

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 25, 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; Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Services; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator; Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator; Mr. David Miller, Director, Budget Department; Mr. Peter Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Raymond Vail, Department on Aging; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Brian Black, Appointee
Ms. Anita Hafner, Appointee

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2008.

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, "Next item."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 25, 2008 AS "HEART OF THE ART DAY."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have one Proclamation for your consideration this morning.

WHEREAS, Heart of the Art is a vibrant, growing organization dedicated to providing community members the chance to participate in and cultivate their interest and talent in the fine arts; and

WHEREAS, Heart of the Art's motto is "unifying cultures through the arts" and provides outlets where participants can develop and share their artistic and creative talents; and

WHEREAS, Miss Emily Deaver, the newly crowned Miss Kansas is a musical performer and participant of the Heart of the Art program and has made her platform "Performing the Arts" which will serve to raise public awareness and support for creativity and art among students, educators, and others; and

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WHEREAS, Heart of the Art, is located in District 4 of Sedgwick County, Kansas and has been involved in promoting events through many local schools and universities and is striving to expand its academic base, now

THEREFORE, I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2008 as

“Heart of the Art Day”

in Sedgwick County and encourage our citizens to participate and cultivate their interests through creativity and art.

Dated June 25th, 2008. Commissioners, that’s the Proclamation. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Proclamation 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	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And we have some folks here to accept this. If you would please just both identify yourselves, we’re happy to have you here.”

Ms. Emily Deaver, Miss Kansas, greeted the Commissioners.

Mr. Walter Garden, Director Heart of Art, greeted the Commissioners.

Chairman Winters said, “Would you like to say just a few words about the Heart of Art, what it means, and what you all are doing to commemorate this event this week?”

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Mr. Garden said, "First of all, thank you. I would like to personally thank Commissioner Parks for being a part of Heart of Art for the last couple of years as we do things."

As we say, our motto is uniting cultures through the arts, and were trying to bring a vision to do some things in the Wichita area to keep some of the youth involved in the city. Just like any other cities, as people finish high school or go to college, they sometimes, they just don't come back the area that they live in, so we figure if we create some art things in this community, that would enhance and keep some of the young people in the area.

We're so proud of Emily, she's been working with the Heart of Art for a little over a year, and we would like to think that it was because she was a part of the Heart of Art that she won Miss Kansas, but she is probably thinking some other stuff."

Ms. Deaver said, "It's a lot of things."

Mr. Garden said, "We appreciate it, we take this as being an honor, and we'll be celebrating this week at Carousel Skates. We have a big concert there on the 28th of this month, which is Saturday, so come out at 8:00. We have probably five, three or four of our good artists performing, hopefully Emily may drop through, we don't know, you never can tell with her."

I would like to thank you. Emily will probably have a couple words to say. Thanks again."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, and thank you for your work. Emily, we would like to hear a bit about you, where you're from and how you got involved with this organization."

Ms. Deaver said, "Okay. Well, I'm from Augusta, Kansas, that's where I live now, ever since I won Miss Kansas, I just moved back with my parents. But right before I won I lived in Sedgwick County, I worked here, I went to school at Wichita State University, jazz piano major, so I have a deep root in the arts."

My platform is promoting the arts, and one of my big ways of getting started was through the Heart of Art. Now as Miss Kansas I will get to go all across Kansas and promote the arts in all of the schools, and then hopefully Miss America, we'll see how that goes. And, you know, represent Kansas."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, we thank you very much for bringing this to our attention. I don't think I had really heard of this organization, so I'm glad that you're here today. Commissioner Parks?"

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Commissioner Parks said, "I'm certainly proud of both people at the podium. Walter's worked hard, and Emily's worked very hard, we saw the fruits of that at Pratt a couple weeks ago, and being Miss Kansas, it's a great honor to have her here, and I don't think a lot of people knew that they were going to get to see Miss Kansas today. But congratulations, Emily."

Miss Deaver said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well, thank you both again for being here, and Emily, best of luck to you, as you pursue on and good luck in the Miss America contest. We hope Kansas is successful. And thank you both for your work with the Heart of the Arts program, it is very rewarding. Thank you very much for being here. All right, Madam Clerk, call the next item."

RETIREMENTS

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.

- **TED JOBST, HEALTH DEPARTMENT MANAGER, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL RETIRE JULY 1, 2008 AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE.**
- **RON REAVIS, FIRE DIVISION CHIEF, FIRE DISTRICT #1, WILL RETIRE JULY 1, 2008 AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE.**
- **SHERRY ANDERSON, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE JULY 1, 2008 AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE.**
- **LOUIS STAGNER, OFFICE SPECIALIST, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, WILL RETIRE JULY 1, 2008 AFTER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Can I have all our retirees come please? We're here to celebrate with four of our employees who will be retiring July 1st, 2008, and to recognize them for their long-term commitment and contributions to public service."

Our first retiree is Ted Jobst, who is the Health Department Manager at the Sedgwick County Health Department. He will retire July 1st after 32 years of service."

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Chairman Winters said, "All right. Ted, step right on up here. We have this certificate for you to help recognize your 32 years. We also have on behalf of the Commissioners and all the citizens of Sedgwick County this clock as a reminder, you know, you and I have worked on several projects over the years, and it's one of those things in the Health Department, and looking out for how we can help the citizens of our community be better, whether it is a Healthy Babies Program or any of the other things that I know you've been involved in.

We're very appreciative of that. Thirty-two years is a career, and we wish you the very best in the future. We know that there are several here from the Health Department, friends and family, to wish you success. Congratulations on your retirement, and if you would like to make a comment, we would be glad to have you do that."

Mr. Ted Jobst, Health Department Manager, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thanks, Mr. Chairman. When I took this job, I had no idea there was a career attached to it. It has been a privilege for me to be here, and certainly this is where I was meant to be. I'm going to be riding out of town and heading west here pretty soon. There should be less stress and pressure with that, and unless I take up golf again.

But, I want to say that, as I said a moment ago, it's been a privilege and I am so proud to have worked with the staff I have worked with. It has made my job what it really is, and it has been a real honor to be with them. I want to thank each of you, Mr. Chairman, for the support that you've given the Health Department, and for the programs that were dedicated to. I'll say so long and God bless. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you and congratulations."

Ms. Templin said, "Our second retiree is Ron Reavis, he is a Fire Division Chief with Fire District #1. He will retire July 1st after 31 years of service."

Chairman Winters said, "Ron, if you would just step up here, we have, again, a certificate of recognition acknowledging 31 years, and we also have this clock. We would like to acknowledge that there are members from the Fire Department here, friends and family, who are here to celebrate this occasion with you.

Again, those of our staff who have been involved in protection of people play a huge role in our community. Thirty-one years, again, is a long time. We know you know the trade, the craft, we appreciate all of the experience and expertise that you've brought to the Department over the years, and on behalf of the Commissioners and all the citizens that you have helped protect, we want to congratulate you and we want to wish you the very best in your future retirement. So congratulations.

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Thank you for your work. We would like to offer you just the time to make a comment if you would like.”

Mr. Ron Reavis, Fire Division Chief, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Okay. Well, as you end 31 years, there’s a lot of thoughts that go through your mind. First and foremost I feel very blessed and fortunate. For my family, my dad was a volunteer fireman in Augusta, retired after 40 years of service to them. He set a good example for me. So I’m blessed and fortunate for that. My son, if I’m a betting man, I’ll say he would be a third generation fireman.

Every third morning for the last 31 years I slipped this uniform on and have had the honor to represent Sedgwick County Fire Department. The last 13 years I’ve been a Division Chief in the fire service.

We talk about career events. A lot of firefighters go through their career and not have one of those career events. I’ve had four of them. I’ve had the Bruce grain elevator, the Haysville tornado, Jesse that fell in the well down by Mulvane, and most recently Barton Solvents.

And I mean, I feel proud to be on the Incident Management Team for those, and what I’m especially proud of is our people that operated on those scenes and are operating every day that are out in the stations, the ones that are riding the big red trucks and I love my job as a Division Chief, but the big red truck is where it’s at.

And, I lost my train of thought. But what I was most proud of, of those four career events, we operated all through those without a single firefighter being injured, and the scope of those events was something to be very proud of. And the hardest thing I probably ever did on the Fire Department, we scaled down the Bruce event and we still had a victim inside that we couldn’t locate and pulling out of that scene knowing that there was still a person in there somewhere was one of the hardest things I’ve ever had to do.

But on the other hand, my last call Saturday was, I responded with a (inaudible) 34 to a non-breathing patient and she was breathing and had a heartbeat before we left the scene. So I ended on a good note. I want to thank each and every one of you for this opportunity, and I have nothing but good memories.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you and congratulations. Don’t run off, Ron.”

Mr. Reavis said, “Yep?”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Parks?”

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Commissioner Parks said, "I would just like to say that working with Ron over the years as a department head when I was at Valley Center Police Department, Ron was always organized, he provided great leadership to the Fire Department, we're going to lose a lot in Ron, and the training, I can just go on and on. But thank you for your service, Ron."

Mr. Reavis said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "And before you get out of here, Ron, I participated in two of those events myself. The Bruce, although it wasn't in the Mayor's jurisdiction of Haysville, Haysville was very involved in that and certainly the tornado and firefighters played such an integral part, and I know you were right in the middle of that, serving and working hard to make the citizens feel safe and to recover as quickly as they could."

The one thing I know is that you're going to take a lot of institutional memory with you. Things are very important to the institution of the Fire Department. But I'm sure your colleagues are glad you're also taking some of the stories with you. That don't need to be told, because you are a band of brothers, and have, you have a wonderful camaraderie that is second to none and I appreciate that. Thank you. Enjoy your retirement."

Mr. Reavis said, "I will, thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you."

Ms. Templin said, "Next we have Sherry Anderson, Administrative Officer with the Sheriff's Office. She will retire July 1st, 2008 after 31 years of service."

Chairman Winters said, "Sherry, come right on up here. We have this certificate of recognition for you to remember the 31 years. We also have this clock as a token of appreciation from the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens. We appreciate a number of the Sheriff's Department folks are in the room this morning, and on behalf of the Commissioners, we want to wish you the very best in your retirement, and we hope it is very successful and rewarding. If you would like to make a comment or two, we would be glad to have you do that."

Ms. Anderson said, "Of course I would. It wouldn't be like me not to say anything. First, I have some good news. The good news is I want to thank you for honoring me in this fashion. I'm not going to cry."

Commissioner Norton said, "Liar."

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Ms. Anderson said, "Okay. The bad news is that this is just a rehearsal. I'm going to do this next year again. So I always told myself if I ever got this far into retirement that I would treat it like an Academy Award, so that's exactly what I'm going to do. I want to thank everybody that's helped me through this 31 years, God."

Chairman Winters said, "Take your time."

Commissioner Norton said, "We love you. we really love you."

Ms. Anderson said, "Okay. When Human Resources said I could say anything that I wanted to say, I said well, I'll just start out at the beginning.

When I first started under the Johnny Darr Administration, we were a very small group of people and I to thank them for allowing me to be a part of that family, because we knew everybody. They taught me the foundation of law enforcement.

God my voice is funny, isn't it?

I thank Kathleen Gregg, because she hired me. I thought, I'll only be here six months. Here I am, 31 1/2 years later and I'm still here. The second Administration, Mike Hill, he gave me the opportunity, he saw my potential, and he gave me the best opportunity in life to be over the Records Section. Not only did he believe in my talent, he surrounded me with people that were nurturing and forgiving.

The final Administration, and I could talk about them all day, Sheriff Gary Steed is just like an old friend. We've been here almost as long, and it's just like when you sit down, you just start up where you left off. We talk about basketball, hardly about work at all. Everybody knows I am a KU nut, basketball nut. Anytime I see basketball or a plaque or something, we're going straight to basketball.

Chief Deputy Officer Dave Thompson, I have to ask you to forgive me for giving you that lump of coal for Christmas. Colonel Hinshaw, you've done great as a hometown boy, I'm proud of you.

I want to acknowledge my heroes. Elaine Mitchell started in Records with me. Nancy Meyers, Sarah Taftly, Barbara Byerly, Jackie Stewart, Terry Lee Jones, Annette Haga, they brought so much to law enforcement that allowed me to be the person that I am. Other individuals I want to thank are Captain Brian Brimer, he was my king when I was on the second floor and I was his queen. We ran that department, and I'm telling you, we had so much fun. Didn't think you could have so much fun in law enforcement and get paid for it. I couldn't believe it.

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John Monahan taught me how to save, you know, when you are 25 years old, you don't think about this moment here, that you're going to make it to retirement. Jim McGill, Greg Schauner, Terry Parham, Bruce Morton, all brought something to me that I was grateful to get from them, especially Parham. I wasn't very savvy on technology. Oohy, gooey, louie, and all that crap, he taught me all about that.

Jim Elvins, I can't ever forget to thank him enough. He kicked my behind and made me finish school, you know, I got my Masters Degree. He kept on me, kept on me, and I'm going to tell you, we had a lot of fights, and I kicked him out a lot of times, but he was always forgiving, and he never held it against me. I'm almost done, just a second here.

I've also met some great people outside of the office, especially the County Councilor's Office, the late Ed Randall was always, always, always superb to me, he never made me feel like I didn't understand. Always made sure that I understood. There's Karen Powell, Jennifer Magana, especially Alysia Madison, she was always, always so supportive in getting those records for her department.

I worked with a great group of people when I was in Investigations as part of the support staff. Melinda Latrell, Delena Farmer, Nancy Mueller, Debbi Murphy, Jan Hinshaw and Annette Hager again, she keeps popping up everywhere. We solved a lot of cases from my desk and it was a lot of fun.

And last, but not least, I would like to acknowledge all the people that were in the Sheriffs Records Section. I would like to acknowledge my right hand person, Theresa Baxter; she was my right arm, my right hand, my right leg."

Chairman Winters said, "You're doing great."

Ms. Anderson said, "We couldn't, I couldn't have did it without her. Second shift supervisor, Deb Alexander, I would like to also thank her and Linda Marvin, for hanging in there with me. I know it was tough, when we didn't have people to work a second and a third shift hours.

I would like to thank Jackie Murphy, Lena Castner, Debbi McDonald, Kelly Went, Adrian Muntz; those are the first shift employees. And thanks to Megan Klein, Priska Chappell, Mary Brown and Nicky Shore, they are the second shift. Thanks to Stephanie Lee, Tina Jamis, Ashley Nelson, they are the third shift people.

In closing, I would just like to say the greatest resources for Sedgwick County as an organization are your people. Please don't forget about the individuals behind the scenes that make the job for the front runners a lot easier.

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I think Bill Self, Kansas basketball coach said it perfect, 'I thought this would be great, but this is better than I thought it would be'. Thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "Don't run off yet. Don't run off yet. We knew you were coming up so we've been commiserating with stories about you."

Ms. Anderson said, "They are not true. They are not true."

Commissioner Norton said, "Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "I will not tell all the stories about Sherry. When I was a department head back, and dealt with Sherry on, each basis would be individual and different, usually with records. But when I called her, usually there was a problem, and she was a problem solver, and she had a great way to do that, and she would always get back with me. That was one thing I can remember about Sherry, she would get back with me, usually that same day with that answer, that solving that problem. So I thank you for that.

And you know last week we had budget hearings, they said they needed to replace two in the Records Section, something about that. And I think that that says a lot for you, Sherry, I think they are going to replace you with two people.

In any event, I just wanted to thank you and all those, especially the Offender Registry, that was a big job, and you know, Sherry took on a lot of stuff on that, and you can really thank her for Sedgwick County, the largest when you go on the computer and the internet and see the registered offenders from Sedgwick County, you can bet that that is a big job, and she did a wonderful job at that. Thank you, Sherry. Congratulation."

Ms. Anderson said, "Thank you so much."

Commissioner Norton said, "Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I didn't have the honor of getting to work with you and getting to know you, but it's pretty obvious to me that you are the shero."

Ms. Anderson said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Sherry, congratulations."

Ms. Anderson said, "Thank you."

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Ms. Templin said, "Our final retirement today is Lois Stagner from the Department of Corrections, she is an Office Specialist, she will retire July 1st after 14 years of service."

Chairman Winters said, "Lois, if you would come on up. With Lois's retirement, this brings to 108 years of experience that we are honoring today. That's a lot of institutional knowledge, and Lois, we appreciate your service, here's a certificate recognizing the years, we also have a clock that we would like to give you on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens that you served over the years. We appreciate very much your work and we wish you the very best in your next step in life. So would you like to make a comment?"

Ms. Stagner said, "I would just like to thank Sedgwick County and Corrections for this opportunity. Thank you sir."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item. We'll wait just a second until the room clears. All right, Madam Clerk, call the next item."

APPOINTMENTS

C. APPOINTMENTS.

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN BLACK (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "With your permission could we take Item 1, 4, and 5 all together?"

Chairman Winters said, "That would be fine."

Mr. Euson said, "All of those are reappointments to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. The first item, C-1 is a Resolution appointing, reappointing Brian Black to that Board. Item C-4 is a Resolution reappointing Karen Langston, and Item C-5 is a Resolution reappointing Pat Hanrahan. All of these terms will expire in June of 2011 and I recommend that you adopt these three Resolutions."

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolutions for Items C-1, C-4 and C-5.

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, “And we see Brian Black in the room, but I do not believe that Karen Langston or Pat Hanrahan are here. All right. Thank you. We have with us today County Clerk, Don Brace who will swear Brian in.”

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk said, “Good morning.”

Mr. Brian Black, Appointee, said, “Good morning.”

Mr. Brace said, “You look very nice.”

Mr. Black said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Brace said, “Raise your right hand.”

“I, Brian Black, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, Sedgwick County, so help me God.”

Mr. Black said, “I will.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations Brian.”

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Mr. Black said, “Thank you very much. Thank you, County Commissioners, and Commissioner in particular, Commissioner Winters. It is truly been an honor to serve on this Board. I really want to thank Mark Masterson and his awesome team. I think we are doing some positive work. I look forward to continuing to represent you on this Board as well as I serve at the State level as well, so we’ll always make sure Sedgwick County is being taken care of at that level as well.

Chairman Winters said, “All right. We have a couple comments. Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, you know, the three people that we reappointed today are so connected to the community and worked so hard on that committee and many others, but I certainly appreciate Brian for all of his work. You know, he’s moved over from the Urban League and now is with one of our biggest employers, Spirit, and as we continue to see him out in the community working on a lot of different issues, this is a pretty important issue, and you’ve been pretty passionate about taking some of these issues on, and were just glad to have you here from South Carolina.”

Mr. Black said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks for serving.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. And Brian, only additional comment that I would make, again, a couple of, thank you for serving, but we certainly want you and all of the members of the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board to know that we take your input and your responses very seriously.

It is almost always whenever we have an issue before us that takes our decision, we read that backup information and we want to know what comments were made at your Advisory Board level. So we do pay attention to what you all believe in, and we think that you all have very good connections with our staff. We appreciate that input very much.”

Mr. Black said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you for being willing to serve. Thanks, Brian. All right. next appointment item.”

2. RESIGNATION OF CHARLIE MAHONEY FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

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Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, the next item is item C-2, which is a resignation of Charlie Mahoney from the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, and it would be appropriate for you to accept this resignation."

Chairman Winters said, "Is there a motion to accept?"

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Is there any other discussion on this motion?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, I just want to express my thanks to Charlie Mahoney, he was my appointment, and his job is moving him out of Sedgwick County and Wichita."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. We do appreciate his past service. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the roll."

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANITA HAFNER (COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, Item C-3 is a Resolution making an appointment to fill that vacancy. This would appoint Anita Hafner, which is Commissioner Welshimer's appointment to that Board. This appointment will serve until March of 2011, and I recommend you adopt the Resolution."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt the Resolution.

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, "And I see Anita is in the room, so welcome, Anita, and County Clerk, Don Brace will swear you in."

Mr. Brace said, "Good morning. How are you?"

Ms. Hafner, Appointee, said, "Very good, thank you."

Mr. Brace said, "Wonderful. Nice to have you here."

Ms. Hafner said, "Thank you."

Mr. Brace said, "Raise your right hand, please."

"I, Anita Hafner, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging so help me God."

Ms. Hafner said, "I will."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

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Ms. Hafner said, "Thank you very much. I will be representing Derby, which is that very special little place in Kansas, just south of us, just down the road on K-15. And not only do we think we're special, but we have been recognized as one of the top ten communities for retirement living. And our senior center there is, we will hold it up with any senior center around, and I'm very active in that senior center.

We are also a very patriotic community. We have a very active Patriot Guard which I am a proud member, and the American Legion Riders and the VFW. So I would invite all of you to come down and visit our little community and I will be happy to work with the seniors there and see what advice we have. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Anita, I think we do have a comment from Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Thanks, Anita, you have put in a lot of hard work for your area, and particularly for your historical museum."

Ms. Hafner said, "Yes."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And we appreciate very much you taking this appointment, and we'll look forward to some good things to come."

Ms. Hafner said, "It is my pleasure."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Thank you."

Ms. Hafner said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you very much."

Ms. Hafner said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

- 4. RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN LANGSTON (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

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- 5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAT HANRAHAN (AT LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

SEE ITEM C-1

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

DONATION

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- D. DONATION OF ONE GELDING FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL'S COLOR GUARD AT FT. RILEY KANSAS TO BE USED IN THE JUDGE RIDDEL BOY'S RANCH EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM.**

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Commanding General's Color Guard of Fort Riley, Kansas has agreed to donate a 10 year old chestnut bay gelding horse for use by the Judge Riddel Boy's Ranch Equestrian Program. The General's Color Guard regularly retires horses that can no longer complete all the requirements the Color Guard has in their demonstrations.

This horse is approximately 14 1/2 hands tall, and is named Little Joe. I've got some pictures here I am going to show you this morning of little Joe. These pictures were taken at Fort Riley very recently. Very nice looking horse. He's very well trained, very, from what I understand, very compatible with people, so he will be good for the guys at the Boy's Ranch.

Okay. With the addition of Little Joe, that's his name, we will have a total of 12 horses in the herd, which is our maximum. Little Joe will be delivered to the Boy's Ranch by Fort Riley at no cost to us. We recently had a horse, his name was Eagle Feather, he passed away of natural causes, within the last few months, and Little Joe will serve as his replacement.

Commissioners, as you know, our horse program provides an opportunity for juveniles to develop a positive human to animal relationship. In many instances this has helped them bridge a more positive and favorable relationship with other people. This morning I would recommend that you accept this donation from Fort Riley, and authorize the Chair to sign a Letter of Appreciation and also the Associated General Release Agreements. And I would be happy to answer any questions you have."

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a Letter of Appreciation and a General Release, Indemnity, and Hold Harmless Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, is there any discussion? Again, Larry, this seems like a great addition, and you said the maximum amount of horses that we are able to house and have in the program is 12?"

Mr. Ternes said, "That's correct, sir."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. So this will put us at the maximum. So is there any other discussion or comment? Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "Larry, you take donations for that horse program, don't you, from the public?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Yes, sir, we have. We have some folks, Dr. Dolores Craig from WSU is a very excellent horseperson, we use other people besides Gary Sutton, back here, who is with us today from the Boy's Ranch, he is our main wrangler, if you will, he went to Fort Riley to check this horse out before we ever accepted it. They need to be pretty good-natured.

The reason this horse couldn't complete, Little Joe couldn't stay with the Color Guard, he isn't a good jumper, and that's very good for us. We don't want them jumping at the Boys Ranch. So, we do accept other donations from the public. We screen those carefully to make sure they mix in with our herd.

Commissioner Parks said, "What I was kind of alluding to, there was the cash donation part to keep up the horses, because I know that that is an expense, and I know there are quite a few people who do give cash donations to that. I guess that's just an alternative way of getting out to the public that if you want to give to an organization that's just a great program, there's an opportunity for the public to supplement this program."

Mr. Ternes said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Unruh?"

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Larry, I just had a question. How many individuals out there had the opportunity to take advantage of these horses, 12 horses? Does that mean there's only 12 youngsters that get to use them, or do you rotate them?"

Mr. Ternes said, "Mr. Sutton is here to help answer those kinds of questions. He works directly with our equestrian program. We have 49 residents, capacity for 49 residents at the Ranch, and I can tell you they don't all participate with the horse program. This is, we screen the kids as well to make sure that they are appropriate to work with the horses. They don't start out riding, because they all want to ride. That's the first thing they want to do. They have to learn how to take care of the horses, to groom them, to provide feed, make sure that they know how to take care of the horses and we're comfortable with them before they ever get on the horse. So Gary, how many would you say at a time, you can come on up?"

Mr. Gary Sutton, Independent Living Coordinator at Judge Riddel Boy's Ranch, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Currently we have a saddle club, and we have 29 kids in the saddle club. They go on two-week rotation and get to ride three times a week. So every other week it changes, and that's why we only have 29 in there at this time.

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Well, and they, I suppose have to earn that privilege?"

Mr. Sutton said, "Yes, sir, they do. They learn some basic horsemanship skills and the language that goes with being able to take care and ride horses, naming of the parts, if you will, gives them a good skill, it is a high adventure activity for them, because they have a high perceived risk, most of the kids have not been around large animals, and when they get done, they have good growth in self-esteem, they feel better about themselves and the things they can do, and it is something that not everybody in town can do."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, very good. Well, seems like a well managed, good program. Thank you for the answer."

Mr. Sutton said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Now, I forgot where we are. We have a motion is that correct, did we vote on the motion?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Are there any other questions or comments? Seeing none, 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, “Larry, thanks for being here, and Gary, thanks for your work with the young men at the Boys Ranch. Next item.”

E. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

1. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PROVIDE ONE STAFF POSITION TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF THE PERMANENCY PLANNING AND COORDINATING COUNCIL.

Mr. Ternes said, “This contract with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services provides funding for one staff position that I supervise to support the operation of the Permanency Planning and Coordinating Council. The original contract was established back in May of 2000 between SRS and Sedgwick County to provide a program designed to accelerate permanency for youth in the foster care system, and to promote ongoing improvement in the child in need of care system.

The contract before you today is for a two-year period, which is something new that we have just developed this year, and the position funded by this contract serves as the permanency council coordinator. In this contract, SRS is responsible for the salary and benefits associated with the position, and the County is responsible for the provision of office supplies and any other business related expenses.

Maximum amount under this contract payable to the county from SRS for the first year is \$69,415 and for the second year its \$72,886. I’m requesting that you approve this contract and authorize the Chair to sign, and once again, I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions of Larry?”

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Larry."

Mr. Ternes said, "Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY SFY09 JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT AWARD.

Ms. Chris Morales, Systems Integration Coordinator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In March the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections submitted our annual juvenile accountability block grant application to the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority. The block grant is a federally funded initiative that is designed to provide assistance to units of local government in developing programs that are going to help us provide greater accountability within our juvenile justice system.

We have now received an Award Letter from the State indicating that Sedgwick County will receive \$30,202 for the upcoming fiscal year. There is a 10 percent required cash match that amounts to \$3,356, which has been planned for in the County budget. This will be the tenth year that Sedgwick County has received this funding, and with the match, the total available is \$33,558.

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This grant will provide for continuation funding for a portion of the Diversion Manager personnel cost, this position is within the District Attorney's Office. The Diversion Manager supervises three juvenile diversion programs and is responsible for developing necessary services and resources so that youths are successful on diversion, which in turn reduces the risk for recidivism.

Team Justice and the Sedgwick County Grants Coordinating Committee both reviewed and approved this application submitting it to the State and requesting that you accept this grant award and authorize the Chairman or designee to sign the grant award documents."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman or designee.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Any other discussion? Chris, you did say this was the 10th year we received this amount of money or this award?"

Ms. Morales said, "Yes, it is."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, very good. All right, Commissioners, are we prepared to vote? Appears we are. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll?"

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

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**3. KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY SFY 09
AGREEMENTS TO CONTINUE SERVICES CONTAINED IN
THE JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN.**

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- Office of the District Attorney – Truancy Prevention \$187,969
- Unified School District No. 259 – Truancy Prevention \$178,621
- Office of the District Attorney – Family Group Conferencing \$150,820
- United Methodist Youthville Inc. – Functional Family Therapy \$193,106

INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

- Office of the District Attorney – Diversion/Immediate Intervention \$215,338
- Kansas Legal Services, Inc. – Detention Advocacy Service \$137,653

CONSULTATION SERVICES

- Wichita State University – Professional Evaluation Services \$25,200

Ms. Morales said, “This past April you approved our Community Funding Plan grant application for State Fiscal Year 2009. This application that Mark Masterson presented to you in April was based on an increase in State funding for local communities.

The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority has now approved our districts grant application and it did include additional graduated sanctions funding in the amount of \$655,411. So I am here today to request your approval on seven of the contracts that will provide for continuation of existing JJA funding services.

Our prevention contracts, we have five prevention programs, right now we have these four contracts, there are two other contracts that are pending that we will bring back in the coming weeks.

Under our truancy prevention program, we have two contracts, one with the District Attorney’s Office, one with Unified School District 259. Family group conferencing, the contract is with the District Attorney’s Office. They also subcontract for conference facilitation component of this program with Episcopal social services. And that is the amount in the parentheses, \$58,730. And finally, functional family therapy, which is provided by Youthville.

For intervention contracts, we have our diversion program that is led by the District Attorney’s Office, and detention advocacy service, which is a contract with Kansas Legal Services.

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And finally, our consultation contract is with Wichita State University, and these are professional evaluation services that Dr. Dolores Craig Moreland and others provide to us for juvenile services and now also for evaluation of one of our new adult corrections programs. We are asking that you approve these seven contracts, and authorize the Chairman to sign each of them. Be happy to answer any questions you have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you, Chris. And all of these contracts have gone through the filter of our Team Justice or our Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board?”

Mr. Morales said, “Yes, sir.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “I’m certainly going to be supportive of this. However, I did have some questions and I did get those satisfactorily answered, and I wanted to let the public out there know that there are, besides 259, there are ten other school districts in Sedgwick County, and they had participated in past years in some of these programs, but the numbers just weren’t there. So it seems like some of the smaller schools or smaller school districts, I guess I shouldn’t say that, Maize is now 6A, but the school districts are doing a good job out there of keeping their truancy numbers down.

So communities and schools has participated in some of those also, and some of those other school districts are still in that program, and there is still a coordination and a line of communication between all these organizations and the school district, so that’s good. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Chris, you mentioned that there were two other contracts that were not yet completed. We’ll be seeing those at a later meeting?”

Mr. Morales said, “Yes. Both of those contracts, one is for juvenile intake and assessment center case management, and the other is parent training. Both of those are provided by Kansas Children’s Service League. We are still in contract negotiation phase with both of them.”

Chairman Winters said, “Good. Well, it is always good to keep us kind of knowing what to expect, because we sometimes forget that we’re back in this program when we see those again. So that’s good to know. Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. Chris, in your presentation, you said that we had \$655,000 of grant money?”

Mr. Morales said, “Yes

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Commissioner Unruh said, “And the balance of that, then, is out of our budget?”

Ms. Morales said, “The \$655,000 in additional funds is just for graduated sanctions program, which are the three State mandated core programs.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. thank you for that clarification.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioner Parks, did you turn your light on again?”

Commissioner Parks said, “No.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay.”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “And my only final comment that I would make is these are the funds that we really began receiving in 1989 as juvenile justice reform worked its way through the Kansas Legislature. Upon that completion, then, was the time that we started our prevention fund commitment. So, our prevention goes hand in hand with this prevention money that we received from the State of Kansas. All right, we have a motion. Any other comments? Seeing none call the vote.”

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, “Thank you Chris. Next item.”

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F. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE AND PLAN STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

Ms. Templin said, "This Resolution establishes a Deferred Compensation Committee and fund selection and review procedure for the County's Deferred Compensation Plan that is designed to comply with the qualification standards of section 457 of the Internal Revenue code and is a plan that allows each eligible employee a means to save money on a tax advantage basis in order to reach retirement goals, and to direct how their contributions are made to their account, and how they are invested among a diverse menu of investment options.

The Deferred Compensation Committee is set up to provide oversight to the plan and make any recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the plan. The committee will have nine voting members, and will include one member each from Human Resources, the Division of Finance, and the County Councilor's Office, one retired member of the plan, two fulltime County employees appointed by the County Manager, and three employees actively participating in the plan and voted in from other employees participating in the plan to serve three-year terms.

The plans statement of investment policy and guidelines provides a format for selection of investment options and includes criteria for the analysis on the performance of these options. These documents have been reviewed and approved by the County Councilor's Office and the Finance Division and I recommend approval, establishing the Deferred Compensation Committee and planned statement of investment policies and guidelines.

We do have Mark Arnold here, who is our local representative from Great West Retirement Services, our current record keeper and provider of our deferred compensation plan. If you have any questions, we can both be here to answer those."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions? I think really the only comment that I would have is I think as you all remember, we made this transition from a former deferred comp company to Great West, and from what I can tell, that transition went very smoothly, and I was very pleased. I thought that there could have been some concern about all of that, but everyone that I have visited with seems to think Great West is doing a great job, and I think this committee that you're putting together will just help strengthen that, particularly with all of the people that participate in the plan."

Ms. Templin said, "Yes, we believe so."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Unruh?"

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say that I'm going to be supportive. I think this is appropriate activity for us to include employees, and helping establish a policy and helping us establish investment options rather than sit passively by, we can have some active involvement. I think it's healthy for the plan, and allows our employees to be involved. So I'm going to be very supportive."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Jo, describe the makeup of the committee. You talked to us about that. It is going to have a pretty broad based representation, and actual participants will be able to elect some of the committee members, is that correct?"

Ms. Templin said, "Yes, sir. Three will be voted in by participating members, and we will also have a retired member who is no longer working for Sedgwick County, but still involved in the plan."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, that should give a broad base of representation. Employees know that if they are in the plan, they can have a representation there, to review the plan, make sure it's working right, bringing the kind of investments that maybe they would like to see."

The other part of it is that there's a certain goal of trying to get employees involved, and in this economic times, it's very important for people to try to look to the future, and what is that benchmark that were looking at. We're at, what, 29 percent and we're trying to get another number?"

Ms. Templin said, "Yes. In negotiating the contract with Great West, one of the requirements was to, within a three-year time frame, which started in October of 07, to increase our participation to 35 percent."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Are there other questions? Seeing none, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

G. BUDGET DEPARTMENT.

- 1. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST AND CHARGED TO REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY’S SOLID WASTE SERVICE AREA; PRESCRIBING THE USE AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES FROM SUCH FEES AND ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY’S SOLID WASTE SERVICE AREA.**

Mr. David Miller, Director, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you today is the Resolution for the adoption of the annual solid waste fees that will support Sedgwick County’s solid waste efforts for 2009. About ten years ago the State took action to shift responsibility for solid waste planning from local municipalities to County jurisdictions, and as part of that action, they provided authority for the implementation of a solid waste fee as the funding source for a County’s solid waste efforts.

Since 2000, the County has charged a solid waste fee with the highest fee in a single year occurring in 2002 at \$5.48 for residential owners. The solid waste fee does vary according to property class, with residential property owners paying a fixed amount per dwelling unit and owners of commercial, industrial, agricultural, and other property classes paying amounts based on the waste generation characteristics of their business, based on separate fee tiers, which is required by the State Statutes.

This fee is imposed on the annual property tax bill and it is collected by the County Treasurer with those property tax payments. For 2009, the Resolution proposes a fee of \$4.04 for residential owners. And for non-residential owners, Tier 1 would be \$3.30, followed by Tier 2 at \$4.40, Tier 3 at \$5.50 and Tier 5 at \$4.40. The fee is estimated to generate approximately \$886,000 in 2009 and those fees in combination with transfer station tonnage charges, construction and demolition landfill license fees, merchandise, sales and cash from prior years will fund the County’s Household Hazardous Waste facility.

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The County's debris removal program, solid waste analysis for the upcoming solid waste management plan, they'll be submitted to KDHE, a one day electronic waste collection event, solid waste enforcement efforts, solid waste minimization efforts and solid waste management. I'd be happy to stand for any questions Commissioners and if there are none, I'd recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, David. Commissioners are there questions or comments? Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, this is a fee increase, rather than a tax increase. Some people don't see the two the same. But we've had increased costs with the price of gasoline going up and we're going to be having an e-waste collection and several things we're going to be doing that we need to pay for. Not wanting to vote for an increase in fees or taxes, but I think this is necessary, so I'll be supporting it."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I think we've had a lot of dialogue about solid waste when we went through our plan. We knew that there was some new issues that we're going to have to deal with. Certainly, this e-waste disposal is getting ready to be a pretty paramount strain on Sedgwick County. We want to be sure we're prepared and understand what the Legislation, to move to digital and get rid of analog televisions and everything, is going to do.

We don't know the impact of that. We do know that there's a huge impact for the disposal of computers and hard drives and cell phones and we need to be sure that we're ahead of the curve on that as opposed to behind. That's going to be part of the dialogue were going to have. We also need to really do a good job at analyzing the waste stream as we move towards a lot of the new parts of our solid waste plan that we adopted.

One thing about this fee is there have been years we've lowered it and pushed it back considerably, and this is a year where I think we just have come to the conclusion, we're going to have to raise it a little bit to be sure we take care of the increased load at the Household Hazardous Waste Center, the electronic waste and a couple of other issues that David described.

I'm with Commissioner Welshimer, I don't think we ever really want to have to raise fees or anything that has to do with users, but at the end of the day, to continue some of the recycling things we're doing, continue support household hazardous waste and some of the other problems, a little bump in this is going be judicious this year and I think I'll support it too."

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

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. David, I guess I'll be saying to you some of the things that have already been said by the other Commissioners. I think it's good information for our citizens to know that in 2002 the fee was \$5.48 for residences and in 2005, it dropped to what's been kind of a lull of \$3.06. The raise that's anticipated in this proposal is a 39 cent raise. Onetime fee to our citizens. So these are not onerous amounts of money, I don't think, for our citizens. But the principal involved of raising fees or anything that imposes any sort of additional burden towards our citizens, we're very, very sensitive to.

But I think that the history of this implies that we're trying to be as careful as we can with the fee that we're imposing. It is for specific services, as needed, and in light of the fact that we now have this challenge for e-waste collection, along with the other regular activities of our Solid Waste Management, I think that this is appropriate and necessary.

There is a certain amount of reserve in this fund that could be used, but I think that, in light of the fact that the strange weather that we've been having all across the nation, we don't know what sort of requirements we might have for debris removal or other storm related activities. I would rather not infringe upon that reserve and take this fee for this year to take care of the necessary activities we have. Another way to agree with the Commissioners, who have already spoken, that I'm going to be supportive."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "A lot of things that Commissioner Unruh just said I had on my plate also. But I just want to add to the backside of that, that we need to look at this as an example for other funds that we may be looking at where the taxes have been raised. We have a little bit of a windfall, so we'll lower them and then we're back up to raising them again. The perception with the public of raising taxes all the time or our fees, whatever you will, we get this roller coaster rate of raising and lowering fees and if we would stay static on some of these things, maybe we wouldn't be in some of these positions that we've been in. Thanks."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard David's presentation, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, I might just make a comment. I do support the waste analysis that’s going to be added to the process that we need do and I’m very concerned about the e-waste. I just believe we could have looked for some other places in the budget, perhaps the reserves for perhaps some others so that’s why I voted as I did. Thank you very much, David.”

Mr. Miller said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE RELOCATION OF THE ADULT PROBATION OFFICE.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Peter Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have two CIP amendments for your consideration this morning. The first is the relocation of the Adult Probation Office. This is a District Court function and they manage about 1,500 cases monthly. If you’ve been in the basement at the Historic Courthouse, you can see that traffic. They’re split into two departments. Probation Intake is in the first floor of this building and Probation Supervision is in the basement of the Historic Courthouse.

Looks like we’ve lost our, there we go. Department of Homeland Security study of courthouse security and all the courthouses across Kansas recommended that the probation supervision offices in the Historic Courthouse either provided security or be relocated to a secure location.

I think, there we go, go to plan B.

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This request, if you choose to approve it, would accomplish that objective. And it proposes to consolidate both departments in the basement of the Main Courthouse in the area that was vacated by Emergency Communications and Emergency Management when they moved to the Public Safety Building.

Got it now.

Proposed project cost is \$510,711. The good news is that there is funds available in the District Court grant fund. That's sort of a misnomer because there's actually revenue that comes from the clients in the form of alcohol, blood and drug testing fees. They're going to be able to pay for this project, which is a good thing. The CIP Committee and staff both recommend approval. Do you have any questions? Ellen House is here."

Chairman Winters said, "Pete, you mentioned that this would be combining what's presently on the first floor of this building and what's on the ground level at the Historic Courthouse?"

Mr. Giroux said, "That's correct.

Chairman Winters said, "So, they'll both be moving to the basement of this building?"

Mr. Giroux said, "So there'll be some, I'm sure there will be some organizational efficiencies to that consolidation."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, we're just fortunate that the basement has been opened up when we moved 911 and Emergency Management to their new facility. It's good that there's money available that we're not going to have to bond this or find other money somewhere else.

But this does set in motion some of the conversations we've had just about facilities. We're constantly now looking for more space for some programs that are expanding. In many cases, they're expanding or needing to move not by actions that the County Commission has taken but some Legislative guidance and changes, some best practices that really guide us into different facilities and everything.

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We just found out that the juvenile jury trials, the reading on that from the Supreme Court is going to change a facility that we just occupied, just built and occupied. So I think we're going to have a lot of conversations.

We've spent quite a few hours recently talking about facilities and in fact, Charlene Stevens gave us a presentation yesterday about the future of our facilities and what the strain on this Courthouse building is going to be with the addition of two new judges and the Administrative offices that go with that, and how that fits into a judicial system in a building with other things in it besides that.

We're going to have to make other decisions pretty soon about facilities. This one kind of made sense and was a little easier than some of the ones that are getting ready to come up real soon. So I wanted to make sure the public knew that this one fits pretty well.

It does combine two areas that need to be together. It gets them under security. But this is just the first of many other decisions about facilities. Many more that are going to be a lot tougher than this one was. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Seeing no other questions, do we have a motion to approve the amendment to the CIP?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the amendment to the CIP.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

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3. AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE SIGNALIZING THE INTERSECTION OF WEST 21ST STREET NORTH AND NORTH SHORE BOULEVARD.

Mr. Giroux said, "This request is from Public Works, and it's to install a signal at the intersection of West 21st and North Shore Boulevard. Based on the latest traffic counts, our Highway Department staff now believes that the intersection meets the criteria for installation of a signal.

That traffic is approximately 30,000 vehicles daily and there's some other issues with the intersection. There's residential traffic as well as traffic from the cement plant, LaFarge Cement Plant entering from the north and of course, there's always traffic for park customers going to the south.

Design will be accomplished by the Highway Department staff. The expenditure for the project is estimated at \$500,000 and we believe that the fund balance is pretty healthy at this point. We have an uncommitted and unencumbered balance of \$5.6 million. That's well above our minimum preference and so were going to be able to support the addition of this project without any issues. And, again, the CIP Committee and staff both recommend approval of the project. If you have any questions, Mr. Spears can handle the tough ones."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Pete, for the presentation. I do have a couple of questions for David. David, we, I know that your department has looked at this intersection in the past. Can you tell us about what led you to this conclusion and what the process was to make this determination?"

Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir. Commissioner Winters, I think in the past six years, we've done an engineering study on that three times. And this is the first time that it met warrants to have a signal and for the person, common person that doesn't understand what that means, we go through an objective study to see and do traffic counts, touring movements and accident counts, types of accidents and to see if the intersection is indeed warranted to have a signal. And the previous two it was not warranted.

This one, it is, basically. Actually, on one turning movement, it is six cars short, but we think by the time we do the survey design, draw up the plans, buy the right-of-way, relocate utilities and do construction, the other cars will be there. In fact, there's another entrance on, up the way from that, that cars are taking now instead of this one, we believe, and once the signal is in, they will come to where the signal is. So, yes it is warranted, we did an objective engineering study and we recommend a signal there."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "One of those tough questions for Mr. Spears. The cross traffic, do you have a recollection of what that cross traffic count was? I know 30,000 on 21st street, that seems to be the priority street there. The high volume is on 21st, but did we have like 5 percent cross traffic or do you remember for that warrant what that number was?"

Mr. Spears said, "Commissioner, I do not remember that detail. Mark Borst, our Traffic Engineer, did the study. If he was here, he would be able to tell you all the details of that, but I can get that information to you."

Commissioner Parks said, "City of Wichita did not participate in any of this?"

Mr. Spears said, "We're going to ask them to participate, yes, because one of the legs is in the City of Wichita, the north leg, and we will ask them to also participate."

Commissioner Parks said, "So this is not the total cost of the project then?"

Mr. Spears said, "The \$500,000 is the total cost of project. We will try to get them to participate in part of that. And then our cost will be less than the \$500,000."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there other questions of either David or Pete?"

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to approve the amendment to the CIP.

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	Nay
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Pete."

Mr. Giroux said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING

H. AGREEMENTS WITH MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF BENTLEY, GARDEN PLAIN SENIOR CLUB, AND CITY OF CLEARWATER TO PROVIDE RIDE COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE'S VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.

Mr. Ray Vail, , Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present to you the agreements for four rural communities to provide coordinated services for Volunteer Transportation Program. This program was established in 2005 and last year it provided hundreds of rides to individuals. I ask that you approve this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Ray, how long has this service been provided, do you know, rough ideas?"

Mr. Vail said, "About three years."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay."

Mr. Vail said, "Surprisingly, we haven't lost people that volunteer due to the gas prices."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Are there other questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks 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, “Thank you, Ray. Next item.”

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

I. AGREEMENT WITH WESLEY MEDICAL CENTER, WICHITA CENTER FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION, INC. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – WICHITA TO PROVIDE A NON-HOSPITAL SITE CLINICAL SETTING FOR MEDICAL STUDENT RESIDENTS DURING THEIR OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGICAL MEDICAL ROTATION.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is an Agreement with the Wesley OBGYN residency program through University of Kansas School of Medicine for provision of OBGYN services to our prenatal clinic. The OBGYN residents are in their 4th year. They provide guidance and support to the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners who provide the majority of the care to clients.

They also provide direct care and oversee the care of women that are high risk in our clinic. We’ve had this relationship for 25 years, and there’s been happiness all around in that relationship. We do get 4th year residents, a resident every three months, a different resident.

It’s a learning opportunity for them in a non-hospital clinical site and they need that as part of their rotation. The contract is for \$37,000 dollars. There’s no increase from last year and there will be an option for extension of this contract for an additional year. So this could run through June of 2010.

We will be integrating the residency program with the centering pregnancy model that we’re transitioning to in the prenatal care program. We plan on doing that August and September. It really won’t meet any change for them. We’ll schedule clients to see them and they will have their group.

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I've talked about centering pregnancy a little bit before. It's a new model that we're going to in our prenatal clinic where women are grouped according to their due dates and they'll be in facilitated group sessions. The sessions will be facilitated by Nurse Practitioners and they'll be educating each other and they'll develop relationships that will hopefully empower them and continue beyond the pregnancy.

This program has yielded good results in terms of decreased emergency room visits that are unnecessary and better birth outcome, so we're excited about that transition. We have the full support of Wesley. Dr. Horbelt, the Department Head, has been the Chair of the OBGYN Department for Kansas, University of Kansas School of Medicine, has been supportive and involved from the beginning. I recommend that you approve this contract and authorize the Chair to sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm going to be very supportive of this. Anyway we can attach to the medical school in the graduate and medical procedures, I think, is important. We've had a lot of conversation recently in our community about graduate medical education and how we make sure that the future of Kansas is bright when it comes to having family physicians.

The doctors have gone through clinical rotations and residencies. We are at risk in Kansas to have a downturn in doctors and pharmacists and dentists. The more that we can be active and partnering and understanding that issue, not only in our community but the whole State of Kansas, the better off we're going to be.

I know the Governor was here this week and one of the things she did was sign a bill that brought more money into the community for pharmacy school. We know that some of the rules have changed for accreditation on graduate medical education. There has to be more work in clinics with researches and the faculty doing more researches. That just adds another layer of vulnerability to a jewel that we've got in our community.

Once again, I'm going to be supportive. My comments really didn't all have to do with this particular item today. But it is a broad, it's a piece of a broad based discussion that we need to continue to have in our community that, as our population needs health access and it needs family physicians and our baby boomers get older, there's going to be more medical needs as opposed to less. We need to make sure that that's alive and well in our community. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, you've heard Claudia's report, Commissioner Parks, I'm sorry."

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Commissioner Parks said, “I just wanted to say that my vote will reflect the, I’ve been reading Chapter 19 in the KSA quite a bit this week. I don’t have anything particular against this program, but our job description is in Chapter 19 and those 12 things are in there. I just wanted to say that my vote would reflect what involvement I think we need to be in this. Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I’m going to be supportive of this. We’ve had a long-term successful relationship with these rotations. Providing this sort of services to a somewhat vulnerable population, I think is a legitimate activity of our government and especially if we can do it in a strong partnership like this that is very cost effective. So I will be supportive.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions or comments?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 19, 2008.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of June 19th results in two items for consideration today. The first item;

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**1. ONBASE SOFTWARE AND MAINTANENCE – DIVISION OF FINANCE
and ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
FUNDING – POST SAP IMPLEMENTATION**

Recommendation is to accept a quote from Cutting Edge Solutions in the amount of \$64,900.
And item two;

**2. WYSE THIN CLIENT COMPUTER HARDWARE – DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS
FUNDING – JAG 07 UPGRADE TECH/JISP/JUVENILE CASE
MANAGEMENT**

The recommendation is to accept the low responsible bid from SDF Professional Computers Incorporated in the amount of \$22,916.04. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "It's interesting, the first item we got one bid and on the second item we had multitudes of places we could send it to and multitudes of bids. Kind of talk to that, why did we only get one on the first one, the first item?"

Ms. Baker said, "The first item, OnBase Software, is a County standard. That's the software that's throughout all County departments. And that software is actually produced by a company called Highland. Cutting Edge Solutions is the authorized dealer and representative for Highland. So that is the resource that we have to use for any work related to OnBase, any support and maintenance, license expenditures.

Commissioner Norton said, "So it becomes a single source almost by default."

Ms. Baker said, "It is a single source as a result of..."

Commissioner Norton said, "Have we negotiated a long-term deal with them to get the costs down so that when we do have to come back to them, we got a, maybe a long-term purchasing agreement?"

Ms. Baker said, "We negotiate maintenance on an annual basis. Oftentimes, when we renew annually, we revisit what we have in the County and what's been added. We lump it all together and then negotiate it to get the power that way. This particular purchase is additional software, licenses and maintenance to support both OnBase and our SAP system so that we can integrate documents, attach them, move them through an entire process to create an even flow.

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So this is actually an additional piece of software that will become part of the annual maintenance cost. This also includes the licenses, software and support for the first year. We are working on a contract with Cutting Edge to finalize an implementation plan, you'll see that in the next couple of weeks, but that is a separate contract that we'll be working with them. We are also in the process of negotiating the rates as well as the scope of work there."

Commissioner Norton said, "And we would be putting these together mainly because we have taken SAP, the whole development of that, we don't have a major contract with SAP or someone else. We are doing that in house?"

Ms. Baker said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "We bid that and add software as we determine we need it to make connectivity and integration, is that correct?"

Ms. Baker said, "Correct. And through the course of that process, we have verified, for example, to your point, that Cutting Edge is also a partner of SAP so we don't run into any unforeseen risks or issues there. They're very familiar with SAP, they have been approved by SAP."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Other questions or comments about the recommendation from the Bid Board? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Iris."

Ms. Baker said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Plat.

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2007 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Heavenslice Addition

- 2. Affiliation Agreements with Saint Raphael Home Care, Inc., VSD Services, and Jubilee Designs for Medicare direct billing.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 18 – 24, 2008.**
- 4. Payroll Check Register for June 13, 2008**
- 5. Order dated June 18, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you the Consent Agenda for June 25th. And I would recommend its approval."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on the Consent Agenda?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, that brings us to the conclusion of our regular Agenda. Do not believe we need to have any other meetings or Executive Sessions. So I think we’re at the conclusion of other business. Is there any other things to come before this Commission? Commissioner Welshimer?”

L. OTHER

Commissioner Welshimer said, “July 4th is the Derby parade. I plan to participate in that. I wonder if you’ve all noticed that we’re all wearing sunny yellow today?”

Commissioner Norton said, “I’m not so much in that deal. I feel left out.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Anything else, commissioners?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “That’s it.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “I have urged staff in meeting, in fact, just yesterday, and colleagues to consider moving some of the funds from the Arena tax to pay for expenses for our staff. I would hope to see this on the Agenda in the next 30 days. This is in keeping with the promise to our taxpayers that not a cent of the Arena project would be come from Ad Valorem taxes and we have somewhere a little over a \$1 million we’re sure that we can justify moving out of that fund.

I just think to keep a promise from past Boards here to not spend any Ad Valorem tax for the Arena, that would be getting in keeping that promise.

On an entertainment note in my district, we have both International, Kansas International Raceway and the 81-Speedway that are having events throughout the 4th of July time. I urge you to attend one of those. I went to 81-Speedway over last Saturday. All the rain that we had kept the dust down and it was a pleasant setting out there for young and old and all alike.

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In fact, it was, the track was so good; they had three and four wide in some of the corners in several of the classes. If you know anything about racing, that was really exciting racing. It was real good close racing.

Just like to say that there's a couple of jewels in the north end of the County that people, certainly, if you're not partaking of that, consider that in your entertainment schedule. Thanks."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, " Thank you, Mr. Chair. Commissioner Parks, if you don't mind my asking or continuing discussion about the Arena tax, I think most of us are familiar with the principle and the concept involved in what you're talking about.

And I would recommend that you make a motion right now that we go ahead and either parse out the administrative costs that the CFO might find attributable to the Arena by our administrative staff and make those budget adjustments. We don't have to put it off. We can make that motion right now.

I would make a motion in the opposite except that I don't know how to make a negative motion very well. Because, I guess, Commissioner, I'm not offended, but I am somewhat sensitized to the fact that the implication is we're not keeping our promises.

I think that we have done everything that we can possibly do up to this point relative to the Intrust Bank Arena in keeping our promises to the citizens and staying in budget and stopping the tax on time and being totally open and honest. That's my sensitivity, number one.

Number two, I would go ahead and make the motion, except I don't know how to make a negative motion. Commissioner, now would be a good time to make that motion and let's vote and see if we want to do that.

Commissioner Parks said, "I tell you what, I would make that motion, however, I want to get my figures accurate and this is going to be an opportunity to keep a promise to the taxpayers, I think...I think this affords us that opportunity. I think that's what you're saying there, that you want to do that.

I want to get those final figures from Chris Chronis before I make a motion. There was some of the motions today didn't have final figures in them that I didn't vote positively on. So in saying that, I would expect it to be on the Agenda next two weeks with a figure. I don't want to just put an open ended amount out there to not tell what the justification is for this.

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I think it would be justified, Mr. Chronis provided the \$507,000 from 2006, I think we have, he indicated in staff the other day that we had another \$1 million in 2007 or a little over a million. So I think we need to get those final figures and have it as soon as possible.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “May I respond?”

Chairman Winters said, “Yes, you may.

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. I appreciate what you’re saying. However, this is an issue of principle. The cost that we’ve had up to this date are not going to be the same costs if we do that parsing out by the end of this year. We don’t know what they’re going to be next year.

What we are voting on is do we want to establish this principal that for previous expenses and expenses going forward, we want to take those administrative costs that someone might figure attributable to the Arena to the current administration?

I guess you could make a vote on principal. Or you could make a motion on the principle that we do this. Because we don’t know the figures. We don’t know the figures for all of this year, this year’s not over.

Commissioner Parks said, “I think that we do know the figures for 2006 and Mr. Chronis had those figures, and I’d just as soon do it all in one fell swoop instead of trying to parcel it out into things.

I think I would be prepared at the next meeting to go ahead, the 2006 and 2007 figures that Mr. Chronis provides for us to make that motion.

Commissioner Unruh said, “And then when you get to that point, your motion will include ongoing expenses 2008, 2009?”

Commissioner Parks said, “I think we need to deal with them as they come up. I think that our responsibility and our cost in this is going to go down immensely when SMG takes over. We’ve been told that SMG is going to run this thing and we’re not going to have a hand in it anymore. That’s great.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, I appreciate it and if you don’t want to make a motion now, then I understand that. I would not be voting in favor of what you’re proposing. I think that we are totally transparent, our citizens are expecting an Arena built from sales tax money and that’s what we’re doing. So, our discussion can continue later. But I just wanted to say that I don’t think we’re not keeping a promise to our citizens.

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Now, while my light is still on Mr. Chairman, I want to say I'm going to be at the Kechi Fair this weekend in the parade. Looking forward to seeing Mayor Parker and the citizens of Kechi and look forward to a great time.

As Kristi said in her introduction, Sedgwick County will have a booth and hope that citizens will come by and chat with Representatives from Sedgwick County. That's all I had."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'll yield to Commissioner Welshimer if she returned her light on to talk about Arena taxes. Then we'll come back to my issue."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Thank you. I don't know if I see this as an issue of principal. I think it's just an issue of accuracy. Actually, when the Arena project was done, we were, the County was administering all of it and administrating the sales tax fund. But I think it was just simply overlooked that we had administrators that were pretty much solely putting their time into that.

Our County budget is so strained this year, we're going to get into making some decisions on that budget and this is a, I think, a very legitimate place to go to reimburse ourselves for what we donated out of our general fund to the operation of getting the Arena under construction.

I think it's a, Commissioner Parks has a very reasonable request there, and I don't think that it was an intentional oversight or anything else that brought this about. It's just he is looking for a place where we can help our budget out and very legal and legitimate place do it. So I am going to support him in this effort.

Chairman Winters said, "Well, just a couple of comments in response to those comments. You know, two things, it's my understanding that we really hired one additional staff person to be involved in the Arena project, that's Larry Pasinka to be our construction eyes and ears on the ground.

And he is being fully compensated out of the Arena tax fund. We made no other additional hires in the County. I mean, we have the County Manager, County Assistant Managers, who have now taken on the responsibility of looking at things that happen at the Arena. But we haven't hired anybody additional.

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I go back to having confidence in this Tax Oversight Committee that we also hired. At their last meeting, I don't know if it was the last meeting or meeting before last, they thoroughly talked about this issue and discussed it and came to the conclusion that the procedures that we were using now met the criteria that we had laid out in the beginning of the program.

So unless I hear something that I have not heard before, I am not going to be supportive of changing the way we are handling the accounting for those administrative functions. I mean, we didn't hire any additional payroll people, we did not hire additional attorneys, we have our same folks working all the County projects. That is my thought. Commissioner Unruh?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "I just wanted to respond to the principal. The principal comment I made was relative to the suggestion we had not kept our promise. Perhaps I should have used the word policy as to whether or not we are going to continue with the policy that we had in place and that has been sanctioned by the Tax Oversight Committee or whether we change that. Perhaps I should change my words. I understand what you are saying."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I don't know, but it was my observation since I have been here, that we have an Assistant County Manager whose time was probably not 100 percent because he was also taking care of the Coliseum administrative duties, but greatest part of his time went to putting this Arena together. It was a difficult time and he worked very hard at it. Many of us and much of the staff dedicated their time to it and we have had some figures come from, where was that, from Finance, that says its over a \$1 million worth of time that we have put into the Arena. I think it is very legitimate."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "For Commissioners Unruh's sake, I want to read, I wrote it down so I could read it off. It's 'In keeping a promise to our taxpayers that not a cent of the Arena tax is from property taxes' and that's what I said there. If you implied that we did not keep a promise, that was what I read off there."

Chairman Winters said, "Are we ready to change subjects? Commissioner Unruh?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "I'm ready, I want one other thing, to say that the Assistant County Manager's operational title is Director of Function and Entertainment. That would include all the activities that the County is involved in relative to culture and entertainment. Secondly, I guess this is, for the most part, an intramural discussion here. So I don't know how long you want to keep it, I'm ready to vote now if Commissioner Parks wanted to make a motion."

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Commissioner Parks said, "I think we make too many motions when we don't have all the figures down. That's what I am saying."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I am not ready to vote either."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I think I am done, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Mr. Norton, would you like to change the subject?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes. Did I vote? Was that a vote?"

Chairman Winters said, "No."

Commissioner Norton said, "I've got two issues. One of them is Arena related. We met this week about parking. We are getting close to having some things that we can put on the table with the City to try to determine where we can create new surface parking, where we may be able to maybe even consider some stacked parking, where we can enter into some contracts with existing parking owners and where we might be able to use some stacked multiple space parking throughout the Arena foot print area. So I don't have the final thing to report, but we are getting close to having a parking plan that we can bring forward to the Commission to say 'boy, I really like it or it doesn't quite meet all of my expectations' and then roll it out to the public and see what they think."

I think we worked, once again, worked pretty hard. Commissioner Winters may want to comment on it, but we continued to push the issue and make sure we're partnering with the City because not only is there a parking plan that needs to be developed just for Arena events and making sure that functions properly, but it integrates with the overall transportation ingress, egress and parking for the downtown areas, it redevelops and the City has some ideas about it. I don't know, Chairman, if that pretty well tells the story what we did in the last day or two?"

Chairman Winters said, "I think that is very descriptive."

Commissioner Norton said, "The second thing is, I know the Commissioners know, but I want to make sure the public knows, that the south side does have some major groundwater and drainage issues along corridor of Hydraulic-Hillside because of all the rains we've had in May and early June. I have continued to work on those. My colleagues have been very gracious to make sure that they had a little money available to do something to try to mitigate some of the problems down there. Unfortunately, it is a big basin problem, overall drainage, groundwater issue down there, and we are not going to fix anything completely with some of the things we have done."

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But we have tried to at least give the people some relief and some hope in that area. I will continue to work on that. I don't know the answers. But we are going to continue to work on it. I applaud Dave Spears and Paul Taylor and Paul Ryan and his group for trying to figure out ways to be good partners to help solve the problem. But it's very complicated, a lot of moving parts and just about the time when neighbors forget about it during a dry season, they're dealing with the same issue again and we will continue to work on it. That's all I have."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Only comment that I would make is this Friday evening is the Wichita Sports Commissions' banquet out at Beach Activity Center. That's really turned into quite a nice event which recognizes local high school, college, pro athletes, recognizes a national catcher-of-the-year, Johnny Bench is always here to participate in that event. So that is on Friday evening. It would be June 27th. I know they have tickets available.

So if that would interest any of the listeners out there, I encourage you to consider attending that. They really do a very nice job. Commissioners, is there anything else that needs to come before this Board? Seeing nothing, this meeting is adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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