2,077 pieces collected over four days in 2001.

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During the year, we asked departments to continually send cards to try to get this mail decreased and in 2007 departments reported 538 pieces, during that same four day period. So that is a 74% reduction. We think that's pretty good. I also keep thinking that it's got to stop, we can't keep reducing it more, but every year we seem to be able to, somehow.

And while we're talking about unsolicited mail, I would like to point out that individuals at home have the same problem. You know, they get mail they didn't ask for, credit card offers, etc. And there is a way for them to decrease that if they are so inclined. They can visit our website at sedgwickcounty.org, go under the environmental resources page and there is an address and it tells you, specifically, what you can do in order to reduce the amount of unsolicited mail at your home.

Other things that we have over this last year, we looked at large paper users across county departments and found that, of course, some of the larger departments are the ones that are using a lot paper, so we visited with some of those departments and tried to give them some ideas about ways they might be able to reduce their paper use and we think it worked. The copy paper that was delivered to departments decreased by 2.6%. That's not a lot but it was our first year and people seem to be catching on and they seem to be very much on board and eager to try no processes, and just a new way of thinking about how they can decrease the amount of paper that's used.

Last year, NACO, the National Association of Counties, sponsored a program that was called 'The Change a Light Program'. And they were encouraging county employees to commit to change just one regular, incandescent light bulb to a compact florescent light bulb. And our Waste Minimization Team decided that we would try to promote that among county employees, we didn't do it for very long, maybe only about ten days. We had made a goal that we thought we'd try to have 250 employees commit to that. We were pleased at the end of that when 464 committed to change at least one light bulb. It saves energy and the bulbs last much longer.

Our team also suggested we try to do some continual education to provide an environmental tip of the week, we called it. And so weekly, to our employees, on the Friday note, an environmental tip went out, as well as brown bag lunches for Managers. We put environmental tips in the Wichita Eagle that we hope you saw last year, and all of these have now been compiled on our website so people can go and find a whole host of tips concerning the environment.

There is a lot of talk in the media recently about e-waste, about electronics, computers, cell phones, PDA's and that sort of thing. And our team recommended that the County be an example, we wanted to be sure that our e-waste was handled properly, so an RFP was written and it's been implemented, a company has been chosen and the first pick-up is going to occur very soon.

And I guess, personally, what I think one of our biggest accomplishments has been this year is in the area of ozone. In light of a proposed revision of national ozone standards, the County Manager

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asked our group to make some recommendations and so we educated ourselves about ozone and what caused it and tried to think of some practical things that the County could do in order to reduce the amount of ozone produced. And after a lot of discussion, we presented seven recommendations that have now gone on to the Sustainability Task Force, and they are now working on implementation plans.

So, it's been a really busy year for our group and certainly the members of the team get the credit. We have a team that serves for two years on a rotating basis. Every year we get new members so we have some that have had some experience and some new people, some of them are present here today. At least I see Anthony Swartzendruber, from Finance, who has been one of our active members this past year. So I am available for any questions, if you have any."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, well, Caroline, thank you very much for the update on the activities of the Waste Minimization Team and the performances that have been shown by Sedgwick County. I think it does demonstrate the fact that we do have a group of people who are trying to minimize the amount that Sedgwick County contributes to the waste stream. And that is always one of the significant activities that, particularly business and industry and large volume users, can do to both help the environment and to reduce their costs, is to reduce that amount of material that is discarded in the waste stream. So, thank you to your leadership and to all the team members on that group. Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you for your report and I do think that we have to be an example and lead by example here. Just one question. On the TV and other electronics, that the contract was recently to dispose of the TV's, like \$10 a piece, that's one that I can remember, did the working units that are being rotated out, do they go to govdeals first or someplace to give an attempt, even to have somebody buy it or the shipping, rather than pay the \$10?"

Ms. Hosford said, "Actually, what we do first is try to trade within our own county departments, so if somebody is up grading and someone else doesn't have a computer or something and can use it, we do that first. Then it goes to govdeals to try and then if it doesn't work, then it goes to this recycling...so yes, we do govdeals first."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Is that it Commissioner? Okay, thank you very much. Caroline, I might also just extend our good thoughts about the work of the Environmental Resources department with Joe Oliver, who was here a week a couple of weeks ago, on Earth Day events and we really got some very good publicity in the Eagle and on their website about the gas can swap and it turned out to be a very successful Saturday morning at Household Hazardous Waste. You're department

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certainly did good work on that event.”

Ms. Hosford said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Commissioners, do we have a motion to receive and file this report?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to receive and file.

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
Chairman Winters	Aye

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

F. PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2008.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have delivered to you, to each of you, the quarterly financial report for the period ending March 31, the first calendar quarter of our year. You know from previous discussions and from your review of this report that it contains a narrative section explaining what has been happening in each of our funds and with our key revenues and expenditures during the first quarter of the year

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and it identifies some forecasts to the end of the year, where we think we will stand at the end of the year. It also contains a full set of financial statements through the first quarter. They are unaudited statements, but they are done in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles and we believe that they are completely accurate.

This financial report, for anybody who is watching this meeting and might be interested in reviewing it, is posted on the County's website at sedgwickcounty.org/finance and it can be reviewed there. Or if they want to call Finance, we would be happy to get them a copy.

The report was prepared by Ann Smarsh, Sarah Jantz, Brandi Baily, and Pam Kelley in Accounting. And by David Miller, Pete Giroux and Chris Duncan in the Budget Office. As always, they do the work, I take the credit. The presentation that you are going to see today was prepared by Troy Bruun and we always appreciate his work.

Looking first at overall expenditures and revenues. What you see on this chart shows the operating funds of the County, not the entire financial picture, but just the operations of the County. And the blue bars represent the expenditures for 2008, 2007, 2006 for the first quarter, the green bars represent the revenues for each of those years for the first quarter.

The percentages that are contained in each bar represent the percent of budget that has been attained through the end of the first quarter. So you can see that we are on par this year in relation to budget with our performance of the past two years. We always receive about 37% or 38% of our total annual revenue for operating funds in the first quarter of the year. We always spend a little bit less than 25% of our budget in the first quarter of the year.

The reason that our revenues are so much higher than you would expect for one quarter is that we are largely funded by property tax, we are heavily funded by property tax and we receive more than half of our annual property tax for the year in the month of January, in the first distribution from the Treasurer. For 2008, our first quarter revenue was \$139 million, that compares to \$131.8 million for the same period a year ago, a 5.5% increase in revenues.

Expenditures for 2008 were \$81.5 million compared to \$83.6 million a year previously. Our revenues are up 5.5%, our expenditures are down 2.5%.

Now, turning to more detail about revenues, what you see on this chart, again, are three bars for each key revenue and the bars represent the first quarter receipts for 2008, 2007 and 2006. The largest single revenue is Ad Valorem taxes, property taxes. For the first quarter of 2008, we received just a little bit over \$80 million of property tax revenue. That compares to \$75.5 million a year ago, the percentage change is 6.7% which is very close to the change in assessed value in the

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tax base from one year to the next.

The other cause of a percentage change from year to year in property tax has to do with collection rates. People are required to pay at least half of their annual property tax bill in the first installment of the year, the first payment of the year. Some people pay more than that, some people don't pay at all. And so we have differences in collection rates from year to year that drive this difference in receipts as well as changes in assessed value. There was no change in the tax rates from 2007 to 2008.

The second largest revenue source identified on this chart are charges for services, user fees if you will, which are near the top of the chart. We received a total of \$24.5 million in the first quarter of the year an 8.2% increase over the first quarter of a year ago.

And I see some of you taking notes, I will be happy to provide the supporting detail, if you would like, after this meeting.

The Arena tax in the middle of the page, shows a decrease in the first quarter of 2008 compared to the first quarter of 2007. The reason for that is very simple, the Arena tax died, as we said it would. December 31st of 2007 the Arena tax expired, it terminated. We've collected the final two months of receipts of the Arena tax in January and February, we received those distributions from the State in January and February. And so for those two months we received \$15.4 million. In the first three months of 2007, we had received \$21.3 million, that's the reason for the decrease that you see for the Arena tax.

The general sales and use tax, just below that, shows a more natural picture of real growth from year to year, a real change from year to year and for the general purpose sales and use tax we received 8.5% more in 2008 than we did in the first quarter of 2007.

Now turning a bit more specifically to Ad Valorem taxes. We talk in these presentations at some length about property taxes and we do in other presentations as well. Because tax payers receive a tax bill that has the Sedgwick County logo on it and because that tax bill has one number that they are expected to pay, I sometimes think that when they hear us talk about property taxes, they think that what they see on that tax bill is what we are talking about. And in fact, what we are talking about is only a small part of what they see on their tax bill with the Sedgwick County logo on it.

Sedgwick County is collecting property taxes for more than 100 jurisdictions in Sedgwick County that levy property taxes. The County Treasurer bills and collects all of those taxes and then

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distributes them to the governments that impose the taxes. Our share of that total tax bill, that a typical citizen receives or the total tax levy that the Treasurer has billed, is \$124 million. The total is \$479 million, almost \$480 million.

So Sedgwick County represents only about a quarter of the typical tax payer's tax bill. And when we talk about property taxes in these presentations, that's all that we are talking about, is that one quarter. We don't have anything to do with the other 75% of the taxes are levied by the City of Wichita, by USD 259, or by the 100 or so other governments, cities, townships, school districts, drainage districts and so forth, that are located in Sedgwick County.

Now speaking just about Sedgwick County, our property tax revenue in the first quarter of 2008, was \$80.5 million, 60% of our annual budget. And again, the reason that we have collected so much of our annual budget is because that tax is paid by the taxpayers in two installments, in December and May, and distributed to us by the Treasurer, principally in two distribution checks, January and June. So we have received more than half of our revenue for the year because citizens have paid more than half of their annual bill and we received it in January.

You see here, the Arena sales tax that terminated? We have collected all of that that we expected to collect. The local sales and use tax is just about on par with where we would expect to be 25% through the year.

We are a little bit below where we would expect to be on Medicaid fees. As I have mentioned to you in other presentations, that is principally a function of the State changing some of the rules of the game for Medicaid, in particular pertaining to attendant care. Now, some of attendant care providers are receiving the Medicaid revenue for services that they provide directly from the State. Until recently, that revenue was paid by the State to Sedgwick County and then we distributed to those governments. Our budget was based on the old rules, where we were receiving that revenue, we no longer receive that revenue.

Investment income is way up compared to our budget, at \$4.8 million. That is largely a function of the Arena tax that we continue to have in our investment portfolio. As we spend increasingly on the Arena construction bills, our investment portfolio will shrink and so will our investment income. And you will see in just a minute what affect the yield our investment portfolio is having on us as well.

Turning now to expenditures. The largest single expenditure category is personnel. That is salaries and wages, pension benefits, health costs and other benefits. And for the first quarter of the year, we spent a total of \$43.5 million on personnel. That is up 3.9% over the same period a year ago. Total County personnel costs up about 4% from one year to the next.

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Contractual services are the second largest source of expenditure. And those are down from 2007 to 2008. Down by about \$4 million. We spent \$31.8 million in the first quarter of 2008. We spent \$35.8 million in the first quarter of 2007. The reason for the decrease, principally, is attributable to two expenditures that occurred in 2007. One of those was the land lease for the Jabara Technical Training Complex. We paid that land lease in the first quarter of 2007, that was \$3.3 million, that is a non-recurring expenditure, so we don't see that again in 2008. The other major factor has to do with the revenue guarantee that we paid Air Tran. The 2007 payments were based on a formula that provided a higher amount to Air Tran than we provided in 2008. And so in the first quarter of 2007 we paid Air Tran about \$600,000 more than we paid them in the first quarter of 2008.

The other expenditures in the County, as you see, commodities, equipment and debt service, all combined don't amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things. Most of the County activity takes place in personnel, services that are delivered by County employees, are contractual services, services that are delivered, delivered by vendors that we hire to provide those services to our citizens.

Now turning more specifically to expenditures, salaries and wages, the largest singular category of personnel costs, were up 4% at \$31 million from the first quarter of last year. Health insurance, which is the second largest category of personnel costs, was down 15% from the first quarter of last year. The reason for that, once again, has to do with a non-recurring expense that happened in 2007. If you'll think back, at the start of 2007 the County changed its employee health plan. Prior to that point, we had had two providers of health services to our employees and at the start of 2007 we changed our plan and offered the employees different variations of plan, but only one provider of that plan.

What is called the run-off, the tail coverage, the claims that remained to be paid to the provider that no longer provided service to the County or paid out in the first quarter of 2007. And that was a little bit more than \$1 million and that accounts for the 15% reduction from 2007 to 2008."

Chairman Winters said, "Chris, can I interrupt you at this point? Without that extra ordinary activity, what do you expect this health insurance line then, to run out into the end of the year, comparing just apples to apples?"

Mr. Chronis said, "We will spend...I have a number in mind but I don't want to say without knowing it's right. About \$19 million, at the end of this year, which will be about 1% higher than what the current cost, if you will, the yearly would have been in 2007, if we didn't have that tail coverage."

Chairman Winters said, "But because of the changes, we have not seen a huge continuation, escalation of health insurance costs?"

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Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct."

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

Mr. Chronis said, "Grant awards are monies that we pay to, typically to social service, non-profit organizations in the community to provide contracted services and the grant awards you see were down 25% from 2007 to 2008. That is principally attributable to a change in practice by the State and the Developmental Disability Organization pertaining to case management.

Up until very recently, Case Management Services were contracted by CDDO, the State paid Sedgwick County for those services and Sedgwick County used that money to pay the vendors for those services. Now, the vendors, the case management vendors, bill and are paid directly by the State. The money doesn't flow through Sedgwick County, or through CDDO. And so that accounts for that reduction. That was about \$1.1 million.

You see the other, lesser sources of expense, there is nothing particularly noteworthy in any of them, although, I would note that overtime expenditures, while not a lot of money, were up by a fairly surprising percentage and that is not, as near as we can tell, accountable from any single event, or any single activity, it seems to be spread throughout the organization and we are, at the moment, in discussions with those departments that have significant overtime expenditures to try to get a better understanding of what's going on and whether there's a management issue there that we need to be addressing or whether there is something about our operations that we need to be aware of that are driving overtime expenditures.

Now, when you combine revenues and expenditures and carry-over, you end up with fund balance and one of the things that we always focus on is the portion of the fund balance that is unreserved, that isn't legally restricted to some specific purpose. We have a policy, as you know, that sets minimum targets for fund balance and, as you know, from prior quarterly presentations, our unreserved fund balance in comparison to that target changes pretty dramatically from month to month, based on County cash flow cycles.

For the, at the end of the first quarter, our general fund, unreserved fund balance, was \$88.7 million. That's the first blue bar that you see on the left of this sheet. The red dot in the middle of that bar identifies the target, for the minimum target for general fund, fund balance, and that is \$33.4 million. So we are well above the minimum target. The reason that we are well above the minimum target, principally, is because we have collected more than half of the counties property

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tax in the first quarter. That property tax is unreserved, it will be spent as we move through the rest of the year. And so we would expect the unreserved balance to drop as we move through towards the end of the year.

The other significant bar that I want to focus on, on this chart, is in the middle of the page, the enterprise funds. What that means, what enterprise means, in plain English, is Arena. And what you see on this chart is the result of us collecting the Arena sales tax for a 30-month period that ended December 31st, and collecting most of that revenue before we began construction of the Arena. That allows us to build the Arena as a cash funded project with no debt to the County and no interest costs to Sedgwick County taxpayers. And during this interim period, we have an awful lot of Arena sales tax that is in the fund balance. A total of \$162 million at the end of March of this year. We will draw that down fairly rapidly over the next two years as we complete the construction of that facility.

Now we talked a little bit about investments earlier and I wanted to, just very briefly, show you what the investment portfolio of Sedgwick County consisted of at March 31st. It was \$386 million at that point and time and most of the money, almost $\frac{3}{4}$ was invested in agency coupons, a particular form of security that is issued by Federal government agencies. We had a total of \$278 million invested in those kinds of securities and those typically carry a relatively high yield as compared to the other alternatives that are available to us, and that is the reason that we invest most of money in it, that's where we can get the most investment income for our dollars.

We also have invested in those securities that are relatively long term. That is, we've made those investments six months or a year or a year and a half ago and those investments have a maturity of 1 or 2 or 3 years out into the future. And so we've obtained our investment yields at the time we purchase the securities, we locked in those yields, at the time we purchased the securities, but since then, there's been a dramatic down turn in market rates. And so you can start to see that on this slide, which identifies over time, over the past two years, the size of the County's portfolio, represented by the blue bars, and the investment yield on that portfolio, represented by the red line.

At the end of March, our \$386 million portfolio returned a total of 4.03% to Sedgwick County. That is down from 4.6% a month previously and it's down from 5% six months previously. A fairly rapid reduction in the County's investment yields. The bench mark that we compare ourselves to, however, the one year T-bill, currently is at about 1.3%. As the FED, and you've seen the news accounts about the FED making frequent and fairly substantial reductions in the FED funds rate and

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the discount rate, the rate the banks provide, those changes drive market rates. And so as the FED has reduced rates dramatically, market rates also have dropped dramatically.

The County's return on investments is dropping as our old securities mature and we have to replace them with new, relatively low yielding securities, but our return on investment is not dropping nearly as rapidly as market rates because we have that longer term portfolio. As those securities mature, we will have to replace them with whatever is the then current market. If you had to replace \$483 million in securities today, you would see our investment yield plummet from 4% down to about 1.3%.

As we draw down the investment, the portfolio, because of the spending on the Arena project, we also will see our investment results decline. We'll have less money to invest and so there will be less interest even though the rate that we're earning on those investments is somewhat higher than market.

Now I always leave you with a slide that identifies items, that have under discussion, that might have future financial impacts. And this has nothing to do with the first quarter financial report, but I think it's something that we need to keep in mind as we deliberate and as we consider the position that we're in at the end of the first quarter. Certainly, we are in a very good position at the end of that first quarter. Sedgwick County has not suffered as many local governments have around the country have suffered from the economic downturn. This community has not suffered nearly as much as most communities around the country has suffered.

The aviation industry still has solid orders and says that they have solid orders for the next several years. That is what drives our economy, as long as those orders stay good, Sedgwick County's economy should stay good.

We have started seeing some impacts of the downturn, however, and in the quarterly report we've added a little bit of information in a table showing some economic indicators. We are starting to see signs that the downturn is beginning to affect Sedgwick County. Foreclosures are up, the number of permits that issue for construction, both residential and non-residential are down, fairly dramatically, the number of real estate transfers, properties changing hands, is down pretty dramatically from 2007 to 2008.

So it is inevitable that Sedgwick County is going to be affected by the National economy, we don't think that we will be affected as dramatically as many communities and that's because, thankfully, we have the aviation sector as the dominate player in our economy. But we will be affected. And, certainly these issues, that have been discussed within the Administration and by you at various meetings, might have some impact on our future finances as well.

And I've talked about most of them in previous meetings, so I'm not going to spend a lot of time

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talking about them now. There are a couple of changes from past charts that I do want to mention, just because they haven't been on prior charts. Down towards the bottom, you see employee compensation. We have talked repeatedly about the impact of KPERS contribution rates on Sedgwick County finances. KPERS, the County's employee pension, State fund, is under-funded, we know that.

The contribution rates that are legally mandated are below the rates that are necessary to make that fund whole. Inevitably, those rates are going to increase. And when they do, Sedgwick County is going to take a budget hit. And we've seen some of that in recent years. Our pension costs, I forget what the percentage was, but I already showed that our pension costs for the first quarter of this year were up double digits compared to a year ago. But that's only the tip of the ice berg. Pension costs could go up very dramatically in the next several years is the Legislature changes the contribution rates to match what the actuaries say is necessary to make KPERS a fully funded system.

I've changed the label from pension costs to employee compensation, however, because we also have health costs, which are a major factor. And we will be addressing a change in the contribution rates, the premiums for health costs as we move into 2009. Commissioner Winters already mentioned that the change that we made at 2007 sort of locked our premium rates in place for a year or two, but we are moving out of that period when enjoyed that reduction or that freeze. And so we are expecting to see a somewhat larger increase in employee health costs in 2009 and moving forward.

And we also have under discussion a number of changes in employee pay that could drive the County's financial picture. We have a number of key areas of the County where Commissioners have mentioned a desire to address employee pay where employees have noted that their pay, in their minds anyway, is below market and causing Sedgwick County to have high turnover rates to the extent that we determine that's true and address it by changing employee pay, that certainly will have an effect on County finances.

We also have had some discussions about cutting County property taxes. That is unplanned and to the extent that we do it, it will have an effect on County finances. We don't know how much because we don't know what, if any, kind of a cut might be made. We've also had some discussions about the disposition of Arena sales tax investment income. As you know, the State law provides that investment income is to be deposited in the general fund and that is where resides. At your request, we have maintained records of the amount of investment income that we have and there has been some discussion about the desirability of transferring that the Arena project and using it to increase the operating reserve in the Arena project to the extent that we do that, it would

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cause an impact, and adverse impact, on the general fund and potentially on property taxes in the future. And I am sure we will be talking some more about that. Any questions about this presentation?"

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you very much Chris. As usual, very thorough. And you will get a copy of this presentation that you've made?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Talking about the mill levy roll back, the cut, that only affects the County, I want to make that clear, it won't affect the City. If the City was going to roll their mill levy back, they would do it themselves, and the schools the same way."

Mr. Chronis said, "That is correct. The County tax cut would only affect that 25% on that pie chart that I showed you."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Right."

Mr. Chronis said, "It wouldn't affect the other 75%."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "You mentioned the rate of interest problems we have in our investment. What are we paying on our debt? For instance, for the Jabara?"

Mr. Chronis said, "We haven't issued debt for Jabara yet. We expect to do that later this year, probably around the first of September. Current market rates on the kind of debt that we would be issuing are somewhere around 4%, that would be the average yield on that debt. Those rates are inching up, they were a little bit lower 2 or 3 months ago, but they started inching up slowly."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And we have other debt. Do you have any idea what the average interest rate we're paying on our debt balance at this time?"

Mr. Chronis said, "No, I'm sorry, I don't. The debt that we have has been issued over the past 17 years, I believe, at various times and at various series and each series has a different interest rate attached to it. Typically, at least in the 9 years that I have been here, typically the County has sold bonds for an average rate of something less than 4%, between 3.5% and 4%. There has been very little change."

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Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, this is just a concern of mine. It's not pertinent to your report, but I think our health insurance, the freeze on the premiums, that once that freeze is over, that will go up. But I think we've also got to look at the fact that we'll probably have more decreases in coverage, and have had decreases in coverage from this plan. Something to look at."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, anything else?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "That's it."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Where in the report are the 911 phone tax and cell phone taxes shown? Do you know right off?"

Mr. Chronis said, "In the quarterly financial report?"

Commissioner Parks said, "Yes."

Mr. Chronis said, "They are in a fund by themselves. It is a special revenue fund. On page 79, the column that's the second from the right is emergency telephone services."

Commissioner Parks said, "And do you know right off hand if that's been going up or down or is that pretty steady the last few years? I don't see that...?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It is my impression that it has been very steady, but I haven't studied it very closely. There have been some changes in the sources of revenue, as you know, the Legislature adopted a 25 cent local tax on cell phones a year or two ago. And we are now receiving that revenue and that's had an effect on us. We also, in that Legislation, we also are required to roll back our land line rate over a period of time, and frankly I don't recall what that period of time is and I don't know if that's had an effect on our revenues or not."

Commissioner Parks said, "I could certainly get that at a future time with you and your staff and all this?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Sure."

Commissioner Parks said, "I might say that, in 1984 KPERS did roll back the amount the County had to pay and all government units had to pay. So that was something that now we're reaping the

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benefit of that action, back in the 80's and the Legislature when they did that. I can remember, vividly, a lot of people were saying, what are we going to do about the future, and that is something that, the future is here now. When we make these decisions, we really need to be looking 30 and 40 years down the line also.

Would it be fair to say, here a while back at one of the workshops, if we looked at all the bonded indebtedness, we have about \$80 million worth of interest out there that we are going to end up paying if we didn't have another project bonded?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Again, I don't recall the number."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay."

Mr. Chronis said, "It could be, I just don't recall."

Commissioner Parks said, "I would like to certainly like to get those figures also. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, anything else Commissioner? All right, thank you. Seeing no other questions at this time, do we have a motion to receive and file?"

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to receive and file.

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

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Chairman Winters

Aye

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE

DONATION

G. DONATION OF CLOTHING ITEMS VALUED AT \$3,615.00 FROM AEROPOSTALE AT TOWN EAST SQUARE TO CENTER CITY, COMCARE'S HOMELESS PROGRAM.

Ms. Bev Baalman, Marketing Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I guess we would like for you to accept the donation and the letter, but if I could just give a little history why this donation came about.

'Teens for Jeans' is a national campaign that empowers youth to take action around teenage homelessness. This particular effort was launched by dosomething.com in partnership with the teen retailer, Aeropostale. And what they did, is they asked you to donate slightly worn jeans to any Aeropostale store in the United States and Canada, from around January 22, to February 10.

Dosomething and Aeropostale would then make sure these jeans were donated back into the communities to a local homeless program or homeless shelter. COMCARE'S homeless program, Center City, and I have Ann Currell with me today, she is the Program Manager of that program, accepted that donation. There was 241 pairs of jeans that youth here in Sedgwick County donated. So we really want to thank Aeropostale for their time and effort, locally, with this campaign. But also for the kids who went to their closets, pulled out a pair of jeans and gave it to another teen who was in need. You know, kids can truly make a difference in this community, and they did."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, well Bev, thanks for that story. I'm certainly impressed by Aeropostale, their commitment here. During the first hour and a half of our meeting, I began to worry that Ann was a person from Aeropostale and we were making somebody sit through a long meeting to make a contribution. So I am glad that she's part of our staff. She needed to do some civic lessons on our budget and what is going on. We welcome Ann to our meeting and we do appreciate all the work that is going on at Center City, we think that's a very good project and we appreciate your work.

Bev, I would shift gears for a moment again, and thank you and the COMCARE team for the Links for Life event out at the Zoo a few weeks ago. Again, that was a terrific event. I shared with

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Debbie Donaldson, it's kind of more interesting to think about how to do crowd control than it is to think about how to get more people to come. And I'm not saying that that crowd needed to be controlled, but there are so many people that participated, it's just a tremendous event."

Ms. Baalman said, "It was a huge event and we do have growing pains to take care of for next year."

Chairman Winters said "Well thank you for your work and all..."

Ms. Baalman said, "Thank you. It is a team effort."

Chairman Winters said, "...and all your teen volunteers that worked on that. We need to accept this donation and send a very appreciative letter to Aeropostale. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a Letter of Appreciation.

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, "You know, just one other comment. And I don't know if you can follow through in anyway, but if dosomething.com has got a way that teens are working, maybe we ought to express our appreciation to their donations on something, dosomething.com. I don't know whether that's possible, but if you could investigate that, it might be interesting for them to actually see some of their contributions will do."

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Ms. Baalman said, "We will do that."

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

Ms. Baalman said, "Thank you Commissioners."

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

NEW BUSINESS

H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF UNREDEEMED REAL ESTATE AFTER TAX SALE.

Ms. Patricia Parker, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you a Resolution authorizing the sale of unredeemed real estate. This is basically a fancy name for tax foreclosures, properties that have delinquent tax bills for two or more years."

The process is begun every year by you authorizing these sales. This year we are going to have two sales and they have yet to be set, but the first one will be set pretty soon.

There really is no alternative for you, the law does require unredeemed, delinquent real estate properties to be sold at tax sale. So you will notice on your agenda item, under the alternatives, I've said there really is none. This is required by law.

Like I've said, this is the first step and once you authorize the sales then the County Counselor's office will, and has been working with Chris McElgunn, who is our outside legal counsel who handles all the tax foreclosure proceedings and we'll get the sales under way.

Just or a little bit of information for you, this year we began with 532 parcels eligible for sale. Of those, 256 have been redeemed. That is as of today. And we're pretty happy with that process and progress that many of those are being redeemed. I believe that's all I have. We just ask that you approve the Resolution so that we can begin this process."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Trish, are these what we think of as traditional foreclosures or is this property that has already foreclosed on and then was never paid off?"

Ms. Parker said, "No, this is property that is, has not been foreclosed on yet. This property, every year the County Treasurer bids in the property into the County's name, if you have two or more

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years that are delinquent. And so once that is done then the next step is this step to actually begin the tax bill, tax sale proceedings.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. I was reading something I couldn’t understand and that explains it. Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, this is foreclosing on the properties and putting them up for the old traditional, on the courthouse step sale?”

Ms. Parker said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Had some inquiries over the last few months, constituents who were concerned why we hang onto these so long and don’t collect or sell them, and that many of them are the same ones, just sold and resold or the same tax payers leave the same property unpaid.”

Ms. Parker said, “Unfortunately, that does occur.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “And, so would you repeat that time element. Is it two years that we have to wait before we can put that on the (inaudible)...?”

Ms. Parker said, “The particular provision, in case anyone is listening that’s interested, provides, it’s KSA-792801, requires a County to file foreclosure proceedings and the time element is listed in the paragraph immediately preceding that in the Resolution, it’s the second paragraph down. And the parcels that we are foreclosing on were bid in, in October of 2007 and remain unredeemed as of the first day of September.

So we go two years plus the year of the bid when the County Treasurer bid into those properties. Sometimes you will have multiple years, even further back than two years. Sometimes some of the properties have had to be taken out of foreclosure for one reason or the other and that’s why you see, maybe, three or four years included in a foreclosure sale. Sometimes that occurs because we may not have the right, we may not have noticed up the right parties. There is a lot of steps to go through to get to the point of the tax sale, a lot of judicial and notice requirements to the owner, so sometimes things like that happen, not very often, but sometimes.

And yes, you do see, in some cases, the same parties buying the property and letting it go and unfortunately, there’s nothing in the law that prohibits us from allowing them to purchase each time. As long as they meet all the other elements of requirement to eligible to bid on properties.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “So anyone interested in attending that sale should stay in touch

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with the Treasurer's Office?"

Ms. Parker said, "That's correct. That's correct. That's their point of contact."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "So they can keep up with all of the changes then on a daily basis?"

Ms. Parker said, "That's right."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Thank you so much."

Ms. Parker said, "You're welcome."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. And Trish, we do, what we do is follow State Statutes, so if there are folks who are concerned about the length that some of this may take, the change would come out of the State Legislature, would that be correct?"

Ms. Parker said, "That's correct sir."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, you've heard Trish's report, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

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Commissioner Welshimer Aye
Chairman Winters Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Trish.”

Ms. Parker said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

I. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

1. APPLICATION TO THE KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR SFY09 JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE FUNDING TO ESTABLISH NEW PROGRAMS OR SUPPLEMENT EXISTING PROGRAMS.

Mr. Masterson, said, “This morning I am here to present for your approval the Juvenile Justice Authority Funding application for State fiscal year 2009.

We have been receiving State funds for Juvenile Justice reform, as you know, since 1998. In order to continue to receive funding, we must submit an annual application due on May 1st, which is what this is today.

As you know, juvenile justice reform has been and continues to be an important State and local partnership. This year the process has changed due to a budgeted increase in State funding for local communities. The State developed a two step process for submitting funding requests. The first step was to submit an application based on the essentially flat budget of a little over \$4.1 million and that was done in March, which this Board approved, and it was submitted.

I’m before you today with the two additional funding applications based on the planned increases in State funding. If the JJA budget is adopted as planned, Sedgwick County will receive \$655,411 in additional funds for graduated sanctions, plus the opportunity to receive incentive funding of \$210,032 with a grant match of the same amount of local dollars for improvement in services.

The total increase if both applications are approved will be \$1,115,325. And that will bring our overall district allocation to \$5,223,112. So this is a significant opportunity for our community.

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As you know, we've advocated for the State to address this worsening funding need for the past five years. JJA made it priority one this year in their budget and the Governor supported that budget, as had the Legislature, thus far. Over the past eight months, the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board has guided development of a plan to maximize this opportunity to cross our juvenile justice programs. They approved and recommended the plans before you today at their meeting on April 4th.

The grant plans are based upon an evaluation of current services that's completed by WSU annually. Increase staffing to meet service requirements and additional service requirements were added by the State in 2006 that we've been unable to meet, and hopefully will now, and movement across the system to implement research based assessments, practices and programming. And you will recall, back in September, we brought Dr. LaTessa in and provided the community with a lot of information, and yourselves, about what works. And that helped to guide the Advisory Board in shaping this plan.

There are three agenda items before you to make this plan work. Two are grant applications for specific funds and the third is an addition of eleven positions to the staffing table.

The first item, as the Clerk read, is the incentive funding that requires your investment of \$210,032 local dollars to receive an equal amount in State dollars. These funds will provide nine staff positions to move to evidence based practices.

Two positions will work for Court Services to facilitate their use of the YLSCMI, is the name of the assessment instrument, and that will provide information earlier in the judicial process for judges to use in making sanctioning decisions.

Seven positions are for Juvenile Field Services down in our graduated sanctions end of the budget to reduce and specialize case loads to increase face-to-face time with the higher risk clients and to deliver rehabilitative programming to those clients, based on the assessments.

These are significant improvements that research shows, if done well, can reduce recidivism by about 30%.

I request your approval of the incentive funding and application. If approved, the money will come from the Public Safety Contingency and I will be happy to answer any questions."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "You're asking for County funding in two hundred and what thousand?"

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Mr. Masterson said, "\$210,032.

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And that goes along with increased funding that comes from the State Legislature this year?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes it does. It shall, hopefully."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I think you're doing a good job over there in juvenile. In what I understand, this new money is going to be used to enhance truancy prevention and family group conferencing and parent training and advocacy service and needed intervention. I just don't know what could be more vital and more justified than an expense for Sedgwick County's future than to work with our youth and, while I'm at it, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to take the recommended action that we approve the grant application."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Mark, just a couple of comments, and I'm not sure, necessarily how we got here, but I know that Juvenile Justice Authority has a new Director, or relatively new, Russ Jennings, who appears, I've had a couple of meetings and conversations with him about this movement forward, but it appears that he is just doing an excellent job. Do you have any, and he is an individual that really comes out of County government, do you have any comments about the new Director of Juvenile Justice and how helpful he has been?"

Mr. Masterson said, "He had the unenviable role of assuming his position in February, in the middle of the last Legislative session, and I've got to say, he's done a tremendous job in working with the Legislature and working with individual Legislators to come up with the data and a plan to present this. There was in interim Legislative session, we actually held one of the hearings here in Sedgwick County, he's done a great job in making this funding to local communities a #1 priority and getting that done."

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Chairman Winters said, “Well, he just appears to me to be an individual who can explain the situation and help the Legislators understand that there are good projects out there. So I’ve been very impressed with him also. You’ve mentioned Court Services and our Juvenile Court judges are on board, as we go through all of these changes, they’re on board with kind of a new process?”

Mr. Masterson said, “As you know, when Dr. LaTessa was here, we made time to meet with the four juvenile judges and go through and help them fully understand how this would help, they have been most supportive in working through this proposal, we’ve worked with the District Court and with JJA, and JJA is going to fund and pay for the actual assessments, all of the training of their staff and the fees that go along with that.

We’re providing the additional manpower. These assessments take four hours to complete, interviews, assessment and scoring, and so it’s a significant change when you’ve got, I think they did 868, what they call, PSI investigations last year, and so it’s a significant manpower issue. We’ll provide with these funds, the additional positions. All of the their staff will be trained in August, begin using the tool in September and that will result affective October 1st in some streamlining of the case processing time, but will reduce detention days.”

Chairman Winters said, “And the judges are okay with all of that? Believe that it will be a good process?”

Mr. Masterson said, “Yes sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. And one last comment. I did, and was able to attend Dr. LaTessa’s workshops when he was here last year. And you had mentioned that there was a possibility that we could bring him back. I certainly hope that can happen. And as we go through this (inaudible), I am sure, you’re always very good about keeping us informed of what’s happening and how things are progressing. But again, a number of us have been involved with juvenile justice reform since the late 90’s and I think this is going to be another good significant step, so we want to stay attached to what you and your group are doing. All right, Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I’m going to be supportive, but I’m always suspicious when we take grant funding, create more jobs and then next year the funding goes away and we get stuck with an unfunded mandate is what it ends up being. So, I think it’s going to do good work, I hope we get good results out of it and I hope the results can roll up hill to be funded for many more years, but I’m always suspicious, we’re matching half the funds and if the State half goes away, then we’re stuck with employees that we need to fund over the next few years, to keep the program

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going.

Just a word of caution because it's happened before and it always worries me when we create grant funded positions and have to worry the next year that the money will dry up. I am supportive, don't get me wrong, I think it's a great deal, but it always scares me a little bit, I'm a little apprehensive."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. And that's one of the one of the reasons that I even mentioned the new Director, Russ Jennings, because I believe Juvenile Justice Authority has gone through some fits and starts. I mean, it's had some good directors and it's had some better directors and it's had other directors, but I really have a lot of confidence in Russ Jennings and coming out of the County and City environment, as apposed being in Topeka his entire career, I think he sees it from a County perspective. I share your concerns and I have got a lot of confidence in Russ Jennings as our new Director."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, actually Chairman, I have worked with Russ Jennings over the years, know him pretty well, and I agree with you, but he is also moved from County up to the State and sometimes the State tells the counties they know better. Just sometimes."

Chairman Winters said, "Good point. All right, we have a motion on the floor to take the recommended action on item I-1, is there any other discussion?"

There was no further 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. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR FY09 PREVENTION/INTERVENTION/GRADUATED SANCTIONS STATE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

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Mr. Masterson said, “The alternate funding application provides the \$655,411 State dollars for graduated sanctions core programming that I mentioned previously. These funds will fully pay for current service levels and allow for the addition for two positions to provide support services in helping to meet State requirements.

In the preventing and intervention areas, the plan features funds to assist our local prevention providers, that would be the ones funded with these dollars, and the crime prevention providers in making the transition to use to evidence based programming. And it replaces declining Federal grant funds with State funds to maintain and improve diversion and detention advocacy services.

The alternate grant application includes funding for five prevention, two intervention and three graduated sanctions programs. The total amount requested for these three grant areas is \$4,803,408 for State fiscal year 09’. I request your approval of the application and I would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Much of the discussion we had on the previous item applies here also. Commissioners, do you have additional questions of Mark?”

MOTION

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

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
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Next item Mark, Madam Clerk.”

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3. ADDITION OF ELEVEN GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' STAFFING TABLE.

Mr. Masterson said, "I request your approval to add 11 positions to the staffing table in Corrections to support the Juvenile Justice plan for 2009."

The positions will be contingent upon receipt of the State funds. They include two surveillance officers, range B216, physicians that are part of the alternate application, and nine positions provided in the incentive application to include different levels of intensive supervision officers, 1 ISO3, which is a range B321, three ISO2, range B220 positions and five ISO1, range B219 positions. I would be happy to answer any questions."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Kind of a spinoff of what Commissioner Norton asked of a little bit ago. These positions now, I don't know whether they are in your department or HR. When the orientation comes in, do they realize these are grant positions and maybe vulnerable in a year, or a year by year basis?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioner, in Corrections, we really don't do it that way. We have a large enough department, when we see that State funded positions are not going to be able to be funded in the next year, we're able to make adjustments and move people when we have vacancies to positions that are funded. We don't continue to fill positions that we don't have designated funding for."

Commissioner Parks, said, "But we know this enough in advance to be able to do that then?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes."

Commissioner Parks said, "That answers my question."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks 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 very much Mark.”

Mr. Masterson said, “Thank you Commissioners.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 24, 2008.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of April 24th results in three items for consideration today. First item,

**1. BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING – B414 23RD ST. S. BETWEEN 151ST & 167TH ST. W/B415 23RD ST. S.
BETWEEN 151ST AND 167TH ST. W/B416 ST. W. BETWEEN 47TH AND 55TH
ST.S./B434 343 RD ST. W. BETWEEN 63^{TD} & 71ST ST. S.**

Recommendation is to accept the bid from Klaver Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$414,081.60. Item two,

**2. TIRE RUBBER MODIFIED SURFACE SEALER – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING – R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR 2008**

Recommend the low bid from Seal Master for an initial purchase in the amount of \$71,280.00 and establish fund contract pricing for one year with two additional one-year options to renew. And item three,

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**3. LARGE INTERMEDIATE SEDANS – FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING – VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Recommendation is to accept the low bid, meeting specifications, from Steven Chrysler Jeep Dodge in the amount of \$119,546.00. Would be happy to answer any questions, and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, do you have questions of Iris? If not, 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.

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.”

Ms. Baker said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Set the post annexation Public Hearing for the City of Clearwater for July 2, 2008. District #3.
2. Set the post annexation Public Hearing for the City of Garden Plain for July 2, 2008. District #3.
3. Addendum Four to the building lease with The 434 North Market Company Building, L.C., for space used by the Appraiser's Offices at 434 N. Market, Wichita, Kansas.
4. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V08018	\$586	5	William Favreau
V08019	\$290	5	Hearth Hollow Apts.

5. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to change in the income level of the participating client.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V07028	\$293	\$289
V94034	\$316	\$341
V03027	\$237	\$304
V05013	\$146	\$86
V07020	\$240	\$264
V03010	\$616	\$650
V03029	\$295	\$279
V04018	\$130	\$89
V07029	\$390	\$452
V05019	\$237	\$233

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V07033	\$346	\$399
V04032	\$178	\$172
V07037	\$287	\$331
V01044	\$319	\$291
V01064	\$287	\$333
V07030	\$665	\$665
V020019	\$378	\$430
V99022	\$130	\$210
V03037	\$145	\$0
V07031	\$200	\$259
V07034	\$475	\$475
V03028	\$289	\$297
V04024	\$369	\$428
V99021	\$79	\$111
V04025	\$213	\$239
V03017	\$309	\$306
V07022	\$287	\$248
V04010	\$205	\$249
V05017	\$274	\$304
V05015	\$254	\$281
V05024	\$217	\$223
V05011	\$256	\$302
V020029	\$293	\$339
V03013	\$209	\$248
V07036	\$287	\$308
V020021	\$280	\$188
V03018	\$231	\$243
V871020	\$297	\$298
V07025	\$285	\$316
V03024	\$213	\$210
V07035	\$524	\$440
V06024	\$296	\$317
V06027	\$485	\$485
V1048	\$336	\$368
V05016	\$258	\$305
V03019	\$225	\$263
V06021	\$276	\$283
V03019	\$215	\$238
V07026	\$226	\$255
V03020	\$306	\$344

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V03021	\$265	\$269
V07012	\$165	\$220
V03022	\$224	\$257
V99029	\$272	\$317
V04026	\$225	\$206
V04031	\$450	\$450
V06025	\$254	\$308
V05023	\$201	\$245
V05020	\$170	\$169
V08010	\$527	\$625
V08017	\$486	\$428
V010168	\$333	\$217

- 6. Payroll Check Register for April 18, 2008.**
- 7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 23 – 29, 2008.**
- 8. Order dated April 23, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

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Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, that brings us to the end of our Regular Agenda. We do have a Fire District today so before we discuss “Other” section of our Agenda, community issues, etc., we will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and at this time I will call to order the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body of Fire District #1, Regular meeting, April 30, 2008.

The County Commission recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at 10:54 a.m. and returned from recess at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “I’ll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Of the section “Other”, Commissioners, does anyone have any comments they would like to make? Commissioner Norton?”

L. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, Commissioner Unruh or Chairman Winters made the comment on this also, but yesterday we were out at WATC for a press conference, where President Gustaf announced 70 Sedgwick County technical education scholarships, that’s full tuition for young people that are interested in technical education.

The scholarships are offered in 12 programs, most of them aviation, but some other programs that include accounting, computer aided drafting, truck driving, some other things, so I think it’s pretty encouraging that the school is starting to flourish and their looking at putting their marketing money into bringing students into programs. And institutional marketing is good, but getting people in seats and getting them into the workforce is pretty powerful.

There was a young man, Captain Kyle Stover, who had gone to school at Goddard, went to WATC got his computer aided drafting certificate and before he got to the second year, in the first year, he was hired as a drafting, a computer aided drafting programmer for a company here, hopefully and has moved right from technical education into pretty good job. He was a real good agent for telling this story yesterday, but 70 technical educations scholarships, full tuition. I would urge young people that are interested in technical education, furthering their workability, life, to logon onto WATC’s website and find out more about those scholarships because they are available. You can apply between now and September. I think the game is afoot for technical education. That’s a pretty positive movement.

The other thing I would talk about is health access. We are in the “Covered the Uninsured Week” this week. We’ve done the Health Department, Rod Harris has done a lot outreach, I’ve done some speaking engagements as we continue to talk about a medical home and health access for everybody

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in our community. And it's not about mustering and coming up with more tax-payers dollars, it's using the money that is in the system, which is millions and millions of dollars to better advantage, to make sure that all individuals have a chance for health and wellness, and it takes away the economic sting to small businesses and large businesses in our community. That's all I have Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "The main-stream media chooses not to cover Tuesday's staff, another important meeting where issues are discussed, important issues, so I think I'd like to tell the public through this venue what was discussed yesterday. Basically, a little bit in the staff meeting, we heard a report on health and public smoking and possible bans on that and we heard a report from Solid Waste and possible Mandates on that. And as I have stated before, cities can step up to both of these issues.

Also there was a meeting at 3:00 in the Manager's office, that's called a Tax Oversight Committee, for the Arena. We as a Board of County Commissioners need to make a decision on some things that, that they made a recommendation yesterday not to include the \$507,000 of personnel costs that were associated with the Arena, that comes out of the property tax fund to go back and be charged back against the Arena tax. I think that in being open and transparent about all of the dealings with the Arena tax and the costs therein, we need to have that on an Agenda sometime. Chris even said here today, brought that up a little bit and discussed that. But we as a Board need to see where we are on that.

The third and final thing that I want to clear up is to clear up the rumor mill about possibility of me running for Sheriff and I shall not seek and I will accept the nomination of my party for Sheriff of Sedgwick County. So I think it's getting mixed up a little bit with Walk Kuydendall, who was the Interim Chief at Valley Center after I left there. He is running for Sheriff, I am not. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you Commissioner. Just two quick things. Tomorrow evening, May 1st, is the Wichita Independent Business Association's Annual meeting, which is usually a very good event. I plan on being there. And this weekend is another big weekend at the Extension Office, the Farmer's Market is in full swing out there and Saturday is Earth Day, which always brings a lot of folks, so there will be a lot of folks at Extension this coming weekend.

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Commissioners, are there any other comments?

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I'm not running for Sheriff either."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, clear that up right now. All right Commissioners, seeing no other discussion, this meeting is adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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