

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 28, 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, May 28, 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. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Michael Oliver, Captain, Sheriff's Office; Judge Joe Kisner, District Court Judge, Division 17, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Dave Rush, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Tim Wagner, Sedgwick County Code Enforcement; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was observed by a moment of silence.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

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The Clerk reported that Commissioner Norton was absent from the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2008.

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

#### **MOTION**

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Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2008.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

**A. APPOINTMENTS.**

**1. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS (AT LARGE REAPPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.**

- **SUSAN ERLLENWEIN – DEPARTMENT HEAD**
- **DON BRACE – ELECTED OFFICIAL**
- **LARRY D. BROOKMAN – CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we have prepared a Resolution to make these appointments to our Grievance Committee, these are two-year appointments and I recommend you adopt the Resolution."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Rich. We have a recommendation to make these appointments. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING ALTERNATE MEMBERS (AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.**

- **DIANE GAGE – ALTERNATE DEPARTMENT HEAD**
- **WILLIAM MEEK – ALTERNATE ELECTED OFFICIAL**
- **SHARON MARTINEZ – ALTERNATE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, this Resolution appoints alternates to this committee who will serve in the absence or unavailability of the members you just appointed. These of course are also two-year terms. I recommend you adopt the Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer 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, "Next item."

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**3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOM LINDSAY (COMMISSIONER NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, we prepared this Resolution for Commissioner Norton's reappointment. These members serve a term of three years, and I would recommend you adopt this Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winter** said, "Is Tom Lindsay here today?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "He is not. I will make a statement. Tom has been on board for me for three years, he's the ex Mayor of Haysville, preceding myself, and this is not a tough appointment, because they don't meet that often, he travels a lot, but he's been able to make most of the meetings, so I am very pleased with his service."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, very good, thank you. All right. We're ready for new business. Item B, Madam Clerk, call item B please."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. ADDITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' STAFFING TABLE OF ONE PROGRAM MANAGER POSITION, B324, AND ONE OFFICE SPECIALIST POSITION, B115; AND**

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**ADDITION TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE OF ONE  
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER, B322.**

**Mr. Bob Lamkey**, Director of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very pleased to be before you today. As you know, as a matter of background, our criminal justice master plan calls for us to implement a drug court in the District Court in Sedgwick County. Currently in our community, the City of Wichita has a drug court, the District Attorney has a diversion program for folks that trespass in the district system, but are fairly low-level users and Senate Bill 123 takes care of a certain segment of the population that are state offenders.

As we look forward and trying to rationalize our criminal justice system here to minimize the impact in the jail and provide more effective outcomes, our criminal justice master plan called for us to explore and implement a drug court in District Court. In 2007, Judge Joe Kisner, who is with us here today, led a multidisciplinary team to explore that possibility. We came to you and talked to you about what we found and what we would recommend, and you asked us to move forward this year to implement that process.

These three positions are really the foundational positions for getting the process started, to start having the first drug court in October of this year, and to be fully up and running of January of next year. The positions that were requesting are the program manager, the foundational position that will hire, work the administrative pieces for the rest of the staff that are part of the drug court support cadre, administrator to do the administrative work and a senior social worker to work through the COMCARE portion of the process.

So this is the initial element that we need to have in place in order to meet the time table of being up and running in October of 2008. I would request that you approve these positions, before I do, I would like to give the Judge an opportunity to say a few words. His leadership was critical to us, getting from exploring an opportunity at the very beginning of last year and to see if it would work here to a recommendation to you that says this will work in our community, it has value for us, it will have an impact on the jail, and more importantly, it will have a long-term impact on the lives and trespass of folks in our criminal justice system in the future. So, Judge Kisner?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "We would welcome Judge Kisner to give us some remarks. We know that we have visited with the Judge and others in several informal settings, but this is really the first opportunity that we've taken a step of action here on the drug court. So Judge, we would be pleased to have some of your comments."

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**Judge Joe Kisner**, District Court Judge, Division 17, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First of all, I would like to thank the Commission and the staff and all those who served on the committee. Representatives from the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's office, the Wichita Police Department, the Public Defender's Office and numerous other disciplines and individuals involved in areas that will be affected and stake holders in this process. Stake holders not only in what we hope will become a drug court, but in the criminal justice system overall. The idea of a drug court is about 20 years old.

First one started about 20 years ago, generally down in Florida, and there are now several thousand drug courts throughout the country, as Mr. Lamkey mentioned, the City of Wichita had a drug court, Judge Shull and now Judge Jones moved forward, and seeing good results. But the District Court in our area, and frankly in most of the State of Kansas, the District Courts have not really done much with the drug court.

Shawnee County and Lyons County have drug courts now up and running, and this Commission and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council wanted to look at the possibility of a drug court, and it was my honor and pleasure to chair that committee, and, again, they worked hard, they looked at the data that was available, and looked at the population over in our jail and who was and was not being served.

Those folks who had serious abuse problems, and frankly we decided that the group that we needed to look at and potentially serve, not only to help improve their lives long-term, but to help address some of our population issues over in the jail, were folks who many have already been through maybe diversion program or some, you know, prior treatment. So these are people who have a tough time staying off drugs.

Because of that they continue to come in our criminal justice system. We see them again and again. Some of them we send to prison, then they come back in our community and while they've done some time, and we've all been safe from them for a period of time, they do come back, and they run into the same problems and they end up with problems in housing, employment, as well as that all leads into further drug abuse and problems with family and taking care of children and it has a great impact throughout our community, and it doesn't just impact the individual who is the abuser, it impacts obviously their family, if they have a job it impacts their job until they lose that job, and it has a great impact throughout our community and frankly, as you all know, is very negative, and they fill up our jail, they don't pay taxes, and what we're trying to do is change that.

What we've done in the criminal justice system for over 200 years in the United States with regard to abuse and drug abuse, for the most part, it hasn't worked, and we see that all the time in our courts right here in this building. People who come back again and again.

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The drug court model, the drug court idea, is there, it's not a soft on crime situation, it is a responsibility, it is evidence based. The idea is to help these people help themselves, get them off the drugs, get them into a career, get them being parents and family members, and maybe get them to pay some taxes, and start taking the care of themselves and those around them. So we don't have to take care of them, we don't have to deal with them in the criminal justice system. We can deal with them as good, solid members of our community and drug courts throughout the country have shown it is not dramatic, but it is significant success rate, and the plan, the proposal that our committee has presented to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and now to this Commission we believe is the best chance in addressing the long-term needs of these folks, and by helping them, it will help all of us here in Sedgwick County and throughout the State.

So I thank you very much, be glad to answer any questions you have with regard to this. But I would appreciate the Commissions' support. I know generally it's been very positive so far, and were very much looking forward to proceeding with our drug court proposal."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Judge. We know that a lot of preliminary work has been done, and we appreciate all the work that you have done, and the interests that our Chief Judge, Michael Corrigan has shown, we think that you've done a lot to help this situation, and we know it couldn't happen without the support of the Judges here in the Courthouse. Commissioner Welshimer?"

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Well, I would like for you to just give us a brief description of the process, how the drug court works. In other words, what happens to a chronic drug user who has committed a crime, from that point on how they get into drug court and...?"

**Judge Kisner** said, "Okay. Basically the way we have proposed it, in Sedgwick County, in the District Court, when a person is charged with a crime, they come before the criminal assignment judge, they are appointed a sentencing judge at that point. Generally that judge is going to be in control of the ultimate sentence, whether it be probation or prison.

When those people are put on probation, our process will be fairly simple. If either the offender or the offenders attorney, the judge, or anyone else involved feels drug court would be appropriate for this particular person based upon the set of criteria that we have and will continue to develop, the sentencing judge will have the ability with the agreement of the client, we want them to be totally invested in this, we aren't going to bring anybody in who doesn't want to be involved in the drug court process, but if they want to do it, and their sentencing judge approves, they will be tentatively assigned to the drug court.

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We will then do some additional assessment and so forth to make sure that long-term that they are a good a candidate for the program, but assuming that goes well, they will be part of the drug court process.

And, you know, we describe it as a drug court. It is more of a probation program, because the idea is to help them help themselves to be accountable, they will be required initially, it is generally going to be a four phase program, the first phase will take approximately three months, everybody will be a little different, but they will have to report at least once a week to their probation officer, they will probably go through three or four treatment blocks per week, which, you know, may be individual or group type of sessions, education, that kind of thing.

There, will, also in addition to the abuse part of it, will be working with them to help them develop skills to get a job and to keep a job We'll be tapping community resources with regard to that, and caring for family members and maintaining a residence, all those kinds of things, which to many of us seem fairly basic, but people who have serious abuse problems have a very difficult time juggling all those things, so that's part of the overall evidence based approach that were trying to take.

They will see the judge initially once a week, and so that's a big part of the accountability factor that's involved in this. The idea is that you are going to have to account on a weekly basis, not only to your probation officer, but to the judge, and the judge of course ultimately has the ability to sanction those people, and sanction doesn't always mean, and in most cases, will not initially mean going back to jail, or going to prison.

There will be community service, there will be additional program meetings, those kinds of things that will be required if there are problems. But it is this weekly and regular accountability that is very fundamental as the research has shown to making those people understand the accountability that they face and helping them to develop that ability to be responsible for their decisions on a daily basis.

After they get through phase one, then they'll meet with the court once every two weeks, they'll continue to meet with their probation officer very regularly, frankly it is just a very intensive probation, with significant treatment, evidence based treatment, not only on the abuse side, but also helping them with the other things that they need to do to make their life a success and to keep them in our community and make them active and helpful members of the community.

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The process will generally take about a year and a half, particularly when you start talking about cocaine and methamphetamine, the evidence indicates that even 12-month programs are not as successful because you still need the aftercare component. You got somebody on the right track, we want to try to go the extra mile and try to help keep them on the right track. It will be a less intensive monitoring that last six months, but they will continue to have to report, they'll continue to be involved in after care programs, and we'll continue to monitor them to make sure that they are doing what they need to be doing."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Sounds like a comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation program we've needed it for a long time. I know you've been working on it for a long time. Greatly appreciated what you're doing.

**Judge Kisner** said, "Thank you very much."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Thank you so much."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, this is a very complicated issue, and I appreciate the judges involvement in this to try to move this along. There is a lot of moving parts in this. It is just part of a lot of the programs we've tried to put together, from work release, to day-reporting, to pretrial sentencing, a lot of different things and then drug court is part of that.

And it is very complicated. There is a cost to this. But there is a cost also of doing nothing, and I think we've already seen what that is, and it hasn't worked out so good for years and years and years, so I applaud your group for at least trying to look inside other areas that have done this, other jurisdictions, and come up with best practices, evidence based kinds of things that we can do here.

I know there are those out there that say this is social engineering that we are going to try to fix people, let's just get tough on them, lock them up forever and throw away the key. The truth is there is a huge cost to doing that too and it doesn't treat the problem that keeps coming back to you as a judge and to our criminal justice system.

So I would urge the community to know that we need partners, we need people to step up and offer jobs, and we need our training components out there to help with job skills and training and work force development. We need people that provide housing, low-cost housing to step up and be part of that too, because all of this is going to affect how you can move people through drug court and make them come out on the other end very whole.

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The other part of this is we struggle with jail overcrowding, and I mean, there was an article in the, an editorial in the paper today that talks about that. And the truth is, when you have a jail that's overcrowded that has people in there that possibly could be moved out and put in other programs, that eliminates some of those problems on the other end in the jail and I'm hopeful this will be a piece of that whole comprehensive program that gets us to that. I am going to be supportive of it, but it is very complicated, it's going to take a while to get it up and moving and hopefully we will have some early successes that we can hold up to the community to say, here's how it works, here's what can be done.

I imagine that will be a struggle because some of the folks have been in your courts over and over and over and have had trouble getting out of the system they are in. Hopefully this will help do that. I guess if there are people, if you want to put them away forever, then that problem goes away at least from the sense of those of us out in the community. Thank you Judge, I appreciate it."

**Judge Kisner** said, "Thank you very much and just a couple of comments on that. Addiction is a lifetime battle, there's no question about that and addiction has not been very well addressed to the criminal justice system, as you said, its, I guess if there are people, if you want to put them away forever, then that problem goes away, at least from the sense of those of us who are out in the community. But as you indicated, financially that doesn't make a lot of sense.

We will, obviously, be very cautious and careful, the recommendations and the criteria for entrance in drug court, you know, any kind of person who has evidence of violence in their recent past, those kinds of folks will not be part of this program. A lot of drug abusers you find really aren't necessarily violent, they just happen they shop lift, you know, they steal, they may commit other, you know, non-violent offenses which become very difficult and troubling to members of our business community and so forth.

But we're going to, obviously, be very cautious and don't intend to admit folks who have evidence of potential violence. Those folks will remain in the jail and wherever else they need to be."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. We do have a couple of other questions or comments, Commissioner Unruh?"

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Judge, I also want to express appreciation for the work that you've done, the background work and all the investigation and research to see how this works and whether or not it's successful, whether or not it's appropriate for us to engage in.

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And I am going to express my support for this, both as a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Commissioner. I think it's the right thing for us to do, socially it is the right thing for us to do, financially as we try to manage this whole problem we have of folks who violate community standards and we have to take some sort of action to deal with them.

But the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was, I think, unanimous in its consent and support of this effort and has been getting regular updates from you as you've done your research, and also want to express appreciation to Mr. Lamkey for his kind of shepherding this process as we've gone forward.

As we deal with the whole problem of our jail overcrowding and so forth, it takes a whole variety of approaches, there is no silver bullet that solves our problems. And this is not a silver bullet, either. There will still be problems and issues. We can't take care of every problem, but I think it's incumbent on us to do what we can, and this is one piece, as you've indicated, that it's proven that it works, and it works on evidence based practices that show what we should do and what's successful and we will proceed with those sort of guidelines, and I'm anticipating that it will be successful.

It is not without cost. I mean the request today just to get started, were committing nearly \$100,000, and next year's budget, this is going to be in excess of \$1 million. But compared to what it cost to expand our detention facility and staff the detention facility and pay the financing cost, this is a good buy. I mean, it is the judicial use of our resources to deal with the problems, so a lot of reasons to be supportive of it, and this is one piece of some of the activities of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to this point.

We've got a day-reporting system that is successful and works. We've got a Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program that is successful. We've gone through the process of putting some extra bunks in the jail, some double bunking. We've revised our bond schedule, expanded our work release, done a lot of things to try to manage this overcrowding problem so that we do not, we are not forced to go ahead and build more space.

I mean, if we do, we know that it will get filled and we will still be faced with this issue. So, perhaps making comments not directly related to drug court, but it is a piece of the overall problem, and I really appreciate the cooperation of the District Court, the Chief Judge, and you and other Judges who have taken a real active part in trying to work with the Sheriff and the Commission and the Courts trying to make this problem workable for our community. Once again, appreciate it and I'm going to be supportive."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thanks."

**Judge Kisner** said, "Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Not to be repetitive on what Commissioner Unruh said about the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, but I would like to expand on that a little bit. Wichita Municipal Court has a drug court, and I believe has been fairly successful. This will also enable the smaller towns and the sheriff's arrests and whatnot to participate in a drug court.

This is something that will be new for us, so those people that say, well, we already have a drug court, that is Wichita Municipal, and so the ultimate decision, I know, is up to the District Attorney's Office, but if those smaller towns have a special need or special problem they can certainly apply to the District Attorney's Office for that criteria.

I do think it is a good start for us on a start to the jail population problem and the State needs to continue to step up once we're finished with them, or once we've determined that they we can no longer help them in our drug court and have a drug prison, and I know that there's some funding through the casino revenue that's going to include some things like that. So just wanted to add that to it. If you want to expand Your Honor, please do."

**Judge Kisner** said, "Thank you very much. Commissioner Parks spent a lot of years in the criminal justice system, and I know each of you in your own way have been significantly impacted by that in your public service. And as we said earlier, what we have been doing is just not working. So we have to look at alternatives and this is an alternative that does have 20 years, 20 years is a very short time, and there's still a lot to be learned, but were certainly trying to tap into the, you know, the experiences that the other communities have had, and trying to learn from them as we move forward.

It is going to take some change in kind of approach, whether it be law enforcement on the streets, whether it be lawyers, judges, we're all kind of used to the system as it is. This is a much more of a group effort, if you will, in the staffing, and just expand on my answer with Commissioner Welshimer, you know, one of the things that will happen is before the actual open court there will be a staffing where the individuals that we're asking you to fund today, as well as their colleagues, hopefully in the future, the Court, the attorneys for both the prosecution and defense will all sit down and discuss each of the individuals, and how they are doing, and what needs to be done to help them do better, and that's a unique kind of setup and kind of a, lawyers are not always necessarily used to that.

Law enforcement out on the streets, we're working, as I said, with Sheriff Steed and his office, and Chief Williams and the other law enforcement, I've talked to several of the other folks from smaller communities about this idea, and I know that they are certainly open to the idea. Some of them I still have a little bit of work to do to bring them completely along. The judges as a whole, you know, we have a few judges that have some significant reservations about some of

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the ideas, but they are few, and the large majority of our judges are very, very supportive, as indicated, Judge Corrigan and his folks have been very supportive and helpful in this process. So I thank you all very much. Any other questions anyone has?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "I think that looks like it, Judge. On behalf of the Commissioners, I think that you can sense a feeling of support across the Board. We appreciate the work you've done, appreciate the work the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has done, we appreciate the work that our staff, court staff and everyone else has been involved with the project. So it appears were going to take a positive step on the recommended action today, but we certainly appreciate your coming this morning and sharing with the Commissioners."

**Judge Kisner** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks to all the Commissioners. Thank you very much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Commissioners, we have a recommendation from Mr. Lamkey to approve the addition to the Department of Correction and COMCARE staffing tables. What is the will of the Board ?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the additions to the Department of Corrections' and COMCARE's Staffing Tables.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Bob, thank you. Judge Kisner, thanks for being here this morning. Commissioners, we need to take an Off Agenda item. Last week we deferred an item with SMG and the Kansas Coliseum. It is not on our Agenda, but we do need to bring that back up so we can move on."

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**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to an Off Agenda item regarding Lease Agreement with SMG to obtain a full liquor license at the Kansas Coliseum.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Dave Rush is here to present this item.”

**Mr. Dave Rush**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a lease agreement with SMG, as you stated, that allows them to fulfill all the needs with the ABC to get their full liquor license to handle the concessions operations at the Kansas Coliseum for the future time. Is there any questions?”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you, John. And this is, when you say ABC, that’s the alcohol, Dave, sorry...?”

**Mr. Rush** said, “Alcohol management for the State of Kansas, yes. “

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. And this is just for the Coliseum and the operation at the Kansas Coliseum?”

**Mr. Rush** said, “The complex, yes.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “And we were all ready to do this last week, it was on our Agenda, but we just hadn’t received the signed document.”

**Mr. Rush** said, “That’s correct. We did not have the signed document back in hand.”

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

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**Commissioner Parks** said, “Who is the Resident Manager that will be signing this document for the ABC?”

**Mr. Rush** said, “I think it’s going to be, for the short-term, the manager of the Exposition Center in Topeka. And eventually it will be a gentleman by the name of Tim, coming from Oklahoma City, that’s going to be coming up to manage our concessions operations. But the Resident Manager for this term right now I think is going to be the manager of the Expo Center in Topeka.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Are there any other questions? Commissioner Welshimer?”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “I will support this recommended action, but I did vote against the SMG taking over the management of the Coliseum area because of the local activities, the community activities that go on up there, and I do have concerns about that. Hopefully it will work out. They are going to have the assignment to that and they will need the license that we’re voting on.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thanks for that explanation. Are there any other questions or comments? Commissioners, do we have a motion to approve the Lease Agreement, and authorize the Chairman to sign?”

**MOTION**

Chairman Welshimer moved to approve the Lease Agreement with SMG 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	Nay
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, “Dave, thank you very much. Next item.”

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**C. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLAN GRANT.**

**Mr. Tim Wagner**, Sedgwick County Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present you the Grant application for fiscal year of 2009, for the Local Environmental Protection Grant. It is an ongoing grant that we've received on a yearly basis since 2002. It allows us to fund two positions for water quality issues within the County, basically focusing on on-site wastewater and water well issues. I'm asking that you approve the grant for 2009 so we can continue to fund those positions."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "And Tim, just for clarification, this is a Grant that will apply to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment?"

**Mr. Wagner** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And they make the funds available to local governments across the State. Is it every County in the State can receive part of these funds?"

**Mr. Wagner** said, "If they have a sanitary code in place. There's about five counties that have chosen not to have sanitary codes that do not receive the funding."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. And we fund two positions that monitor..."

**Mr. Wagner** said, "... on-site wastewater and water well quality issues."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Sometimes that's one of those things that we take for granted often, and I remember, of course, when Commissioner Carolyn McGinn was here, now Senator Carolyn McGinn, was here, she was always very active in these kinds of programs. Commissioners, if there are no other questions or comments, we have a motion. Are you all prepared to vote? Seeing no questions, Madam Clerk, call the roll."

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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, “Tim, thanks very much.”

**Mr. Wagner** said, “Thank you.”

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

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE**

**D. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE DRUG/ALCOHOL AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SYSTEMS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director of COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “COMCARE is applying for five-year federal grant from SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to treat homeless individuals with mental health and substance abuse problems. The grant application involves the implementation of, what we call an Assertive Community Treatment or ACT team, to provide service to these individuals.

The ACT team is an evidence based team that’s been used in a lot of states. Kansas has not used that model, but are looking at, in more general terms, using this in the future as well. But the model, since it is evidence based, has proven to be very effective in dealing with individuals who are very complex and difficult to treat.

The grant would work in tandem with the housing first approach, that’s recommended by the community task force to end chronic homelessness, the COMCARE ACT team will work out of the Center City Program or our homeless program, and it’s going to consist of seven professionals.

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The ACT evidence based practice requires a one staff for ten consumer ratio. So you could see that there is intensity of services there. And so they will be able to serve 70 individuals at any one time.

United Way will be involved in the program evaluation. The grant request is for \$339,950, annually, it is a five-year grant, and requires a match from COMCARE. Outcomes that we are proposing will include decreasing substance use of the participants involved by 50% within 12 months, decrease in the symptoms they are experiencing with their mental illness by 75%, securing housing within three months using that housing first approach that we've been talking about, 70% of them will have housing within three months, and 30% of them will have secured State or Federal benefits that have not been able to, to this point.

The grant application received the approval of the County's Grant Application Review Team, and if we were successful in obtaining this, we will be able to pull down about \$1.7 million over five years to help us in our community's efforts to work with this population successfully. I'm going to recommend that you approve the grant application.

I do want to acknowledge Rachel Moody in the Division of Human Services that worked on this very complex grant application along with a couple others these last couple of months. That's not an easy thing to do. But we are recommending that you approve the grant application.

**Chairman Winters** said, All right, thank you, Marilyn. Marilyn, what is the time frame for decision making by this Department of Human Services in awarding this grant and others that are in line here?"

**Ms. Cook** said, "That is a good question. Health and Human Services and SAMHSA in particular do go through a lot of review, and we don't know when that is going to be awarded. We had an application a couple months ago on Mental Health and Aging, and we have not heard from that yet, but I do know this: once they do make decisions and make the awards, we are expected to get the program up and running within four months.

So while there is a period time, while they are reviewing all the applications because of course these are nationally, people are applying to these grants, we'll have four months to implement it. It could be months, it could be a short time."

**Chairman Winters** said "So the competition is probably pretty stiff for the funds."

**Ms. Cook** said, "It is. And we found out recently that two other communities in Kansas are also applying for this. Wyandotte area and Topeka area."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay."

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**Ms. Cook** said, “Yet we feel we have a lot of things in place in this community that makes our application very worthy.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Very good. Commissioner Parks?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Earlier I had, a couple months ago had voted against one of the homeless and issues, and I got beat up pretty bad in the media and the press for that. But they didn’t have their things organized, and I wanted to commend Marilyn on having all the backup and paperwork for this, and this is very well organized, tells where the money is going to go, and I think it is \$140,000 well spent for this issue. Thank you. “

**Ms. Cook** said, “And that is my team that did that. So I will thank them for you.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Okay.”

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you. Marilyn, the population that we are going to target in this, are they being served at all now...”

**Ms. Cook** said, “I mean some of them are. Some individuals will be chronically homeless have been identified as being chronically homeless, others who have this is primarily for people who have substance abuse in addition to their mental illness and who are homeless, so some of them will kind of step up and get more intense services, and others will be new to the program.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you. You’ve heard Marilyn’s report and recommendation. Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?”

### **MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Marilyn, thanks again and thanks to all your staff who put this Grant together.”

**Ms. Cook** said, “Thank you, I’ll let them know.”

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

**E. SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**1. ADDENDUM TO TWO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO FUND THE ADDITION OF A CRIME ANALYST TO THE MIDWEST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA, WICHITA DEA TASKFORCE.**

**Mr. Michael Oliver**, Captain, Sheriff’s Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I want to talk a little bit about the position I would like to ask the Commission to approve. This position is funded by HIDTA, which is the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, it’s a Federal program to reduce community, drugs in the communities throughout the United States and by the Department of Justice.

Sedgwick County has been a participant in the HIDTA Task Force for seven years here. Last year we were approached by the DEA to initiate a position within that task force to be used as the Sheriff’s Office to be used as a pass-through for funding of a part-time position. Funding will come from the DEA, Department of Justice and also from the U.S. Attorney’s Office through the HIDTA program as a grant.

There is funding in place right now from HIDTA, for \$50,000., which is available to fund this program. These funds could be extended and made available as the grant may be extended, or other funds become available. I do want to point out that the Federal regulations in place with the Department of Justice do prohibit Federal agencies from participating in this, but Sedgwick, as a local participant with the HIDTA program locally, is eligible for this.

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The benefits of creating this position currently investigations is completed through the HIDTA Task Force here in Wichita resulted in seizures that support local law enforcement. Financial investigations are now required by the Department of Justice on suspects with drug trafficking charges.

Other HIDTA initiatives are already using this program to fund a Financial Analyst Investigator throughout the country. Financial investigator would be working here in Wichita, would be working closely with the local task force to speed up case investigation, expedite filing of cases, with appropriate prosecutors.

Duties of the position would include the investigation of financial assets of suspects derived through illegal narcotics violations, the investigator would identify assets, research the history of those assets, and also participate in the forfeiture of those assets.

This position that I'm asking for is a part-time position, it is going to be less than 1,000 hours per year as described by County policy, and is a part-time grant position. The position, being part-time, would not be having any benefits, such as vacation or sick leave or anything like that. There is no cost to the County for any work area, any computers, any vehicles or anything like that, there is a work area that has been identified, and is ready for this position should we decide to fund it.

I would also note that when the funding runs out, that the County would not be absorbing this position into the staffing tables, that the successful applicant would know that as long as the Federal funding through the grant program and through the HIDTA program, as long as that funding is available, the position would remain in effect, but when that funding ends, the position would be cut.

It is the request of the Sheriff's Office to approve the Memorandums of Understanding, and also approve the part-time position. I would be happy to answer any questions if any of you Commissioners have some."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Captain Oliver. Commissioner Parks?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Just wanted to thank you for your report there and say to the Commission and the people out there that this position will, through the property forfeiture, pay for itself quickly, and without further comment on that, I will just leave it at that.

But the property forfeiture program that we have out there that the Sheriff runs and that the justice system has certainly will bring this revenue back to us."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you. It was a good report, Captain. One of the things that kind of struck me is the part-time and a project type job, practically. And as there are more of us that get towards that retirement age and think about retirement, but don't really want to retire, I would think this might be the kind of position that you could perhaps explore that retired person who is not looking for fulltime job, not looking for necessarily strong benefits, has already done it but wants to be involved in an 18-month project. So I think this sounds like a good plan."

**Captain Oliver** said, "You are absolutely right. And this would be a good use of somebody would with some experience in this area that could step in on a part-time position and, you know, we could utilize that experience and capitalize on it. You are absolutely right."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Commissioners, are there other questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the Addendums to the Memorandums of Understanding and authorize the Sheriff or his designee to execute the Addendum documents.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said "Mike, thank you very much for the presentation."

**Captain Oliver** said, "Thank you."

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

**2. ADDITION OF ONE PART-TIME CRIME ANALYST TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFFING TABLE.**

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**Captain Oliver** said, "Commissioners, this would probably be the second part of asking for the position. The previous agenda item was the Memorandums of Understanding which puts the finances in place to fund the position. It would be the Sheriff's Office request to allow the creation of that position within the Sheriff's Office staffing table."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the addition to the Sheriff's Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you again, Mike."

**Captain Oliver** said, "Thank you."

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

**F. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 22, 2008.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director of Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of May 22nd results in four items for consideration today.

**1. CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR PROPERTY DEMOLITION AT 920 E. LEWIS – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING – LAND ACQUISITION – SC ARENA**

Recommendation is to acknowledge a Change Order with Cornejo and Sons in the amount of \$9,945.00 Item two,

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**2. LAKE AFTON SHELTER #5 RE-ROOF – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING – REPLACE ROOFS – COUNTY BUILDINGS – 2005**

Recommendation is to accept the bid from Buckley Roofing Option 1 in the amount of \$25,600.00 and to establish unit pricing. Item three,

**3. ON-CALL TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY SERVICES – ALL  
DEPARTMENTS  
FUNDING – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Thomas Transfer & Storage Co., Inc., and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew. And item four,

**4. EMERGENCY VEHICLE PARTS – FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING – FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Ka-Comm, Inc., and establish unit pricing for two-year contract with two one-year options to renew. Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Iris. Commissioners, any questions? Commissioner Parks?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “On #4, you sent out bids to Bush and Associates and Fleet Safety Supply and they didn’t return a bid. Was there some things they conveyed to you why they didn’t do that ?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “No, they did not convey. But the last time we bid these products, which was a little over a year ago, they bid some of the items, but not all of the items. So the assumption is, I’m making an assumption here, that they want it all or nothing.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “I’m just a little leery at times when we award bids to single vendor.”

**Ms. Baker** said, “I understand. There is some history on this particular bid. We did go out for bids for a multiyear contract last year and we did award it to someone else, and through the course of the year, performance was an issue, so we elected to rebid as opposed to trying to extend that contract for another year. We had spent many months working with that vendor, and he just was not responsive. So this time around he did not bid. He didn’t submit anything.”

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**Commissioner Parks** said, "I certainly understand that, and in your documents, do you have a performance where these products will be delivered in a certain time frame, is that...?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "Yes, generally we do."

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**G. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Five (5) Temporary Construction Easements and two (2) Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County/KDOT Project 817-V,W,X; road widening project on Meridian between 47<sup>th</sup> Street South and 71<sup>st</sup> Street South. CIP#R-281. District #2.**

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2. **Amendment to the 2008 Capital Improvement Program to include the design phase of interior structural repair and HVAC upgrade to the Historic Courthouse.**
3. **Schedule post annexation public hearing for July 30, 2008 for the City of Valley Center. District #4.**
4. **Payroll Check Register for May 16, 2008.**
5. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 21 – 27, 2008.**
6. **Order dated May 21, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Consent Agenda, Item #3 needs to be removed, we don’t need to that Public Hearing. So I would recommend you approve the Consent Agenda with Item #3 removed.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, Commissioners are there questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of removing Item #3.

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, “That concludes our Regular Agenda for today. Brings us to item ‘Other’. Commissioners, does anybody have an issue they would like to discuss? Commissioner Welshimer?”

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### H. OTHER

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Last week we were discussing a problem we have, where we cannot offer adult education program for GED within the Wichita area, and its relative importance to the Jabara Aviation Technical Institute. We had some discussion, we had a holiday, and lost some time there.

I had suggested that we invite representatives from WSU and USD 259, WATC and the Aviation Technical Institute Board and others to meet with us and see if we can't work something out to fill this need and identify how great that need is and so forth.

I don't know if any of you had much time to think about that. I was hoping we could give the County Manager the authority to pull a meeting like that together. I think there was some discussion that we didn't need a motion, that we could do this, and I would just prefer that this not be dropped. I would like to know what your feelings are."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I guess mine are the same. I know that Commissioner Norton has been working on this for some time, and I certainly would feel that if you and he and the Manager would like to meet and strategize about who should come and who should participate in a meeting and with that forum, I still continue to support that."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Anybody else have a comment?"

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Mr. Chair, I would just echo your comment. If you and Commissioner Norton would get together and want to pull a meeting together, I will be supportive of it. It is an issue. If there is a solution, we would I think we need to try to advance it.

With the caveat that I would personally be, you know, cautious about commitment of funds and commitment of our taking responsibility for this, and I think that's been one of the hang-ups, is that we haven't been able to find anybody who says I will take this over, I'll make sure its paid for and take care of the administration.

And it is a difficult issue, and it is one that can consume lots of money and lots of time. I would be very supportive, though, of someone trying to advance the solution.

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**Chairman Winters** said, “Then I guess the only thing that I would add, too, I think perhaps I know that you had mentioned some legislators perhaps, and perhaps your experience with that group of folks would be important. I think Commissioner Norton has talked to lots of folks, and he has gotten I won’t speak for him, but he’s gotten a ‘no’ from a whole lot of folks. So I don’t know that we need to beat ground over talking about folks that don’t believe that that’s in their mission of community service. I think we need to look for more new partners willing to move forward. But I still would be supportive of us trying to get a group together.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “Okay. Well, I think it’s a service to the community that’s missing. We’re the largest metropolitan community in Kansas and I think, also, we have the responsibility to try to solve the problem if no one else is.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay. I think you’ve still got your direction to move forward. Commissioner Norton, did you want to make a comment? Kelly, did you want to talk about this subject or something else?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “No, I had something else.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “You want to talk about this subject?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Yes. I’ve worked on this for a year and it’s another issue that’s complicated, has a lot of moving parts and truthfully, when you talk about it, everybody averts their eyes from making eye contact with you because they’re afraid you’re going to put it on their plate and they don’t want to deal with it. And believe me, I’ve talked to plenty of community partners, whether it be educational institutions, private business, nonprofits, educators and in-State officials. It is a very complicated issue.

The truth is, there is money coming from the State, Diane Glass administers adult basic education money, she’s the guru at the state level. And through this it’s much underfunded, dramatically underfunded for the needs that we have statewide when it comes to adult basic education.

The truth is, we do have adult basic education in a GED program in our community. And it’s functioning pretty well right now, although it’s very underfunded. And it doesn’t have a permanent home. Its embedded in WATC right now. And WATC's mission really has become redefined as we’ve moved into that to say it’s about work course creation, technical education and other education that might lead to people getting into good jobs.

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Along that continuum, some people don't qualify for the rudimentary entry into workforce so they do need remedial kinds of skills. They need remedial math, language, they need English as a second language. they need GED prep to even to pass the tough stringent guidelines of a GED.

I worked on all that. I would welcome help, but I think we'll find that there are some people that will gladly come to the table and others will come kicking and screaming to the table. And then finally, there are those that won't come at all. It's not in their nature to want to be encumbered with this. They don't see it as their responsibility, and we can try to guilt them all we want all day long, but it's not going to make much difference.

And I just speak from experience because I've tried to work on this from that attitude. Now, I welcome all the Commissioners help on this. I kind of took it on because, as a Board member of the Technical Authority and WATC, it is an issue, it's the elephant in the room that's sitting there for us to eventually have to deal with. And I took it on as a Visioneering project to bring all the principle players to together to deal with this in the community.

The truth is, were pretty close to launching something that I think will create the system that delivers adult basic education. Now, perhaps taking it to the level that you want to Commissioner Welshimer, is going to require more partners and more funding streams. And I would welcome the help to go out and talk to any of those folks that you enumerated a few minutes ago.

Believe me, I've already plowed some of that ground and people are just not jumping on the bandwagon to say it's their responsibility. Having said that, I'm okay with us putting our heads together with the Manager and trying to come up with something where we can go out and do outreach and get some people. I personally don't think it requires a Resolution to do that, I just think it takes some heads nodding here to say, keep going after it because it is an issue in our community.

It is maddening to me that somehow Sedgwick County has taken on some of these issues that really do find themselves very important in the community but have always been part of the educational system of the workforce system and now they're County government issues.

Truthfully, my whole mission in working on this was trying to figure out how to hold up a system and then slowly but surely do the moon walk away from it. Get away from it, get it away from County government and let the system take care of itself. and I think we're pretty close to that. But the work is not finished yet."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "I don't think we can let the subject drop. Maybe we can't follow this year or next, but if we keep the issue alive and we keep working on it, eventually it's going to find its own solution.

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And that's where I'm coming from on this. It's not to give up. I don't think the community would want us to give up."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Anybody that knows anything about me and certainly my wife does, knows I don't give up. When I get an issue, I'm pretty tenacious to stay with it. Others would have, which they agreed, under the withered scrutiny of this after a year.

I'm still there, still working on it, still showing up at the meetings and still advocating for making our community a smarter community and one part of that is technical education and one part of it is remedial GED education. More and more communities that invest in the knowledge of their citizens are going to win the battle of workforce and quality of life. And we have got to keep working on it. So don't believe that I've given up."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you very much. Shifting gears to the next subject, Commissioner Parks?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, I just had a few things in my district that I want today bring up that were happening this weekend. The Kansas African-American Museum Ball is the 31st. If you all need tickets for that, I certainly have those, as well as you can call the Museum.

Also on Saturday night is 'late models' at 81-Speedway. And a full schedule Saturday afternoon and evening at Kansas International Drag Way at 61st and Ridge. June 7th, Park City is having their city-wide garage sale. Just a few of those little plugs for the things going on in my district."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "The only thing I had other than adult basic education, we've already kind of talked about is, I would urge people to think about Exploration Place and the 'Our Body: the Universe Within'.

Susan and I had a chance to go and see it last week and it's an incredible exhibit. Now, I'm sure that there are those that are a little trepid about the idea of going to see live, or human bodies of folks that are have been alive at some point. It's an incredible journey of what it is to be a human being and to live in the world, as this magnificent functioning body.

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I would urge people to go. There are those that say the price tag is a little heavy, but I got to tell you, I was in awe of what I saw. It makes you really come to grips with your humanity and how we got to be who we are and how the world became what it is. Even though its controversial, even though it spurs us to think differently sometimes, I would urge people to think seriously about stopping by. It is a wonderful exhibit that could be a once in a lifetime thing for our community, and I would urge people to stop by and participate. That's all I had."

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

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "One other thing. This weekend is Derby Days, Derby is in my district. Friday evening is the Derby parade and Saturday, at the high school, is the Derby Fair. Should be a lot of fun for anyone who wants to attend."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Very good. Commissioners, seeing no other requests to speak, unless there's anything else. Mr. Euson? Mr. Buchanan? This meeting of May 28<sup>th</sup> is adjourned."

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chairman  
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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner  
First District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**KELLY PARKS**, Commissioner  
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**GWEN WELSHIMER**, Commissioner,  
Fifth District

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

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