MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 29, 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 29th, 2008 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Tim R. Norton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Purchasing Director, Division of Finance; Mr. Kevin Myles, Fleet Director, Fleet Management; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Kristi Vermillion, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS
Mr. Jeff Huxman, Director of Content, KPTS
Colonel Robert Hester, JROTC
Cadet Colonel Mike Seis, JROTC

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Rick Thornton of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Wichita

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, before we start our regular business we do have a very short agenda this morning in both the regular agenda and in the Fire District meeting that we will conduct. We are going to try to conclude our meeting by 9:20 this morning, which would then allow the Commissioners and staff to attend the launch of the new Cessna Citation Columbus facility out at Cessna Aircraft, which I think we are all very proud of and is a major economic development event happening today. So with that said we will proceed on with business. Madame Clerk, would you call Item A?”

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER “MR. ROGER’S SWEATER DRIVE MONTH”.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, I have a proclamation for your consideration.
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WHEREAS, for more than 36 years, Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood has personified a place where caring and consideration for others instills good feelings in all of us; and

WHEREAS, these messages, and the wonderful values that children continue to learn from the program, even after Fred Rogers passing, are timeless; and

WHEREAS, Fred Rogers’ red cardigan sweater has come to represent the gentle spirit, warmth, and nurturing of the Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the ninth annual KPTS Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood Sweater Drive has continued to grow into a unique partnership between KPTS and other organizations and corporations. More than 20,000 sweaters have been donated and distributed by the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, KPTS and its partners will hold this drive from November 5th through November 22nd, 2008; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom G. Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, so hereby proclaim November 2008 as

‘MISTER ROGERS NEIGHBORHOOD SWEATER DRIVE MONTH’

In Sedgwick County and recognize the efforts of KPTS and its partners by enabling the citizens of Sedgwick County to have a much warmer winter. Dated October 29th, 2008.

Commissioners, 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.
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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 Jeff Huxman. Welcome.”

Mr. Jeff Huxman, Director of Content, KPTS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a very well received honor on behalf of KPTS. The Mister Rogers’ Sweater Drive, as you mentioned, has been going on now for nine years. It kicks off on Saturday, November 8th with Kid Fest. Children who bring a gently used or new sweater to donate will get free admission to Kid Fest and the wonderful thing about this over the nine years is the partners that we have worked with including the Salvation Army who helps us distribute these sweaters to the folks that need them most, Walgreens is on board with us this year so we have 14 drop off locations at Walgreens, Clear Channel Radio helps us get the word out and a number of other businesses around the community also open their doors and have drop off locations. We know that the need is going to be greater this year than in years past but we also know that the generosity of this community far exceeds those needs so we are counting on folks to step up and help keep kids warm this winter.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, Jess, thank you for being here and promoting this effort. We are certainly big supporters of the project and we value our relationship with KPTS through our meeting broadcast so we wish you the very best in this drive and we appreciate your efforts in the community.”

Mr. Huxman said, “Alright, thank you so much for your support.”

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

B.  PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 3 – 9, 2008 AS “WICHITA JROTC LEADERSHIP WEEK”.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, I have a second proclamation for your consideration.

WHEREAS, JROTC was officially implemented in American high schools in 1916, began in Kansas in 1917 and in Wichita in 1994; and

WHEREAS, cadet leadership programs were started in selected middle schools in 1997 making
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Wichita a leader in the nation and in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the JROTC and leadership programs are recognized in Wichita for building citizenship and good character in our youth; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 2,400 Wichita youth participants as cadets in 20 of our public schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Thomas G. Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 3-9, 2008 as

“WICHITA JROTC LEADERSHIP WEEK”

In recognition of these fine young men and women who are becoming better leaders and citizens for the future through their involvement in the JROTC and leadership programs. Dated October 29, 2008.

Commissioners, that is the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the proclamation.

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 award are Colonel Hester and Cadet Colonel Mike Seis.”

Colonel Robert Hester, JROTC, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Chair Winters, members of the Board I would just like to thank the Board for 14 years of outstanding support through our
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Wichita JROTC program. Obviously, we cannot do it without the support of the community and you have provided just exceptional support to us. We really appreciate it. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the Wichita core of cadets is our Cadet Colonel Mike Seis. Mike is a City Core Commander for Wichita and Mike is also seeking to go to the Air Force Academy and we are confident of his success. Colonel Seis.”

Cadet Colonel Mike Seis, JROTC, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of Wichita JROTC we would like to thank the Sedgwick County Commission for giving us this proclamation. Also, on behalf of JROTC, we would like to thank Chairman Winters for his possible attendance of the Veteran’s Day ceremony. Some of you may know we have the Veteran’s Day ceremony on November 7th where we will have 2,400 cadets from over 20 schools to honor our veterans. The following day we will have the Veteran’s Day parade. We will be honoring the Gold Star mothers and we would like to invite all of you to attend that as well. So thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much for being here and thank you for your leadership in the Wichita organization. We think we’ve got many, many fine citizens, young citizens participating in this program and I plan on attending the ceremony in Century II on February 7th [sic November], 10 o’clock. If anybody wants to see a very impressive event, that is a very impressive event. So thank you for being here, congratulations and we wish you the very best in the future.”

Cadet Colonel Seis said, “Thank you sir.”

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

NEW BUSINESS

C. PUBLIC WORKS

1. APPROVAL OF K.D.O.T. FORM 1306 “CERTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCEDURES AND UTILITY ARRANGEMENTS” FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 817-V, W, X; ROAD WIDENING PROJECT ON MERIDIAN BETWEEN 47TH ST. SOUTH AND 71ST ST. SOUTH. CIP# R-281. DISTRICT 2.

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item C-1 is requesting your approval of K.D.O.T Form 1306 for the road improvement project on Meridian between 47th Street South and 71st Street South, designated as R-281 in the Capital Improvement Program. This form certifies that all rights-of-way have been acquired and all utility
arrangements have been made. State funds will pay for $3 million of the eligible costs of construction of the project. I recommend that you approve the 1306 form and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you David. Are there questions? Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I will make the motion. This is a project that I have worked on for several years. I am glad that we finally got the right-of-way totally taken care of and we can move forward on it. This is going to be a great corridor leading from south Wichita around 235 where there is a lot of growth going down into Haysville and will increase a nice traffic flow north to south on another corridor besides Seneca and Broadway so I am excited about this and I am glad that we got the right-of-way taken care of finally. And I will make that motion to approve.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “I just wanted to make one comment and this was without condemnation, right?”

Mr. Spears said, “That is correct.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And I will kind of dove tail on that. Our staff and our right-of-way folks worked very, very hard with the landowners to be sure that it didn’t have to go to condemnation, that we continued to go back to the table and visit with the folks that own the property until we got all of the right-of-way and I think that is good public policy. Thanks.”

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

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


Ms. Iris Baker, Purchasing Director, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of October 23rd results in five items for consideration. First item:

1. DESKTOP COMPUTERS-COMCARE FUNDING—ADMIN OPERATIONS IT

The recommendation is to accept the quote from Dell in the amount of $25,392.00. Item Two:

2. 3/4 TON, FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SUBURBANS—FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING—VEHICLE ACQUISITION

The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Pfaff Chevrolet Option 2 in the amount of $71,173.16. Item Three:

3. SCHEDULING SOFTWARE—EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUNDING—EMS OPERATIONS

The recommendation is to accept the proposal from PDSI for an initial cost of $54,260.00 and establish annual maintenance and support at the listed rates. Item Four:

4. ON-CALL ROOFING SERVICES—FACILITIES DEPARTMENT FUNDING—FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

The recommendation is to accept the proposal from JB Turner & Sons roofing and execute contract pricing for two years with two one year options to renew. Item Five:

5. PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR THE INTRUST BANK ARENA—FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
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FUNDING – ARENA SALES TAX

The recommendation is to accept the proposal from Evan Corporation, Alternate 1 for a negotiated cost of $208,810.00 and execute a contract.

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

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “I would make a motion we approve those with exception of Number Two which we would defer for two weeks.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, I will second that motion. I see that Kevin Myles is here. Can I just ask him if there is any problem time wise? Kevin, could you come forward please? Before the meeting, Commissioner Parks indicated that he had a couple of questions about this. Do you see any problem with deferring this purchase of these Suburbans for two weeks?”

Mr. Kevin Myles, Fleet Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It would be my preference if we could do it for one week and I have Steve Cotter here…”

Chairman Winters said, “We are not going to meet next week.”

Mr. Myles said, “Oh, well if need be then let’s go ahead and do that.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, I think that would be the best thing we could do for now.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And I’ll get together with staff to answer those questions.”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the recommendations with the exception of Item Two, to be deferred for two weeks.

Chairman Winters seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Iris.”

Ms. Baker said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

CONSENT AGENDA

E. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Range Reallocations.

2. New limited use agreements with DuPont Management and New Thought Community Church for CenteringPregnancy and CenteringParenting group education classes to be used by the Healthy Babies Program at 434 N. Oliver, Wichita, KS.

3. Donations of $230.00 to COMCARE of Sedgwick County to be used for the suicide prevention helpline.

4. Rehire of Deputy Andrew Dodge at $42,757.00 (annual salary at time when he resigned on 2/5/08).


7. One (1) Easement for Right of Way and One (1) Temporary Construction Easement 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.
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Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, you have a Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Winters seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Number Four, on a reinstatement do we also reinstate benefits at the same level that they were before they left?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes, the personnel people in the back of the room are shaking their head yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “So we’ve reinstated benefits along with salary?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Ok, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, are there any other questions? If not we have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seeing no other questions, call the vote.”

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “I will recess…that brings us to the end of the Regular Agenda. I will recess, not adjourn, but recess the Regular Meeting of October 29th, 2008.”

**RECESS TO FIRE: 9:13 A.M. TO 9:18 A.M.**

**Chairman Winters** said, “I will call back the Regular Meeting of October 29th. Commissioners, we are at the point of discussion of other and again we are headed out to Cessna but if anybody has something that needs to be discussed this is the time and place.”

**F. OTHER**

**Chairman Winters** said, “Is there any other business that we need to discuss? Mr. Euson do you have anything else?”

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “No sir.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Mr. Manager?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “No sir.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners? Alright, thank you all very much. We know this was a speedy pace but we certainly wanted to do it properly and in order. At this time, the meeting of November 29th [sic October] is adjourned. Thank you.”

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.
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THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
Third District

DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner
First District

TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District

KELLY PARKS, Commissioner
Fourth District

GWEN WELSHIMER, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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