

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### REGULAR MEETING

**June 18, 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, June 18, 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 Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Deputy Director, Human Services; Ms. Sheena Lynch, Senior HR Project Assistant, Human Resources; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

Mr. Rob Hartman, Professional Engineering Consultants, 303 S. Topeka, Wichita, KS

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Wichita, KS

**Mr. Sherdeill Breathett**, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let us pray, dear God you instruct us in your word, in Proverbs, 3, 5 and 6 to trust you with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding, but in all our ways to a knowledge, you. You promise to direct our path, we ask and seek your guidance for this Commission, guide us to do business for this County, that you would give them guidance and instruction, and that we might know that with you we can do all things. We thank you, God, for those who are coming to a close of the chapter here in Sedgwick County, but that will open a new chapter, God, that have retired to refire and to give Your name the glory, the honor and the praise. Be with us this day, we ask, in Jesus name, amen."

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Unruh is out of town today, and will not be attending today's meeting. Next item."

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**A. APPOINTMENTS.**

**1. RESIGNATION OF DELORES FOLK AS TREASURER OF SHERMAN TOWNSHIP.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would ask you accept this resignation at this time."

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING (COMMISSIONER WINTERS' APPOINTMENT CORENE KETZNER AS SHERMAN TOWNSHIP TREASURER.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, we prepared this resolution to fill the vacancy just created. This is for a term to end in January of next year. I recommend you adopt the resolution."

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**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to adopt the resolution

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “And I believe Corine is at work this morning, and is not in attendance to be sworn in. Call the next item, please.”

**3. RESIGNATION OF KENDRICK PIPKIN AS CLERK OF ERIE TOWNSHIP.**

**Mr. Euson** said, “Commissioners, this township official is moved from the township and so the office is deemed to be vacant and I would recommend you accept the resolution. This resignation, I am sorry.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

**4. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT AYRES (COMMISSIONER WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) AS THE ERIE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "And commissioners, this resolution will fill that vacancy for a term to end in January of 2011, and I recommend you adopt this resolution."

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "And Scott is here this morning, I believe. Yes, Scott, if you would just move to the podium over here. We have Deputy County Clerk Brent Shelton will do the honor of swearing you in for this position."

**Mr. Brent Shelton**, Deputy County Clerk, said, "Good morning. Raise your right hand please.

*I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States,*

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*the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Erie Township Clerk, so help me God."*

**Mr. Ayres** said, "I do."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Scott, we want to thank you for taking on this responsibility and if there is anything that Sedgwick Bureau of Public Works can do to assist, David Spears is the Director of our Public Works department and again please call me but we appreciate your willingness to accept this position."

**Mr. Ayres** said, "Thank you sir."

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

**RETIREMENTS**

**B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.**

- **LONNIE SWANSON, SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER, OPERATIONS-SECURITY, WILL RETIRE JULY 1, 2008 AFTER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE.**
- **BRUCE H. MORTON, SHERIFF CAPTAIN, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE JULY 1, 2008 AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**Ms. Sheena Lynch**, Senior HR Project Assistant, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are here today to recognize the contributions and public service of two of our long term employees. Our first retiree is Lonnie Swanson, he is a Senior Security Officer in Operations and will retire July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, after 16 years of service."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Lonnie, if you would come on up here, please. Lonnie, we do have this certificate as a token of our appreciation. We also have this clock that we would like to present you. All of those folks in our County employee group that deal with keeping people safe I think deserve a special thanks for the work that you have done. We know that security in this building is extremely important, and we know that facilities that have not had good security in some of their public facilities have been very sad that they did not. We appreciate very much the work that you have done over the years, and we would like this to be a token from the taxpayers, the citizens of Sedgwick County for that appreciation. Would you like to make just a comment?"

**Mr. Lonnie Swanson** Senior Security Officer, Division of Information and Operations, said, "I

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have enjoyed working for Sedgwick County, my dad always told me do not go to work somewhere where you got to talk to yourself in going to work and that never happened here. All my supervisors were always fair and that made me proud and I have tried to do things that people can put their trust into and have enjoyed working here. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Lonnie”

**Mr. Swanson** said, “Appreciate it.”

**Ms. Lynch** said, “Our second retiree is Bruce Morton. Bruce is a Captain in the Sheriff’s office, and will retire July 1st, 2008 after 20 years of service.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Bruce, here is, again, a certificate signed by the Commissioners that you might remember this day, and we also have this clock, but I would also make the same comments, again, we value highly the work of every employee at Sedgwick County, but those of you that are involved in the direct support of public safety to keep citizens safe and oftentimes put yourself in harm’s way, we say a special thank you for the work that you have done over these years. Sheriff Steed and some of his folks are here, and we appreciate their attendance today, but it is with special thanks and we hope this clock will help you remember the good times, because I’m sure as with any place there are good and not so good times, but we appreciate very much the work that you have done over these 20 some years. Would you like to make a comment?”

**Mr. Morton** said, “Sure. I would just like to say that it’s been a real honor and a privilege to work for Sedgwick County and for Sheriff Steed and also Sheriff Hill when I got on first. I have been able to work with a great group of people in the Sheriff’s Office, and the ones that I have come across in the County have been just super, too. It’s been a real privilege and a pleasure for me to work here, and I appreciate everything. Thanks.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Clerk call the next item.”

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **C. PRESENTATION REGARDING TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS.**

**Ms. Berneitta Hartnett**, Vice President of Public Relations, Assistance League, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Could not hear that particularly well. I think I’m on right now. I am Berneitta Hartnett, representing the Assistance League. This is a chapter within a national

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organization called the National Assistance League, and you may wonder why I might want to talk to you about this. The primary reason I thought you might be interested is because of our support of technical scholarships over a period of twenty years. I did talk to Dave Unruh before he left on vacation, and of course Dave through one of our members was quite familiar with what we do. We have now funded 140 in the last twenty years, we are raising enough money right now that we are funding ten, those scholarships are split between the Wichita Area Technical College and Butler Community College. I did visit with Helen Thomas yesterday, Director of Marketing, pinpointing the fact that we would like everyone to know that we are behind the concept of technical scholarships, supporting our community, supporting quality of life, supporting the economy. These students that we fund are USD 259 graduating seniors. The way they get to us is we take to the individual school counselors, the applications, and then they get the word out to the population in that school, applications come to our committee and then our committee makes a decision based on how much money we have raised. Last year we did eight the year before we did four. This year we are doing ten. Guess why because we have increased membership and we have been able to raise additional funds. Three of our graduates were in the on the program this past May. Three of them are in auto collision repair, one in welding. Others are still completing based on the 2007-2008 awards. We feel like we are partnering with the community in attempting to build a attempting to build a better life and a better economy.

I would also like to tell you about the three other programs that we support. You may have heard of Operation School Bell, Operation School Bell gives clothing to USD 259 students K-12, who are deemed by the counselors within the schools, principals, teachers, to have some needs that the family is unable at that point in time to provide. They assess the need, they complete an order blank which tells our Operation School Bell committee what they believe is in need. It is faxed to our facility which happens to be provided by USD 259. The order is filled, picked up by the social worker, and then returned to the very, very happy student. We are long term at this project as well. We have clothed more than 50,000 kids in USD 259, this year in particular we had 3,326, we provided more than 2,500 pairs of pants or slacks, depending upon whether or not the student was in a uniform school, more than 2,500 tops, more than 2,300 coats, more than 2,200 shoe vouchers. And then along with that sometimes we get into hats, scarves, gloves; we also provide six pairs of underwear, six pairs of socks. This has been changed over the last three years; we went from two to six pairs. It doesn't sound like a lot, but when you multiply it times 3,000, you're looking at 12,000 more pairs of socks, 12,000 more pairs of underwear. We are now able to budget for an additional pair of pants. So that gives the kids a change for each week. Some of the families even need hygiene kits and the hygiene kits of course consist of like toothbrushes and toothpaste and shampoo and bath soap. We have been doing this starting in 1985, when the volunteers were attempting to establish to commit application to get into the Assistance League. That was completed in 1987, and so we have twenty-plus years in supporting Operation School Bell. Two other small programs we provide, changes of clothing and toiletry items to sexual assault victims through the Safe Start Program and

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teddy bears to kids in a similar situation.

You wonder how you might help; you are shakers and movers within the community, you know what we do. We raise money by a thrift shop which is located at 2611 East Douglas. We are totally volunteer, we are totally dependent on donations, all of our money stays within the community, we have gifts and grants from individuals and corporations. We were honored recently with a \$50,000 grant from Spirit Aerosystems Good Neighbor Fund, \$13,500 from Kansas Health Foundation, these are just some of many. But right now we also, for many years we have had Gingerbread Village, you may have heard of that, this is an annual fundraiser, it is the last weekend before Thanksgiving each year. It is at church of the Magdalene, starting on Thursday evening with a gala, we have entertainment, we have dinner, we live and silent auctions, then it starts the next day with serving the community, allowing them to make gingerbread houses. Some of those are prepared by professionals, it is probably hard for you to imagine when you unload a bus load of children, usually they are the younger kids, and you have templates for them to build the house, lots of frosting, lots of Cheerios, lots of candies, some of which gets on the gingerbread house. So we have three ways of raising money, Thrift shop, Gingerbread Village, and gifts from individuals and corporations. If you are serving on boards that might look at a budget and allocate funds, think of us. We hope that you will consider us a partner in your effort to improve the quality of life and to support the economy through the technical scholarships. Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. We do have a question or comment or two up here. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I am going to comment on technical education, but all the other work you do is wonderful, and some of the numbers are staggering, you know, we think we have a good economy, that everybody is getting a piece of the action here, yet you have children that do not have clothing, that do not have the basic staples to get through life and to feel good about themselves at school. Which generally is that first step of doing well in your life is feeling good about yourself and how you fit in, so wonderful work.

On the technical education side, we have been very involved in technical education in our community, we advocate for it, we put political capital out there to help build the Tech Center; we work on it quite a bit. As an economic driver, as a quality of life issue like you say, and as a way to connect people that have great skills into the workforce, and we applaud you for helping that group out, because so many times we see college scholarships that go to young people, and that is very admirable, but there is a whole group out there that have great kinesics skills and mechanical skills and learning skills that apply more to technical jobs than they do others, and we applaud you for assisting us in our endeavors to make sure everybody gets a chance for a good education. Thanks.”

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**Ms. Hartnett** said, "Thank you very much. You stated it very well. But I would like to add one more thing. We were trying to research outcomes, and that is not easy, to figure out how long they stay in the workforce, whether or not they advance. We are starting that program, we are all volunteer remember, and we all have other lives, so believe me, this is almost all consuming. We were able to find a lady who got a dental assistant scholarship in 1988, she is still employed as a dental assistant. We have a graduate in auto collision repair, now his brother has a scholarship and he is also going into one. We had a very outstanding applicant last year who has completed his training in welding, and his thrust was 'I am going to get a job in welding, and I'm going to go to work for a company that provides tuition, and I am going to go ahead and get an advanced degree over time,' so he had his career path mapped out, but he was going to do technical first, because he could get the scholarship and in a short period of time he could be self sufficient. And this sometimes is the path. But we have limited our contributions to USD 259 at the present time, we have explored their possibilities, but were stretched thin budget wise, and volunteer hours wise, so right now it is only USD 259, and only the programs that those two institutions.

If you have questions, my name is Berneitta Hartnett, there are only two in the telephone directory and I live in College Hill on Crestway, so fairly easy to remember and get to, or we have the thrift shop, they will get the message to me. Enjoy getting the opportunity to speak to Rotary, Lions Club, whatever organizations might be interested in quality of life issues within our community. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Welshimer has a question or comment."

**Ms. Hartnett** said, "I'm sorry.

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "I am amazed because I wasn't completely familiar with what it is you do. Certainly appreciate the effort that you put in and the need you're filling in the community, it is wonderful. I'll have some speaking places for you to go. Well, thank you."

**Ms. Hartnett** said, "I know I am only supposed to have five minutes. I will do one more thing. It is amazing to me that we have not been able, somehow to get the word out because quite frequently we realize, even I appeared before the Wichita Board of Education, and, yes, they were familiar with Operation School Bell, but because we had not brought it to their attention that we have now served more than 50,000 kids, they were kind of like this when I spoke to them, and I am not criticizing, please understand that, it is just unless we get our message out, it is our problem, and we really depend upon our community understanding, because every year we are looking at a minimum of quarter of a million dollars to raise by volunteers. Now any other questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I think that's it, but thank you very much for being here, and thanks for

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the work that you and your group do in the community. We do appreciate it, and we appreciate knowing more about it today. Thank you. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item.”

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

#### **D. PLANNING DEPARTMENT.**

- 1. MAPD CASE NUMBER DR2008-01 – 47<sup>TH</sup> – 55<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH JOINT AREA PLAN, 2008-2030. DISTRICT #5.**

This item was deferred at the April 2, 2008 Commission Meeting.

**Mr. John Schlegel**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On this first item that I have to present this morning, you will recall that this had been previously scheduled for one of your agendas a while back. We at that meeting decided that it would be best to hold it until city of Wichita; City Council was able to review this plan and approve it. And that occurred last week, so we rescheduled this back on your agenda. I think you are all familiar with this plan. I briefed you a while back on this, but I am going to go through a real brief presentation just to remind you what this is all about. This 47<sup>th</sup> to 55<sup>th</sup> street south joint area plan was something that we embarked on a while back. It was meant to cover the area that is outlined in the bold red line on the map, a mile wide corridor basically that extends from K-15 over to the Butler county line, between 47<sup>th</sup> street south and 55<sup>th</sup> street south. And the whole idea in doing this was to get the three jurisdictions that have an interest in how this area develops, how it is annexed and how municipal services are provided to it together to collaborate on the future for this particular area. The purpose in setting out was to try to come up with a lane use plan at the cities of Derby and Wichita, and Sedgwick county could all agree on for this mile wide corridor to take a look at future delivery of urban municipal services within that area, and to if necessary, refine the 2030 urban growth areas for both the city of Derby and Wichita, and to see if there was any need for any modifications to the current water agreement between Derby and Wichita. We worked with a steering committee, which included members of the Derby Planning Commission and members of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, as well as an elected official from each of the three governing bodies that would be interested in this, included on that list is Commissioner Welshimer, and they were backed up by a technical committee of staff members from each of those jurisdictions and representatives of utility companies and the air force base.

Some of the issues that we looked at in doing this plan were plans by the two cities for extending municipal services into this area. You can see on the left hand side of that graphic the plan on the upper left hand side, the city of Wichita’s plan for extending water lines into that area out into the future, and then in the bottom left hand corner is the city of Wichita’s plan for providing sewer

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improvements in that area, and that would include, if I can get the arrow going here, either a package treatment plant here along 55<sup>th</sup> street south, or a pump station that would pump any effluent over to the west. The graphic on the right hand side over this display is the boundary, the city of Wichita's water service area boundary that was set by the water agreement between the city of Derby and Wichita. And these were all, this is all pertinent information to how the discussions went during this planning process. As we went through this process, there was a lot of discussion about the current water agreement, and it was concluded at the from that discussion that that agreement did not need to be modified at this time, there was some misunderstanding by some Derby officials about exactly what the implications were of that agreement on their ability to expand north of 55<sup>th</sup> street. The plan does call for, it leaves the door opened for modifications to that agreement on a case by case basis here it would be more advantageous or more feasible to provide services from Derby than from Wichita, that that agreement could be modified. It has been modified to Wichita's advantage in the past west of K-15, and Wichita, I think, would be open to that depending on the circumstances.

We looked at some of our growth projections for this area, both in terms of housing development and employment. We were anticipating, and we do this throughout the metropolitan area, the little circles that you see on there are our projections for number of housing units and number of jobs within the different parts of the metro area, and what we were anticipating or projecting for this particular corridor is about 500 new housing units over the next 20 to 25 years, and a modest growth in jobs of 75 retail jobs and 200 non-retail jobs. You can see in this distribution here how we are projecting those jobs, industrial or, non-retail jobs over in the area, the western portion of this plan area and the retail jobs along the Rock Road corridor and at other intersections. So at the end of the process what we had was an agreement from the steering committee with representatives from all three jurisdictions that this would be a suitable future land use pattern for that area. What we are showing off to the west is industrial zoning or industrial development south of the McConnell Air Force base runways and that is consistent with the joint land use study that was done for that area as you move further to the east it recognizes that the existing rural residential development that exists will continue just to the west of that. As you move further east towards Rock Road and Webb Road, it anticipates a little bit more intense residential development and then immediately over Rock Road a more mixed use type development that would include residential and commercial development, and then as you get further to the east, closer to the Butler county line, that area would remain primarily agricultural in use.

There are certain drivers that we identified in this planning process for future development. The industrial development south of the air base runway, the Rock Road corridor will be a driver for development in that area, and then as the city of Wichita is able to provide sewer service within this basin throughout here, we are anticipating that that will lead to more low density, but more urban type density development in that area. Derby's zoning area of influence will remain the

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same as a result of this plan. This was one of the causes for us to get involved with this, we have been proposing some changes in zoning area of influence, boundaries to better reflect the growth area boundaries in the Wichita - Sedgwick County comprehensive plan, but I think as a result of this discussion that we've had amongst these various jurisdictions, I think it was agreed that Derby should be allowed to keep this area north of 55<sup>th</sup> street as part of their zoning area of influence. It gives them some say in what happens in terms of zoning in that area. And, again, just a reminder of how we got here the graphic on the left here is the city of Wichita's growth area boundary and you can see it extends all the way down to 55<sup>th</sup> street, and if you look on the right, is a graphic of Derby's comprehensive plan, and it shows their growth boundary up to 47<sup>th</sup> street. And at this point, you know, the plan really did not deal with the issue of who would annex what within that area. It is anticipated that as a result of this plan that which will continue with its plans to Wichita to extend municipal services to this corridor, primarily within the growth boundaries shown on this graphic. You can see that Derby's ambition that is reflected in their comprehensive plan is they will continue to grow up along the Rock Road corridor, so we will have to wait to see what happens in the future in terms of who annexes what.

And then lastly, the plan does recommend that on a regular basis preferably annually, that Wichita, Derby and Sedgwick County get together to review what is occurring within this corridor, and to make any adjustments that might be necessary. You can see from this timeline that both the Derby Planning Commission and the MAPC have held public hearings and have recommended approval or adoption of this plan. The Derby City Council adopted it April 8th, Wichita City Council on June 10th and this is our last stop in getting this plan adopted and incorporated into the Wichita-Sedgwick County comprehensive plan. With that I will be glad to take any questions."

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

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "This is in my district, and I have attended most of those meetings. Kind of interesting to me we really didn't solve much other than the zoning question. And we're just going to have to continue to work things out as we go along. I think everybody kept everything the way it was to start with. Derby's area of zoning influence and the annexation process is just out there. It was difficult, I think to pull together what we did, but I think it opened the door and eventually this will be worked out, to the satisfaction of most of the parties involved. Anyway, appreciate all the work that was done on it. Thank you, and all the maps that were made, and presentations, and I think we came out with a good start."

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Thank You."

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

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**Commissioner Parks** said, “In looking over the supplemental materials here today, I didn’t really see where any recommendations were made for new developments that come into this area for a drainage plan and I would just ask all those planners and those bodies that review these to ask developers for a four corner drainage plan. We look just as we know today, where we are looking at drainage problems all over the county, but in particular I believe some of those were in Commissioner Norton’s district just to the south of this area and we know that the Ark River-Valley flows south there, and that we know where the water is going to go on some of this, too. So that was the only thing that I the only input I had on it. In the future, just make sure that the developers tell you where their water is going to go from these projects. Thank you.”

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, “John, they didn’t really sound like from Commissioner Welshimers comments that they really did not discuss what the anticipated annexations were going to look like. Nobody really declared their hand other than annexations for Derby up the Rock Road corridor, did I understand that correctly?”

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “If you look at the two growth area maps, I think it is clearly the intent of the city of Wichita to annex, provide the municipal services, and then to annex down to 55<sup>th</sup> street. If you look at Derby’s Comprehensive Plan, they are showing the intention that the city of Derby would grow up to 47<sup>th</sup> street. The whole purpose of this discussion was to try to get all those things out on the table and have a dialogue between the two jurisdictions about who is going to do what. Wichita made it very clear that they have no intention to not they have no intention to alter their plans to extend municipal services down to 55<sup>th</sup> street. Derby still is hopeful that they will be able to, and I think this came out in the discussions that they are hopeful that they will be able to continue their growth northward along Rock Road. That’s been an area where they have seen a fair amount of development over the past several years. Now, who winds up providing those municipal services in that area will depend on a lot of circumstances. Right now the water agreement would prevent the city of Derby from extending their water and sewer services, or at least their water service north of 55<sup>th</sup> street, but, you know, a lot will depend on when somebody actually comes in with a proposal to develop a piece of land, and if they would do it, let’s say, tomorrow, and the city of Wichita would not be in a position where it would be feasible for them to provide water service or sewer service, they might they indicate a willingness to sit down and discuss that with Derby. That would be handled on a case by case basis, a property by property basis and would depend on the particular circumstances and how soon Wichita felt that they could economically extend their services to that site.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “At present the city limits of Wichita is further away from this dmz zone than Derby’s city limits is that correct?”

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**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Yes. I think on the growth area map you can see the Wichita city limits there at 31st street, and Derby's city limits currently extend up to just south of 63<sup>rd</sup> street."

**Commissioner Norton** said "Water is totally controlled the conversation is totally controlled by Wichita is that correct?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Under that water agreement between the two jurisdictions, yes."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "How long is that water agreement for, do you know?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Well, until they have until they modify it. I don't know."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "It is a long-term agreement, is it not?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Yes, it is a long-term agreement."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "What about sewer? One of the things that concerns me is that where will Wichita, if they annex that corridor, where will they take the sewer service to, what station will treat that where will it go?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Well if you look at this graphic and the lower left-hand corner, their plan as it stands right now would be to collect it at this point."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And pump it where?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "And pump it to the west over to their existing lines over here. And I don't know which plant that goes to. The alternative to that would be to have a small package treatment plant to handle that effluent at that point, and then to discharge it to the south."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I guess my concern, and if Derby takes it, it will go to the Derby treatment plant?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "It would go to the Derby treatment plant."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. I guess my concern is that if they pump it to the west to the closest treatment plant, that is the plant that already people complain about that it smells and you know, certain times of year, it is septic, they have had problems with it because it takes so much of the flow from the northwest corridor also. Although they are putting in place additional facilities

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that I think will in time be fix that problem take the load off of it from the west and treat only the south portion of the city.”

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “Correct. I think the city of Wichita recognizes that that plan is a bit overworked, and they have had a long-term capital facilities plan in place that they are implementing that is intended to take that substantial portion of that load off that particular plant.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I guess for southsiders the proof is in the pudding. They have been complaining about it for as long as I’ve lived here and it still hasn’t gotten much better, particularly in some summer months when it goes septic. So just putting more load on that does not seem reasonable to me. That would be a sticking point just that I would worry about in the future that they would want the sewer plant is to pump it west and overload a facility that is already they have said they are going to fix and they hadn’t fixed yet.”

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “I think by the time that they would be ready to service this particular basin, they will be long, they will have those newer facilities, will have long been in place and I think that problem will have been alleviated by that time.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I am going to kind of follow Commissioner Welshimers lead. It looks like people are at the table and discussion things way ahead of time which is always good and not get down to the last minute and then find out you are going to fight over who gets to go into that area. And who, you know, that always sets in motion that predatory annexation stuff that we don’t like very much. So at least they are talking about it, they are understanding, you get the issues on the table ahead of time. I am going to be supportive, unless Commissioner Welshimer comes up with some real sticking points.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Anything else at this time? All right. Commissioners, we have this 47<sup>th</sup> to 55<sup>th</sup> street south joint area plan in front of us. Any other comments?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to Adopt the 47<sup>th</sup> – 55<sup>th</sup> Street South Joint Area Plan, 2008-2030, as an amendment to *The Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan*; and adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

- 2. MAPD CASE NUMBER ZON2008-00019 – ZONE CHANGE FROM "SF-20" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO "LC" LIMITED COMMERCIAL; GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET NORTH, ONE-FOURTH MILE WEST OF 159<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST. DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "The applicant is seeking this limited commercial zoning for just a little over three and a half acres. It is actually two, one and three quarter acre sites that you can see outlined in the bold blue line. The lots are currently unplatted, but developed with a single family residence and some accessory buildings there is about 409 feet of frontage on 21<sup>st</sup> street. As you know 21<sup>st</sup> street in this area is currently a two lane arterial but scheduled for major improvement to five lanes in the near future. The applicant also owns this four acre site on the corner of 159<sup>th</sup> street and 21<sup>st</sup> street which was also recently rezoned to limited commercial, and just to the north of 21<sup>st</sup> street, this is the Monarch Landing CUP, and the portion of that site along 21<sup>st</sup> street was also not too long ago rezoned to limited commercial as well, and an important point to make is that in doing that rezoning in the Monarch Landing community unit plan, you placed restrictions on the types of uses, you limited the land uses that were allowed to those that are permitted in the neighborhood retail and general office districts, so it is not strictly speaking a limited commercial district, and then there were a number of other restrictions placed on the development of the commercial portions of that CUP in order to make it more compatible with residential development. And in doing the rezoning for this piece here, the same limitations were placed on that parcel, and that's what staff had recommended to the MAPC be placed on this parcel with limited commercial zoning.

Going back to the aerial photo, you can see pretty much the land use pattern that exists there now, this is an old aerial photo, a more current photo would show a lot of residential development occurring here in Monarch Landing, a school being developed on this particular parcel. Over to the east of 159<sup>th</sup> street on this northeast corner, here's the Cornerstone commercial plan unit development that is being developed with a new hospital and another Andover school being built there. And Commissioner Parks, I might call your attention to on this one we got the Butler county designation in the right spot. This whole corridor along 21<sup>st</sup> street, I think what I would have to say

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there, it is rapidly changing, part of the reason for the staff recommendation for approval on this is that recognition that although when you look at this aerial photo, it looks very rural residential in character, it is very rapidly changing in character and we expect it to become quite urbanized in the next several years. This item was heard by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission at its meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There were two residential property owners that the south that appeared at the meeting to inquire about proposed uses, how commercial development along 21<sup>st</sup> street on this property might be screened from their properties and how they would have access out to 21<sup>st</sup> street, given a great deal of commercial development occurring along 21<sup>st</sup> street. The applicant at that time advised them that they did not have any users under contract at that time, but that they would comply with any appropriate screening requirements and would meet any access agreement guidelines that would be, regarding the placement of driveways along 21<sup>st</sup> street. The MAPC voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request with protective overlay 210, provisions of that overlay are outlined in your agenda backup report. And those provisions in the protective overlay are all about trying to make commercial development on this site more compatible with the expected residential development that is expected to occur on nearby properties. With that I will be glad to take any questions.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you. Are there any questions at this time for John? This is not an official public hearing, but it has been our policy in the past to take comments from citizens that have a thought that they would like to share with the Commissioners on cases such as this. Is there anyone in the meeting room today who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners on our item D2? Please come forward. Please identify yourself, name and address for the Commissioners.”

**Mr. Rob Hartman**, Professional Engineering Consultants, 303 S. Topeka, Wichita, KS greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am here on behalf of the applicant, and I just thought I would. The applicant does not have specific users at this point in time, his concern is knowing the development of the 21<sup>st</sup> street, five lane arterial coming on and all the new residential development that is coming out in the area, he wanted to get some area zoned ahead of time so people were aware of what is going to be out there. We know there is probably more commercial coming, and this will provide an area that they can bring in neighborhood retail uses and office uses to serve these new residential areas that are developing in the area.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Rob, thank you very much for being here. I don’t see any questions but we appreciate your being here in case there was some. Thank you very much.”

**Mr. Hartman** said, “You are welcome.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners, any other comments or questions?”

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission approving the zone change subject to Protective Overlay #210, subject to platting within one year; direct staff to prepare an appropriate Resolution after the plat has been approved; and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “John, thank you very much. And I see you have some staff folks here today. We appreciate your work on this plan that we just took before this case. So thanks for being here. Next item.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE**

**E. CONTRACTS WITH URBAN LEAGUE OF KANSAS INC. AND BEHAVIORAL LINK, A DIVISION OF PYXIS, INC. TO PROVIDE GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION, AND ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES.**

**Mr. Tim Kaufman**, Deputy Director, Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have renewals of contracts with our community partners, Urban League and Behavioral Link to provide individual and group psychosocial services and attendant care services to youth with serious emotional disturbances. Both of these organizations must follow Medicaid rules and requirements in the delivery of this service, and COMCARE bills for these services after review of the transactions and documentation that the community partners provide upon receipt of that Medicaid we then pay Urban League and Behavior Link for services that they delivered. Behavior Link has provided these services for a number of years for us, Urban League is relatively new, this

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is going to be their second year of delivering services, they are a smaller program, but steadily growing, they focus on elementary age school children. They deliver their services in smaller groups, and an example of the services that they deliver happened this past year. They were serving a nine year old girl who had trouble making friends, trouble developing social skills, and they worked with her in a group setting, and as they picked up the child and dropped her off, they tried to connect with the mother as well, to the point where the mother felt comfortable, then, coming to the weekly family activities and at a point a little bit later on, they were able to connect the mother to some Urban League services that are unrelated to mental health services. So they do a good job to integrate folks back into the community. This was a family that was isolated and they were able to bring them into the community a little bit better. The child has now developed some social skills that she will be able to use the rest of her life, and so it is really an important service that they deliver on our behalf. Be happy to answer any questions. Our recommendation is that you approve the renewal of these contracts.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you very much, Tim. Commissioners, questions or comments about these renewals if not, what is the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Tim. Next item.”

**F. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2008.**

**Mr. Dave Rush**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In May we had 46,714 people for ten events and 18 individual performances. Our net revenues were \$61, 037.18. The shows, U.S. Weapons gun show, the Heartland Miniature Horse Show, the Kansas Amateur

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Quarter Horse Show, which was a new event this time, the flea market and graduations of Friends of Goddard, Derby and then Southeast, Northwest, East and Heights. The events that have already taken place this month are the POA, Ponies of America, Midamerican Regional show, which is another new event and, Wichita Wild Football and Kat Williams concert. The Football and the two games had an attendance of 1,813 people, and upcoming we have the flea market this weekend and then Gladys Knight on the third of July. If there are any questions I would be happy to answer them.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Yes we do have a question. Commissioner Parks.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “I just wanted to ask for a future upcoming event I did not see on it on some of the documents that I have there, the Stars and Stripes Horse Show that usually benefits the Children’s Home is that an event that is going to happen this year or not?”

**Mr. Rush** said, “I got a note given to me on it. I can’t answer that at this point. I have got to go back and do research to make sure that it is happening.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Thank you.”

**Mr. Rush** said, “I will be glad to send an e-mail report to you.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Sure. We have a couple weeks before that would normally happen.”

**Mr. Rush** said, “Right.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Anything else all right. Thank you. Do we have a motion to receive and file Dave’s report?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Tim. Next item.”

**G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 12, 2008.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of June 12th results in five items for consideration today.

**1. ADMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR THE NEW REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION SYSTEM PROJECT – TREASURER, COUNTY CLERK, APPRAISER, REGISTER OF DEEDS AND THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS.  
FUNDING – TAX SYSTEM EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

**Ms. Baker** said, “Item number one is an amendment to the contract for the new, real and personal property taxation system project for the Treasurer, County Clerk, Appraiser, Register of Deeds and the Division of Information and Operations. The recommendation is to accept the change and amend the contract in the amount of \$494,096.

**2. GLASS BEADS FOR TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING – PUBLIC WORKS  
FUDNING – R316 REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS 08**

**Ms. Baker** said, Item 2, glass beads for traffic line painting for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the bid from the Swarco Reflex, Incorporated for an initial purchase of \$26,400 and to execute contract pricing for one year with two one year options to renew.

**3. CISCO EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE – TRASURER/TAG OFFICE  
FUNDING – TAG OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**Ms. Baker** said, “Item number 3, Cisco equipment maintenance for Treasurer and Tag offices. Recommendation is to accept the low responsible bid from Choose Networks in the amount of

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\$10,581.50.

**4. TAXI SERVICES – COMCARE  
FUNDING – COMCARE**

**Ms. Baker** said, “Item 4, taxi services for COMCARE. Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Best Cab Company and to establish pricing for an annual cost of \$70,000 for two years with three one year options to renew.

**5. CHANGE ORDER #1, AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT, SERVICES FOR  
TRANSPORTATION IN OAKLAWN – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
FUNDING – COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

**Ms. Baker** said, “Item five, change order number one, amendment to the contract for services for transportation. Recommendation is to accept the change and modify the contract with Wichita Transit Authority in the amount of \$3,257.70.

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you, Iris. Do you have any questions or comments? Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Item number one is a pretty large amount. We discussed it yesterday in a staff meeting. We have had information on it. I see Richard Vogt is here, maybe he could give us a quick two minute summary of what that is just so the public knows, since it is such a large amount of money.”

**Mr. Richard Vogt**, Director Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes it’s a large project, about a five million dollar project. We knew early on when we signed the contract with the vendor that there would be more expenses, but we didn’t know exactly what the expenses would be or what they would entail. We couldn’t put them in the contract at that time, that is why we had to go through a process of what is called gap fit who is trying to fit their system into our processes. So we’ve gone through that process and this is the culmination of the negotiated change to the contract of about \$494,000 for the gap fit processes.

We might have, I will kind of think about the future. We might have one more because we have put in the contract money for interfaces with several other systems which are very important for the success of this project. We have estimated a cost for that but we may have to come back one more

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time when we know more about the final implementation. So hopefully we won't have to, but I just kind of set the table for that."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "This is not an item we put out for bid. It is a continuation of a contract we have signed with someone. Describe the project in general because you said now you said five million dollars. It is a huge project, it links together several other organizations together so they can interface here information and make the job go easier. So describe that just real quick."

**Mr. Vogt** said, "You bet. As the citizens can imagine, the Appraiser, the Clerk, the Register of Deeds, and the Treasurer have a fairly complex system, complex processes. So to try and put that all together in one system and then tie it in with the overall county financial package is a very complicated thing do. We created our first tax system in the early system in the early '80s, and we have essentially kept that around for about 25 years, had changes to it but essentially been using the same one. In the late '90s we decided it was time to, it was too complicated and expensive to maintain the mainframe system that we had, we knew it was time to move to something different. The software vendors were developing packages and we started looking at those a few years ago, it was hard to find one who could do it in Kansas. But we found a vendor who was committed to understanding the statutes for the State of Kansas and the procedures of Sedgwick County, and we are very pleased with the contract so far. There are numerous improvements, we identified 53 distinct improvements that were going to make by moving from a mainframe based system to this new server based system. We are excited about it and hopefully going online middle of next year, maybe later part of next year. Of course there are several things that have to happen and go well between now and then, but we are still excited about the process and the project of being off the mainframe by early 2010 at least."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "You said you found 53 things that you could connect and do. You found many more that you analyzed and just didn't make sense or was cost efficient to move forward on, you will find other ways to deliver that information, is that correct?"

**Mr. Vogt** said, "That's correct. We do have a, our programming staff is not nearly as large as we used to be. We have a handful of programmers around who can make some of the changes, it is one of the things about the system that were excited about is well be able to build some of the interfaces and do some of the programming ourselves. Later on, hopefully we'll be able to leverage our own programming staff to make some of those changes."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Finally, this is not just some techie guys getting together and were going to build this because we want to. The County Clerk, Don Brace, has been involved, Bill Meek, Mike Borchard has been involved, Ron Estes and his group are involved. There is a lot of fingers out there giving you information of how it works and how it connects for them. Is that

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correct?”

**Mr. Vogt** said, “That’s correct. You would not want me to put my knowledge to work in building the system.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just want to be sure the public knows that it is a very hard project to put together but there has been partners from a lot of different areas trying to build this system. You are really the go to project person trying to coordinate all of it really.”

**Mr. Vogt** said, “That’s correct. I will say that we have done reference checks and we have looked at other systems around the country and the state and the processes where other agencies are trying to change their tax system. Ours has gone comparatively very well, everybody has wanted to participate, everybody has wanted to contribute a considerable amount of time to this effort. That makes my job a lot easier.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “That’s all I had, Mr. Chair. Thanks Rich.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Other questions or comments about the recommendations of the Bid Board? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Drainage Project along Webb Road and East 69<sup>th</sup> Street North; D-833-G. District #1.
2. One Temporary Construction Easement 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.
3. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 811-J, n 1/2 K; widening of Ridge Road between K- 96 and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North. CIP#R-282. District #4.
4. Authorization for County Manager, Chief Financial Officer and/or designees to take actions as may be needed to apply for funding, accept funding awards, and take other actions as may be required to implement the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program.
5. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V08004	\$124		Benton Sr. Residences
V08020	\$650	2	CT Kiefer Investments
V08021	\$171		Steven Shouse
V08022	\$313	2	Main St. Place Res.
V08023	\$624	5	Susan Ranney

6. 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>
V020030	\$284	\$280

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V03050	\$140	\$84
V06032	\$521	\$529
V2038	\$284	\$255
V04039	\$250	\$301
V03046	\$317	\$383
V06033	\$290	\$286
V05027	\$193	\$234
V99036	\$264	\$259
V06030	\$296	\$338
V07046	\$272	\$268
V06029	\$122	\$127
V020035	\$182	\$217
V03043	\$233	\$219
V99035	\$152	\$167
V01098	\$360	\$357
V06031	\$195	\$220
V07043	\$118	\$142
V07039	\$287	\$279
V04029	\$345	\$370
V06028	\$299	\$319
V06023	\$282	\$239
V07047	\$293	\$320
V07033	\$399	\$373
V020019	\$430	\$325
V07021	\$352	\$380
V06006	\$745	\$455
V07092	\$560	\$507
V05004	\$70	\$0
V08004	\$124	\$4
V04003	\$361	\$267
V04029	\$370	\$434
V07083	\$437	\$417
V06023	\$239	\$199

**7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 11 – 17, 2008.**

**8. Order dated June 11, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

**Mr. William Buchanan** greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the consent agenda before

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you. I recommend you approve it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioner Parks.”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “One comment on number 3, certainly do not want to pull that out of there. But I wanted to commend both the people working on that and our staff, any time we can make an agreement without going to court on a condemnation and this is on a hot issue over on Ridge Road in my district. I would like to thank both parties for coming to agreement on that one. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Are there any other comments about the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, call the vote.”

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners, that concludes our items on the regular agenda. Before we take up other business, we do need to have a Fire District meeting. So I would I want to recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.”

***Recess to Fire District Meeting at 10:11 AM***

***Return from Fire District Meeting at 10:14 AM***

**Chairman Winters** said, “I will call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. We are at our discussion of other business today. Commissioner Parks”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “On July 8<sup>th</sup> members of this Board and staff, other elected officials will be meeting with Dr. Insko to listen to her plan for reduction in the jail. She has been successful

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in other jurisdictions; however, her success depends on cooperation from us and I certainly expect total cooperation with our staff in dealing with Doctor Insko on this endeavor. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Alright, is that it?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “That’s it.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioner Welshimer.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “To follow up with what Commissioner Parks has said. I’ve prepared sort of a statement that I would like to put on as a matter of record, which would reinforce our cooperation with justice concepts and the Doctor.

As we all know, the alarms have been sounding in Sedgwick County telling us we must make changes in our criminal process. We cannot keep building more and more costly jail space, we have learned that if we build it, it will be filled. We had 36,000 bookings in Sedgwick County Jail in 2007. If we build these new 387 beds, which is currently in the plan, we will never solve this problem in any other way, at least not over the next decade or two. Detainees are waiting months longer in jail to be sentenced to prison terms that keep them in the very same facility. The Sedgwick County Commission has no authority over arrest or prosecution or sentencing, but we must budget and pay for it with property tax revenues. Sedgwick County taxpayers are frustrated and want us to do something about it, they need for us to at least reduce the problem if not solve the problem. It is time for every elected public servant involved in the criminal process of Sedgwick County to put his or her turf protection last and advocacy for solutions to this immense problem first. The Board of County Commissioners for this reason has contracted with Justice Concepts to come into Sedgwick County and actually hands on, work with our elected officials and their decision asking managers without cost to them. Justice concepts will be analyzing our system on how each separately elected division works with the other. There is going to be pain involved for every link in the chain. Lack of cooperation and direct communication between decision makers with budget authority and Justice Concepts specialists will stall the success the citizens of Sedgwick County hope for.

Justice Concepts is a group of specialists in the business coming into a jurisdiction and reducing the jail population, they are experienced in prison management and have doctoral degrees, they have been successful in doing what they say they can do. They will be looking for weaknesses in our process here and are stressing the need for cooperation at the top, they will not fool around waiting for people down the line to get approval from decision makers, the compensation were giving them is based on cooperation so that a reasonable length of time will be needed for them to be here. Justice Concepts will agree to be in communication with city and county elected officials, Police Chief, Sheriff, Chief Prosecutors, elected Judges and every department involved in the criminal

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process. We have the best of leaders in the state right here in Sedgwick County, I cannot believe that cooperation will not be forthcoming from each and everyone. Were all in this together, once the pain of change has passed, we can celebrate that we have played a significant role in the improvements we all hope for.

June 24, 25, and 26, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Justice Concepts will send one or two collectors to begin reviewing detainee files at the jail. The first meeting of leadership advocates will be July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. An invitation should go out to all of the people from our Commission inviting them to this meeting. Our system now comes with a great big price tag.

Justice Concepts is expected to get us working together, communicating with the goal of reducing that price tag, it is a bold step and I think we all have agreed that we need to take a bold step because we have no choice. I am asking all of us as Commissioners and the County Manager to make themselves available when Justice Concepts needs us to work out how were going to communicate with her from the beginning and not to create any delays along the process over the next six months. Thank you.”

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I just had two things. I know my colleagues know that I have been working on drainage and groundwater issues. We are well over ten inches more water in May than we had last year or most years, and I have got an extreme amount of drainage and groundwater issues on the south side. I continue to work on those. I am hopeful that it eventually will quit raining and dry out just a little bit. It seems like every two or three days I have got new areas that have taken on some either storm water flooding problems or some groundwater problems that have been exacerbated by the amount of rain we continue to get. I call on my colleagues as we have budget discussions to talk about where we are going to spend money that we continue to think about think differently about drainage as an infrastructure issue as opposed to just something we do occasionally. It is becoming more and more critical in our community and I think there are more areas around the whole County that will need help over the years. As we look at what has happened in Iowa and some other places with levees and drainage and flooding, the more we can be proactive with that our whole area because we are on an alluvial plane and we have a river and a couple of creeks that run through here. I think it will be prudent for us to continue to believe that storm water and drainage and groundwater issues and flooding issues and levee issues are going to be important. Certainly, I think the folks in Iowa think it is important right now. I want to continue to keep that on the forefront of our thinking.

The final thing is I would urge my colleagues; I wanted to let folks know that NACO has taken on some health issues and Sedgwick County was featured in the newsletter this last week, NACO is the National Association of Counties. And there is a three or four page spread that describes kind of

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what we are doing on health access and health issues in our community. I am pretty proud that the County Commission has endorsed that and let our Health Department work on health access to the 60,000 uninsured and underinsured in our community that it affects their quality of life and it certainly affects our economics because healthcare is very expensive. It is a national issue, I was just listening to public radio when I came to work. Number one issue on a lot of people's minds is healthcare and access to insurance and medical care. We are at least trying to raise the awareness of it and solve some of the issues of access in our community as opposed to sitting on our hands and waiting for the Feds and the State to do something about it. I feel pretty proud of that, it is a great partnership. We got a little bit of national recognition. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

**Chairman Winters** said "All right. Thank you very much, Commissioner. Any other comments before we adjourn today's meeting anything else we need to discuss, Mr. Manager?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "No, sir."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Mr. Euson."

**Mr. Euson** said, "No sir."

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.

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