

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**July 16, 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, July 16, 2008 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Tim R. Norton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Ron Vail, Director of Finance, Department on Aging; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. James Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works; Ms. Sheena Lynch, HR Specialist, Division of Human Services; Mr. Gary Steed, Sheriff; Ms. Amanda Matthews, Communications Coordinator, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

Ms. Frances Ervin, Trio Educational Centers Program, Wichita  
Ms. Margaret Harris, WATC, Wichita  
Mr. George Fulp, Wichita

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Cathy Northrup, First Presbyterian Church, Wichita

#### **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 have 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 25, 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."

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS.**

**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 21-25, 2008 AS "SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW CAMP DAYS."**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners we have a couple Proclamations for your consideration this morning. The first one;

**WHEREAS** approximately 150 youth between the ages of 11 and 15 will attend the 13th Annual Sedgwick County LAW Camp July 21st through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Lake Afton Park, and

**WHEREAS** the mission of the LAW Camp is to create a partnership between law enforcement and youth by providing a positive experience using law enforcement and guard personnel as role models, building self-esteem, confidence and trust, and

**WHEREAS** a squad of ten youth will be assigned to mentors who will keep track of the activities scheduled, the mentors will operate in teams of two consisting of one deputy and one soldier from the Kansas Army National Guard, and

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**WHEREAS** LAW Camp is a partnership involving more than 25 public and private sector organizations,

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Thomas G. Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim July 21st through 25th, 2008 as

**‘Sedgwick County LAW Camp Days’**

in recognition of this effort to involve our youth an alternative to crime and violence, dated July 16th. Commissioners, this is the Proclamation, what is the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Proclamation 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, “And here to accept the Proclamation is Sheriff Gary Steed.”

**Mr. Gary Steed**, Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much for the Proclamation. I think next week is one of our most important and certainly one of our most enjoyable programs that we provide here at the Sheriff’s Office. As the Proclamation mentioned, on Tuesday of next week, July 21st, we will be providing our 13th annual LAW Camp, and 150 kids between 11 and 15 years of age will descend upon Lake Afton for three days of fun, education, and some pretty challenging opportunities.

LAW Camp stands for ‘Leaders, Achievers, and Winners’. When I talk to the kids about what they will get at the camp, I tell them that they are winners because someone has saw something in those kids that they believe that those kids will benefit from their attendance at LAW Camp.

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So they are winners, because someone recommended them and selected them to attend LAW Camp.

They are achievers because they are going to be challenged at LAW Camp to do things that they might not otherwise try or might not otherwise have the opportunity to do. They are going to have the opportunity to have competitions in wall climbing, canoeing, fishing, shooting, other competitive events and competitive races, anti-gang programs, anti-violence programs, and other activities that promote character building, promote confidence building, and promote leadership skills amongst these kids. And I tell them that they are leaders when they go back to their communities, they go back to their peers and they interact with other kids and they relate to them what they've learned at the LAW Camp, and how they've benefited from that LAW Camp, and they can help use the skills they've learned to help others.

The kids are teamed in squads with deputies and guardsmen, and they do all kinds of activities that encourage them to build teams and to help each other and to encourage each other, and they form some very long-lasting and very close relationships. And not only between the kids, but with the deputies and the guardsmen, and there are some great opportunities for mentoring out there.

We've had a lot of successes. Three of them that I am most proud of are that two of the detention deputies we have currently employed at the Sheriff's Office came from the ranks of the LAW campers. And we have a third LAW camper who will tell you that he was an at risk individual in our community, he was heading down the wrong track. He eventually attended the Air Force Academy and graduated from that prestigious institution.

Like to invite you all out to attend LAW Camp anytime you want to come out. I would recommend a couple of times as being the best as next Tuesday at noon when we have our opening ceremonies, we are going to have a ceremony where we're putting up a flag pole and our first permanent structure ever to occur out at LAW Camp.

Everything else has been pretty transient. Well have a flag pole and a stone honoring LAW Camp and recognizing some of our long, long-term sponsors, it is going to be a nice ceremony. I would recommend you come out and attend that. Some of you, many of you have been out there. This structure is going to be out in the center of where the tents are, where all the kids spend much of their time, and someplace where they congregate and are constantly at.

And another good time for you to come out would be Thursday evening about 6:00 for a barbecue. Mayor Brewer comes out and cooks for us, and it is some pretty good barbecue, and a good chance to interact with the kids and see the activities, the kids put on some competitions for people that come out, and that's one of the nights we have a wall climbing competition amongst the teens, it's pretty interesting stuff.

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The stuff does not occur in a vacuum, it takes a lot of resources to put on LAW Camp. I want to mention, I want to take the opportunity to mention the sponsors that helped make this possible, and they are long-term sponsors. They include the Kansas National Guard, The Wichita Crime Commission, Koch Industries, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, The Sedgwick County Fire Department, Sedgwick County EMS, Lake Afton Park, Kansas Wildlife and Parks, The Wichita Fire Department, Borden Milk, ABL Services, Dillon's, Cargill Farmland, Quiktrip, Kansas Mini Powered Vehicles, Durham School Services and Leasing, Sly's Catering, Wal-Mart, Target, Westlake Ace Hardware, TLC Muffins and Arctic Leisure Ice. So a lot of people are helping us and our community helping us in this partnership to benefit our kids."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Sheriff, I just want to commend you for continuing with this program. It is a great example how citizens in the community respond to a need. With 25 partners, the Proclamation said to make this go forward. It is gratifying to know our community responds to something that makes a positive difference in the lives of 150 young people, so just want to thank you for your commitment to see this thing through every year."

**Sheriff Steed** said, "All right, thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Again, Sheriff, thanks for sharing the information with us, we appreciate the work that you and your department do putting this event on every year. We know it's time-consuming, but we know its well worth it."

**Sheriff Steed** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thanks. Madam Clerk, would you read the next item?"

### **2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 21-27, 2008 AS "ADULT LEARNERS WEEK."**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, our second Proclamation is;

**WHEREAS**, adult learners are generally 25 to 50 years of age, have additional responsibilities, such as family, career, military, or community involvements, and are seeking a college degree to enhance their professional and/or personal lives,

**WHEREAS**, adult education encompasses linkages between businesses, industries, universities, to improve the employability of learners, and

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**WHEREAS**, adults who are adequately prepared for work in the 1970s must now go back to school to find or keep a good job,

**WHEREAS**, the Trio Educational Opportunity Center Program, hosted by Wichita State University, is working in cooperation with surrounding educational institutions and community based agencies to provide education related assistance to more than 1,000 adult learners seeking to improve their job opportunities through education,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED**, that I, Thomas G. Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim July 21st through 27th, 2008 as

**‘Adult Learners Week’**

in Sedgwick County, and encourage institutions of higher education and community based organizations to continue to promote and widen access to postsecondary opportunities for adults. Dated July 16th, 2008. Commissioners, that’s the Proclamation. What is the will of the Board?

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton 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 here to accept is Frances Ervin. Frances, welcome. We’re glad to have you here this morning.”

**Ms. Frances Ervin**, TRIO Educational Centers Program, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Commissioners. It is a pleasure to be here. On behalf of the adults of Sedgwick County and surrounding areas, those individuals age 25 to 50 who make a commitment to enter

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two-year colleges and four-year universities, for the purpose of beginning to improve the lives of their families and also to get the confidence to commit to public service. Today we're here I'm here, with Miss Margaret Harris, as part of the Adult Learners celebration. We will be honoring 100 adults in one week to recognize them for making progress along the lines within the educational realm. Today we would like to share some facts with you about adult education and Miss Margaret Harris will do that."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Margaret, welcome."

**Ms. Margaret Harris**, WATC, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am with the Wichita Area Technical College, the Director of the Adult Literacy Program, and just wanted to share with you some facts about adults and their educational pursuits. Congress made adult education a part of the Job Training Bill, the Work Force Investment Act with the intent of promoting adult education's critical role in preparing competent workers. The success of education reform, 'No Child Left Behind', is dependent on parents who have the educational skills to support the children before they enter school and while they are enrolled in school. The success of welfare reform is dependent on welfare recipients gaining the reading, math, English, problem solving and other basic skills to qualify for jobs with family sustaining incomes.

Public health initiatives are dependent on adults who can read, interpret, and follow medical instructions for themselves and for their children. Training unemployed and underemployed adults to compete for jobs in a world economy is limited by deficiencies in reading, math, English, and other basic skills. New immigrants seeking citizenship are dependent upon learning English. And in the 21st century, not only are more adults seeking and needing some level of postsecondary or occupational education, the demands of job performance involved new applications of basic skills to a workplace that continues to change. Businesses and governments need to work hand in hand with adult education and literacy programs to meet these challenges. They cannot wait for school reform to upgrade their workforce at a replacement rate of only two percent per year. Eighty percent of today's workers will still be in the workforce ten years from now. We owe it to them to give them the skills they need to take care of themselves and their families. We thank you for the support that the County gives to adult literacy and education."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Margaret. We do have some comments. Commissioner Norton?"

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Thank you, Margaret, Frances, for being here. Truthfully, they are representatives of a host of people in our community that are dedicated to adult basic education, and as we move forward in the nation, we have to understand that continued education and learning is going to be a part of every adults life forever.

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The idea that once you get through high school or college of some sort, that you stopped learning, it just does not hold muster any more, and we've worked real hard as a County to try to understand what adult basic education is, how does it affect our community, what does it do for the work force. It is a very complicated issue that has funding streams from a lot of different places, but the truth is we have around 40,000 individuals in our community that have some kind of need when it comes to English as a second language, remedial math and language skills, job upgrade skills and it is very powerful for the economics to not deal with it. So it is very important to understand that all adults are potential learners for the rest of their lives. Many times it's just to enhance their lives socially or emotionally, but a lot of times it has to do with creating wealth and job stability and learning that will affect them economically. And all of that is important. So I thank you for coming today, and representing those many educators dedicated to making sure that we're a smarter community. And I appreciate that. Thanks."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you both, Margaret and Frances, we appreciate your continued work, and we appreciate you bringing these issues to our attention and to the public's attention also, so thank you very much."

**Ms. Harris** and **Ms. Ervin** said, "Thank you, thank you all."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Madam Clerk, will you call the next item?"

### AWARDS

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.**

##### **1. CULTURAL/DIVERSITY AWARENESS**

- Kandace Bonnesen – Aging
- Gary Hargus – Sheriff
- Steve Nelson – Sheriff
- Mecca Riggle – Corrections
- Holly Querubin – Corrections
- Venitia Walker – Appraiser

##### **2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Gary Hargus – Sheriff
- Stephen Hand – Sheriff
- Donna Hawzipta – Register of Deeds
- Steve Nelson – Sheriff
- Mecca Riggle – Corrections

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- Jodi Tronsgard – Corrections
- Holly Querubin – Corrections

### 3. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

- Gary Hargus – Sheriff
- Stephen Hand – Sheriff
- Sherell Howard – DIO
- Steve Nelson – Sheriff
- Rona Rosenboom – Environmental Resources
- Tammy Titus – DIO
- Zachary Querubin - Corrections

**Ms. Sheena Lynch**, HR Specialist, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “If I could have all of the employees who will be receiving Career Development Certificates join me on this side of the room, please. We are here today to recognize and reward these employees for their hard work and dedication to career development. Each of these certificates has a required number of classes, as well as electives. This is a lengthy process depending on the availability of classes and their schedules. I would like to thank these employees for their dedication, as well as their supervisors and managers, to career development.

The first group of recipients will be receiving the Diversity Cultural Awareness Certificate. These include: Kandace Bonnesen, Gary Hargus, Venitia Miller, Steve Nelson, Mecca Riggle, and Holly Querubin.

Those receiving the Professional Development Certificate include: Gary Hargus, Stephen Hand, Donna Hawzipta, Steve Nelson, Mecca Riggle, Jodi Tronsgard, and Holly Querubin.

Those receiving the Supervisory Management Certificate include: Gary Hargus, Stephen Hand, Sherell Howard, Steve Nelson, Rona Rosenboom, Tammy Titus, and Zachary Querubin. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winter** said, “All right. Let’s give these folks a round of applause. Now before you leave, just a couple of comments, I’m sure there will be a couple. We do want to let you know that we appreciate your efforts to develop your careers through taking these classes. We know it is above and beyond, but it helps you be better at performing your job and what we’re here to do is serve citizens of Sedgwick County. It is hugely important to participate in these kinds of events. Commissioner Norton?”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “We just did a Proclamation on adult learning and how appropriate that we’ve got people in our organization that consider adult learning important to their careers and to their self-fulfillment, and I notice that Steve and Gary both went through all three of them, so obviously they are the poster children, maybe poster adults would be the better term, for understanding that adult learning and learning never stops, that continuing education is not just about your job, but it’s about self-fulfillment, and reaching that ultimate pinnacle on Maslow’s theory hierarchy of needs is understanding your intellect and ability to fulfill your life and adult learning is part of that. So I appreciate everyone that continues to make our organization better by their continuing education.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioner Unruh?”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you. I just want to add my congratulations to all those who achieved this recognition, and went through these classes. That’s a personal achievement that I know is personally gratifying to each one of you, but I also want to thank you for what it does for Sedgwick County government, as it elevates the quality of our organization and has the effect of improving our services to our citizens and makes us more professional as we carry out the responsibilities that we’re assigned as local government. So in making yourselves better, you’ve made us better. So I want to thank you for that.”

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

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “Well, I totally agree with all that’s been said, and I want to thank you for doing what you’ve done. I appreciate you, and I wish you good futures in your jobs. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you all very much again. Madam Clerk, will you call the next item? Let’s wait just a second as people leave the room. All right, Madam Clerk, call the next item?”

### **CITIZEN INQUIRY**

#### **C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING TAXES IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Mr. George Fulp**, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sorry I missed you last week, I had to go out of town, especially to visit our latest great-granddaughter, six weeks old. Couple of items...”

**Chairman Winters** said, “George, would you give your name and address?”

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**Mr. Fulp** said, "For the record, George Fulp, Fulp and Associates now, 14220 Donegal Circle, Sedgwick County, phone number is 733-1115. Couple items, I'll get through very quickly.

The Coliseum report that we received every month is nice, an activity report. But what we would like to see, in request be placed in that report, is where are we month to date. We talk about gross revenues, where are we profit and loss for the month being reported on, and in addition to that report, where we stand budget year to date, profit or loss.

Same being true for the County Zoo operation. We request that that be a monthly report be given to us on the County Zoo operation, net profit or loss for the month being reported, and year to date, budget year to date being reported.

Also closed sessions. We all know you have to go into closed sessions for a lot of legal reasons, talking about personnel matters, lawsuits, blah, blah, et cetera. However, any decision made in that closed session of action to be taken will result in the expenditure of, somehow, tax dollars, whether it's settling a lawsuit out of court or whatever.

We would request respectfully, and I think KSA Chapter 19 clearly indicates that closed sessions actions decided to be taken within closed sessions must be reported, either that night before you go home and/or the day before you go home, or should be reported the beginning of the next meeting. We would request that items that were decided upon where it causes the expenditure of tax dollars be reported on at the beginning of the next Commission meeting.

I always watch the rebroadcast a few weeks ago. We started another, as Commissioner Norton calls it, Social Engineering Program, this one I believe sponsored and hurrahed by Commissioner Unruh.

We opened up another program beginning with a million and a half dollars to console drug users. I would respectfully suggest very shortly, that you get some information, and I will be glad to help up get it if you need it, from the DEA or FBI, on their stats that most drug users are drug dealers. They try to build their own little business pyramid, that's how they support their habit. So I don't think the County taxpayers need to be coddling drug users on some outreach program or be telling them around the country 'let's put it on the internet, let's all go to Sedgwick County, they won't put you in jail for using or selling drugs, they'll talk to you'.

You're going to need bigger jails anyway. In a recent meeting, there's a young gentleman giving a report relative to a stoplight that was needed on some area near the cement plant, cost half a million dollars. He was happy to report that we have over \$5 million in funds available, so no new taxes will be needed. However, we do commend Commissioner Parks for speaking up on this item, since due diligence obviously had not taken place.

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No conversation with the City of Wichita had taken place as to their participation, and this light will be in the City of Wichita, no conversations had taken with the cement company or surrounding business to see if their activity alone is causing extraordinary traffic in that particular area and should they participate? An there was no information given to justify spending over half a million dollars to put this traffic light in other than for the sixth time we put our little rubber things over there and had trucks and cars run over it and this time it just barely met the criteria for qualifying for a stoplight. Was there a real emergency need? And by the way, folks, we need to start looking at that \$5.2 million supposedly we have in surplus, how much of that could be put back in the general fund to furnish and fund vital essential services that we all depend upon? The taxpayers of this city, and you, as our representatives, deserve better due diligence than these examples that you are getting from County staff right now.

Because we all know since we last talked, a barrel of oil has gone from a little over \$100, approaching \$150. Major banks have folded, unemployment, jobs lost nationally this year reached 660,000 through June. Property values across the nation, commercial, residential have decreased 10 percent. We'll talk about County Appraiser, which is your employee, running amok in this County on a different session. It seems like everyone here continues to act as if Sedgwick County is immune to what's going on in this world.

There are several items on the agenda today. Business as usual. There are no copies of Mr. Buchanan's proposed budget for me or anyone else to pick up and review so we can ask intelligent questions. And finally, my group has completed a survey of KSA Chapter 19. We can find nowhere in chapter 19..."

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

**Mr. Fulp** said, "Thirty seconds..."

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

**Mr. Fulp** said, "We can find no place in Chapter 19 where the power is bestowed upon this body to gift millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to fund millions of dollars of taxpayer money into nonessential discretionary spending without taking it to a ballot. Again, were asking that the Jabara Project be put on the ballot in November. We ask that the drug thing that you had passed, the counseling thing, be reviewed and rescinded, and I look forward to talking to you in four weeks."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you for being here, sir. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item?"

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.**

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Resolution that’s before you requests the PBC, the County’s Public Building Commission to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of expanding and improving the Regional Forensic Science Center, which coincidentally was originally built with financing from the PBC a little over ten years ago. Some two or three years ago, in the County’s Capital Improvement Program, you’ll recall that you approved a project to expand the storage capacity at the Regional Forensic Science Center and you approved a second project to overhaul the heating and air conditioning system at that facility, which has been problematic pretty much since the facility opened its doors, as you know. The action that’s before you now makes the formal request to the PBC to initiate the funding for that project, assuming that you approve this Resolution.

On Monday of next week, at 4:00 in the Ark Valley Lodge, the Public Building Commission will meet and consider a Resolution to declare its intent to undertake the financing. Following that action, that Resolution will be advertised in the County Record, the Daily Reporter of Derby, as is required by law. And following that publication, a protest period will be initiated, assuming no valid petition is filed with the Clerk within the allotted time, then upon the end of that protest period the Public Building Commission will be fully authorized to proceed with the issuance of that debt. We expect the bonds for this project to be sold late this year around December 1st, in conjunction with additional bonds that have already been approved for the National Aviation Training Center at Jabara Airport. This particular segment of bonds will be a not to exceed amount of \$5 million. At this point we don’t expect the two projects, the expansion of storage space, the annex as we refer to it, and the heating and air conditioning system, to cost that much money, but we have built in some additional room in the bond sizing to allow for construction bids that have yet to be obtained that may come in higher than we’ve expected in today’s volatile market. We expect the actual cost of the projects to be something closer to \$3.5 to \$4 million. Of course we will only sell bonds sufficient to pay for the project.

This bond issue will be a revenue bond issue of the Public Building Commission; it will be secured by a lease that would be executed by Sedgwick County with the PBC. The lease payment to the PBC would equal the Public Building Commission’s debt service, it’s principal and interest obligations. Currently we estimate that annual principal and interest to be a little under \$400,000 a year for 20 years. With the current tax base of Sedgwick County, we estimate the tax rate that would be required to support that debt service, to be approximately 1/10th of a mill. The bonds will be revenue bonds; they will not be general obligation bonds. However, the

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lease with Sedgwick County will be a general obligation of Sedgwick County. That means that the Public Building Commission, should it prove necessary, can compel the County to issue property taxes to the amount necessary to repay the debt, if the County should fail to make its lease payments at any point in time. I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have about this, this Resolution. If you have no questions, I recommend you approve the Resolution that's before you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Chris. Chris, just to re-sum a bit of what you have said, each year Sedgwick County plans on spending a certain amount of our budget on capital improvement projects. This is not a new project that has just recently come on the horizon; this has been planned by our Forensic Science Center Team and the Capital Improvements Committee that review each capital project. So this is not a new project, in fact, it's one that's been scooted back a time, so this is, again, part of our regular method in how we make capital improvements to County facilities."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That's correct. This was first put in the Capital Improvement Program and approved by the Commission in 2005."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And Commissioners, I do see that Dr. Tim Rohrig is in the audience if anybody has any questions of Dr. Rohrig. I know that we've all been in meetings where he wanted this project started two years ago or more so I'm sure he's got the reasoning's behind why this space is needed. Commissioner Unruh?"

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I don't have a question for the Dr. Rohrig except to express appreciation for his patience and forbearance as we work through budget considerations until we got to this point."

Chris, I have a question in the analysis of how the finance in this works. You have measured this against all our self-imposed debt limits and it falls within those categories?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "It does, yes. In the County's debt policy, we have established five different thresholds, different measures, and we have established debt capacity using each of those measures. This bond issue along with all of the other bonds that we have planned to sell this year and next year, for a variety of improvements, will not cause us to exceed any of those debt capacity limits."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "In our self-imposed limits, are more stringent than what might otherwise be imposed by Statute?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Yes. Absolutely, they are more stringent."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I have."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Chris, you might remind us what our bond rating is, that rating agencies use as they sell Sedgwick County bonds out there in the market."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "There are three primary rating agencies, credit rating agencies. Fitch Ratings has rated Sedgwick County bonds AAA, Moody's Investor Services and Standard and Poores have rated our bonds AA+ and AA1, which is the same thing, just using different nomenclature. An AAA rated bond is the very highest rating available. A AA+ or AA1 is one notch below AAA, the second best, and there are a handful of counties in the country that have achieved AAA rating and relatively few counties that have achieved AA+ or AA1 with either of those two other rating agencies. We have good credit rating. Our debt is welcomed by the marketplace because they know that we are a well run organization, and that we are going to pay our bills."

**Chairman Winters** said, "So there are very few of those AAA ratings in the country."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Yes."

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I just wanted to say I worked with staff at this facility and I was kind of concerned about some of the expansion that was going on and needed, that was doing jobs for other counties. However, I'm satisfied, through the information I received, that this is going to make Wichita/Sedgwick County more effective in their Criminal Justice System and the research they are doing there. I am going to be supportive of this."

However, in the future I want to make sure that we are charging fees to those counties and other cities outside our taxing jurisdiction that would reflect not only an even, breakeven situation, but even maybe a moneymaking situation. Those other counties and cities do have the KBI available to them for laboratory services. That's all I have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Mr. Manager, it is our intention, and we have in the past, charged for services at the Forensic Science Center does for other counties and jurisdictions, is that not right?"

**Mr. William P. Buchanan** greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir. And we review those charges regularly and routinely to make sure that they are appropriate."

**Chairman Winters** said, "But jurisdictions within Sedgwick County are not charged in the taxing jurisdiction?"

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, “We do not charge any jurisdiction within Sedgwick County.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “That seems to be the way we’ve done things, Commissioner Parks.

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Yes.”

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

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “I would just like to hear a brief description from Dr. Rohrig of what this addition is going to be and why we need it, what it is going to do for the Forensic Science Center.”

**Dr. Tim Rohrig**, Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes, ma'am. I can answer your questions as far as what we’re using the annex for. Mr. Chronis mentioned storage. That is for evidence coming into the building before it is analyzed by our forensic scientists and holding it until it is released back to law enforcement. We do not retain long-term evidence within the building. Since 1998 to date, just that ten-year snapshot, we have gone three and a half times fold increase in the amount of evidence that’s come into the building for examination by our scientists.

The, about a third will be for evidence storage, another third to half will be for illicit drug testing. This is where we analyze the baggy of marijuana that’s taken off the suspect or a baggy of white powder to determine what it is. The rest of it will be for an arson laboratory. We have a very strong arson investigation partnership with the Wichita Fire Department and Sedgwick County Fire Department. We perform the analytical testing to determine whether or not an accelerant was used to start that fire. We also will have a trace evidence laboratory in the annex; we will be able to analyze very small pieces of evidence that may shed important investigative ideas to law enforcement investigating the crime.

One thing I want to ensure Commissioner Parks, that we are looking at our cost structure routinely to make sure we are not losing money, that it is on a cost recovery basis. Only about 3 percent of the work that we do at the center is for out of county. Ninety seven percent of the case work that’s done at the Forensic Science Center is in support of Sedgwick County law enforcement agencies.”

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

**Dr. Rohrig** said, “You’re welcome ma’am.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Dr. Rohrig, we appreciate you’re being available for questions.”

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**Dr. Rohrig** said, “Yes sir, thanks.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Are there any other questions or comments on this capital improvement project?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Mr. Chronis** said, “Thank you.”

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

**E. PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY MANAGER’S 2009 RECOMMENDED BUDGET.**

**POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It’s my pleasure once again to present the budget for fiscal year 2009, which begins January 1st. You were delivered books yesterday afternoon, these are our standard budget documents that are formatted similarly to what we have done in the past. Details of the budget are within that, and those budgets will be made public today on the web, and after this meeting made available, a hard copy if folks want them.

This effort, of course we’ve been talking about this through a number of series of work sessions, and that has begun in January and really cranked up February and during the spring. The effort was led by David Miller, the Director of our Budget Director, and his capable staff, Pete Giroux, and Chris Duncan, Joe Tinsley, Anthony Swartzendruber and Nikki Spencer and for those folks

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who really did a lot of hard work with the vision directors, department heads and elected officials.

And as we progressed through the budget process, the budget team, which was, Ron Holt, Charlene Stevens and Kristi Zukovich, Chris Chronis, Jo Templin, Troy Bruun and David Miller and I, would sit and try to determine what the long and short-term effects of requests were.

The mission of what you and I do has been stated several times. We tried to provide quality public services that provide for the present and future well being. Around this budget we'll talk about sustainability and the future of more than perhaps we have in the past. It is a partnership, we've talked about partnerships. You know we could not deliver our social services without entering partnerships with a lot of non-profit agencies to deliver those services and a lot of for-profit folks to help us to do things better in this organization that the private sector can do better than we can do. We try to recognize employees and through our pay for performance we have moved to a system that rewards performance, and eliminates the traditional bureaucratic things that happen in local governments that people get paid automatically, we do have a rigorous system to assure that performances are awarded and non-performance is not. We attempt to build confidence and team work to have you and citizens engage in informed decision-making process, and we try to determine, and it is your job to determine, what are the essential services that meet changing needs. What we've done ten years ago in County government is certainly different than what we're doing today and that is because the changing needs of our citizens.

The budget development is long-term financial planning, we go through base, targets are delivered, as we move closer to the center of the circle, you had series of meetings about the budget discussions. We've reviewed, Commissioners reviewed and received public comments and at this point we will receive many more comments. The 2009 budget is a plan, and it is a plan of service delivery, and what kinds of services will be delivered to citizens of Sedgwick County. The themes are clearly around, built around public safety and health and human services, public works, community development, culture, and general government.

The 2009 overview is the, again, the departments provided base budget targets based on the 2008 budget, this was after considerable analysis by budget and financial folks and discussions with you. We increased contractals and commodities, in most cases, 3 percent. It's a modest adjustment, certainly with what is going on with the economy today. We have a 4 percent salary adjustment pool that does not mean that people will get a 4 percent salary, some people under pay for performance would receive more than that, other people would receive significantly less than that, but that's all the money there is for salary adjustments.

Departments identified areas where supplemental funding could enhance service, and we've asked departments with the changing needs of our citizens, what are some of the things that,

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how could we deliver services differently, and what might that look like. And you'll see some of those.

Public safety is a priority. We've had the committee, the Criminal Justice Committee that reviews how we go about the system of providing that service, it is comprised of judges, it's comprised of the District Attorney and Public Defender, City of Wichita Police Department, Sheriff's Department, part of our Corrections Program, part of our Mental Health professionals, we are all in this system together trying to figure out how we can go about delivering that system in a way that doesn't cause us to have to build more jails, or jails at a faster pace.

We know we can't build our way out of the problem. We know successful communities, successful counties around the country who have faced this problem, who have attacked this Criminal Justice System in this way have been successful. We have a day reporting system that's an alternative to jail that we are successfully using, it is being used not only by the District Court, by Municipal Court systems around the County. People show up there, receive counseling, it's an alternative to the jail, they have work skills and people that graduate from that program are much less likely to be reentered in the Criminal Justice system. It works. Our big problem in the Criminal Justice system is recidivism. That's one of the programs that continues to help.

District Attorneys diversion program, we know that, again, that's been successful. Offender assessment program is a new one, we started recently. And that's to deal with folks in our jail who are severe, have severe mental health issues. We provide alternatives to that jail, get them back on meds, call their family, make sure that they are in a system that makes sense for them, rather than the Criminal Justice system or in jail. We have to work closely with the judges on this, and we have to work very closely with the District Attorney, but we are not releasing people out of the system who are a threat to society or a threat to themselves.

Finally, this budget, we will start with a drug court. Despite what you heard earlier, drug courts work, and drug courts are not for those people who sell drugs. Drug courts, from around the country, are for first time users, who are struggling with addiction, first time arrests who are struggling with addiction issues. If in communities around the country that we have examined, where drug courts exist, if the community intervenes appropriately and intervenes with counseling, intervenes with a judge who understands the system and holds people accountable, not on a every once in a while, but on a weekly basis, sometimes on a daily basis, the courts that I visited, oftentimes people have to report on a daily basis, when those things are in place and working well, that population stays out of the jail, and doesn't return, stays out of jail and doesn't return.

We've looked at our, the cost of the jail and, we predicted in 2006, we estimated that jail at the time, the addition to the jail, would be \$54 million. We noticed in that year we increased taxes

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to help pay for the jail. The \$54 million, with principle and interest, would be approximately 1 mill and so for forth. I am recommending in the 2009 that we do not build a jail, that we do not do it in the foreseeable future and that we reduce the mill levy by 1 mill, which would be used to pay for that jail. Now, as this Commission has talked about a mill levy reduction over the last year and a half or two years, on June 4th of this year, we talked about that again. Commissioner Winters asked staff to go back and take a look if there was a mill levy reduction, could we make sure that we didn't have a that it wouldn't fluctuate, that if we reduced the mill levy that we wouldn't be back asking for an increase in the foreseeable future.

We've taken a look at our financial plan. We have examined that, and with this reduction, the financial plan that extends to 2013 would not call for a tax increase, as long as we don't need to build an addition to the jail. If an addition to the jail is needed between that time, then we'll have to reconsider what our financial position is. But it's my recommendation to not do that. Since 2005, the average daily population of the jail has been steady. This is without all the programs fully up and operational, and this is without the drug court in place.

Next week's meeting we'll talk about the financial plan. You will have the financial plan on your computers this afternoon by noon so that you can begin using that model to do forecasting. And next, the next staff meeting we will talk about the financial plan.

The keys to this budget, certainly will you the keys to sustainability, we have staff looking at sustainability issue. It is not just about being green, but it is about these four things, it is about economic development, it is about this institution and this community's viability, it is about making sure our programs are socially equitable and of course it's about environmental protection and the process of economic development is making sure we create wealth in this community and sustain wealth in this community.

We have institutional and organizational viability, and it is about this organization, and about this community, and are we going to be in place in the future to continue to deliver services. And those services need to be delivered in a way that's equitable to all citizens, and so that no one is left behind in this community, and then we need to carefully examine how we are going to protect the environment, this organization, impact on water, air and land.

So in terms of economic development, we assure citizens that have a safe and vibrant community to promote jobs and wealth. But to do that we need it to be safe, so our emphasis continues to be on public safety.

I'm recommending about, not about, I'm recommending \$1.9 million of additional revenues for attorneys and staff. We know that for attorneys in the District Attorney's Office, we know by the numbers that cases are increasing, and the amount of jury trials continue to increase, and that she cannot continue to operate at the high level of efficiency that she had without additional staff.

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The Sheriff has requested some staff for court demands, and we are recommending that those be added, some clerical help. In our quality assurance positions, we have for EMS and for the Forensic Science Center; I think we need to beef up some of those programs. We, in the EMS especially, need to make sure that we have appropriate medical care that makes a difference, that we know that EMS is the front line for public health. Someone could say it is the back line of public health, because people are injured and hurt, but it is certainly a piece of the whole issue were dealing with in public health, and to make sure that we are doing appropriate work, we need to make sure that the quality of that work is a high standard.

We know we have trouble recruiting for the Detention Facility. We have a number of strategies in place. One would be an enhanced recruitment program for the Sheriff to assist in that.

And then we've discovered recently that because the high volume use that oftentimes, when an ambulance is down for an oil change, that we are running close at the capacity and sometimes over capacity, which is a little unsettling. I think it is appropriate to add another ambulance to the fleet. Doesn't increase the amount of crews, but gives us the flexibility to deliver those services when we are in the process of either fixing those ambulances or not. You'll recall that we have a retro-fit going on with our ambulances, that our own crews are doing at Fleet and saving us considerable millions of dollars because we are remounting the boxes on those chassis and going about, using those in that way. That takes the ambulances off of the street for a significant amount of time and so this program will assist us in moving that along faster.

The increase of goods and services is evident, David Spears reminds us routinely about the cost of oil and the cost of hauling things around and we now need to manage in ways that are more creative and more innovative and we need to create, competitive employment market for our employees.

You know, we have a high turn-over rate in our second and third shifts. We know that that is in the Detention Facility and Corrections and 911. I am recommending that we move the shift differential from 40 cents an hour to 75 cents an hour for the second and third shifts.

The salary structure indicated was a 4 percent salary pool based on performance, but again for our entry level people and the people at the high end of the salary schedule, I would recommend a 2 percent increase in starting salary and a 2 percent increase at the upper end for those people who are at the top of the salary scale. This will allow us to do a better job in recruitment of employees and retaining those folks in the organization that have been here for a while and whom we need.

We'll continue to review our long-term financial plan. The issue around socially equitable will continue to encourage and emphasize female and minority owned business to participate in our

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purchasing process that's been an issue and we need to continue to address that in an assertive way.

We're going to assure that our building programs are ADA accessible. You had a public hearing on that issue. We know that we have a task that's a long and long haul ahead of us. I'm recommending that as the participants in the homeless task force, that we use \$250,000 to implement the housing first program. It's a program where homeless people are screened and given an opportunity to move into a subsidized rental apartment. Again, this program works. We've seen it work in our communities, we know that once folks are in those facilities that we can do a much better job in assuring they're either on their medications, that they are in the ability to be employed and can get their life stabilized. This is in partnership with the City of Wichita who is also providing funding for this program. We would enter a contract with the City of Wichita Housing Department to administer the program for us. We are also in partnership with the Faith Community who will build a shelter, who will take care of the emergency overflow shelters. So this is a partnership that has been established and I'm proud to be part of that and our staff has played an important role in staffing that task force and will continue to do so.

To enhance the Health Department's Center for health equity, this again is a program, certainly Commissioner Norton can speak volumes on this rather than I, but it's an issue in this community where the public, where our Public Health Department needs to assist folks to make sure those who are uninsured and underinsured of a medical home. Part of our goal and part of the mission, at the very beginning I talked to you, was that we assure the quality public services provided for present, future. That doesn't mean we do it, that means that we make sure it gets done. This doesn't assume that were going to do, provide the healthcare. We're going to develop systems and use models from around the country that help people who are underinsured and uninsured have a medical home.

We need to continue to provide for ADA self-evaluation plan. You've heard those numbers and we have \$200 some thousand proposed in this year's budget to begin some of that process and some will begin as, have already begun, as we speak, additional funding for the senior citizens center has been included.

We put together a plan several years ago that if certain programs were achieved, if the numbers of participants reached a certain level, that we had a commitment to increase those costs to move centers from one category to another, this budget implements that plan.

We have environmental protection; certainly one of the things we're doing is anticipating fuel cost by some \$600,000.00. We hope that's reasonable. We need to look at innovative ways to reduce travel and we've begun trying to educate people about just carpooling to meetings within this organization. You know that there are buildings that are away from here and that we have meetings here, we're talking to people about how to carpool, we're talking about educating

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people about how to use our telephone systems for conference calls and to make sure that travel internal makes sense. We also want to make sure that travel outside the organization are for essential things only.

We need to reduce and we have in our organization, reuse and recycle. We have an aggressive group of people who, in this organization, who continue to show astonishing numbers about how many pounds of, how many tons of paper that we recycle on an annual basis.

We've created the Storm Water Management Advisory Board and we've put some, not knowing where the projects might lead to, we've placed some money for those programs. We know, over the past several weeks, at least Commissioner Norton knows, over the past several weeks how much water has been in the southern part of the County.

Later on in your agenda, we're going to ask you to approve \$371,000.00 of contracts for storm water projects that need to begin immediately. We've put in the budget \$4 million in levee improvements to meet FEMA regulations. We don't know what the report might say, I hope that that's sufficient.

We need to, again, begin addressing the air qualities issues to prevent nonattainment. It's a City of Wichita issue, it's really not, it's a regional issue. I think we need to put together a plan that begins to attack this on a regional basis and make sure that we all understand the consequences of the air quality priorities.

We have some mandates that we don't particularly like. We didn't ask for this, the court system says they need two additional judges. It's our responsibility, when that occurs, is to provide courtrooms and so in this budget, we will provide two additional courtrooms for the 18th Judicial District.

The capital improvements, we talked about the levee repairs and the ADA self-evaluation project plan.

We will widen Meridian from 47th street to 71st and widening 63rd street from Broadway to Hydraulic are two of the bigger projects. We are going to do additional structure repairs to the Historic Courthouse and the CIP in excess of \$61 million.

The total resources for 2009 are \$400 million. You can see that ad valorem taxes on the right are the largest of the revenue sources. On the left side, 26 percent are charges for services. That's oftentimes to Medicaid and Medicare for other charges to the State and Federal for other programs. You can see the revenue sources.

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For our expenditures, we spend 35 cents on public safety; general government is 25 cents, that includes a big chunk of that, does include health insurance for our employees. Health and welfare to citizens of this County is 19 percent, Public Works 9 and you can see the rest of those expenditures.

We also sit as the Board of Directors with the Fire District. We are going to finalize in the Fire District budget, we're going to have a mill levy remain the same. The budget is \$15,470,000 dollars. We intend to finalize the relocation project and we've relocated the Fire Headquarters and five stations. Three stations are still pending and you can see that we've, what else we have done. We're adding six new firefighters to station 39.

The recommendation for the general fund for the County is for the 2009 budget is \$401 million, a mill levy reduction of one mill. The budget summary will provide, I think, basic and essential services. The mill levy reduction demonstrates our relationship and trust with our citizens.

An emphasis on public safety assures the community is safe and that we are economically viable. It promotes sustainability within our organization and our community, it provides a high return, I believe, on our citizen's investment in community health, business environment and quality of life.

Commissioners, the next steps are the budget available online at that site, [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org). There are two public hearings, one is next week, July 23rd, at 9:00 in the morning, the other is August 13th at 9:00 in the morning. People can comment about the budget, suggestions, ideas, comments, online at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org). The adoption date is scheduled for August 13, 2008.

Chairman Winters and Commissioners, that's the summary of the recommended budget for 2009. I would be happy to try to answer any questions that you may have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you very much, Bill. I guess if I could recap what I would think would perhaps be the most important part of your presentation, and you can tell me if I have missed this or not, you have indicated that in recent budget years one of the main factors involved in those budgets was the funding and operation of the jail expansion. Your indication to us now is that you don't believe there's a way we can build ourselves enough jail beds to sustain it if we keep doing things as we are doing them now. And that your recommendation is that we remove the jail expansion from our budget and from our future financial plans, make sure we have the alternatives, the jail programs in place and working and with that we could then reduce our mill levy by one mill?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, sir."

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**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Commissioners, are there comments or questions of Mr. Buchanan? Commissioner Norton?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just some comments, I don’t know if I have questions. We will deal with the questions once we start having public hearings and are challenged.

Several of us, all of us just got back from NACO, it was in Kansas City this year. It was easy to get there, we participated. It was interesting that the dialog that’s being had with the nation’s 3,300 counties is very similar to a lot of the conversations we have had. Sustainability has become the new buzzword. For years it was transparency in government.

But I got to tell you now, everybody is thinking about how to sustain government and keeping it whole and functioning properly in the next ten years. Because it is a challenge, nationally, there’s a many challenges economically. We have a little bit better scenario here, but we keep getting poked at from the outside with inflated construction costs and gas and oil costs and transportation costs and food costs. We know that affects our public. It certainly affects our sustainability. So, as we listen to keynote speakers and went to sessions, that word sustainability was woven in every conversation. And I think we understand that here. I think the five of us really understand that trying to sustain government, make sure we deliver essential services yet still work on what makes this area a great place to live and work and play is also important. We’ll continue to try to make those hard decisions.

The second place that I heard a lot about, when we were in Kansas City, was criminal justice and public safety and what that does to a community when you try to look at the cost. Certainly, we continue to wrestle with that. If you looked at the final, one of the final slides, public safety takes a huge portion of our budget. If we layered on a jail and that additional operation, it would have been many, many more dollars. You know, I think, although we have had a lot of debate on how we get it done, I think we are working real hard to try to understand recidivism and reentry and mental health kinds of programs and drug reduction programs that affect the jail and the incarceration rates. That is not an easy subject to take on, but I think we are having that debate and dialog among the group.

That was a huge issue at NACO. I went to a session, Chairman Winters was in that particular session, communities are faced with a much worse scenario than we are and it was interesting that Roger Werholtz, who is the Director of Corrections at the State of Kansas, one of the panel members, went through a whole scenario, but continued to come back to Sedgwick County as one of the models nationally for trying to do things differently than they have always been done, I thought that was pretty powerful because it did kind of put a stamp of approval on some of the things that we are trying to do here.

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I don't know if all of them are going to work perfectly. You know, history usually tells you the decisions you make. I think we're working hard on that. It is a huge issue nationally.

One of the keynote speakers was the former Comptroller General of the United States, he had been there eight years and he talked about what the financial outlook for the United States is going to be and how it rolls downhill to the counties; that so many things economically and so many decisions on budgets and deficits and healthcare at the national level becomes a huge issue at the local level. It was amazing that some of the things he talked about, and I could have probably listened to him for three or four hours, we had already identified as an issue in our community, that we are trying to work on. I don't know that we have all the answers, but he had some pretty good substantive bullet points that challenged us to be thinking about what the solutions are locally.

The final point that was made, and several speakers made this, is that healthcare provision in our nation is having a huge negative effect. Not only on small businesses, but on corporations, on governments and then on individual families that just can't afford the rising healthcare costs in our community and community in our nation. I find it encouraging that in the budget here we're talking about health equity and not providing particularly services for people, but trying to figure out in our community how to bring all the players to the table and understand how to mitigate those negative effects that healthcare has on our community. So as we went to NACO and sometimes you get a little bit of pushback that why do you go to those national meetings, but for me, it was about more adult learning on topics that are nationally on the plate but certainly have local focus. We are working on that every day.

Some of the things I saw in the budget that we will need to talk about but I liked hearing was health equity. I thought that was important in the community right now, not only as a County government in trying to hold down the cost of providing insurance to our own work group, but how it affects our total economic and quality of life picture when it comes to 60,000 people that are uninsured or underinsured in our community.

I liked hearing about storm water mainly because, in the last month, I think everybody, at least on this panel, knows that I have really dealt with a lot of water issues. It is good that we are taking a look at that in a holistic manner to push us more towards understanding that that is an infrastructure and somehow we need to make sure we help mitigate it.

I was encouraged by raising funding for senior centers. I know I'm a real advocate for that because our population is aging pretty quickly. I think the pressure on services for seniors and places for them to house is going to be critical. I'm glad we're stepping that up.

I thought taking the step on the homeless housing first model is important. I often said that we are probably not going to take on the whole homeless issue, that much of that falls to the City of

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Wichita, but we were active participants in the Homeless Task Force and that to not take steps is not to our due diligence. And housing first as a model has been proven to be a great way to start, that if you can get the chronic homeless off the streets, into a home.

The other thing is, if they have an address and they have some connection with the community, they can also file for social security much easier. They can get SRS help. There are other programs where there will be money available to them to help get their lives back on track.

I think it's unnerving that we're having to put so much emphasis and money into levees and nonattainment of air quality. But it is on our plate and we're going to have to deal with it. \$4 million for levee construction and fixes is a lot of money, but we look at what's happened to levees along the Mississippi River Corridor, New Orleans, it only makes sense that we want to make sure that our levee system and the Valley Center Wichita Floodway is taken care of in a prudent manner.

Then finally, the big thing for me, was that we had that debate about the jail. The truth is, the money we took out of the budget for the mill levy is good, but we also came to the conclusion that \$8-\$9 million worth of increased operations that had nothing to do with bricks and mortar was going to put a huge strain on County government's budgets.

I think some of the out years discussions we have had by the year 2020, half of the County's budget could be put into public safety and jails and incarceration and courts. That really becomes very, very expensive and draws down money that can go to other essential services. That is what I saw in the budget, what I am going to be looking at. I guess we dig in now to try to make sure that we can adopt this budget."

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I got two or three comments. I don't know how to make them sequential. I'll just start. First of all, I want to express appreciation to the Manager and Mr. Chronis and David Miller for their response to the request from this bench to find a way to reduce the mill levy. That doesn't come easy. So we appreciate your effort to present a budget that includes that. Mr. Manager, you implied that the financial plan going forward to the year 2013, what looks like on the horizon that we could sustain that mill levy decrease during those years?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "The financial plan includes, as you recall, it's the plan for all County-wide property tax supported funds, general fund COMCARE, Aging, Noxious Weeds, bond and interest, those kinds of funds. Looking at those tax supported, we have a whole bunch of grant funds that are not included in here, looking at the tax supported funds, the, it looks as if we will not need any tax increase and we will have a operating income at each of the planning years

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from now to 2013 and operating income that would be positive, which means that means we would have received more revenue than we would expend. Now, that's a good thing."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Very good. Well, and implied also in that is that there's, we didn't say we couldn't reduce it further in the coming years?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "That's true. During the financial plan, we make some assumptions about the community growth, about moneys that we will receive from Feds and the State and the tax receipts, sales tax. We have been trying to keep in mind what is going on in the economy and trying to do very conservative approach in that financial plan. We know that things are happening in this country economically that are not good. We also know that the driver of this economy continues to be the aircraft industry. We know that that continues to be very strong. Their markets are worldwide markets and the worldwide markets for airplanes are very, the aircraft industries will tell us very good. Those countries that are the recipients of our dollars are the ones who are buying airplanes."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay. In talking about the big picture of our budget, the \$401 million budget that's proposed shows more expenditures than revenues, by about 7 percent or so. So can you tell me how we're going to manage that cash flow?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We need to remember that there are two documents. One is the financial plan and one is the budget. The budget takes into consideration all the tax funds and all the grant funds.

We budget very conservatively for our expenditures and our revenue. What I mean by conservatively is that we budget for all the positions that you have authorized. We know there is a percentage that are going to go unfilled, but we budget the full cost of that. It would appear that there's more expenditures.

The second thing you should keep in mind is we budget about \$10,000 for contingencies just for the unexpected. Out of that \$10 thou... \$10 million, out of that \$10 million, we very seldom spend any of that, but that's expenditures.

The third point is that out of the \$400 million dollar budget, about 220 of that is grant funded or other funds not tax funds. Sometimes those grants are awarded to us. We set up the program, we spend the money and pay the grants at a later time. So that's what we, so we have counted for that in the budget. This is the trend that we have been reporting for the last decade and a half. This is not, when you look at it alone, it looks frightening. When you put in context, it is the way we make sure that we have the flexibility to get done what you need to get done and meet the State law requirements."

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, "All right, thank you."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I want to reiterate one more time. The next five-year plan would indicate no tax increase and at the end of each year we would have spent less money than we received. Marginally, but that's good. No deficit spending."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you for that response. As Commissioners have already indicated, a big driver is the category we call public safety, that's 35 percent of the budget as shown here. We've know from a previous consultant, that if we don't do something different in the area of public safety, specifically with our jail population and our, what we are doing under the Sheriff's area of authority, that we can be spending 30 percent of our budget just on jail administration costs. Excuse me. So what we're doing under the umbrella of this budget, in the area of alternatives to incarceration, I think, are necessary. I mean, as we face that problem, we are not just wringing our hands saying 'what are we going to do, what are we going to do'. We are addressing the problem and it's proven successful."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I think I should add we have another consultant firm here, helping us currently, that has indicated that they can look at our systems and make recommendations for change that will significantly help that population. So we are having, placing a lot of faith in their ability to get done what they have done other places."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "All right. Let me shift gears just a little bit and ask you about some of the minutia, but you talked about the world economy some and part of the deal has to do, part of that has to do with oil prices and then fuel prices and how that impacts Sedgwick County. You indicated we're anticipating \$600,000 more fuel expenses. Are there ways to mitigate that?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Let me just tell you what I know now. We have a pretty sophisticated system whereby County vehicles are fueled. We know the mileage and we know how much fuel each vehicle uses and we know what the miles per gallon per vehicle is. We are working through our SAP system for that information to be warehoused and transferred to department heads, administrators, offices and desk tops so that in the Fire Department, or any department, we can look at, say, how much of the emergency vehicles working, using and how much of the staff vehicles. Is there a better way, different way to deliver the services than what we're doing now?"

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So we're gathering the information and we have the tools in place to start doing that. We've already had a suggestion that we're working on about how time sheets are signed and rather than have people drive around to make sure that their signed, can't we do this electronically. So the price of gas, the price fuel or other products, has made us begin thinking creatively and innovatively in ways we would not have."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. One last question, it has to do with the salary adjustments and the Detention Facility and the starting salary and that sort of thing, the 2 percent, that is just for the Detention Facility?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "No. Let me explain that to you again."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We have three things going on. We have a general salary pool of 4 percent for all employees..."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Right."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "...we have a shift differential, I'm recommending a shift differential from 40 cents to 75 cents, for second and third shifts. Second and third shift workers are in Detention, Corrections and 911. We may have a few others, but they are the big employers of second and third shift, so that would be an hourly increase.

Then I'm recommending for those people who are entering starting salaries and those people at the top of the salary that those salary bands be given a two percent increase because that gives us the flexibility for recruiting folks at a salary that's more competitive and retaining those who are seasoned and at the top of the salary."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "All right. Thank you for that clarification, I appreciate that. Mr. Chairman, that's all I have."

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I just wanted to show the public how large a book that Mr. Buchanan gave us yesterday. I will have to admit that I did not stay up all night and read this document. However, I will delve into it very quickly here and attack it. In receiving that yesterday, I was going to wait until the 'Other' part of the program to address this, but Mr. Fulp brought up earlier that he wasn't afforded that opportunity. Is this available electronically?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

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**Commissioner Parks** said, "They can, the public go into our website and get that?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I do know that there are some people out there that can't go into the website and don't have that even availability to do that. But are there are free copies at the clerk's office or...?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "People can come here and examine it, they can come to the public library and examine it. Where else, David?"

**David** (Miller) (and audience member) said, "Mainly the public libraries or they can come to the Budget Office and pick up a book at no charge."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Okay. Oh, they can come to the, at no charge and pick up a budget book? Great, those are available today then?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yep."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Okay, thank you very much on that. I was going to suggest that we do that to the libraries and maybe even the branch libraries that are out there. Maybe one on the north and south end at Haysville and Park City libraries, also out in the County for those people that needed that."

Commissioner Unruh alluded to it a little bit about the percentages. I will, I do want to say that the public safety at 35 percent, the D.A.'s Office has been put in that category also. A few years ago it was not. If you see a big jump from four or five years back that public safety has gone up a significant percent, the D.A.'s Office was moved over into that area.

My question, I guess, to the fleet and to Mr. Buchanan, is \$600,000 enough for the gas? I don't want to see a Sheriff not patrol a high crime area or a, he is another elected official.

However, we set the, we hold a purse string on that, and I don't want to see something not being done that is being done now either with EMS or the Fire Department or public safety in particular. Of course, the road crews, anybody that has a vehicle that we really need to look at that and, I guess, my question would be, I'll certainly get an answer the next couple of weeks from you, that is \$600,000 dollars enough?

My next item on the homeless, a lot of people thought I was hardened and callus because I voted against the homeless. I think the initial push to that was private sectors were going to step up and the faith communities were going to step up, and Jack Focht even acknowledged that at the

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meeting that they hadn't finalized that opportunity to step up to that and that they indicated that they would do that. Now, if we have any money coming in from these either faith based or private sectors or giving to the homeless, that will come off of this bottom line, is that correct?"

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "So we're just going to have more money for it then?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I'm certainly not in favor of that. Long-term, if we are assuming that appraisals won't go down, with the market and the general economy, which you alluded to a little bit, I think that's a big assumption. If we are assuming that the other counties won't jack up the rates on our prisoner care, and I think that's a big assumption too. There are some things in there that when we go to looking long-term that we need to make sure that we have covered. That's it."

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

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "I think you did a good job on the budget too. I do have a lot more discussion to go on this. I am sure we will pick some things apart and maybe make some more changes, but I think that what you have done is historic. I am very pleased.

When we talk about the mill levy, the one mill rollback, I'd like to talk a little more about how that will affect our property taxpayers. We will still have whatever increase there is in valuations, isn't that correct?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, ma'am."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "And so if we roll back one mill, which would be what, about four million?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, ma'am."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "That might, depending on what the new valuations are for 09, that might produce a tax decrease for some. It might level it out to where there's no change for some. But some who have a large correction or valuation increase, they will still have an increase?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

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**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “But that will probably be 3 percent or so less than what they would have had anyway?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “So I think it’s a good thing. It’s a good place to start. Maybe we can continue this or improve it as we go along depending on what happens to us each year. I am very pleased.

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Thank you.”

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

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, carrying on with Commissioner Welshimer’s thought process there, it looks like the mill levy rate will go down 3.2 percent. That’s not going to give a, you used the word tax increase or decrease, in truth, it’s a mill levy decrease or a mill levy increase over the next few years. Taxes, depending on what cities, cemetery districts, libraries, other entities do, taxes could go up. In fact, based on our mill levy rate and property evaluations, an individual’s mill levy or tax rate could go up, but that’s a 3.2 percent reduction for everybody across the board. But depending on what your evaluation is or whatever, you could have a little bit of an increase or some kind of a decrease. There is a difference between mill levy increase and a tax increase. We certainly understand that as a Board of County Commissioners.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you. I would certainly echo what many others have said, including Commissioner Welshimer and Unruh and Norton, that 3.2 percent reduction in County rate is significant. I think it’s a great place for us to start this budget process. I know that all of us probably won’t agree on every single aspect of this budget, but I think it’s our task to put something before this Board of County Commissioners that we can come to a consensus on and move forward.

Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Chronis, David Miller and all your staffs, I think we have a good starting point. I heard you say that next week we’ll be taking a more in-depth look at our long-range financial plan. People who are watching today need to know that this is not the first time that we have talked about this budget process. Commissioners have been involved with staff virtually since the beginning of this year in holding several workshops, holding a series of meetings in the afternoons, just a few weeks ago where we met all afternoon. Again, this is not the first time we have had input into this process.

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I think you have heard what all of us, I think, have been saying and I think this is a great beginning. Commissioners, any final comments from you? Mr. Buchanan, did you have a final comment?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "No. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Commissioners, our action here is to receive and file this recommended budget. If there are no other questions at this time, I would certainly entertain that motion."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to receive and file.

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, "We have gotten several items left. I would suggest that we take a five minute break. We're having a recess for five minutes."

**The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 10:43 a.m. and returned from recess at 10:52 a.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "We are ready to go. We are back in session. Our regular meeting of July 16th. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item?"

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

**F. FISCAL YEAR 2009 UPDATE OF THE AREA PLAN ON AGING.**

**Mr. Ron Vail**, Director of Finance, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to ask for your approval of the Fiscal Year 2009 Area Plan. These are the

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federal funds under Title 3 of the Older Americans Act that are distributed by the Kansas Department on Aging to the 11 area agencies in the State. This plan has been approved by both Butler and Harvey Counties. I ask that you approve and authorize the Chair to sign and I'll answer any questions you might have.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Ray. Do you have any questions for Ron about this item?”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I think it’s pretty standard and if there are no questions...”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the FY 2009 Area Plan on Aging; authorize the Chairman to sign the Application and other related documents necessary to complete the grant process, including the notification of grant awards.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you very much, Ray.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Before Ray gets...”

**Chairman Winters** said, “I am sorry Ray, we do have a question.”

**Commissioner Norton** said “Just so the public knows, just recently we have moved some of the facilities out of the Historic Courthouse it a new location and maybe, Ray, you’d like to at least let the public know what has happened there.”

**Mr. Vail** said, “Sure. We relocated all our facilities here in the County to 2622 West Central, which is the old Riverside Plaza, fifth floor. All the phone numbers remain the same.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “People looking for services want to...and that’s Central Plains and our Department of Aging both?”

**Mr. Vail** said, “Yes, both agencies.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “It’s now located along Central in the old Riverside Hospital Complex, so if you are looking to go to the Historic Courthouse to find those services we are not there anymore, is that correct?”

**Mr. Vail** said, “No. We are not on 21<sup>st</sup> street or over at Stillwell any longer.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just a good opportunity to let the public know were in a new location. That is all I had.”

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

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE**

**G. COMCARE.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER CONSOLIDATED CONTRACT.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You know, July 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of State fiscal year. I have a number of contracts here that we are putting through as a result of that. This first one is a participating Community Mental Health Center Agreement. This is an annual agreement that we have with the State where they name COMCARE as the designated mental health authority for Sedgwick County. It’s a large contract and it spells out anticipated outcomes that we are to achieve, many of which are part of COMCARE’s key performance indicators. It spells out the array of services that must be provided to individuals in what we call the target population, which is adults with a severe and persistent illness and children with serious emotional disturbances. It spells out reporting requirements, it’s also a mechanism through which COMCARE receives children’s cabinet money or they are also known as tobacco settlement moneys and federal grant block money. Most of the money we get from the State comes through this contract, without this contract, Sedgwick County would not receive the State support that we need to provide services to this target population. I was part of the negotiating committee again this year. We’ve been doing that for five years, the same group of individuals. It’s a very long process, but it’s a fair contract. We do wish the funding had increased but it has not. This is the same level of funding

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that we have been receiving since 2006, so I am recommending that you approve the agreement.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AMENDMENT #2 TO GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO VIA CHRISTI HOSPITAL FOR INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OF UNINSURED AND INVOLUNTARILY ADMITTED CLIENTS.**

**Ms. Cook** said, “Commissioners, this is an amendment to the Agreement that we have with SRS. You may recall that SRS pays COMCARE for us to pay Via Christi for inpatient services for individuals who are uninsured and involuntary and who are assessed and hospitalized there. The original agreement was \$200,000.00 annually. It looks like we will go over that amount, but we have not received the May and June billing yet. We had to we worked with the State last week to say what do you think it’s going to be. We are very sure that the additional charges that will come in, given the history of the other charges, won’t go over an additional \$15,000.00. In fact, I think it’s going to be more like \$8,000.00. They are putting \$15,000.00 in here so that we can have an ample amount of money to pay those last two months when they are submitted. Part of the reason for that is the agreement states that COMCARE is not going to pay out of our own funding, we would have to have sufficient money to pay that. The State willingly put in that an additional \$15,000.00, we recommend you approve this amendment.”

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions of Marilyn? Commissioner Unruh?"

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "The additional \$15,000.00 is relative to what with the original amendment?"

**Ms. Cook** said, "Well, I don't remember what was in amendment number one. I don't think it had to do with money. This put, they gave us \$200,000.00 to last a year. We have so far received bills from Via Christi through April, so we still have May and June to pay. We had already reached very close to the \$200,000.00. We said this is going to go over. They said how much do you feel are you sure it won't go over...the first one was a language change but I don't even recall what that was. I could get back with you on that."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "I just want some idea of the relationship between the overage and the original amount. My backup indicates somewhere about seven or eight percent. I think close for an unknown, for not knowing and that volume changes from month to month and yeah. That's kind of all I wanted to establish. Thank you."

**Ms. Cook** said, "Okay. Sure."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Are there other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Amendment to Grant Award; authorize the Chairman to sign; and authorize necessary budget adjustment authority.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

### 3. **AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY CONSUMERS EXITING STATE HOSPITALS WITHOUT HOUSING OPTIONS.**

**Ms. Cook** said, "Commissioners, COMCARE is really pleased to be the recipient of this grant from SRS which will be used to rent two apartments for individuals being discharged from the State Hospital without homes to return to. From January this year to the present time, 203 adult consumers were discharged from the Osawatomie State Hospital back home here to Sedgwick County. Of those, 20 had to be discharged to local homeless shelters because there was no other facility for them, while this is a place to sleep at night these individuals are on their own during the day. So the state made available an RFP and we responded and applied for the grant that was awarded to rent two apartments to utilize for this purpose. They'll be fully furnished apartments and they're close to our community support services and homeless programs. And case managers will be assigned to these individuals to help them returning to our community. The maximum stay would be six months; we are hoping it will be much less so we can get a number of individuals through those apartments. We are recommending that you approve the agreement and the authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and all other documents containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the applications approved by the County's Grant Committee to approve establishment of budget authority and authorize budget adjustments as required."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you, Marilyn. Are there questions? Commissioner Parks?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Back ten years ago, we had this, we appreciate the grant from the State, but back ten years ago, would this have been the way that this would have been done or would those people have gone to a State facility that has since been closed?"

**Ms. Cook** said, "I don't know how to answer that. You mean since mental health reform, is that what you're talking about?"

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Yes."

**Ms. Cook** said, "It's hard to know because the number going to the State Hospital has increased so significantly, not only here in Kansas but all over the nation. We have a number of facilities in our community that the Mental Health Association runs, crisis homes and group homes that we do utilize a lot to transition folks. But when they're full, they're full. Some of these individuals end up returning to shelters. I don't know how to answer that. The volume is higher than we were dealing with ten years ago."

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**Commissioner Parks** said, “So are we displacing some of the out of County residents that need these services when they go to the State hospitals and then get out, are they becoming a resident of Sedgwick County instead of their home County, is that what I’m reading into this?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “That sometimes happens, because we have a lot of resources here, in this community, but the majority of people coming home are residents of Sedgwick County.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Any other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement and all other documents containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Application approved by the Sedgwick County Grant Committee; approve establishment of budget authority and authorize budget authority adjustments as required.

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.”

**4. AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS.**

**Ms. Cook** said, “This item is renewal of a long standing agreement with Johnson County to partially fund services that COMCARE provides to consumers who are deaf or hard of hearing. The money is used primarily to pay for outpatient therapy for them, case management services

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and it can go to adults or children or their family members, depending who needs the services. Sometimes also used to pay for certified interpreters with sign language capabilities, there are currently 11 adult and child consumers, who are using, are being served under this agreement. We recommend that you approve the agreement.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Marilyn, did you say how long we have been involved in this process?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “Well over ten years. I don’t know how that started, but primarily the State gives a lot of money for, a chunk of money to Johnson County and I think because they had a very active deaf and hard of hearing program, very few of the mental health centers do. Somewhere, I have been here 15 years, it’s been here as long as I have been. Then Johnson County shared part of that money with Sedgwick County. I don’t think the other centers even get a portion of that. The money has not changed over that time. We are grateful to get it.”

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

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you. This is a good agreement. I mean, we are getting what we need. We don’t have to lobby for a change in the way they are doing it to get it directly. or is it working well?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “It works well, we send them a report two times a year saying how we are spending the money and Johnson County submits that report along with their own in terms of how they’re spending the money. I wish it would be more because it doesn’t cover all of the services that we provide, but we don’t, there was a time at COMCARE that we had a staff person that was also deaf and providing the services, a masters level person, but now we use it for getting interpreters services, serving the population with interpreters.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

#### **MOTION**

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

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, "Next item."

**5. CONTRACT WITH ARROWHEAD WEST, INC. TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.**

**Ms. Cook** said, "This is a renewal of another longstanding agreement with Arrowhead West. It's a facility in Wichita that provides services for now eight individuals with a mental illness, who have lived there for a very long time, who were previously served and funded through the DD system. The money allows them to continue to be served by the Arrowhead staff who assist them with activities of daily living and assist them with social and adaptive skills. We are recommending that you approve the contract."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, are there questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the contract 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, "Next item."

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**6. CONTRACT WITH BREAKTHROUGH CLUB OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.**

**Ms. Cook** said, “Mr. Buchanan mentioned in his presentation on the budget the amount that we rely at times on partners in our community and this is certainly a contract, as well as the next one, that is evidence of that partnership. This is a longstanding contract with the Breakthrough Club to enable the Breakthrough Club to provide services to consumers who need psychosocial services, case management services and supported employment services. Breakthrough Club has been a long and valued partner with COMCARE in providing services to primarily adults, they do some transitional age services as well. It’s a clubhouse program where consumers are able to practice work and social skills and all payments for services for this Contract are made on a quarterly basis to them. We’re recommending that you approve the Contract.

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners, questions about this Contract with Breakthrough Club?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**7. CONTRACT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.**

**Ms. Cook** said, “Like the previous one, this is a contract with the Mental Health Association for them to provide community based services and help us provide those services in our system of

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care in Sedgwick County. The services that they provide for us are specialized residential services, adult case management services and so we have flex fund money for them, an employment project, COMCARE for adults, a warm line it's called a chat line that keeps our crisis staff focused on the more immediate concerns and not just people who are calling their lonely and need to talk, and parent support training and services. Again, this is a longstanding renewal we are requesting that you approve the contract."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Contract 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, "Next item."

**8. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DR. MUHAMMAD ALI TO PROVIDE ADOLESCENT/CHILD PSYCHIATRY SERVICES.**

**Ms. Cook** said, "This is a contract with Dr. Muhammad Ali who is a very pleasant man who is a licensed psychiatrist that specializes in children and adolescent psychiatry. Dr. Lear and I interviewed him about a month ago we are impressed with his skills. The contract will allow him to work two days a week out of the children's program. He was previously at Prairie View fulltime and decided to work here part-time and he will also be working with the Mental Health Association part-time. He did a child psychiatry fellowship prior to working at Prairie View. We feel fortunate to have yet another person in our community with his expertise that is able to join our medical provider team. In addition to that, Dr. Ali's presence in our children's program will allow COMCARE to have more timely access to child psychology services. We monitor that every week to see what the access is, that is growing, the access time to enter services for psychiatry here and, again, all over the state, but he will help us considerably with that. We are requesting that you approve the questions

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

**Commissioner Parks** said, "You said three days a week?"

**Ms. Cook** said, "Two days a week."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Okay, two days a week."

**Ms. Cook** said, "Monday and Tuesday in our children's program."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Sixteen hours for the annual salary of \$115,000. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Any other questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign; and authorize necessary budget adjustment authority.

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	Nay
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Nice to see you again. We haven't seen you for a while."

**Ms. Cook** said, "I know, I've been out of town."

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

**Ms. Cook** said, "You bet."

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

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**H. PUBLIC WORKS.**

**1. CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, P.A. FOR DESIGN OF DRAINAGE PROJECT D-20 NEAR 55<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH AND CLIFTON.**

**Mr. James Weber**, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’re asking that you approve Contracts with Professional Engineering Consultants for three drainage projects, earlier this year the CIP was amended to shift some 2008 construction funding from one of our large drainage projects into two other projects so they can proceed rapidly, we’re ready now to take the next step in all three projects. I’ll give you a brief description of each contract and ask that you approve them one at a time, I wouldn’t know that these are the three Mr. Buchanan mentioned during his budget presentation earlier this morning.

Item H1 is related to our drainage project D-20 which is located near the intersection of 55th Street South and Clifton. The conditions have changed in this area since this project was initiated several years ago; construction of a pond in the area has provided an opportunity for detention storage of storm water and downsizing of the proposed ditch system in the area. This contract will provide for a revised design at 55th and Clifton and an updated cost estimate when design is completed, and new cost estimate information is available, Public Works will ask that the CIP committee add construction of this project into a future CIP The cost of the work will not exceed \$169,919.00 and we request you approval of the recommended action.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**2. CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS,  
P.A. FOR THE DESIGN OF PHASE 1 OF DRAINAGE PROJECT D-11  
AT 103<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH AND BLUFF.**

**Mr. Weber** said, “Item H2 involves a modification of our drainage project D-11. Extreme flooding conditions in the area of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street south and Hillside in 2007 prompted a review of our existing project D-11. It has been determined that the best course of action in this area is to break D-11 into two phases and extend the first phase west from Bluff to Hillside to alleviate the problems in the area. Funding that was moved from D-20 will also be used to complete right-of-way acquisition and construction. The flooding in this area has repeated itself again in 2008, and this work needs to move forward really as quickly as possible. This contract is for modification of the plans to construct the project along 103rd Street South from the Arkansas River to Hillside. The cost of this design work will not exceed \$108,220.00 and again we recommend approval of the recommended action.”

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I will make the motion. I did want to let my fellow Commissioners know that that intersection there this year, had a bad problem last year, this year, because we, it was underwater and we did some pumping, 14 million gallons of water was pumped out of the intersection to drain that to regain the roadbed and everything. And we are hopeful that this drainage project will keep that from happening again. There’s obviously a groundwater problem there, but this year, a really bad surface water problem that manifested itself right at the confluence of 103rd and Hillside, and that changed the dialog a little bit away from just trying to fix a groundwater problem which is pretty tough to fix, but to a standing water surface water problem that needs to be drained out of that area.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton 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.

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**VOTE**

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

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

**3. CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, P.A. FOR THE STUDY PHASE OF DRAINAGE PROJECT D-21 ALONG MERIDIAN BETWEEN 79<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH AND THE SUMNER COUNTY LINE.**

**Mr. Weber** said, "Item H3 involves the modification of our drainage project D-21. Development pressure to the south and to the west of Haysville has highlighted existing drainage problems west of Meridian from 71st Street clear down to the Sumner County Line. This project D-21 was created several years ago to try to tackle the problem. This contract will provide a study of the area that will look at several alternative solutions, identify the cost of the alternatives and lead to selection of the best alternative, once a report is selected, the Public Works will recommend inclusion of the next steps which will be design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction into a future CIP. The cost of the study will not exceed \$94,533.00. I need to point out though that there is an error in the copy of the contract that was included in the agenda backup for this item on page 9, the contract states that the cost will not exceed \$133,590.00 dollars, that number is incorrect, and was based on an earlier proposal that included aerial mapping as part of project. The project will use the LIDAR mapping data that the County's collected this year and simply missed that change in the contract cost when reviewing the contract on page 9. The correct amount, \$94,533.00, was shown in the contract on exhibit A, which is the back sheet which summarizes the fee for the contract. We reviewed this error in the Counselor's office and it's been corrected in the original document the Chairman will sign. We request your approval of the recommended action."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you."

**MOTION**

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

Chairman Winters seconded the motion.

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**Chairman Winters** said, “Jim, one question. When will this study be completed?”

**Mr. Weber** said, “Because we’re using the LIDAR data, which we won’t have some of the early stuff in, close to town will be delivered about the first of August. We won’t have the stuff farther out in the County until October, November time frame. It will be completed, it will be well into 2009, summer of 2009, we’ll have some good information to look at on this project.”

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

**Mr. Weber** said, “I can ask them to go faster if you would like.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Ask them to go as fast as they can. Okay.”

**Mr. Weber** said, “Along that regard, I would go back to the one at 103rd and Bluff. I forgot to tell Commissioner Norton this. But this week a survey crew has been in town working down there.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Actually citizens have called me and asked me what’s going on and what are they surveying and what are doing so I was already aware, it’s amazing that citizens are pretty interested in that project.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners we have a motion and second on item 3 here of Jim’s Agenda item. H3. Any other questions? 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, “Thank you, Jim. Next item.”

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Affiliation Agreement with Independent Guardian LLC for Medicaid direct billing.**

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2. **Agreement with Butler County for access to Sedgwick County Treasurer's Web Page's Motor Vehicle Tax Estimator Application.**
3. **Market adjustment for the Health Department's Community Health Nurse II position.**
4. **Waiver of policy to hire a Health Department Director for Integrated Family Health, B428, above 6% of the minimum pay for this position.**
5. **Orders dated July 2, 2008 and July 9, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **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:

Fanter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition

7. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of July 9-15, 2008.**
8. **Payroll Check Register of July 11, 2008.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda and I would recommend you approve it."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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### VOTE

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners that concludes our regular Agenda for today. We’re at the ‘Other’ discussion. I’d like to start off.”

### **J. OTHER**

**Chairman Winters** said, “I think during our citizen’s inquiry today, we had a citizen who made several comments that I think were not correct, and perhaps, uninformed. I am never one to think we should enter into a public debate with someone. I don’t know where it would actually go to, but you know, I was curious about his illusions of our Executive Session, somehow making settlements in secret and not sharing any of those settlements in public. We have a very specific settlement policy that I think we follow very astutely. I guess I would ask our Counselor Rich Euson, Rich, do you have a way we could contact Mr. Fulp and share with him the actual facts on some of the statements that he had made this morning?”

**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes. I would be glad to have a visit with Mr. Fulp and visit with him. It is a concern whenever anybody raises an implication that the Commission might have violated the Open Meetings Act, you and I have had many conversations about the act, I think you approach it very conservatively, I think you approached the use of it very sparingly. Of course, Sedgwick County may be different from other counties in that we are self-insured for workers compensation and liability, and so sometimes there’s the necessity to have Executive Sessions in order to enhance negotiations of cases in which the County is liable. So to suggest that it is necessary or that the law somehow requires you to give settlement authority in Executive Session and follow that up with binding actions the same day or the next morning is just a little preposterous. The Supreme Court has said that you may reach a consensus in Executive Session so long as a binding action follows within some reasonable period of time. So you do give settlement authority by way consensus, but I am not aware of instance in which this Commission has given settlement authority and failed to follow that up with binding action in an open meeting. As our settlement policy requires. I will be glad to talk to him and find out where he believes the law, requires you to take immediate binding actions because that’s certainly not my understanding of it. I don’t know of any reported decision or Attorney General’s opinion that requires that.

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Another thing that he brought up was a question about having the public vote on, I believe, the issue pertaining to the Jabara Campus. There is nothing in the law that requires you to have a public vote and indeed, because of that, if you did have a public vote, the only kind of vote you could have would be under your home rule authority and it would be an advisory vote. We've had discussions about advisory votes and the cost of having advisory elections, and you can certainly do that, but there's nothing in the law that requires you to have any kind of a public vote on the improvements that you are engaging in for the Jabara Campus for technical education.

I will be glad to discuss these with him and see if I can find out if he has more specific information that I'm not aware of. From what I have heard, the implication was that the Commission has violated the Open Meetings Act and that is just absolutely incorrect."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright, thank you. If you would follow up with that conversation then, I think we would appreciate that, thank you."

**Mr. Euson** said, "I will."

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

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "I want to take us into a little bit different issue, something that's really looming over our heads. Since our Criminal Justice Department and its components are growing to the point where our tax service and other departments are looking leased for spaces, I think we need to discuss the situation and make a decision. What I see happening is we have our Treasurer, Appraiser, Registrar of Deeds, Clerk, going all different parts of town or leasing different buildings and so on. It seems to me that leaves our County Seat homeless. If they all take off and go in all different directions, what happens to us? We also have our County Counselor's Office, our County Manager's Office. I think we need to take a decision as to whether or not we want our County Seat to be fragmented like that. And we need to make a decision very soon because some of these departments are having their leases expire soon and so a decision has to be made for them. We either need to decide that that is what we are going to do and more or less disperse the County Seat and decide what's going to happen with us or whether we want to consider having one administration building for all of these types of tax services and other services that we oversee that are not a part of the criminal justice. In that light then we would turn over this building and the building across the street. And this would all be a criminal justice area for the County. Personally, I would rather have us remain with an identity and visibility and but that's my preference. I would I make to talk about it. Also, I think we need to look into the financial ramifications of all this and whether or not we are better off spending our taxpayers revenue on a building that they own or whether we would do better to lease spaces. I am just asking that we address this issue as soon as we possibly can."

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**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay. Thank you very much Commissioner. Commissioner Parks?”

**Commissioner Parks** said, “Kind of in response to that, I think that this is important and we need to have these courtrooms for our judges and things and this needs to be figured into any kind of budget item, I think in 2009. We probably need to have extended meetings and discuss that, of course in open meetings and staff meetings.

One of the things that I wanted to discuss also on the, Commissioner Norton alluded to it a little bit earlier, the National Association of Counties Meetings was held over the weekend and Monday and yesterday at Kansas City. I found that we as Kansas and Sedgwick County in talking with other national leaders and counties around the nation we lead and in several categories. I would like to commend Commissioner Norton on his Health Access, he was a presenter at the National Association of Counties. The Health Access groups, he has garnered great respect from the national scene on this, and we should be proud of that.

We should also be proud of our prisoner reentry and offer programs. The Secretary of Corrections from the state of Kansas got up and alluded our efforts in this. This makes us a leader in the nation.

Another thing, another meeting that I went to early childhood development, our staff have done a great job over the last ten years on that. I even learned something’s about Sedgwick County that I didn’t know about that. However, I found that we are woefully behind in one area of the system and that is the aggressive annexation. The title of the class I went to was *Annexation: Holding onto what we have*. I know we have been struggling with our fire districts and every time a city annexes an area, we lose money in our fire district. We have had a lot of discussion and a lot of things about the interaction with the other cities with this. I just think that the other counties in the nation have had this problem also. But They have remedied that. They went to their State Legislators for change. And I would today submit to my colleagues that we need to address this issue through not only our KAC legislative committee but also seek out legislators that are running for office and see if we can get this antiquated state law updated there were several other people from Kansas at this meeting that shows me that it’s not only Sedgwick County. There are other counties in the state of Kansas that are having this. In the question and answer period, those people including myself asking about certain state laws about annexation, other counties in the state of Kansas asked questions of the panelists so I think this is something that we definitely need to look at and be proactive on.

Also I wanted to let the people know in my district that in the budget and in the capital outlay, a lot of times we don’t touch on things but I’ve been working with Director Spears and that we do have about \$94,000.00 in capital outlay for 93<sup>rd</sup> and Meridian, this is in the area of the new Valley Center high school, which is in the County it is not in the city of Valley Center, those

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road improvements and things, as we have for other high schools around, so I did want the public to know that there are plans to improve that intersection at 93rd and Meridian.

And the lastly, I applaud the tax reduction I think it's a step in the right direction. I just don't want to come up short on the gasoline I guess was my big kick there and I want to make sure our essential services are fueled with the proper amount of dollars that we need. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright thank you, I don't see any other lights, Commissioner Parks, I would suggest as you mentioned the KAC policy board, the next policy board of the KAC meets on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. And I would suggest, if you want to pursue that, you need bring that up at staff meeting with some kind of thought process because as that KAC policy board puts things on their agenda if it comes from one individual that means something and the policy board is possibly less likely to move forward with any action unless it comes from a larger either Association of Commissioners or some larger group or that. So I would just say I think you have some leg work and some homework to do, because that will not automatically just automatically just show up on the KAC's radar screen."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Oh, I certainly just wouldn't want them to take a stand that is against looking at that change or whatever. We are an association of counties we are not the league of counties Municipalities. You know, if we have the other side over there saying yes, we want to grab all this land and we want to do this and quite frankly, we are one of six states that still has some of these antiquated laws. I think it would behoove McPherson, Johnson, Wyandotte some of the other counties to step up that have these questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "My suggestion is though, you are going to need to go to them and get them on the team nobody has fallen on that team by accident."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Well alright, is there anything else to come before the board today, Mr. Manager?"

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

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

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "We are adjourned. Thank you."

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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