

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 19th, 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, November 19th, 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. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications; Mr. Jon Friesen, EMSS Education Manager; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Ms. Susan Wilson, Program Director, Healthy Babies; Mr. Bill Farney, Administrative Service Director, Health Department; Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Kristi Vermillion, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Mary Galvin, President/CEO of Communities in Schools.
Mr. Kelly Wendeln, Box 1817, Wichita, KS
Mr. Roger Lemon, Kiwanis Club of Wichita
Ms. Vicki Gerbino, President, Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition
Mr. J.V. Lentell, Chairman, Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition
Mr. Tom Hines, Public Relations, State of Kansas

INVOCATION

Moment of Silence

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the minutes as read.

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, “Commissioners, before we start with the proclamations I would like to just review our agenda for today. We have, because of scheduling requests; Item J is the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition. We are going to take that item up as the first item under new business when we get to page three of the agenda. Then at the conclusion of our regular agenda we will do other and if Commissioners have any other discussion items we will do it. Then we need to recess the Regular Meeting and convene as a Board of Vote Canvassers and do some conclusion work for the Election Commissioner on the vote canvas. Then we will reconvene this meeting and we will go into Executive Session so we will conclude our day by going into Executive Session. And then I would just remind folks we had scheduled for today a C&D Landfill case that was on the agenda and that proposal has been withdrawn so the C&D Landfill case is not on today’s agenda. Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “If we are going to meet as the Board of Canvassers I had a proxy for that. Will I...?”

Chairman Winters said, “We probably need to get the proxy here.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Bob Lamkey I think was my proxy because I was up for election I didn’t feel it appropriate that I sign off on my own election so...”

Chairman Winters said, “Right, so if somebody could see that Bob Lamkey could be here at the conclusion of our Regular Meeting that would be a good idea.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Ok.”

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Chairman Winters said, “Is that the proper thing we need to do Mr. Euson?”

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I think that would work. This is for a recount and certainly Commissioner Norton could participate if he wished.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, whatever is appropriate. If it doesn’t have any action on my own race then I would be ok with sitting as a Board of Canvasser.”

Chairman Winters said, “We can think about that until we get to that point in the meeting then. Are there any other questions Commissioners? Alright, Madame Clerk, would you call the next item?”

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH THANK YOU DAY.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, this is a proclamation for Public Health Thank You Day. Before I begin this I just would like to acknowledge and we will talk about this later but as we listen to this proclamation just please be aware that Ron and Pat Fredrickson are with us today. Here is the proclamation.

WHEREAS, public health organizations across the country will celebrate Public Health Thank You Day on Monday, November 24th. This fourth annual celebration honors local public health heroes for leading the daily effort to protect the health of our community, and

WHEREAS, the public health challenges facing our community are numerous including the rising incident of obesity, a lack of health access for many, and the threat of bioterrorism, and

WHEREAS, The Health and Wellness Coalition promotes physical activity and good nutrition in the Wichita area, thus combating obesity and the associated outcomes of this epidemic, and

WHEREAS, the Derby City Council worked and ultimately passed a comprehensive Clean Indoor Air Ordinance which will help protect all workers and residents of Derby from secondhand smoke, and

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition worked tirelessly, educating the citizens of Wichita and the Wichita City Council regarding secondhand smoke and related issues, and

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WHEREAS, the late Dr. Doren Fredrickson’s commitment to social justice and health equity and his passion and work with many health organizations over the course of a lifetime improved Sedgwick County’s health.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Thomas G. Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2008, as

‘2008 Public Health Thank You Day’

in Sedgwick County, Kansas and gratefully acknowledge the dedicated efforts of these awardees for leading the way to protect and improve the health of Sedgwick County’s employees, visitors, patients and residents. Dated November 19, 2008. Commissioners that is the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept 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 proclamation and then talk about the awardees is Bill Farney with the Health Department. Welcome Bill.”

Mr. Bill Farney, Administrative Services Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am filling in for Charlene Stevens, who has jury duty this morning. We have four Public Health Thank You awards to present this morning and the recipients are the Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition, the City of Derby, Health and Wellness Coalition and Dr. Doren Fredrickson. If the recipients could come on up at this time.

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The Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition award will be accepted by Cindy Claycomb and is awarded for their efforts in the passage of a Clean Indoor Air Ordinance in Wichita. The Coalition helped organize the Clean Air Wichita campaign to educate the community and policy makers on the dangers of secondhand smoke.

The City of Derby award will be accepted by Derby Mayor, Dion Avello. The City of Derby also passed a Clean Indoor Air Ordinance last year and they followed it up this year with a more restrictive ordinance. They also have created a Youth Advisory Board that serves as an official advisory board to the City Council members and provides insight on important issues within the community.

The Health and Wellness Coalition award will be accepted by Mim Wilkey. The Health and Wellness Coalition comprehensively promotes physical activity and good nutrition in Sedgwick County in a number of ways. For example, the Coalition awards area schools mini grants to improve physical activity and nutrition options for students, faculty and staff. They have also successfully organized a Working Well Conference for the past four years in an attempt to encourage workplaces to provide healthy options for their employees.

The final award is for Dr. Doren Fredrickson and will be accepted by his parents, Ron and Pat Fredrickson. This is a very special award that is based on a lifetime of public service rather than accomplishments over the past year. Doren, of course, was our Health Officer, the Sedgwick County Health Officer for much of the past seven years but he had worked in the community for decades. He was extremely well educated and he loved to share his knowledge with everybody. He was truly a teacher at heart. His work in the community was his passion and he was especially dedicated to those that he referred to as the 'working core.' His vision for public health, his unshakable tenacity and his kind and generous nature made him truly one of a kind."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, we have a few comments from the bench. Commissioner Unruh?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well, I want to compliment each one of these awardees today for their work and their dedication in improving the health character of Sedgwick County and South Central Kansas and I especially wanted to make a comment about Dr. Doren Fredrickson, who was an outstanding person in our community whose professionalism and expertise certainly caused him to be held in high regard in our community and he was admired for those qualities. However, I really think those professional qualities were transcended and eclipsed by his character qualities that caused us all to know him and love him. He's been described as a kind and generous soul and I think that is true. He had no hidden agenda, no ulterior motives, he

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just exhibited a genuine, transparent goodness and open generosity and I think those are the things that won him friends, made him a good Public Health Officer, advanced public health in our community and as I said, caused him to be held in highest regard by all that knew him so we truly appreciate Doren's contribution. That is all I have."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I will dovetail on that. You know, all four of our awardees today have taken on such grave issues in our community and public health, you know, we sit as the Board of Health so we take our responsibility very, very seriously but it is hard to do that when we have other responsibilities and we really depend on the rest of the community, all public health officials to make sure that we are doing the right things for the health and wellness of our community and all four of these awardees have done just that. But not unlike Commissioner Unruh, I will have to comment on my relationship with Doren Fredrickson. Many years ago as I was a fledgling County Commissioner and then found out that I was on the Board of Health I went to Dr. Fredrickson and said, you know explain to me what my role should be as far as a Board of Health member because this is something that really, I didn't campaign for, didn't want to have anything to do with but I take it very seriously and for many years he was my mentor, very softly whispering in my ear on those things, those issues that I should champion and move forward.

You know we took on a health assembly five years ago. That really was a gentle whisper from Dr. Fredrickson and then as we looked at health access in our community, which came out of that assembly that we all agreed was important, as we moved that forward Dr. Fredrickson, kind of like the little angel sitting on your shoulder was whispering in my ear, guiding me on what I should do as a County Commissioner to move that forward in our community so I owe Dr. Fredrickson a great gratitude of thanks because of what he has done for our community and how he has helped me understand my role as a Board of Health Member and as Sedgwick County Commissioner so Ron and Pat, we are very glad that you are here today and have joined us on this beautiful Kansas day and we remember Doren very, very often and with warm regards."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, I just want to express my good feelings to all of you especially to Mayor Dion Avello from Derby who has been a very progressive public official there. I think if any of you have been to Derby in recent months you would see many big changes. It is a close knit community and I have just never met someone who lived in Derby who wasn't just really in love with it so it would be understandable that Derby would be our city to move out and pass an ordinance like this and I am proud to be the District Commissioner for Derby."

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Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much Commissioner. I would also share the congratulations to all the awardees today. We appreciate all of the efforts that you have all done and I think as we look back we can be very pleased to see that the direction of our public health efforts through the Sedgwick County Health Department stand a great deal on a lot of very good people that work in that department but a lot of the direction was sent by Gerald France and Doren Fredrickson and we hope that our current Health Department can continue on in the directions that they started us on so thank you all very much and I am going to speak for Commissioner Parks because Commissioner Parks is not feeling well and he can hardly talk this morning but I am sure that he extends those same appreciations. Thank you all very much for being here for this part of our agenda today. Madame Clerk, would you call the next item?”

B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 21 – 26, 2008 AS “FARM-CITY WEEK”.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, our next proclamation I will read for your consideration.

WHEREAS, the prosperity and well being of this community and area are dependent upon cooperation between the two great elements of our society: farmers and urban people; and

WHEREAS, the development of better mutual understanding of the divergence and complexities of their individual activities and needs will be of mutual benefit to all area citizens; and

WHEREAS, *Wichita Area Farm-City Week* provides an unparalleled opportunity for farm and city people to become reacquainted and to recognize Bruce and Teresa Seiler of Bentley, Kansas as the outstanding farm family of Sedgwick County for 2008; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Thomas G. Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 21-26, 2008 as

‘FARM-CITY WEEK’

and call upon all citizens of this community to participate to the limit of their capabilities in the project and programs in conjunction with a successful *Farm City Week* in the Wichita area. Dated November 19, 2008. Commissioners that is the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the proclamation.

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 the proclamation is my good friend, Roger Lemon, who Roger and I grew up about two miles apart in Viola, KS area. Roger, welcome to our Commission meeting.”

Commissioner Parks said, “That is neighbors in Viola.”

Mr. Roger Lemon, Kiwanis Club of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It is a pleasure to be here and as Tom alluded to we have known each other our whole life and reside, I still do, in the southwest part of the County. As part of Farm City Week, the downtown Wichita Kiwanis Club has for years recognized an outstanding farm family from somewhere in Sedgwick County. The club was established in 1929 and this will be the 55th annual recognition of a family from within Sedgwick County and as Chairman Winters also said it is important for us to realize that agriculture is a very important part of the economy of Sedgwick County. For the first two-thirds or so of my life I was involved in the operation of a family farm and then the last 20 some years I have been employed by a major bank here in Wichita so I have seen very well, firsthand how both sides of that operate. When we select the Farm Family of the Year we solicit the help of Dr. Gary Cramer with the Sedgwick County Extension Service because he is so well acquainted with those who are involved in farming and what we are looking for is a family that has not only been successful in their farming operation but have also made contributions to the County and to the community in terms of church leadership, community involvement and that type of thing. We will be recognizing the family of Bruce and Teresa Seiler out our luncheon meeting this Friday at noon at the United Methodist Church here in Wichita and all of you on the Board of Commission are invited to join us for that if you possibly can and thank you very much for your time and for the proclamation.”

Chairman Winters said, “Roger, thank you very much for continuing this tradition of sponsoring

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the Farm City Week. I think it is very important. One of the things that sometimes we forget is we live in the largest urban county in the State of Kansas, we also are one of the largest agri-business counties in the State of Kansas, having very rich and fertile farm ground here. I know for years we have been either three or four in the leading production of wheat, state leader in irrigated soy beans and many other agri-products that Sedgwick County is a leader so thank you for you and your clubs continuing to bring this to the citizens attention every year.”

Mr. Lemon said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Madame Clerk, the next item please.”

APPOINTMENT

C. ACCEPT SHERIFF’S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD RESIGNATION OF SHERYL (SHERI) SCHOENBECK AND APPROVE NEW SHERIFF’S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, this is a dual action in which you would accept the resignation of Sheri Schoenbeck from the Sheriff’s Civil Service Board and also to appoint Goldie Robinson in her place. That term actually expires in January of next year and due to that short period of time, I would recommend that you adopt the resolution that would appoint for the two month period and then appoint for a three year period beginning in January and with that recommendation I would ask that you adopt the resolution of that affect.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions or discussion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to accept the resignation and to appoint Goldie Robinson for a term of two months and then a term of three years.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Is Goldie Robinson here this morning to be sworn in? She is not going to be here? She will need to be sworn in then at a later time.”

Commissioner Parks said, “She will be sworn in at the Civil Service Meeting tomorrow.”

Chairman Winters said, “Ok, very good. Thank you very much. Madame Clerk, call the next item.”

D. SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, this is a reappointment of Kevin Myles to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term of two years and I would recommend that you approve this action.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, do you have questions or comments? What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the appointment.

Commissioner Welshimer 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, “Is Kevin here this morning? Kevin, are you here? I don’t see Kevin so we will need to swear Kevin in at a later time. Madame Clerk, would you call the next item?”

CITIZEN INQUIRY

E. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING CLIMATE CONTROL.

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, this is the time in our agenda where if any citizen wishes to address the Board of County Commissioners, if you would contact the County Manager’s office a week before our meeting you will be placed on the agenda. Would you please begin by giving your name and your address and we will try to limit comments to five minutes.”

Mr. Kelly Wendeln, Box 1817, Wichita, KS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The title of my speech is *Is Global Warming a Hoax*. When I first heard of this global warming thing about five years ago I remembered that about 35 years ago there was also a constant drumbeat scare that we were going to have global cooling. I went to the library to pinpoint this and found in the well known Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature numerous articles under the subject global temperature changes or global cooling for the years 1971 through 1978. The cooling and ice age articles were well documented in well known publications such as Senior Scholastic, Science Digest, Science News, Chemistry, Farming Journal, Successful Farming, Saturday Evening Post, Newsweek, McCall’s, National Geographic, Smithsonian, U.S. News and World Report, Time and a host of others. When confronted with this evidence some global warming proponents claimed the 1970’s cooling information was not accurate but the warming information is accurate. Sure it is. I believe everything everyone tells me. You can bet the proponents of global cooling 35 years ago did not think it was accurate, inaccurate.

Global warming or as they sometimes like to call it climate change is believed and promoted primarily by Democrats with former Vice President Al Gore leading the charge with his Inconvenient Truth movie. Gore’s Nobel Prize for this movie is a stunning cork of successful propaganda. Adolf Hitler said, ‘People will more easily believe a big lie.’ The news media global warming daily deluge is to convince people there is a problem. Then one year ago in the fall of

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2007 I found they have a less advertised solution, a carbon tax, so it is all about money. Yours, and the U.S. Congress is going to make you pay more when you buy gasoline, natural gas, and electricity because they all put out harmless carbon dioxide or CO₂. So what? Plant your trees, plant your own trees and heat with wood, tax free. You exhale CO₂ with every breath you take and you ingest CO₂ every time you drink a carbonated beverage, not to be confused with carbon monoxide or CO, which is a deadly poison. If you have taken Biology and/or Chemistry you know trees and plants love carbon dioxide because it makes them grow faster. Some greenhouses buy bottles of CO₂ for their plants. That is why they rightfully call CO₂ a greenhouse gas. It is too bad more public officials and scientists don't blow the whistle on this global warming hogwash. I understand scientists that do can lose funding or their jobs. The American people have been misled and conned into being in favor of new taxes in the past. Just before World War I, citizens were convinced that we needed to soak the rich so the U.S. Congress passed the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution known as the Income Tax Amendment in 1913. The tax was only 1% on incomes over \$20,000 when most people made only \$500 to \$1,000 per year. Then along came World War II and then U.S. Congress passed a temporary 5% Income Victory Tax starting January 1st, 1943 to fight Tojo and Adolf. This was the start of withholding. Some temporary. After one year, about one year later, they claimed they needed to raise the temporary Victory Tax to 20%. This temporary Income Victory Tax has now lasted over 65 years and states have also been getting into the Income tax money trough and consequently we get more government. Actually, Republicans are no better than Democrats. Democrats lie about global warming. Republicans lie about Iraq. Vote Libertarian. Now we are going to get even more government with this Carbon Tax, not to mention I can guarantee someone soon will advocate more Sedgwick County and Wichita City Sales Tax. I was right the last time, Norton, and I will be right the next time. The government is always after more taxes. That is why a lot of elected representatives, Winters, are voted out of office. So it is very evident that global warming is a hoax and carbon tax is a rip off. Any congressman who believes in global warming and votes for a carbon tax deserves to lose reelection in 2010. Since your electric bill is going up because of Governor Sibelius's vetoes should she be impeached or tarred and feathered and run out of town on a rail?"

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

PRESENTATION

F. PRESENTATION OF LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CERTIFICATES.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Next week is Thanksgiving and I'm still going to be thankful for the 1st Amendment Rights of Freedom of Speech. The Leadership Academy is in its second year and we have had 19 of our employees go through the Leadership Academy. We designed this program as part of a thoughtful organized

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process to make sure that our employees who are relatively...our employees have an opportunity for some leadership experience and so that they will be ready for promotion and to takeover our jobs when we are ready to go do something else. I think this is an important part of what we do in terms of succession planning and it is part of what we do in this organization that I am particularly proud of to make sure that we have a capacity of employees to do all kinds of interesting things that this organization has been involved in. We are thankful to Austin Peters Group for helping facilitate the process and especially Marla Flentje who has led the efforts here. Marla was so effective that this group even gave her a gift even though we pay her way...so that is a testimony to her so without further adieu let's do this Sheena.

Mariann Bardezbain; Monica Cissell; Diane Gage; Vance Hill; Jennifer Klaussen...Jennifer Glueszek-Klaussen; Rachel Moody; Monte Munyon; Tom Pletcher; Greg Schuessler; Brent Shelton; Mark Smith; Vicki Storey; Marla Sutton; Joan Tammany. Commissioners, this is a group that we are really proud of; this is the group that makes this County go. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, just a couple of very quick comments and I would begin by saying Manager Bill Buchanan this is one of the reasons that we think you are valuable to our organization is that you see the need to make sure that we are working well with the future leaders of not only our organization but this entire community and probably some other places but we do have a great group of future potential leaders for our organization and as we plan for events that are unforeseen in the future this kind of career development is extremely important and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, Bill to you and your creating this project and to those of you who have made the extra effort and the extra commitment above and beyond what your normal work assignments and responsibilities are to be involved in this program as the Board of County Commissioners we salute you and we thank you for your participation in this program. Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I had a chance to address this group of leaders in our organization and I think I was supposed to show up and inspire them but just the opposite. As I look into their faces and I understood how much they do for our organization and how dedicated they are to the leadership of Sedgwick County, to the sustainability of leadership over many years, long past the time that I will be here. It washed over me, maybe they were inspiring me more to do better as a County Commissioner then I was inspiring them to be the leaders of our organization because they do do the hard work, down in the trenches every day yet they also understand that they have to progress and train themselves to be the leaders that our community expects them to be because they are stewards of the public service and money that they are entrusted with so I really applaud them for taking the time to understand that leadership, although it can be an inherited quality that you are born with, is also something that you work hard to learn and they have done just that and I applaud them for that.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don’t have much to add to what has already been said, the right words have been said but I just want to once again compliment Manager Buchanan for the vision to initiate this program and to all the participants who took the time and energy to go through it. It makes Sedgwick County a better, stronger, more responsive government that provides for the needs of our citizens and I just want to congratulate each of you for your success. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Thank you. We have one more comment. Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I am just very proud of all of you as well and I want to thank you for everything that you contribute, above and beyond, to your jobs. Thank you very much.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “To be real brief we do appreciate our employees and thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you all very much for participating in this program. We are at the point of our agenda for new business and at this time...we will wait for just a moment as the room clears. Alright, Madame Clerk we are at the point of new business and at this time I would like to rearrange the agenda slightly and would you please call Item J.”

NEW BUSINESS

J. AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY-COUNTY AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER WICHITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Good morning Commissioners. That is a great group to be swimming upstream against, talking about some of the best and brightest of County government. Today I bring for you for your consideration a five year agreement with the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition and I will shorten that to GWEDC. I would like to talk to you first a little bit about some definitions of economic development, some background on how we got here today and what we have for your consideration today. Usually when people think about economic development, they just think about, well who

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knows what they think about because economic development is such a wide variety of topics. It could be developing entrepreneurs, it could be small business lending, it could be workforce training, it could be developing small businesses and helping them grow, it can be attracting businesses and jobs to the community, it could be downtown development, tourism, talent attraction, real estate through developing industrial parks and attracting companies in that way, it could be visiting businesses and talking and helping them stay here in the community so when you think about economic development it is an entirety, it's a network, it's a broad umbrella.

The history of economic development in this County from at least the last dozen years when I first became a participant, the Wise Organization, which was a public/private partnership, was in its downward trend when I joined economic development. Wise, the organization, did dissolve and after that we spent quite a lot of time doing some study and analysis of what was right with that organization, what went wrong with it, how can we reinvent economic development in a way that was more productive for our community. We determined there were three factors that were important. First, it had to have a regional approach, economic development. It can't be just the same. It can't be just the City economic development; it can't be just the County, that we really are south central Kansas but we really are a County wide economic region. There needs to be a public/private partnership that...government can't go out and create economic development, business can't create economic development without working in tandem with units of local government and we also learned that we needed to focus on jobs, on job growth through business retention, through growing our existing businesses and through attracting new businesses with well paying and jobs that were productive to this community.

In 2003, all our research culminated in 2003 with a five year agreement between the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and at that time the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce and we presented for our consideration a five year agreement to create the GWEDC. The GWEDC's mission is very strictly focused on creating jobs through business growth, attraction and retention. It is a jointly funded organization, private business at a minimum matches the local contributions from both the City and the County so if you take the contributions from City and County and add those together, private contributions at least match that amount. Not only is it jointly funded but GWEDC is a jointly governed through their steering council and on the steering council there are members of private sector, some of you are on the steering council, the City of Wichita is on the steering council so it reflects that public/private partnership even through the governance and not just through the financing. And at that time they elected to contract with the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce at that time for administrative services so GWEDC became a separate organization, governed and funded through a public/private partnership and administered through a contract at the Chamber of Commerce. Now that five year agreement has expired. It expires at the end of this year so today we are bringing back to you a new five year agreement. The organization has been successful. I am going to leave that to others to tell you how successful they have been. In the new agreement

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we have updated the language, we have increased the contribution to reflect increasing costs. The public contribution continues to be matched by the private sector. We have continued the strict focus on job growth through business attraction and retention. We continue governance through the steering council and the City of Wichita considered the agreement yesterday and approved it. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have but first you may want to hear from J.V. Lentell, who is the former Chairman of GWEDC Steering Committee. Also in the audience we have Vicki Gerbino, who is the President of GWEDC and Brian Derberry, who is the President of the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, welcome J.V., we are glad you are here.”

Mr. J.V. Lentell, Chairman, Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you and thank you Irene. I think she laid out the parameters quite well. Chairman Winters, members of the Commission, I thank you for the opportunity to talk to you a minute. This is going to be brief, we will answer any questions that you may have but I think you all probably know about as much about GWEDC as we do. As you know, as Irene said, this is the...we are asking for funding to re-up for another five years and GWEDC, I think, has done an outstanding job of doing what it was intended to do and that is to create jobs in south central Kansas. We originally had a goal of 10,000 jobs for the first five years and we exceeded that by the end of four years and as also was mentioned, 9-11 was really the impetus for the results of that, for starting GWEDC and I think you will, if you have been watching you are seeing similarities in economic conditions that we may be facing in the world and in our own community that will make this even more important going forward. So I wanted to point out that I am the past Chair of GWEDC. Steve Martins is currently the Chair and he had a conflict this morning, called me yesterday and asked me to pinch hit for him so you are getting a sub this morning but I did serve for three years as Chairman and what I saw was the best public/private partnership in operation that I have seen in my many years in this community and I am so proud of the relationship that we have put together throughout the years with the City and the County and the private sector and I think, in fact, I have been told this is a blueprint for around the Country, that people look at our County and City and say how do you do this because we have just unbelievable communications and you are responsible for your share of that and we thank you profusely for that because it’s what really makes it work and we are looking for that going forward. Now as Irene mentioned, Vicki Gerbino is with me and she is the brains of the group. I am here as kind of the speaker this morning but we have all kinds of facts and information for you. I know you are on a tight schedule and I don’t want to bore you with a lot of details but we humbly ask for your support for the next five years and thank you for what you have done in the past. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, J.V., I have one quick question and I am confident that you answered this in your brief discussion but I am going to put my twist on it a bit. I remember back in

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the days when we had an organization that we referred to as the Wise organization and I remember the time period when the private sector believed that that was not working and thus they were ready to not make an investment in it any longer so that pried us on to figure out how to do what we are doing today but now from your experiences and relationships with the private sector they are still enthusiastic about this system that we have put together now because to me that is one of the first tale-telling signs, I mean, if the private side says this does not have a good return we are out of here but now you continue to see support for this organization.”

Mr. Lentell said, “Absolutely and thank you for bringing that up but it is, the private sector is 100% behind this, we have had no attacks whatsoever on it. The thing that happened to Wise, and I was involved in Wise, I have been as you can tell, around a long time and Wise got too multi-focused. They were trying to serve too many masters and GWEDC is about job and we have purposely kept it narrowly focused for that reason and we just don’t get into a lot of it. Wise’s budget got out of hand, it got too big and the results were not there. We are having our results monitored and reported by Wichita State University’s business area and our return has been outstanding for the first five years. It will be about 2.39 returned for each dollar invested and that is pretty good in today’s market.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much J.V..”

Mr. Lentell said, “Does that answer your question?”

Chairman Winters said, “It certainly does because I just remember that...at the Wise Organization, the private investors were not going to invest in it any longer and so that’s...”

Mr. Lentell said, “That’s right, the business community put a bullet in it and I was in that.”

Chairman Winters said, “That’s right. Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, I have about 300 words that I can get out before I lose my voice completely and I think I have already used about 100 of those so I am just going to read a brief statement of what I think of this contract. It’s important to have and support such an organization as GWEDC. I do have some concerns. My first concern is the 2009 contract is \$50,000 more than the adopted budget and this will tap reserves that we didn’t plan on. The second thing is it’s a five year contract and in these uncertain economic times I can’t support the length of this contract and increasing the amount of expenditure over that time. Thanks.”

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Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. J.V., I don't know that you need a response but we have a couple of other questions up here and we would like to invite Vicki to make a comment too, is that alright?"

Mr. Lentell said, "I would love to have her do that."

Ms. Vicki Gerbino, President, Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't necessarily need to comment. You know, as JV kindly referred to me as the brains of the operation so he is obviously the beauty and hopefully together we can answer any of the questions that you might have..."

Mr. Lentell said, "We know that's not true."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Or the beast."

Ms. Gerbino said, "Now I would never say that, I would never say that but I know that I have had the opportunity to meet with most of you to share with you the information on our results since inception. I do have a one page sheet here of our performance results that was shared at our mid-year investor meeting that was held in August of this year and as you know, we do have meetings twice a year where we do share information about the jobs that have been created as a direct result of GWEDC being involved in the projects so everything we do is pretty transparent, it's right out there so I am happy to answer whatever questions any of you might have."

Chairman Winters said, "Ok, do you have that one page for each of us?"

Ms. Gerbino said, "I sure do."

Chairman Winters said, "If you could just come and hand that to Commissioner Welshimer she will pass it down, take one and pass it down."

Mr. Lentell said, "Could I comment briefly on Commissioner Parks' comments?"

Chairman Winters said, "Yes you can."

Mr. Lentell said, "And Commissioner I respect those. Being a banker I am somewhat conservative on those issues but it is very hard to recruit and retain a staff one year at a time and that is probably the biggest argument for a five year deal. You just can't get much done by having people on a short string like that and that would be my primary argument against trying to do it on a one year at a time deal but financially I understand where you are coming from."

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Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just to make a couple of comments explaining my position on this item. It appears to me that GWEDC has been extremely successful during its short history and that we have set goals and each year we have exceeded those goals as far as job recruitment. We are in a very competitive environment, nationally and internationally now and we are not going to be able to maintain or to continue to grow the vitality we have in south central Kansas if we are not willing to compete at some level and many communities I think around the nation would consider that this is a paltry investment in economic development, that we just simply aren’t doing enough. I think we need to do all that we can do, we need to be reasonable in our efforts but we need to work as hard as we can to strengthen our economy. You know, one of the real benefits, I think, of this partnership that J.V. mentioned is just simply the partnerships that are developed and how it effects not only economic development and a specific purpose of GWEDC but these partnerships bleed over into the development of our community in other areas also where the labor representatives, Richard Taylor is here also who is a labor representative in our community who has been supportive of this I think and the business community and the City and the County working together. It just helps set a foundation or it is one element in the success of our community in general but this is a primary element of it and I think our investment is worthwhile and has proven to have a tremendous economic return. One of the things that I believe has been very helpful to the success is that we have maintained a focus and that we have not allowed ourselves to become victim of mission creep. We’ve said jobs is what we are after and that is what we are going to focus on and so by practice I guess we have adopted that philosophy that the main thing is to make the main thing the main thing and we have focused on that, proven that to be successful. I think this is a worthwhile investment that will continue to return a positive return on the investment and I will be supportive.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, 2009 will be our time of uncharted territory when it comes to our economy. It is very difficult to feel certain about the decisions we make, particularly those on investments but one thing I am impressed with this group is that the business community does contribute and it is not totally left up to the government to finance and it is geared toward jobs, which is something we are certainly going to be needing so I am going to be in support of the recommendation.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much Commissioner. Commissioner Norton?”

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, investment in jobs is so critical right now in our community. You know, we struggle to keep the good jobs that we have in today’s environment and to draw in our horns and say it is good enough to have a backslide of jobs is just not good enough. Now is the time to be aggressive and to fight for jobs. There are a lot of communities that are going to be losing jobs around the United States and maybe we can pick them up by being aggressive, being a place where businesses want to come and do business. You know one of the problems with Wise is they got to be a mile wide and an inch deep and Commissioner Unruh was right. One of the things that I said early on because I was on the early beginnings of GWEDC is that we can’t afford to have mission creep. We really can’t get off into Golden Apple Awards and education and some of this workforce stuff. We need to keep it compact, down to job creation, attracting businesses that bring jobs or saving businesses that have jobs in our community and the one thing I think GWEDC has done very well over five years, is to continue to stay on their mission, to understand that it is about bringing companies to our community or making sure that companies that are here are helped out and are healthy and we keep jobs here. You know jobs and economy say really changes the problems that we have in the community because wealth and capitalization and investment creates a healthy economy, which in the long run helps government out too. Economic development does not happen by serendipity. We would like to say that it just happens out of an entrepreneurial spirit and in the early beginnings of Wichita, that was true but today it happens for a lot of a different reasons with a lot of people paying attention to it and pushing it and trying to make the best outcome happen for their communities and if you don’t believe that, you just need to understand what the competition is doing in other states and other cities and in fact around the world to create the kind of environment that incubates jobs, that attracts business and to make their communities viable. Competition is incredible out there. Some states have huge pools of money. In fact, we just had a GWEDC meeting and Vicki shared some of those numbers with us and it is incredible what states right next to us are spending for economic development. They want jobs, they realize what we realize. I mean, it’s not like we’ve had some epiphany and we are the only one that understands that jobs are important. Everybody understands that and in fact, if we talk about the auto industry today at a national level what is the conversation? Well, it’s about saving the auto industry but it is about saving three million jobs that people have, that earn a living, that work hard, play by the rules and for whatever reason have a chance to lose their jobs so jobs are important. We can’t ever not believe that. It is important to understand that business growth leads to job creation and capital investment. I mean, that means buildings are going to be built, wealth is going to be poured into the community and that building infrastructure also has ancillary effects in the building trades and in other places in our community because if we are building \$100 million facilities and an aviation company or another company we’ve attracted, that creates jobs too. It is an ancillary side to it but it is very important so I am going to be supportive. I understand Commissioner Parks trepidation at these tough times but this is not the time to draw in our horns and wring our hands and go ‘oh me, poor me’ about our community. It is the time to take action and say ‘we are going to work hard at

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the best solution for our community’, not back off of what is important and jobs in our community are very important so I am going to be supportive today for the next five years.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much Commissioner Norton. Commissioners, I see no other requests to speak so I would move that we adopt the resolution relating to the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition for economic development services and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to adopt the resolution relating to the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition for economic development services and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Irene and thank you to all of you who were here today to support this continued commitment to the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition.”

Mr. Lentell said, “I would just like to say thank you. By your comments from all five of you it is obvious you knew as much about it as we do and that is why our presentation was short. They were all on point and we thank you very much for your support.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you J.V.. Alright, Madame Clerk, would you call the next item?”

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G. 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR OUTCOMES FOR COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS FROM USD 259.

Ms. Mary Galvin, President/CEO, Communities in Schools, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I just want to review with you our highlights and our outcomes for the last year. Just briefly, Communities and Schools has been in Sedgwick County for the last 18 years. We are a Dropout Prevention Program. We are the number one Dropout Prevention Program in the United States. Unfortunately, when many of our children get up and start their school day and enter through the doors, they don’t enter on an equal playing field. Many of them have slept on the floor, are homeless, they’re hungry; they have health issues and a lot of family issues. We work with those most at risk children. Those are barriers to learning and they do prevent them from learning so our job is to remove those barriers so that our kids can learn and our teachers can teach. So that in a nutshell is what Communities in Schools does. Before you, I think, we handed our annual report. It’s hot off the press and I would urge you to go through that and review it. It does show our outcomes over a five year trend. What I want to review today is in front of you; also, you have a snapshot and just kind of go through and talk a little bit about what happened this last year. If I could get you to turn to the second page, on the left side of that shows our major donors, volunteers, partnerships. Communities in Schools partners with over 400 different agencies and organizations. Sedgwick County is one of our partners. So you support us, you supported us last year through a CTS Grant and also a County Prevention Grant. So without our partners, we could not do what we do and I think that this also is what really makes Communities in Schools very unique. We don’t reinvent the wheel. There are a lot of needs in our community and there are limited resources and to utilize our limited resources wisely, we try and not invent the wheel. We go out and we pull resources that are already existing in the community and we pull those into the school to provide services for the children. So were not out creating new programs. We utilize things that are in the community and make sure they get to the kids that are at greatest risk and need them the most.

There also lists the schools that we were in last year. We served 30 schools, elementary, through high school in four different school districts. When you see CIS’s contribution, what that is, whether it’s volunteer hours; programs that we pull in from our partners; KCL’s (Kansas Children’s Service League); anger management groups, whatever, there’s a dollar value that is attached to those services that are brought into the school. Our on-site coordinators are also capacity builders. Along with case managing our at-risk children, they also pull these services in and you can see there at the bottom of the page that they total over \$2.3 million of services that were brought in to our 30 schools, in addition.

On the next page there, we show our average daily attendance. These are targets that we monitor. We have a goal of 93% for elementary, 80% for secondary and if a child is referred to us for truancy issues or attendance issues, that is what we monitoring throughout that year as we case manage that

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child and as you can see, we exceeded at 95% for elementary and 93% for secondary. Service referral, that means that we can act almost 100% of all the children that are referred to us so it shows that the kids that are referred really truly do have needs. We are not getting, you know, children referred that are not needing services. We also have children that are referred to us for reading improvement and our goals there were 60% for elementary and secondary and we exceeded those goals at 72% and 66%. We also have children that are referred to us for math improvement and we exceeded our goal at the elementary level. We were two percentage points short for secondary. Math is kind of tough and we'll continue to work to bring that up. We also have children that are referred to us for behavior issues so we monitor that throughout the school year and we far exceeded our goals in both elementary and secondary for that and then we also track our truancy children and children that are referred and for not being suspended. As you can see, most kids that CIS works with, we far exceeded our goals there also, with 94% elementary not being suspended and 83% of the middle and high schoolers not being suspended.

If you go back to page one, I just want to kind of go through a couple of our highlights. On the left side of the page, we served almost 3,000 students and those are our case managed students, the ones that need two or more services. With that too, we also reached out to over 1,400 parents and family members because we don't stop at the children. We also connect with the families if we find out that there's employment issues, whatever, we get them to the necessary agencies so we not only help just the child but the whole family also in connecting to whatever needed services they might need. The 109,000 students and parents and family members and community members that we served and that's through clothing drives, holiday assistance, those sorts of things, those may be duplicated numbers because we don't monitor it on a name by name basis for every person that comes into one of our fairs or programs that we're holding. We also coordinated over 15, almost 1,500 volunteers. that provided over 14,000 hours of service to the students and our volunteers are incredibly important to us because they provide a lot of mentoring and tutoring and it's that one-on-one relationship with the caring adult that can help that child stay connected to school so our volunteers are extremely important to us. We also coordinated with 307 employees from different businesses and agencies that, in addition to our volunteers, that these companies allow their employees to come into the school and spend time with the students. And as I said earlier, our total contribution this last school year to bring you services was over \$2.3 million.

A couple highlights that went on, we're kind of excited. We're for the first time; we're the first non-profit supplemental education provider for USD 259. Normally, we would refer our children into tutoring programs. When a school has failed to meet its average yearly progress for two years in a row, the law dictates that the schools must open up and allow tutoring services to be brought in. These services are free to the child and parent but they're paid through Federal State dollars that trickle down to the school district and to the schools. So in the years past, we referred into these tutoring programs and referred our children but as I got to looking at it this last year and someone

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had made a recommendation, since we do connect with tutors and mentors that Communities and Schools take a look at this. When I found that the 17 providers for the State of Kansas, that 15 of them were for profit, nothing wrong with the for profit world, it keeps everything turning and going, but that they were all from out of state. They are from Florida, Colorado, Texas, California so I got to looking at it a little bit more closely and I spoke with Winston Brooks before his departure and I think this is a real win-win situation for our community because with Communities and Schools doing this tutoring service those dollars flow down from the State to the school district. They come to us as we tutor the children. We pay the teachers a fair and reasonable rate to tutor after school program, then I can funnel those dollars right back in to the school and to the school district and it's a win-win situation because we can continue then to provide support to these at-risk kids and just re-funnel those dollars. So we're very excited. We were awarded the largest contract out of eight providers so we are tutoring 130 children this year and we are using a corrective SRA, corrective curriculum that is evidence based and has very, very good outcomes so we'll be monitoring that. Our whole objective is to get those kids to pass their tests so that the schools meet the State goals.

Also, too, we're utilizing a lot of volunteers this year. We're involved with the a Vista program and AmeriCorps program and total we have nine of these volunteers and what this allows us to do is really kind of reduce our overhead cost because these nine employees are paid through stipend and grants and so I can really cut down on some of my overhead costs and still build capacity. Also too, I think, what's really exciting is National has undergone a five year study to really determine the impact; everything is going to evidence based. You can no longer say, 'hey, I need money because I am doing good work.' You have to kind of put, you know, proof of the where the pudding is, whatever. We are three years into this national study that's being conducted by ICF, which was formerly known as Caliber. They are a very respected research firm out of Washington and at the conclusion in July of the first three years of studying Communities in Schools, what they found is that there are 14 or 15 dropout prevention programs in the United States. Only four or five of these are scientifically based and prove that they are effective. Communities in Schools is one of those four or five. And we are the only one, the only one out of all dropout prevention programs in the United States, to prove that we actually do decrease dropout rates. So that's a pretty incredible claim to be able to make. We are also the only one to be able to prove that we increase graduation rates. Our CIS kids graduate on time with a high school diploma and that's the goal of public education. We want our kids graduating on time with a high school diploma and we have proven that that's what we do. So we are now, in the last two years of this study, and I'm excited because we have been contacted by National and in partnership with USD 259, we are doing a two year study and we are part of this study because we are considered a high fidelity model. We are doing a study at West and at Metro Boulevard so we will have data right here in Sedgwick County as to our proven outcomes. What's exciting about this is this data is being shared in Washington and will be published in a lot of journals and it opens the door to this community to be able to secure Federal funding that we wouldn't even begin to be able to touch in the near future so we're very excited to

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be a part of that. So with that I appreciate the past support of Sedgwick County and I look forward to our continued partnership and do you have any questions?"

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Mary, yes there is. Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, I just want to say that this is just a terrific program."

Ms. Galvin said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And it's just wonderful you are doing this and the success is just marvelous so thank you."

Ms. Galvin said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, Mary I see no other questions but we do very much appreciate the information that you have provided us and the update report. We appreciate your keeping in touch with us and keeping us informed of your work. It looks like things are progressing."

Ms. Galvin said, "Yes and thank you, you are a good partner."

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

H. GRANT APPLICATION: RENEWAL OF FEDERAL S.T.O.P./VAWA GRANT.

Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Once again I come before you every year about this time to request the renewal of the grant application for the Federal Stop Violence Against Women Act. This grant continues, we've had this position for, or this grant for approximately the past eight years and it continues to fund one case coordinator who works solely with victims of sexual assault, stalking and domestic violence as well as a half time investigator and I am available for questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, any questions of Sheri at this time? Again, Sheri, this is a grant that we are familiar with and has been a part of the District Attorney's office now for some time?"

Ms. Boeken said, "Yes it has."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, Commissioners?"

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Commissioner Norton moved to approve the grant application and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application; and approve the establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

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 Sheri."

Ms. Boeken said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

I. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- 1. AMEND THE AID-TO-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND SEDGWICK COUNTY TO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING OF \$46,102 FOR THE FAMILY PLANNING GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE COMMENSURATE ADJUSTMENT TO BUDGET AUTHORITY.**

Mr. Farney said, "We have an amendment to the Family Planning Grant for your consideration this morning in which the funding is increasing \$46,102 to just under \$220,000. This funding is from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and is for the State fiscal year 2009 period, which began in July of this year and runs through June of next year. Along with this funding increase, we're expected to increase the client count by 518. The Family Planning Grant also has a max requirement of 40% and that applies to both the base funding and the supplemental funding and that total comes to just under \$90,000. We do have sufficient match to meet that requirement and we are asking for no additional local funding at this time. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have."

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Chairman Winters said, “Alright Commissioners, any questions for Bill? Seeing none, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to amend the Aid-to-Local agreement and authorize the Chair to sign an amended document and the additional budget authority.

Chairman Winters 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.”

Mr. Farney said, “Thank you.

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Bill.”

2. ACCEPT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE “CRIBS FOR KIDS” GRANT AWARD OF 275 GRACO PACK-N-PLAY TO THE HEALTHY BABIES PROGRAM BY THE SIDS NETWORK OF KANSAS, INC.

Ms. Susan Wilson, Program Director, Healthy Babies, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The SIDS Network of Kansas in partnership with the Healthy Babies program is initiating a Cribs for Kids project in Sedgwick County. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of infant deaths caused by infants being placed to sleep in unsafe sleep environments and Healthy Babies has received 275 Graco Pack-N-Play playpens for a total grant award of \$15,950. Through this project, families without the resources to purchase their own playpen or a crib will receive one of the Pack-

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N-Plays. They will also receive verbal and written education on safe sleep environments for their infant. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, we also refer to that as SIDS, is the sudden unexplained and unexpected death of an infant under one year of age. 90% of SIDS deaths occur prior to six months of age. Most babies that die of SIDS appear to be healthy prior to death and in Kansas in 2006, 19% of all infant deaths were due to SIDS and that was up from 16% in 2002. Parents and caregivers can eliminate the following risk factors to help reduce the risk of SIDS: stomach and side sleep positions, soft or loose bedding, stuffed animals and other toys in that playpen or in the crib, inappropriate sleep environments; couches; water beds; the floor, bed sharing, maternal alcohol and illegal drug use, overheating, tight clothing or a warm room and secondhand smoke. For more information about safe sleep and SIDS, families can call the SIDS Network of Kansas at 316-682-1301 or they can also visit their website at www.SIDSKs.org. We would really like to thank the SIDS Network of Kansas for including Healthy Babies in their Cribs-for-Kids project and we are requesting the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation of on our behalf. I'd be happy to take any questions if you have any?"

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Susan. So this is just really to accept and say thank you, is that correct?"

Ms. Wilson said, "Definitely."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, very good. Well, I'm, again, not an expert on the Pack-N-Plays except as a grandparent know that we have them around and this seems like a great deal of 250 of these for \$15,000. I mean I am not exactly sure what the cost of these are but it is not an inexpensive prospect for a new family to think about were a new baby is going to sleep and this just seems like a wonderful contribution of the SIDS group and it would appear to me that the Pack-N-Play manufacturers maybe gave a great deal here also."

Ms. Wilson said, "They are about \$58 a piece and they really are a wonderful alternative to a crib because you can pick them up, they are portable. You can take them to grandma's or to the babysitter or places like that."

Chairman Winters said, "Right. Alright, well, sounds like a great deal. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to accept the grant award and authorize the Chair to issue a letter of appreciation to the SIDS Network of Kansas.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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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 Susan.”

Ms. Wilson said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

K. SHARED-USER AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. Jon E. Friesen, Major-Education Manager, Office of Medical Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you a shared user agreement with KDOT for use of the 800 MHz digital radio system. Sedgwick County has three individuals who are part of a Region Three, Region Six MERGE team and that is the south central and southeast Kansas Regional EMS Councils that run the MERGE team, which is the Major Emergency Response Group.

This group is comprised of EMS administrators and staff and the function of the group is to respond when requested by local agencies in disasters to assist with the response to emergency medical service incidents. We have been out a number of times over the past several years. Probably most notable of the responses was to Greensburg in 2007, where we were in place for two weeks assisting the local ambulance service with provision of ambulance response. This is not a give only situation for Sedgwick County. We also have taken advantage of the MERGE team in hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. The National Disaster Medicine System was looking at relocating patients into Sedgwick County and that would be 200 patients landing at our doorstep within the period of about 24 to 48 hours. We don’t have the resources for that so through the MERGE team, we are able to gather resources from throughout the state to come in and assist with that, should it actually happen. The reason for the shared user agreement is MERGE has a need for communications. That need was solved through working with the Regional Homeland Security Council to gain portable and mobile radios that operate on the State’s system and in order to use the State Radio System we

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have to have for each agency that's represented within MERGE a signed user agreement with the State. There's no budget adjustment necessary. The radios are actually owned by in our case region three EMS Council and we simply are responsible to maintain those radios, which is within the existing budget. So our hope is that you will accept that recommendation and sign the user agreement. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you, Jon. Commissioners, do you have questions of Jon? Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "I'm very familiar with this program and if there are no other comments or suggestions, I'll move that we approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Jon."

Mr. Friesen said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

L. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO MANAGE THE STAFFING OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER.**

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Ms. Diane M. Gage, Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation before you where they will pay Sedgwick County to provide the staffing to manage the or to, excuse me, to staff the Traffic Management Center, which is co-located in our Emergency Communications Center. I brought Tom Hine with me from State of Kansas. He’s the Public Relations person, who is also working in our building already as part of this project. The funding from the State would pay for two full time positions within our department with the plan being that we would cross train existing dispatchers and then have the staffing to be able to staff the Traffic Management Center. So we are ready for anything that could happen on the Interstate System 24 hours a day. I would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Diane. I would like to have Tom come up to the microphone. Tom if you are going to need to sit through our whole meeting we want to give you a chance to answer a question perhaps. This is not the first place that this has taken place in the State, is that correct? Is there a similar operation in the Kansas City area?”

Mr. Tom Hines, Public Relations, State of Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well, in the Kansas City area it is a multi-jurisdictional center with the State of Missouri and the State of Kansas working together but this is unique, possibly in the country where we are partnering with a local agency of 911 communicators.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright and so you and KDOT will have the towers, the cameras, the outlook into the interstates that you in consultation with local folks have agreed is kind of the most sensitive places where we need to know where traffic flow...explain how that works.”

Mr. Hines said, “Correct. We have a pilot project ready to start in January where we will focus on three major interchanges on our system right now, which, of course, we all probably can guess those three interchanges; 135 and Kellogg, 235 and Kellogg, and then the North Junction where 235 and 135 meet so we will start our operation down at the Traffic Management Center focusing on those three interchanges. We will get our hardware and software up and running and expand the program throughout the next couple of years so in 2010 when we incorporate all of Phase One of the Intelligent Transportation System in Wichita we would have coverage of about 20 miles of the Interstate System.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright and then so KDOT would provide the funding for the staffing of two individuals in the 911 Center?”

Mr. Hines said, “Correct.”

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Chairman Winters said, "Alright, very good. And then Diane, just another question for you and I think you probably answered this, you are going to do kind of a cross training with many of the dispatchers so all of them are familiar with the function of operating the system?"

Ms. Gage said, "That's correct because we are really going to make sure we have someone there from about six in the morning to seven in the evening but as you know when we had something like that major tanker crash a few months ago, had we had this in place already someone at four in the morning could have adjusted the signal to warn drivers of what was ahead so if we cross train a large number of our folks to do that we are prepared 24/7 and the dispatchers have a unique set of circumstances with this. It is one of the few things they can do to prevent an incident. Everything else we do, we are reacting to what has happened and we can prevent the secondary accidents by letting folks know what is going on ahead."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright and Tom, one more question for you. There will be signage associated with these cameras, is that correct?"

Mr. Hines said, "Correct."

Chairman Winters said, "And when will those signs be erected and turned on?"

Mr. Hines said, "In May of '09 we will let the contract for that so installation could begin within two or three months after that and it would be a piece meal deal because each sign would be constructed to our specifications so as those signs come in they could go right up and they could go online immediately."

Chairman Winters said, "Ok so it will be sometime during 2009 then?"

Mr. Hines said, "2009, we would expect full implementation of Phase One in 2010."

Chairman Winters said, "Ok, thank you very much. Sounds like a really great addition to our system here. Commissioners, are there other questions of either Tom or Diane? Seeing none what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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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, “Tom, thank you for being here. Next item.”

2. ADD TWO EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHER II POSITIONS TO THE STAFFING TABLE TO FACILITATE STAFFING THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER.

Ms. Gage said, “That would be the two positions you just approved to let them fund.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much. Commissioners, questions about this Item 2, Item L-2? Seeing no questions what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

M. APPROVAL OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH KDOT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ON 143RD ST. E. OVER THE KANSAS TURNPIKE. DISTRICT 1.

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item M has to do with the bridge on 143rd Street over the Kansas Turnpike. The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) has allocated Federal funding to the construction of that bridge. The Kansas Department of Transportation distributes the funding from the Federal Highway Administration and has provided a standard project agreement for approval by the County. The proposed agreement outlines fiscal and project management responsibilities for the project. The County will be responsible for 100% of the cost to design the project, acquire right-of-way and relocate utilities. Federal funds will be used to pay for 80% of the cost of construction and construction engineering up to \$3.9 million. The remaining 20% and any cost over \$3.9 million will be paid by the County and the Kansas Turnpike as outlined in a separate agreement that was approved on November 22nd, 2006. The Federal funding has been split for distribution over two Federal fiscal years. The first distribution of \$2,120,000 became available on October 1st, 2008. The second distribution in the amount of \$1 million will be available on October 1st, 2009. The agreement requires Sedgwick County to make a payment in the amount of the Federal fiscal year 2010 Federal funds \$1 million to KDOT when the project is initiated. Those funds will be reimbursed to Sedgwick County when they become available from the Federal Highway Administration in October of 2009. Both the payment to KDOT and the reimbursement to the County will occur within the County's 2009 budget year. The \$1 million is proposed to be paid from and returned to the Sales Tax Fund in 2009. The project has been in the CIP for a number of years. The design is complete. The right-of-way has been acquired and the utility relocations are underway. No further expenditures are expected for these items. This agreement formalizes the WAMPO allocation of the Federal construction funding. The agreement has been thoroughly reviewed by both the Director of Finance and the County Counselor's office. Finance has not recommended the agreement, primarily due to the fact that the State will not guarantee the repayment of the \$1 million if they don't receive the funding from the Federal government. The County Counselor's office has approved the agreement as to form despite the concerns of Finance. I recommend that you approve the agreement because doing so will ensure that we receive the \$2,120,000 in Federal funding in Federal fiscal year 2009 and because it is probable that we will

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receive an additional \$1 million in Federal fiscal year 2010. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. I would be glad to answer any questions.”

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

Commissioner Parks said, “Let’s say that the other million dollars didn’t come through then what would the status of the project be then?”

Mr. Spears said, “Right now we can get \$2 million guaranteed. Let’s just round everything else, about a \$4 million project. We get \$2 million now and then we put up front \$1 million of sales tax money and then we are supposed to get that back next October. If that would not happen and let me mention that this is not ever, you are considering a possibility that it’s never happened before. Other communities that use the same agreement and they have always been paid back. Wichita uses it routinely but if that wouldn’t happen we were scheduled to let the project this month and so construction would be under way. We would put the million dollars up front and we would end up paying the million dollars if we didn’t get that back. So in that case we would have \$2 million from the Feds, \$1,500,000 from us because we were already going to put up \$500,000, \$500,000 from the turnpike. I think a concern is each year the Federal government passes legislation to release those funds and you can never guarantee the amount of that but every year it always happen. Now the amounts can vary but to me the bottom line is this, if you sign this agreement you can get the million dollars, if you don’t sign it you won’t get it.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well, I just want to say that this bridge is in my district. It has been in need of repair and been on the planning table for many years trying to get the partners in place and to move forward with it. This is our opportunity to complete the project. The bridge will be enhanced. It is a little two lane bridge right now that is in bad repair, goes over the turnpike on 143rd Street and I believe it was a year ago, two years ago perhaps on Christmas when it was closed down for about a month because it was falling apart so some temporary repairs were done. It is used heavily and I think when its improved it will even carry more traffic so I think it is a pretty necessary part of our infrastructure and I am going to be supportive of it with clear assumption that this is standard operation procedure and it has worked for other communities in State already and I believe that we will be reimbursed our money.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, thank you. I am going to be supportive of this. I do not believe the worst case scenarios are going to happen. I don’t believe the Federal government is going to determine that construction of highways is going to a stop and we are not going to fund future roads but even if the worse came to worst this is a priority to Sedgwick County and if that means we

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readjust our priority list so be it but I think it is a project that needs to be done and I am going to be supportive. Are there any other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair 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

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

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

CONSENT AGENDA

N. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Waiver of policy to hire Division of Information & Operations GIS Analyst at B324, at midpoint for this position.**
- 2. A resolution to authorize destruction of County Manager Records (DISP 2008-72 Manager 1977-1993).**

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3. **A resolution to authorize destruction of Finance Risk Management worker's compensation self insurance permit files and accident report records 1982-2002 (DISP 2008-71).**
4. **A resolution to authorize destruction of Emergency Medical Services Records (DISP 2008-70 PS-EMS Billing 2001).**
5. **A resolution to authorize destruction of Health Department Records (DISP 2008-69 DIO-Health 1992-1997, 2000).**
6. **A resolution to authorize destruction of Division of Information and Operations Records (DISP 2008-73 DIO-Admin/Mail Room/Records Management Services).**
7. **General Bills Check Register for the week of November 5, 2008 - November 10, 2008.**
8. **Order dated November 12, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
9. **Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V08058	\$425		Donald Cox
V08063	\$478	5	Clayton Helms
V08064	\$630	5	Terry Julius
V08065	\$355	5	William Favreau
V08066	\$245	3	Sundance Cheney Apts
V08067	\$276	3	Fieldstone Apts
V08068	\$333	4	Sundance Apts
V08069	\$239	2	Chapel Ridge Apts
V08070	\$103	5	Hearth Hollow Apts
V08071	\$502	5	Springcreek Apts
V08073	\$407	5	Sheri Barnes
V08074	\$400	5	Brian Dabandons
V08075	\$372	5	William Favreau
V08077	\$457	5	William Favreau
V08082	\$176	2	SEI Residential Inc.

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- 10. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to change in income level of the participating client.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V04073	\$263	\$317
V03089	\$305	\$353
V07082	\$233	\$250
V20118	\$251	\$261
V010150	\$221	\$218
V06064	\$400	\$466
V05086	\$203	\$197
V05071	\$255	\$261
V99066	\$317	\$526
V04075	\$220	\$222
V08021	\$171	\$63
V2069	\$286	\$326
V06065	\$266	\$271
V05085	\$198	\$234
V07092	\$507	\$520
V99076	\$294	\$303
V07084	\$211	\$243
V2093	\$374	\$540
V010156	\$239	\$246
V99073	\$287	\$309
V07081	\$295	\$327
V05076	\$242	\$392
V20122	\$160	\$162
V05077	\$137	\$243
V03096	\$282	\$298
V94101	\$195	\$210
V07086	\$454	\$475
V06068	\$173	\$285
V07090	\$104	\$367
V03046	\$383	\$360
V07021	\$380	\$300

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V07063	\$524	\$495
V05036	\$201	\$139
V20122	\$160	\$178
V06025	\$308	\$390

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to 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
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, that brings us to the end of our Regular Agenda. Is there any other business that Commissioners would like to discuss? Any other business? We can tell Commissioner Parks is losing his voice because he normally always has something to say.”

O. OTHER

Commissioner Parks said, “TSO December 4th, Rick Brown.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, whatever that means.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Transiberian Orchestra. If you haven’t seen that Christmas program it is a great one.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, very good. Alright, seeing no other business we do need to have an Executive Session but before that we need to serve as a Canvassing Board so I am going to recess the Regular Meeting of November 19th, 2008.”

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RECESSED TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS: 10:35 a.m. to 10:58 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, at this time I will call back to order the Regular Meeting of November 19th. Commissioners, we need to conduct an Executive Session. Do we have a motion for that?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 11:25 a.m.

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, “We are in recess for 20 minutes.”

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 10:59 a.m. TO 11:28 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “Ok, I will call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for November 19th, 2008. Let the record show that we have been in Executive Session and there was no binding action taken. Mr. Euson do we have other business to conclude?”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes sir, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, while in Executive Session we discussed a Worker’s Compensation case involving a Georgia Cole and at this time I would recommend that you settle this case in the total amount of \$16,993.78. This settlement would leave open issues relating to review and modification of the award and future medical payments.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to settle the Worker's Compensation case involving Georgia Cole.

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

Mr. Euson said, "Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Rich. Any other business? Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No sir."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Euson?"

Mr. Euson said, "No sir."

Chairman Winters said, "Our meeting is adjourned."

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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