

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 1st, 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, October 1st, 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; Chief Walter Rooney, Fire Prevention Division Chief, Fire; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Lindsey Mahoney, ADA Coordinator, County Manager's Office; Ms. Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director of Aging, Department of Aging; Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Kristi Vermillion, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Robert Schreck, 4769 Northpark West, Wichita, KS
Mr. David Calvert, Attorney/Chair, Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Board
Mr. Jeff Fluhr, President, Downtown Development Cooperation

INVOCATION

Moment of Silence

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting September 10, 2008

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners you have an opportunity to review these minutes, what is the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the minutes.

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 please."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 5 – 11, 2008 AS “FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners I have a proclamation for your consideration this morning.

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires kill approximately 2,500 people annually in the United States-roughly seven people every day; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

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WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Fire Prevention Week theme, ‘Prevent Home Fires!’, effectively serves to remind us all the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Thomas G. Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2008 as

“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

and urge all people of Sedgwick County to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2008, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our local fire and emergency services. Dated October 1, 2008.

Commissioners, that is the proclamation, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And here to accept the proclamation is Chief Walter Rooney.”

Chief Walter Rooney, Fire Prevention Division Chief, Fire, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the men and women of the Fire District I thank you for presenting this proclamation to us and reminding the citizens of the importance of practicing home fire safety escape drills. We

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do have a documented case in Sedgwick County where this stuff does work when the kids bring it home and teach the parents fire safety. A couple of activities we have going on this week, Tuesday is our Annual Fire Prevention Program out at the Sedgwick County Zoo. We will have 5th graders from throughout Sedgwick County Fire District, Wichita, Winfield is coming up this year to join us and also people from Hutchinson and Hutchinson Fire Department is also involved along with McConnell is helping us support this thing. In addition, on Sunday, October 4th [sic] at Station 37 in North Woodlawn we are having our Annual Open House up there, put on by the crews from Station 37, fire demonstrations and some other tours and some other activities going on up there also. On Sunday, October 12th is the 7th Annual Fire Fighters Memorial there at the Fire Station there on South Broadway and we like to invite the citizens and also members of the County Commission to attend that activity also. One of the other new things we are doing this year is a clown presentation. Fire Marshall Millspaugh can't be here this morning because I guess it is probably safe to say he is officially out 'clowning around'. I had one of my arson investigators summoned into court so Chief Millspaugh was kind of next in line to be the next official clown so he is out filling in for that activity. We are in the schools this month and all of next week. Fire Clowns is something new to kind of add a little humor and to teach some of the younger kids about fire safety and we have had this probably the last two or three months and we have had some very good successes with it and some very good reaction from the kids and the kids are getting the message and learning it in a fun environment and in a different type, way, a different way so that is all I have. I am open to any questions if you have any."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you very much Walter. Commissioners, I know I probably tell this story every year and as old Commissioners like to remember things from back in the '90s the documented case that Chief Rooney spoke happened in Goddard and our Fire Department had been in the Goddard schools, talking Fire Prevention and talking about making a safety exit plan. The kids in one family went home and just made their parents go through the drill of finding an escape route and what they would do and just within weeks after that presentation their house burned to the ground and they were all at home and they all exited the home safely. But if you are one of the people that are involved in Fire Prevention and you wonder if your job is worth it, Sedgwick County has a clear case that Fire Prevention and the work of our staff on Fire Prevention is very valuable so all of you that spend time and effort on those projects, thank you very much, a lot of folks perhaps very fortunate. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well this is an important time to be talking about Fire Prevention. I think 365 days a year it should be talked about but right now going into the winter season when people are stoking up their fireplaces, turning on their furnaces, a lot of times that is when fires are very prevalent. I know my years at Target this is the time we sold a lot of fire extinguishers and home fire equipment and fire detectors and everything and it is a good time to be thinking about that, preparing your home for those seasons when you do things a little different. You do have fireplaces going and gas furnaces and you need to be cautious to be sure that you protect yourself

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and your family because things can go awry really quick this time of year. And just recently we had a fire that started in a kitchen with a grease fire and burned a pretty good size unit, apartment units so people need to be aware of how to put out fires when they do start in their homes. You know, there are different kinds of fires and we do all of that education continually and Walter, who could they call if they wanted presentations, kind of outside of the ones you do in school and everything, for like civic groups and whatever?”

Chief Rooney said, “What I would suggest if you are inside the city limits of Wichita to contact the Wichita Fire Department and if you are outside the city limits of Wichita and in the Fire District call Administration offices at 660-3473 and we’ll try to direct some information to them as well as answer any of their questions.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Ok, great. That is all I have Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, Walter, thank you very much for being here. I see others in the Fire District staff that are here. Thank you very much for the work that you do for our citizens. Thank you.”

Chief Rooney said, “Thank you Commissioners.”

Chairman Winters said, “Madame Clerk, would you call the next item?”

APPOINTMENT

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTED EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE COUNTY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, PER RESOLUTION 100-08.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The County Commissioners on September 4th, 2007 established the current Deferred Compensation Plan. This is the plan that allows us to have a Section 457B, under the Internal Revenue Code to provide eligible employees with the means to save money for their retirement goals. On June 25th, 2008 the Commissioners adopted Resolution 100-08 to establish a nine member deferred compensation committee. This committee has fiduciary responsibilities to oversee and supervise the selection of plan investment options and to evaluate and present to the Commissioners recommendations for those plan options. Today I am very happy that we have done work to establish this committee and I am happy that a lot of them have come today and so when I

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introduce you, just come up to the podium and you can see who will be representing employees and the County on this Deferred Comp Committee.

We have nine members, three are elected by current County employees who are participating in the Deferred Compensation Plan and the County employees voted for David Heim with the Sheriff's office; Sonya Williams with the Department on Aging and Brent Shelton with the County Clerk's office. Also, the County Manager appoints two members to this committee, excuse me, three; Tim Kaufman, Division of Human Services, has been appointed; Dave Thompson with the Fire District and Michael Owen is our retired member who has retired under KPNF with EMS. Also serving on the committee will be Richard Euson, County Counselor; Chris Chronis, CFO and myself, Jo Templin, Division of Human Resources. I would just like to thank these employees for being willing to serve on this committee and we look forward to a lot of education and work done to provide the best plan we can for our employees. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Jo. I did, when we were going through that selection process, get on our County website and read about all of the people that had put their name in the ring to be elected and those that were nominated and it was a very impressive group and I think we continue to be, surprised is not the right word, but we continued to be impressed by the qualifications of employees that want to serve on various boards and committees and we thank all of you for doing that and we thank those who are not here this morning. Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, I just want to thank you too. Your responsibility is even bigger after recent events for investments and I think I would like to suggest at some point, maybe next week, we have a short review from our Finance Manager on how County funds are invested and the safety of those funds."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I was hoping to get a little advice from these four gentlemen that are standing back there. In this dicey economic time my investments aren't looking so good so maybe I should contact each of you personally and let you be my professional counselor but congratulations, thanks for serving."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you all. Do we have a motion to receive and file this report?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you all very much. Next item."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE 911 AND 311 CALL SYSTEMS.

Chairman Winters said, "This is the time on our agenda where we do invite citizens who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners and if they would contact the Manager's office, their name will be placed on the agenda and so we are glad to have you. Welcome and please give us your name and address and we like to try and limit the comments to five minutes if we can."

Mr. Robert Schreck, 4769 Northpark West, Wichita, KS greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to thank Mr. Buchanan for putting me on the agenda. I don't think any of you know me. I am a member of the Wichita District Advisory Board VI for Sharon Fearey, President of my Homeowners' Association; and a member of Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association. I do neighborhood patrol to help fight crime. I am on the Wichita Graffiti Task Force and presently attending the Citizen Police Academy. The Eagle has called me a neighborhood leader but I would rather be called a concerned citizen.

I am here today to talk about our Sedgwick County Emergency Call System. Today we are using 911 for all calls to the Police, Sheriff, Fire and EMS. These include fire and medical emergencies,

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crimes in progress, which includes intruders; homicide; robbery; domestic violence; assault; gunshots; a person with a gun; other dangerous weapons; suspicious person; vehicle crashes; neighborhood disturbances; property damage; traffic tie-ups; illegal parked cars; gang activity; drug houses, drive-bys; DUI; road rage; vandalism; thefts; graffiti; stolen automobiles; burglaries; abandoned automobiles; minimum vehicle crashes with no injuries; traffic lights not working; tall grass; potholes; broken sidewalks; report a downed tree; and everything else. Today everyone calls 911 for everything. A 911 system needs to be emergencies only and not everything else. Since I am the person everyone calls when they have a problem in my neighborhood I have found out that people quit reporting minor theft because they don't feel they should call 911. I had a person call 911 about a mailbox damaged and he was put on hold 25 minutes. He told me that would be the last time he would call 911 except in emergencies. This has happened more than once in my neighborhood. By not calling and reporting crime the police and Sheriff are unable to get a good picture of the crime in most neighborhoods. I have heard complaints about the 911 software not up to par but improvements are being made. Sedgwick County and Wichita are fortunate because the City and County use the same system. This simplifies my request. I am asking the County to implement a 311 non emergency call system. The non-emergency telephone number, 311, is a special number in many communities in Canada and the United States that provides quick and easy to remember access to non-emergency municipal services or a Citizen Service Center.

311 services are intended in part to divert routine inquiries of non-urgent community concerns about emergency 911. The largest 311 operation service operates in New York City. All calls to that 311 service are answered by a live operator 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is immediate access to translation services to over a 170 languages. 311 call center representatives use a state of the art database of information and services about City government, information that can be updated in real time. The 311 works closely with other City agencies to maintain the most current information. Baltimore police statistics show that during the first year of 311 the average time it took a 911 dispatcher to answer a call was reduced from six seconds to two seconds, the percentage of 911 calls put on hold from 18% to 5%. Before 311 all 25 of the City's emergency dispatchers were on the phone at the same time, an average of 219 hours each month. After 311 it dropped to 47 hours. Previously a call to 911 from a woman seeking advice on obtaining an order of protection from an abusive boyfriend might have resulted in an officer within the caller's beat being dispatched to her home, even if the woman was not in immediate danger. I am sure you are going to ask who will man the 311 calls. There are many options. If trained 911 call takers are not busy, 911 call takers can answer. If 911 call takers are busy, non trained personnel can man the center. Example, 911 trainees; non-public safety personnel; the police; Sheriff; and other fire officials on limited duty due to medical conditions such as a sprained ankle. I am furnishing a map and I've listed 76 cities now using the 311 call system. I also included resources and software for additional information. I furnished copies for all of you to have that map and if you prefer electronic copy where you can click it to go to the website links that would be fine. Thank you for giving me time on this subject and I now stand for questions."

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Chairman Winters said, "Alright, Robert. Thank you very much. We do have a comment. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, it is interesting Bob that I've had a Neighborhood Association meeting where I brought 911 folks out to just talk about that overloading and everything and I think there are citizens that are concerned with that. I am an advocate for 311 by the way. I think that is has a place in the community, working out the logistics and how you fund it becomes the issue. There are interesting concepts to that because it does take a load off the really emergency system, which should be 911. 211 has done part of that because people that need information in the community on social services and a lot of other issues can now call the United Way's 211 number and get that kind of help and now the really non-imperative emergency kinds of calls, 311 fits that. Now one of the problems is a huge amount of education to get the public to understand. You know, for generations now we've really pushed people to understand 911 is the first call. Every kid learns that at age 4 when they are learning to dial the numbers. You know, don't dial 911 unless it is an emergency but use it if there is a fire or somebody's sick or whatever. 311 fits the bill. I see there is a place where we can use it for back to work kinds of issues in our County, interns and trainees that are working to be 911 dispatchers or even work in EMS or other fields that connect with that would be a good place to get them a little training and understand how the system works so I am in favor of maybe opening up and having some conversation about it because I think it is important."

Mr. Schreck said, "May I say that during our Graffiti Task Force meeting they were getting ready to put out a brochure that says 'Call 911 for graffiti' and I go no, if it is being done...and that is what started my thinking on this process of the 311 because we have changed that brochure now, not to call 911 unless it is in the act of committing it at the time."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, thanks for coming before us today and it is nice to hear somebody come and have a solution to some problems other than just complaining about them so I appreciate that."

Mr. Schreck said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "I will try not to reiterate what Commissioner Norton has said here but I think we should keep this on the front burner in our discussions and that I appreciate your Neighborhood Watch. Those neighborhood watches do generate more calls to that and like Commissioner Norton said, not only 311 but 211 and 511, reverse 911 also should be in those discussions. I think all those things are important. I am very familiar with the Baltimore study. I was in a position to see some of that. That wasn't without problems when they first started that."

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They had a lot of problems with that but now it is a very viable thing so I just wanted to...and I will say at the end under other, some things that I had met with the City of Wichita and a little bit of 911 and the graffiti later on in the meeting so..."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright thank you Commissioner Parks. Robert again...well, Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Oh, well I just wanted to thank you for the community service you provide. I think that's extraordinary. Thank you very much."

Mr. Schreck said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, well thank you for being here and our Director of Public Safety is in the room, Bob Lamkey, in the back and Bob, I think this might be worthy of some discussion at a future staff meeting just to bring us up to speed. I think we have heard enough interest up here that we would like to have a few more of the details and would you please introduce yourself to Mr. Schreck so he will get a name. Bob is the Director of our Public Safety and 911 is one of his responsibilities so he will visit with you at the end and it sounds like we will be talking about this again."

Mr. Schreck said, "Great. Well I am available if you need to call me for anything."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thanks for being here. Madame Clerk, would you call the next item?"

NEW BUSINESS

D. ESTABLISH 2009 COUNTY HOLIDAYS.

Ms. Templin said, "This resolution establishes the 2009 County holidays for County employees. The set of holidays matches the set to be observed by the District Court with the exception of Columbus Day, which we use as an in-service day. It also follows the Federal holiday calendar. New Year's Day is Thursday, January 1st, 2009; Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 19th, 2009; President's Day, Monday, February 16th, 2009; Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th, 2009; Independence Day is observed Friday, July 3rd, 2009; Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, 2009; Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th, 2009; Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th, 2009; Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th, 2009, 10 holidays. We ask your approval of this resolution."

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

Commissioner Parks said, “I do see that Christmas this year is on Friday so there is not a lot of push to change some holidays around and maybe in discussion in the future we should have some kind of a financial impact or discussion on a personal day. You know, the last couple of years when Christmas has been on a Thursday or a Tuesday, a lot of people wanted to move those things around and a lot of places have personal days where people can use that and of course, that would be specific to the department and the department head wouldn’t want to have everybody off at one time but I think that would be something we might have in discussion in the future for future years also is maybe a personal day for employees.”

Ms. Templin said, “Alright, thank you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Commissioners, other questions? If not, what is the will of the Board on this resolution?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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E. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING UPDATED ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN.

Ms. Lindsey Mahoney, ADA Coordinator, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know, Sedgwick County is committed to ensuring that our programs and services are accessible to individuals with disabilities. As part of this commitment, the County hired an ADA consultant to assist in the evaluating of our current programs and services and the results of this extensive review resulted in the development of an updated ADA self-evaluation and transition plan. The original documents were posted to the County website so that the public could be able to comment on the self-evaluation and transition plan. We also presented the documents to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Advisory Board for comment as well as holding two public hearings on July 9th. The self evaluation and transition plan were then updated to incorporate the public comments received. I would like to thank those citizens that provided comment as well as share some of the ways that we have updated the document to reflect the public feedback. For our facilities, our ADA consultant had recommended a plan that called for very high priority barriers to be addressed during the first year of the transition plan with very low priority barriers on a 20 year plan. During the public hearings we were asked to consider if this 20 year plan could be shortened and as a result we have modified the plan so that very low priority barriers will be addressed in a 10 year time frame. We also received some comments that were specific to certain facilities. These included a request for automatic door openers at the Sedgwick County Extension Center and a request for a phone that is accessible to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing at the main Courthouse. We have updated the plan so that both of these items will be provided as very high priority items during the first year of the transition plan. It was also suggested that fishing docks at County lakes be made accessible to people who use wheelchairs. As a result of this comment we have updated the plan so that at least one fishing dock will be made accessible during the first year of the plan with additional fishing docks being made accessible as high and medium priorities. Several individuals expressed the importance of educating the court system about ADA regulations pertaining to disabilities, especially for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. As a result, we met with the Court Administrator for the District Courts, who confirmed that Real Time transcription is now available in every courtroom upon request and the County court can also offer this service.

Additionally we will designate an ADA liaison for the courts and open all ADA trainings to court employees. Finally, we received two comments regarding accessibility for people who are blind and visually impaired. The first was a comment that Braille signage should be given a higher priority in the plan especially considering the low cost of these corrections. We have modified the plan so that accessible signage will be provided as a very high priority and high priority in the transition plan. The second was a comment that the County Election Commission has made notable efforts for improving the accessibility of the voting process. As a result, we have added a summary

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of these achievements into the self-evaluation. This updated self-evaluation and transition plan document, which has been modified to incorporate these public comments is available on the County website but we would also like to recognize that self-evaluation is an ongoing process. It is important to recognize that we are going to continue to reevaluate and update the plan to ensure accessibility. I recommend that you approve the resolution and adopt this plan as a future planning tool for Sedgwick County. David Calvert, Chair of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is also here to speak on half of our advisory board.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Mr. Calvert if you would like to address the Board we would be glad to have your response and comments.”

Mr. David Calvert, Attorney/Chair, Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have chaired that Board for the last three years. Not all that long ago, a couple of years ago, Sedgwick County made the commitment to modify County policies, procedures and facilities to make them more accessible to persons with disabilities. Two or three years ago I met with members of the staff and comment by the staff was ‘we just need to do what’s right.’ Came from, actually, Manager Buchanan, and the County really got aggressive in doing that and for the Wichita Metropolitan area when we talked about making policies and procedures accessible to persons with disabilities, we are talking about individuals with visible and invisible disabilities and that amounts to about 100,000 people in this area.

The County undertook a self-evaluation and created a new transition plan for all of its facilities and its programs and what you see in front of you here is a notebook that contains that transition plan as well as the notebook that I have in my lap. These modifications that have been made actually started being made before the transition plan was adopted. Things that just stood out, the County simply got aggressive on those and said ‘let’s change them now’ without having to adopt the transition plan because it was obvious that those things needed to be changed. The things that the County has done include hiring a full time ADA Coordinator, instituting training programs, appointing departmental ADA liaisons, establishing a compliance team and most of all, fixing the problems; provides for elimination of barriers starting with the high priority items and as part of that commitment the County asked to join the Wichita Access Advisory Board. The Board welcomed the County’s participation. Each of you Commissioners have had an opportunity to appoint a person to that Board, the County Manager has options to appoint persons to that Board and it has been....excuse me, bronchitis is fun. The Board has been actively looking at everything the County has done because the County keeps bringing things to us.

The Advisory Board is looked at the status of the transition plan, keeping in mind that this is a living document and is subject to modification whenever the changes are required in order to comply with the ADA. The Board has approved this plan and recommends that the County approve the plan and adopt it on a permanent basis, subject to whatever changes are necessary to achieve

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compliance. There is still much to be done. There are glitches from time to time but when you have a plan of this magnitude, you expect that. I think it is most significant that the plan has been designed to work within the existing budget and it was not necessary to raise taxes to come into compliance, as a matter of fact you were able to reduce taxes. You are so kind, thank you. The County has been able to reduce taxes for the upcoming year and still accomplish everything that needs to be accomplished by the transition plan. Most important thing that I can say to you is that you approve this action because it is the right thing to do. Things have started happening, for example, Commission meetings are now closed captioned on television and in fact those meetings that are shown on the Internet are also closed captioned. I think that your vision of the future is in line with the vision of the future that persons with disabilities in this community have. Combined with the progress made by the City of Wichita I am convinced that Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita are going to become one of the most accessible counties and cities in this nation. I am proud of what our Commission has done, I am proud of our local government, I am proud of staff, it has been exciting to work with them. They have asked for input, we have given it to them and look forward to doing that more in the future. I think I can stand for some questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thanks. We have a couple of comments, Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I don’t have any questions but thanks for cheering our Committee. I know it has been an arduous process. You know, when I first got on the Commissioner, not too many years ago, there was quite a bit of angst about ADA and what we were doing at the Coliseum and some of our aging facilities were doing to upgrade themselves and it was sitting relatively dormant and I think we got pretty serious in the last few years to say that it is important. I think it’s a bell weather time when you hire an ADA coordinator as talented as Lindsey is to head this up because I often say you need somebody that is thinking about issues every day. Commissioners certainly have a value that we want to have a great disabled community in our, that can have access but you know, we have other issues that we get balled up in and we don’t think about that every day but we have somebody in our organization that every day comes to work and thinks about how we are going to make our community better for those that do have disabilities and have a hard time navigating our community for whatever reason so I think we have made some great strides and I, for one, will continue to support the plan as it evolves because I think it is a living document and it changes as governmental regulations change, as our community ages, which we are going to be faced with soon, all of that as far as I am concern I will continue to support and be active in those things that I need to be to understand that at a deep level how do we serve that population and just the idea that you are saying it is 100,000 people in our community is pretty frightening that we’ve got that kind of population that has some disability that makes it hard for them to navigate our community and we do need to take it serious so David, thank you for coming today. I appreciate the update and the hardwork that you’ve put in.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “I did want to thank both Lindsey and Mr. Calvert for serving on this committee, helping facilitate things. In particular, one of the things that the Commission did was, through Lindsey’s help, was set up a couple of public hearings and meetings and I think we did receive some good input on that. We didn’t have a lot of high numbers but we did address some things that have been problematic. One of those being the court system and now I understand we have either Real Time or some kind of a hearing device in each one of the courtrooms and I think that is important for the justice system. One item that I did ask for was the closed captioning when I first came on the County Commission a couple of years ago and I am glad to see that up and running and I think that is a great thing that we have to serve the people. Also, I think we need to in the future maybe try to encourage employees to learn how to sign also. I know there is an art to sign language and there seems to be a need out there for that and maybe we need to encourage and reward those employees for Sedgwick County that can learn how to sign and the final thing that I have just to comment and Mr. Calvert if you can help me on this a little bit, the bus stops in the City of Wichita, I know that is not our area, however, I have had some comments about that, I know the buses, the people that have contacted me said the buses are great and they can get on and off the buses without a problem but the area around the bus stop, have you found those to be fairly accessible?”

Mr. Calvert said, “The areas around the bus stops were problematic for quite some time. The City has undertaken a I would call it a massive project to upgrade all of the bus stops and to make them all fully accessible and fully compliant. In addition to that, buses will pick persons with disabilities up at places where they are not at bus stops and of course, they have specialized transportation services for persons who can’t get to a bus stop so the City has made great strides in that regard and they are still working on it.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well, my comments are going to be similar to what has already been said. First of all, I want to thank you Mr. Calvert for your diligence and your perseverance in this and also your patience as you wait for a large government to become responsive to some of these needs but I do think that Sedgwick County has again demonstrated our purpose here is to be transparent and to be responsive as we deal with these issues and be inclusive to this community of folks that we are trying to serve and we have obviously made this a priority in our government and we have hired an ADA coordinator and we are committed in going forward and staying responsive to these needs and continuing to commit resources and energy

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to make sure that we achieve the goals that we have established so I appreciate your work in that and this is a work in progress but we will get there and make this community one who's personality and culture is inclusive of all folks whether they are disabled or not but it takes kind of a lot of work by a lot of people, takes some resources, takes time but we are involved and I just want to appreciate your efforts."

Mr. Calvert said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, I appreciate your efforts too and I can emphasize because I have many years of family members in wheelchairs and so on that I worked with so I am conscious everywhere I go of the limits for people who have disabilities and I think we have a good plan there. I went over that with Lindsey and we have a good plan there but of course, you can never pick up all of the...it doesn't matter how much you do there is always another obstruction and I just want to point one out that we found and that is that if we wanted to put a Commissioner in here with a wheelchair we would have to remove every chair and every Commissioner to get the wheelchair in and then carry in the Commissioner and so you know it just doesn't matter what you do there is still going to be something going wrong. My husband was, when he was living with a member of your Board by the way of a City appointee and so anything I can do to help I would be most happy to do that."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Commissioner. Mr. Calvert?"

Mr. Calvert said, "I might make a couple of comments. The first is to look at the bench and simply say if you live long enough you will be a person with a disability. Most people die before they have a disability but if you live long enough you will have a disability. The other thing is this, it is one thing to do those things that need to be done, to bring facilities and programs into compliance. It is yet another thing that this Commission and this County has and that is the attitude to do what is right and just as much as our Board appreciates you making the programs and facilities accessible we appreciate even more the attitude that the County has and its determination to make things accessible. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, thank you very much for those comments and I will certainly echo everything my colleagues have said particularly David thank you for being here today to speak to these items and thanks to Lindsey for putting this together and I also want to thank Mike Papoon with our County Counselor's office who has spent significant time working with Lindsey on these projects, so thank you Mike. Commissioners, we do have an item before us, E-1 is what we are discussing now, are there other comments about this item or what is the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the resolution and adopt as a future planning tool the updated self-evaluation and transition plan for Sedgwick County that encompasses ADA access improvements for County facilities and programs.

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 are ready for the next item.”

- 2. RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEW ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) POLICIES:**
 - a. Adopt new policies to the Sedgwick County Code:**
 - i. Notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act.**
 - ii. ADA Reasonable Modification Policy.**
 - iii. ADA Grievance Procedure.**
 - b. Adopt new policy to the Sedgwick County Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual:**
 - i. ADA Reasonable Accommodations Policy.**

Ms. Mahoney said, “Commissioners, our second ADA item is a resolution adopting new Americans with Disabilities Act policies as recommended in our ADA self-evaluation that we just discussed. These policies were made available to the public during our ADA hearing process as well as presented to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board in our self-evaluation. Three new policies are proposed for adoption to the Sedgwick County Code. These are the Notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act, which directs the way the County notifies the public of our compliance with the ADA. The ADA Reasonable Modification Policy, which addresses requests from the public for auxillary aids or services to accommodate a person with a disability and

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an ADA Grievance Procedure, which provides a method so that the public could file a grievance if they believe they have been discriminated against based on disability. One policy is proposed for adoption to the Sedgwick County Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. This is the ADA Reasonable Accommodation Policy, which addresses requests for accommodation from employees and job applicants with disabilities. I recommend that you approve the resolution adopting these new policies.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright thank you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I just wanted to point out that Items E-2, A & B are separate resolutions so you are actually adopting both of these resolutions. I just wanted to make that clear.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, but we certainly can take it as one motion and we are approving the resolutions as presented as Item E-2. That is what the motion maker intended right?”

Commissioner Norton said, “I will restate the motion if I need to. I will make the motion that we adopt the new policies on A & B that have been recommended to us.”

Chairman Winters said, “Ok. And there is a second to that motion.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And again, thank you all who have worked on all of this project. And I am sure there are other County staff just beside Lindsey and Mike that have been about this process so we thank you also. Madame Clerk, would you call the next item?”

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F. DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

1. CORE SERVICE FUNDING SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT FY2009.

Ms. Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director of Aging, Department of Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Central Plains Area Agency on Aging will enter into agreement with the Kansas Department on Aging for core funding. Under this agreement, the CPAAA will provide services in five broad categories and those include information, access services, community based services, in home services and housing. This is a \$96,516.32 to provide these services. This will be to help increase the ability of the department to provide access to services to people who live in the three counties that we serve: Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County. This is funding that came about as a result of action in the 2008 Legislature. In 2007 changes were made in the Medicaid program that affected our ability to provide services through the limitation on travel time. Our case managers have to go out and do travel and sometimes that can be a hour to a hour and a half total round trip travel and the changes that were made at the Federal level impacted that and took that travel time away. We still have to pay staff to go out and do that travel time so this was a move by the State Legislature to provide State funding to increase our ability to continue to access clients and they gave us these broad categories in which we could fund or charge off services under these categories so it really is making up for funds that were lost due to some changes at the Federal level in the Medicaid program. So there is no match required, this is a grant year from July 1st, 2008 to Jun 30th, 2009. I would request that you approve this and authorize the Chair to sign and would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Commissioners, you’ve heard Annette’s report, are there questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the FY2009 Core Service Funding Service Provider Agreement; authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and other related documents necessary to complete the process.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH SRS FOR DELIVERY OF USDA COMMODITIES.

Ms. Graham said, "Commissioners, this is a contract between the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services and the Sedgwick County Department on Aging to receive and distribute USDA commodities to eligible persons. This contract allows us to coordinate volunteer pick up with small cities in Sedgwick County that have indicated they have the capacity and are interested in doing this. These counties include: Andale, Bentley, Cheney, Clearwater, Colwich, Goddard, Mount Hope, Mulvane, Park City, Maize and Valley Center. This is an income based program that allows eligible consumers to receive food products. We help to provide that coordination, SRS notifies us when these products are available so that varies on which month it is available. We do receive funding from SRS, with that funding then we give out and provide for mileage reimbursement for volunteers and its directly through this amount of funding. I would request that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Annette. Commissioners, any questions or comments? If not, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Parks 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

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Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

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

G. APPROVE KANSAS GAS COMPANY CONTRACT FOR THE RELOCATION OF NATURAL GAS FACILITIES FOR THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR AVIATION TRAINING (NCAT) PROJECT LOCATED AT JABARA AIRPORT, 4004 N. WEBB RD., WICHITA, KANSAS.

Ms. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners said, "You have before you a proposed agreement between Sedgwick County and Kansas Gas Service to relocate a gas line out at the Jabara Airport. This is a location at the construction of the National Center for Aviation Training. The proposed cost is \$121,493.00, that is the estimate we received from Kansas Gas Service. It is necessary to relocate this line as part of the Jabara construction. This is a standard County agreement that we have done on other projects for utility relocation and I would recommend that you approve the agreement."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Are there questions or comments? County Engineer David Spears?"

Mr. David Spears, Director/Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do have one question, Mr. Chairman. Charlene, we have our north yard out there, what is the time frame of this? Will we have uninterrupted service so we have heat for our employees at our north yard?"

Ms. Stevens said, "We have not received the complete time frame yet. I should clarify that this gas line does serve the north yard that is located out there. That is the only customer that is being served by this gas line. We are working with KGS on a time frame for the relocation of this. We anticipate it to be rather quickly and we will certainly work with Public Works and KGS to make sure there is uninterrupted of service at that yard."

Mr. Spears said, "Ok, thank you."

Ms. Stevens said, "But we understand that is an issue."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioner Norton?"

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I am going to be supportive. You know, generally change orders give me consternation because I always hope that it can be included in the original bid but I think this came up. We knew there was going to be some utility movement but this was a little more complicated than we thought and there is some additional costs to that. I had hoped that the ground would be ready to go through our contract with the City but that just didn’t happen but I’m an advocate for moving this project along. You know, several of us are going to go today to the Aviation Tech Center, which is just the beginning of this whole aviation training continuum that we are working on and because we’ve really pushed job training and tech training now there is a paces grant that has brought in national funding to fund aviation training for disadvantaged people, people that are having trouble getting into those jobs and I think we probably wouldn’t have gotten that grant if the grantees hadn’t come to our community, done their homework and seen what we are doing with aviation training in our community and this facility is going to be a big part of that and now we are starting to get national prominence and we are getting some significant funding, I don’t know the exact numbers on it, but it is in the millions of dollars that will be injected into our community because we’ve taken such a bold stand on aviation training so I am going to be supportive of this.”

Ms. Stevens said, “I would like to clarify too Commissioner, this is really not a change order for this project. I mean, this was anticipated as part of the project. The utility location was, there was no way this could have been included in the original contract because it requires a contract directly with Kansas Gas Service and not the general contractors so it is not a change order, it is part of the original, the overall project budget for this and again it had to be entered into directly with Kansas Gas Service and not the general contractor on this site and that is typical.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I will withdraw my angst then.”

Ms. Stevens said, “Ok.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It’s still a lot of money and we need to put it through the filter of...”

Ms. Stevens said, “Yes, certainly it still is a large cost but it is required and it is necessary to move that gas line and we anticipated having to do that in the project.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Ok, thanks. That is all I have.”

Chairman Winters said, “So did that answer other questions? Alright, thank you. You have heard Charlene’s report, what is the will of the Board?”

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Chairman Winters moved to approve the contract.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Stevens said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of September 25th results in five items for consideration today. Item One:

**1. CAREER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING COURSES-HUMAN RESOURCES
FUNDING-WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

The recommendation is to accept proposals from Audrey Curtis Hanes for Item 1, Jim Maddox for Items 2, 7, and 12; Diversity Kansas for Item 4; Leader Systems, Inc. for Items 5 and 11; Austin Peters Group for Items 6 and 10; Butler Community College for Items 8, 9, and 13 and execute contracts for two years with the option to renew for an additional year at an estimated annual cost of \$53,726.00. Item Two:

**2. CISCO EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE—DIVISION OF INFORMATION
& OPERATIONS
FUNDING—EQUIPMENT RESERVE FOR VoIP**

And for the record, this equipment is for the Sheriff’s Administration, an 8th floor office conversion

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to voice over IP phones. The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Alexander Open Systems in the amount of \$31,546.87. Item Three:

**3. ON-CALL HVAC SERVICES-FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING—FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

The recommendation is to accept the proposal from Fagan Company and establish contract pricing for two years with two additional one year options to renew. Item Four:

**4. A&E SERVICES TO DESIGN & CONSTRUCT EMS POST 3-FACILITIES
DEPARTMENT
FUNDING-CONSTRUCT EMS POST 3 (WESLEY)**

The recommendation is to accept the proposal from Law/Kingdom Architecture in the amount of \$68,930.00. Item Five:

**5. COLOR CODED CASE FILE HOLDERS-DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FUNDING-DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

The recommendation is to accept the bid from Records Retrieval in the amount of \$17,675.00 for one year and \$17,675.00 plus any additional freight increase for year two.

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

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. We have a question or a comment. Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “On number two were there any other local vendors that expressed interest in that or maybe asked questions and didn’t bid on that?”

Ms. Baker said, “I am not aware of any. The Cisco equipment, I am not aware of any.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And Records Retrieval for number five, is that a local company?”

Ms. Baker said, “Yes, it is.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, are there any other questions? If not, what is the will of the

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Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Ms. Baker said, “Thank you.”

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Community Health Nurse II (CHN II) salary adjustment based on years of nursing experience for Katherine Morgan.**
- 2. Mid-level salary adjustment based on years of Physician Assistant/Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner experience for Thuan T. Pham.**
- 3. Affiliation Agreements with Advocacy in Action and Salvation Army Foster Care.**
- 4. Five Easements for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Project 795-N, O, P, Q; Recondition of 199th St. West between 21st St. North & US-54. CIP# R-267. District 3.**

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5. **One Easement for Right of Way for Sedgwick County/KDOT Project 817-V, W, X; Road Widening project on Meridian between 47th St. South and 71st St. South. CIP# R-281. District 2.**
6. **One Easement for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Project 628- E 1/2 32; Special Assessment project near Webb Road and MacArthur. District 5.**
7. **General Bills Check Register for the week of September 17, 2008 – September 23, 2008.**
8. **Payroll Check Register for September 19, 2008.**
9. **Order dated September 24, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
10. **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:

Cundiff Addition

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, that brings us to the end of the regular agenda. We do need to have an Executive Session today and a Fire District meeting and other discussion but I think we will go to the Fire District now and take care of that business and come back to this meeting. So at this time I will recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.”

RECESS TO FIRE: 10:07 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “I will call back to order the Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, October 1st, 2008. Commissioners, again, we need an Executive Session. Before we do that, let’s have any other discussion that we need in this meeting. Commissioner Norton?”

J. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, Mr. Chair, I noticed that Jeff Fluhr is here. He is our new, is the title President or Executive Director? President of the Downtown Development Cooperation and I thought we would introduce him to the public and let him say a couple of things. He sat through the whole meeting today so...maybe that’s, where you came from, that is the protocol but most people get pretty bored about half way through so thanks for staying tonight Jeff.”

Mr. Jeff Fluhr, President, Downtown Development Cooperation, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well, Commissioner Norton I appreciate the welcome and I certainly also welcome the opportunity to ever sit before this Board to hear what is going on in the community because I feel like it is very important that we understand not only what is going on in the downtown but the community at large and so because we play a very important partnership with both so I appreciate the opportunity for your recognition today. Commissioner Welshimer actually sits on our Board and I appreciate her support. Actually we had a Board meeting last week where she was there and I just want to extend our appreciation to the County, the WDDC appreciates the investment that you make in downtown continually. We want to continue that partnership and any time that I can be of service to this Commission please do not hesitate to give me a call or the WDDC Commission, Corporation, so we appreciate your support and look forward to a long partnership with you in the future of downtown.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, you don’t sound like you are from here Jeff so give us just a one minute version of your history and about your family so that people start putting a face and a name to who you are.”

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Mr. Fluhr said, “Well, actually I have spent the last 18 years or so in Baton Rouge, working for the Downtown Development District there, working in the capital city on the redevelopment of its downtown. Tremendous city that has been redeveloped over the last, actually 20 years or so, then also spent time in Louisville. That is my hometown. I attended the University of Kentucky and got a degree in Landscape Architecture then went to LSU and got another degree in Landscape Architecture as far as a Masters in City Planning, Urban Design and also working with Business and so about three weeks ago I began my tenure here as President of the WDDC. This community is phenomenal. I have to say that you have a number of assets here. When I was recruited about two months ago in working with the selection committee, when I traveled into downtown Wichita and also the community at large, just seeing the development that is under way here with the Riverfront, with Waterwalk, with the Arena, with what is happening in Old Town, what is happening with the commercial development that is here and then also the community at large. It was a very easy decision to move my family here. I have a wife, Melissa, and we have a little boy that is five, Matthew, and it’s been amazing how this community has just extended an invitation to us and welcomed us here. They are very interested and it’s a sincere interest in our family and I appreciate that. I think that this community has a tremendous future. You have done such great work. I look forward to being here for a long period of time. That is one of the things in Baton Rouge I made a commitment and was there for about 18 years working with that community. I think it is very important that you make that commitment to see things to fruition and so I certainly look forward to working with this body to continue the progress you have already started but also moving into the next level. There is certainly an excitement here and I think that even with meeting with the business community yesterday, with the administration, I think there is just a tremendous outlook for what is going to happen in this city as far as a national presence and international as well.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I guess my final question is can you...you know we play basketball in Kansas too. Can you get over being a Kentucky Wildcat?”

Mr. Fluhr said, “Sir, it is one of those things that is...that is one of those things that is very deep in my soul and there are a lot of commitments that I can make to you but that is one sir, that I think that I’ll, as you will find with me, I will let you know up front how I stand on things. UK basketball is a hard thing for me not to be committed to so...but I appreciate that sir.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Just want to know where you stand.”

Mr. Fluhr said, “That is where I stand sir.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That is all I have Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, again, Jeff, welcome. We are glad you are in town and I think you

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will find a few very strong Kentucky fans around this community so they are out there for sure.”

Mr. Fluhr said, “Well, thank you sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well thanks for being with us this morning Jeff. Alright, Commissioners? Commissioner Parks...Commissioner did you have anything else?”

Commissioner Norton said, “I’m done. No I am done.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, I was going to ask where the University of Louisville got there football officials but I doubt if you would know anything about that, from a couple of weeks ago. But anyways, last week I met with Chief of Police of Wichita, Chief Williams, and we discussed some of the things that Mr. Schreck discussed and in fact, several items but one of the things was the graffiti and I think the phone number that we call is of course in the blue pages and it’s out there and I think some of the problems that we’ve had with that have been streamlined now and hopefully we can have a better understanding of timeliness of getting those things off because I have some neighborhoods that are really, the gang activity has accelerated throughout the summer and its kind of peaked about late August and early September and we really need to make sure that those tagging and that those territories that those gangs have put out there are taken down and painted over and there is quite a process to that but I think we have done a little bit to help streamline that and I thank Chief Williams for that.

I did meet on another point with Wichita, with the Mayor, yesterday morning and I think all these meetings and communications are good. It was a one on one meeting and we discussed a little bit about the future of Wichita and I think that communication and cooperation is something that we need. I think it is maybe time for another embanker, another combined meeting with the City of Wichita and I would like to have one of these out in the neighborhood, that was one of my goals when I first got on the Commission, was to get out into the neighborhoods and have a night meeting and I would certainly, if the other Commissioners feel that this is something that they would like to do, is to do that, maybe an Atwater meeting with City of Wichita at 7 pm at the Atwater Center or something. I also think we need to get out in the communities, maybe a north and a south side community meeting with the smaller towns and have some meetings with them at night so the people at work during the day can attend those. I would just like to have that as a goal in the next few months and like to hear from my colleagues and see if this is something they are interested in.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I just want to add that I look forward to working with Jeff

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on the WDDC and another thing, last Saturday I represented our Chairman at the Race for the Cure at Towne East and an incredible turnout. It was just incredible. Cars everywhere for as far as you could see and people in pink shirts as far as you could see so that was great. Our County Manager was there in his running attire, which was interesting. Anyway, I appreciate the opportunity to read the proclamation and Anita Cochran was there, who introduced me and helped me through that, that was...I appreciate her help and thank you for the opportunity.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, thank you for representing us. We appreciate it. Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “I just wanted to let people know that for the rest of the day and for two more days I am going to be in the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute. For the first time they have combined the Leadership Institute for the State of Kansas with Missouri and Oklahoma so it is going to be a cohort group of about 90 people from three states that will go through a series of four meetings over the year that will educate us and bring us up to speed on what Public Health Leadership looks like, not only in the State of Kansas but in the nation and one of the big issues that is on the table is that accreditation is moving forward nationally as an item and that there is a good possibility that if you don’t have an accredited health department, accredited by a National Accrediting Agency, that federal funding will not be available to you so I took this as very serious, that I needed to understand public health and accreditation for our community so that if new federal regulations do come down attaching federal...the access to federal money to being a fully accredited health department that we were on the leading edge of that as opposed to behind the curve so I did want to let the public and my colleagues know that I would be deeply imbedded in that for the next two and a half days at the Spiritual Life Center. Fortunately, it is in Wichita so I am not going to have to go far from home but pretty intense set of rules that we have to go by and the agendas are pretty long and arduous but I am looking forward to it because I think it is important in the community. That is all I have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I just neglected to add that I appreciated seeing the County Manager at the race and I was very glad that he did that and I was impressed. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Commissioners, I would mention that this weekend if you are into fall festivals in the smaller communities, Goddard is having their Fall Festival this weekend, this Saturday, October 4th, and one of the events that they are having out there that they have been doing for a couple of years now is having a Marching Band Festival and at 6 o’clock there are nine high school marching bands that will be starting at 6 p.m. and working through the evening so if you are a fan of band festivals this is a great event out at Goddard this coming

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Saturday. Seeing no other comments we do need to have an Executive Session. Do we have that motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to legal advice and preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for public purposes and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 10:35 a.m.

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, "We are in recess."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 10:44 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "Let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Euson do we have anything else to discuss now?"

Mr. Euson said, "No sir."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No sir."

Chairman Winters said, "This meeting is adjourned."

K. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting, October 1st, 2008

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

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