

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 10th, 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, December 10th, 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. Janice McCoy, Public Health Emergency Coordinator, Sedgwick County Health Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Marilyn Cook, LSCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, MPA, Contract Administrator, COMCARE; Mr. Bill Farney, Administrative Services Director, Sedgwick County Health Department; Ms. Iris Baker, Purchasing Director, Division of Finance; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Kristi Vermillion, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Autumn Heithaus, 11807 Birch, Wichita, KS
Mr. Sid Anderson, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Hawker Beechcraft
Michele Gors-Paris, President, KPTS

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Bobby Massey of Life Point Church, Valley Center

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 19, 2008
Special Meeting November 19, 2008

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Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, if you remember the Special Meeting was when the Board sat as the Board of Canvassers on that particular day. You’ve had an opportunity to review these minutes, questions, comments and if not what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the minutes for November 19th 2008 Regular Meeting as read.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Mr. Chair, I was not part of the Special Meeting because I was not on the Board of Canvassers because I was up for reelection so we might want to take those separately so I can abstain on the second one.”

Chairman Winters said, “Would the motioner make it just for the Regular Meeting of the 19th?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Yes, the Regular Meeting.”

Commissioner Parks said, “So amend.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, we have a motion to approve the Regular Meeting of November 19th. Any other questions? Seeing none, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Now we need a motion for the Special Meeting of November 19th.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of November 19th, 2008 as read.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

PRESENTATION

A. AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE FOR HOMELAND SECURITY – KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL FOR FEDERAL ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (SCKMMRS).

Ms. Janice McCoy, Public Health Emergency Coordinator, Sedgwick County Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The contract before you is for the Metropolitan Medical Response System Program in the amount of \$258,145.00, which will run through June of 2010. We have received funding for this program since the year 2000. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to give you a brief summary of this program and the future direction of its activities. The MMRS Grant is one of two direct grants that fund public health emergency preparedness. We have had this program since the year 2000. The focus of this program is to have a coordinated response to a mass medical emergency and be able to sustain our community for the first 72 hours while we would wait for additional support from Federal assets. This program recently has expanded for a Homeland Security Region to encompass the 19 counties in this area and all of our program activities now coordinate and collaborate with responding agencies across the South Central Homeland Security Region. So what we have accomplished is several things. We have MMRS Steering Committee; this committee makes the decisions about how funds will be expended using our risk assessments, we have decided what deliverables that we will meet, what target

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capabilities we need to focus on to best meet our needs. Our Steering Committee is made up of over 25 member organizations. We also have 63 private and public dispensing sites that are identified if we would have to do a mass pharmaceutical distribution to our community in a public health emergency such as an anthrax attack or other biological events.

We have developed operational plans for public health and mass casualty events including a pandemic influenza response plan. We've also provided risk communications training that has also included an exercise that directly involved our local news media agencies. So the focus for this next year is to collaborate with Emergency Medical Services Regional Project. This is a project that has been developed by EMS to develop capabilities training and provide supplies for this region so they can respond to a large scale event efficiently and effectively such as what we saw in Greensburg. We also are addressing the need to provide daily medications to people who have been abruptly displaced from their homes. During the Valley Center explosion we discovered that many people could not return to their homes to get their daily medications that they need and so we are working to provide an avenue that we can do this effectively and make sure that people aren't missing medications that are essential to their healthcare needs.

We are also looking to incorporate mental health response in all of our response plans. The impact to people's mental health during a large scale event can severely stress our community so it is very important that we make sure that every response has a mental health component to it.

Also, we are looking to address search capacity needs in a mass casualty event. This is an ongoing issue that we continue to try to address. Our hospitals are already overstressed. Our EMS systems are already stressed so any mass casualty event could push it beyond the capabilities that they currently have and it is essential that we find ways to not just have forward movement to outside communities but to also be prepared to receive patients from outside communities.

We are also working on patient tracking and this is a regional patient tracking system that is electronic. It has bar-coding. Each patient, when they are entered into the system would receive a triage tag that is bar-coded that can be scanned and the information is directly transmitted to EMS and to the hospitals so they can track that patient from the time they enter the system through the time they exit the system so if families would call wanting to know where their loved one is at we would be able to access the system and be able to tell them 'your loved one is at a hospital' or 'they are well and have been released.'

So our future vision, we continue to work on alternative dispensing plans. Although we have a very robust dispensing plan we are looking for ways to be more efficient and to be able to distribute medications quickly to the population. We are also looking at increased training and participation

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of County staff in dispensing of pharmaceuticals. The volunteers required to carry out that function for our community is immense and having adequately trained volunteers is essential to meeting the communities' needs and demands. We also continue to look at ways to include bioterrorism competency based training and skills with our responders so we can meet future accreditation standards. So at this time I would propose that, or recommend that the Board approve the contract with the Kansas Highway Patrol for this grant cycle and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and any supporting documentation. I am happy to entertain questions at this time."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Janice, explain just a bit about this 19 county area. Will these funds be somehow spread over that 19 county area or exactly how does that work?"

Ms. McCoy said, "Well, the funds we do receive directly and have supported deliverables within the County in the past and we'll continue to support that but we collaborate with a 19 county region and the Homeland Security Region. The patient tracking system is actually being funded out of their grant funds as opposed to ours but some of the other trainings our funds would support and invite people from those counties to attend."

Chairman Winters said, "But there is a network between people from all of the South Central Kansas counties that are coordinating efforts and trying to coordinate funds such as these?"

Ms. McCoy said, "Absolutely and that network includes hospitals, emergency medical service, fire departments, of course, are Metropolitan Medical Response Team. We talk about receiving forward moving patients from them but if a catastrophic event would happen in Wichita, for example what happened with Greensburg, if that would happen in Wichita, most of the major hospitals exist in Wichita and we would have to collaborate with them to move patients out there so it is essential we help them build their capacity."

Chairman Winters said, "Ok, very good. Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "I have a... I am certainly going to be supportive of this but I did have a few questions and follow ups. I know after the anthrax scare nationwide I participated and kind of helped lead an MRS, MMRS exercise, a full blown exercise drill at Valley Center and do you have something planned for that also again to have some kind of a...because that was 2003 or 2004, somewhere back in there and we are coming up to '09 and I know that is a big undertaking. There is a lot of work that goes into those."

Ms. McCoy said, "Absolutely. Thank you for the question. We actually do have a major full scale exercise being planned for March. It collaborates with the State, they have called it March

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Madness, and it will occur the week of March 23rd through the 27th. That exercise will include an epidemiological investigation that encompasses local clinics; the hospitals, how triggers are set for us to notify the hospitals that we are seeing an increased number of cases and then we will also be opening up private and public points of dispensing sites again at that time so we are going to invite communities that have these dispensing sites to volunteer to open up the sites.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Just somewhat of a sidebar on this, who audits the elected officials or NIMS training and updates that?”

Ms. McCoy said, “Most of that compliance measure falls under Emergency Management and it is up to them but we support that process.”

Commissioner Parks said, “And as you said with Barton Solvents, I know there were people that couldn’t get their medication, are there some pharmacies that have agreed to set up certain procedures for that outside, just kind of a collaborant effort if this area of town is evacuated that they will take care of things or...”

Ms. McCoy said, “We are in the initial stages of working on that and have a pharmaceutical steering committee that is working on that. It includes pharmacists, not just private pharmacies, but also those representatives from the hospitals to look at every avenue that we can address so there is some legal issues that are tied with that, insurance issues that are tied with that and so it is working through the policies and the laws to make sure that we are able to meet that function.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well I know that there were some pharmacies that overlooked the insurance and just took care of the people for their, whatever their 24 hours needs were that day and I commend those pharmacies for sticking up and doing that during the Barton Solvents disaster.”

Ms. McCoy said, “Our medical reserve corp., which also is housed in the Health Department, responded to those needs and worked with the pharmacies in identifying a health care professional that could write prescriptions so we could try to get them their medications but we can have a better process and that is what we are going to work for.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Those medications are about to expire. I know we talked about that some time back and we even got a jump on the national scene for disposal of those and we can dispose of those by giving those to non-profits now by the State law and what not so...are those pharmaceuticals being replaced and updated in a timely fashion? Now is that part of this or is that going to be something else we are going to be needing to look at?”

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Ms. McCoy said, “The pharmaceuticals were bought with a contract through the Department of Homeland Security and was part of the MMRS program. There is no future funding to replace that. We still have some money left in that contract to replace the pharmaceuticals one more time. They have a five year shelf life. Our biggest difficulty is that it is such a large quantity. We have been working hard to find a way to rotate them out as opposed to them just expiring and not being able to use them.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, thank you for answering those questions. I know this is...was kind of a passion of mine and I was highly involved in that so thank you for taking the time to explain that.”

Ms. McCoy said, “Thank you sir.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Janice, you have...you are the coordinator of this?”

Ms. McCoy said, “Correct.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Within the Public Health Department. Do you train other people to help you with this in the event of an emergency? Do you have training sessions and that sort of thing?”

Ms. McCoy said, “Yes we do and we also have...like I said the Metropolitan Reserve Corp, which is a volunteer organization that recruits health care professionals as well as non-medical professionals to support these kinds of activities and then we also coordinate with CERT. That is through Emergency Management to identify volunteers and train them to respond in these events.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Sounds like it is quite a network.”

Ms. McCoy said, “Well, we are working on it.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Thank you.”

Ms. McCoy said, “Thank you.”

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the allocation of \$258,145 and authorize the Chair to sign the contract and any related documents.

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 Janice. Next item."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING NORTHERN FLYER ALLIANCE/ PASSENGER RAIL KANSAS.

Ms. Autumn Heithaus, 11807 Birch, Wichita, KS, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First off, I would like to thank you Commissioners for giving me this time to briefly talk with you about the Northern Flyer Alliance and a special thanks goes to Commissioner Kelly Parks for his help. I am going to be very brief. The Northern Flyer Alliance has been around since July 2006 here in Wichita. We came out of the Visionary Program here in Wichita and we have been working very hard to want passenger rail service for Kansas and this is a 602 mile passenger rail corridor that ranges all the way from Fort Worth/Dallas all the way up to Kansas City through Wichita. I am here to ask the Sedgwick County Commissioners, you all, to endorse a resolution to support the Northern Flyer Alliance and to endorse passenger rail service in the 10 year statewide comprehensive transportation program for the State of Kansas. To try to be a little bit more brief, we have been around for the last eight to nine months asking for resolutions and letters of support. So far to date we have received 15 ten-year transportation resolutions with 10 more resolutions coming. We have also received 22 letters of support from various businesses and civic groups across Kansas. We have also received 26 resolutions of support from cities and counties, totaling 63 supporting

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resolutions and letters of support from various groups. We have 10 more to come, that is coming. I have the book right here in which I printed off from our website that shows all of the support that we have across Kansas. I am going to give this to you. I ask that you please look at this and basically the City of Wichita did pass a resolution to support the Northern Flyer Alliance back in, I believe, it was April 1st, 2008 and I went before them two weeks ago to ask them to pass a resolution as well for the ten year transportation resolution for the State of Kansas so I am here today to ask Sedgwick County to do the same. Are there any questions for me?"

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "Well I do know that you are having some more meetings coming up..."

Ms. Heithaus said, "Yes..."

Commissioner Parks said, "And this...there have been a lot of things happen since April and the economy and the State and I know I have attended several meetings where there's been State senators and representatives off the Transportation Committee..."

Ms. Heithaus said, "Yes, yes..."

Commissioner Parks said, "And I think you have one coming up don't you that you may send some invitations to us for?"

Ms. Heithaus said, "Yes, there is going to be a meeting sometime and it probably won't be until the summer because understanding that the Legislatures are going to be busy the first part of 2009 but the summer of 2009 we are...I want to see about getting a huge meeting that is going to involve, of course, invite you all as well as all kinds of legislators and people across Kansas that have supported the resolutions that we have asked for so that we can give a presentation and answer questions for anyone who wants to ask questions about what is going on with our organization."

Commissioner Parks said, "We will certainly be looking forward to that so thank you."

Ms. Heithaus said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Autumn I see no other questions or comments at this time. I would say that the Board of County Commissioners will take into consideration your request

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today and if, I think Commissioner Parks, you or perhaps Irene can make sure we have those resolutions that we could examine and then you have a book full of ones that have already been passed.”

Ms. Heithaus said, “Yes, this is the first book. I am working on the second book right now.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Well, if you would like to leave that with us...is that for us to keep then?”

Ms. Heithaus said, “Yes, yes it is.”

Chairman Winters said, “Ok, very good. If you would like to just bring that up and hand it to Rich Euson as you leave that would be fine and we will accept that. Thank you very much for being here.”

Ms. Heithaus said, “Thank you, thank you very much.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I think I would like to make a motion that we receive and file this document.”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to receive and file the document of signed resolutions.

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 again, thank you very much for being here. Next item.”

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NEW BUSINESS

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS FOR HAWKER BEECHCRAFT CORPORATION (FORMERLY RAYTHEON AIRCRAFT COMPANY).**

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The final resolution presented for your approval today authorizes issuance of \$36 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds for Hawker Beechcraft to use for construction of new facilities and purchase of machinery and equipment. Although this is the first issuance under the 2008 Resolution of Intent that was approved by this Commission earlier this year it is the 22nd consecutive issuance to this company and its predecessors, Beech Aircraft and Raytheon Aircraft. Today we have with us in the audience, we have Sid Anderson, who is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hawker Beechcraft, Lisa Haffner, who is Director of Tax for Hawker Beechcraft; Winton Hinkle of Hinkle and Elkouri, who is Hawker Beechcraft’s Bond Counsel and Sarah Steele, representing Gilmore & Bell, who is the County Bond Counsel and I believe Mr. Anderson has some comments.”

Chairman Winters said, “Welcome to our meeting.”

Mr. Sid Anderson, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Hawker Beechcraft, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Good morning, Commissioners. I am very happy to be here and represent Hawker Beechcraft. I have a short presentation for you related to the Industrial Revenue Bonds for 2008. So our request is for \$36 million as Irene noted. A top level split down, \$27 million for tooling, new and replacement tools along with upgrades and \$9 million for improvements to facilities along with machinery equipment and other miscellaneous items. In addition to that, within our business, Hawker Beechcraft has invested over \$100 million in the past year on research and development for new products and upgraded facilities. Just a top level look at a few of our products, six aircraft that were brought to the market between the period of summer '07 and this summer of 2008.

SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION

The Hawker 4000, in the upper left corner, ramping up towards full production at the current time and definitely looks to be a growth engine for the company going forward. In the middle top photo, you see a 900XP. We made the first delivery of this aircraft in September of 2007. Definitely a best

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in class aircraft but we anticipate foreign competition for this particular platform and looking to continue to invest. The Hawker 750, upper right, again new in 2008. First deliveries occurring in the first half of this year. The bottom three pictures show our King Air aircraft. On the left side, the 350ER is upgraded for special missions and definite growth potential for both export and foreign government customers and then the B-200 and C-90's, in the last seven years we have upgraded all aspects of the King airline and announced interior upgrades at MBAA this past October.

Just a brief business update for Hawker Beechcraft, we have 10,000 employees worldwide with 7,600 in the Wichita area. The company recently reported the highest backlog in our company's history at nearly \$8 billion. 50% of our orders now coming from international customers, definitely a global organization, headquartered in Wichita. As I noted we have started delivery of the Hawker 4000, which is a significant accomplishment for the company and I guess I count myself as one of the new leaders that have come to the company in the past 18 months.

And then finally, one of the things that we have done in the past year is to begin a new Logistics Center utilized for the management of our materials that have been built on campus. A final chart to share with the Commission this morning is a look at our community support with over \$1 million in donations coming from our charitable fund, focused on youth education and development and managed by our Community Relations Counsel, which reports to our Chairman and CEO, Jim Shuster. This is the information that I have for you this morning and at this point would welcome any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Mr. Anderson. I do not see any questions at this moment so we appreciate very much your attendance at our meeting today and wish you the very best and welcome to Sedgwick County if you are here within the last two years so..."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, Irene, do you have any other comments at this time?"

Ms. Hart said, "No sir, we recommend your approval of the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, well I would just take a quick moment to say that this has certainly been a long term working relationship with Hawker Beechcraft and before that Raytheon and before that Beech Aircraft. I have been a Commissioner for 16 years and this project plan, this partnership on this type of project was in place well before I arrived so this is a long term partner that Sedgwick County has had. And I might just mention again to those citizens who are perhaps listening, when we take this action, this is still a financing mechanism that allows the company to

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take advantage of certain tax benefits that will be beneficial to them. The citizens of Sedgwick County are not responsible for this \$40 million bond. We are not obligated to make up any default. The private company itself will be the guarantor of these bonds and they will be responsible for paying them back. So it is a partnership that allows us to take advantage and allows the company to take advantage as we see them employ 7,600 people here in Sedgwick County and then have been long term community partners and members of this community for a long period of time. So I am certainly going to be supportive. Mr. Euson, from our legal standpoint, your staff and others have looked at this project and everything is proper and in order for us to move forward?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes it is."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioners, are there other questions or do you have comments before we move on with this resolution?"

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Industrial Revenue Bonds with Hawker Beechcraft Corporation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "And we thank Mr. Anderson and Ms. Haffner and Winton Hinkle. We appreciate you being here and Ms. Steele, thank you all for being here if there had been other questions so thank you very much. Madame Clerk, would you all our next item."

2. APPROVAL OF 2009 MEDIATION CENTER AGREEMENTS.

Ms. Hart said, "The Mediation Center Agreement is a volunteer mediation program that primarily serves Small Claims Court. They target 30%, they hope to take to mediation 30% of the cases

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presented in Small Claims Court but over the past years it averages more like 50% of the contested cases in Small Claims Court. The third quarter report showed that they had, of the 100 contested cases; they had provided mediation services in half of those cases. Most of the cases have to do with landlord/tenant issues and merchant/consumer issues. The 2009 agreement has an increase in funding so that they can recruit and train additional volunteers for the program. This increase and the total \$10,000 is included in the 2009 budget. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright to restate the obvious, which you just stated, this is in our budget for 2009, planned on and talked about in budget discussions?”

Ms. Hart said, “Yes sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, are there any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the contract 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
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

D. ADD TAX SYSTEM DIRECTOR POSITION TO FINANCE STAFFING TABLE TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TAX ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “For a number of years a group of people who work for the various elected officers and the Department of Information and Operations and County Appraiser, all of whom are involved in the administration of the tax system, have been involved in the implementation of a new state of the art

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system to replace what has been a very fragmented operation. We are doing taxes, property taxes, with a series of homegrown, handwritten, hand built systems that are written in an old computer language. They don't necessarily work well with one another and so they have caused considerable amounts of inefficiency and loss of productivity and in some cases outright errors in the administration of the tax system. That old legacy system has been in the process of being replaced for some years now and as a part of that exercise the elected officials and the County offices that are involved in tax administration have worked very well to try and break down the operating silos that exist in this fragmented system to streamline the operation and to gain efficiencies. But as we have come closer to completion of the project, it has occurred, I think, to everybody who was involved in the process that we run some risk over time of losing the benefits that we have gained in this implementation exercise because the system, the governance of the system is so fragmented. There is no one person responsible for overseeing the property tax administration system and identifying opportunities for improvement or identifying instances in which changes that are made serve, do not serve the interest of the County overall. And so the various elected officials and the County departments that are involved in this process came to me some months ago and suggested that the County consider creating a position to serve that oversight role, to provide a single point of responsibility for assuring that the gains that we are achieving with this new system are maintained and are enhanced over time going forward.

The action that is before you is to create a position that would be called Tax System Director. It would be housed in the Finance Division. It would have no direct operational responsibilities for tax administration. Those responsibilities are provided by statute to the Register of Deeds, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer, the County Appraiser and administratively to the Department of Information and Operations and those operational responsibilities would continue as they are today. The purpose of this position would be to oversee that entire system and provide that single point of responsibility for assuring that the system works efficiently for the benefit of the entire community and that we don't restore those silos that we have broken down through this implementation process. The position would effectively report through the County Manager to the Board of Commissioners. You know that you don't have any direct control over the tax administration system and you would not gain any control with this position but again, it is a collaborative effort involving all of the players in the process, all of whom have come together to develop a much improved system for the benefit of our community. I have in the room Don Brace, County Clerk, who can speak from an elected officials perspective to the desirability of the creation of this position if you would like him to and he will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. If you don't have any questions then I would recommend that you approve the action as presented to you."

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Chairman Winters said, "Alright, Chris, I think that was a very thorough explanation. Commissioners, are there questions? Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, I am going to support this because I think it is absolutely necessary. I think it is a terrific idea and I think that if this works out as well as we think it will, we might want to apply this approach to other divisions in the County."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, I will have to tell you that when I first saw the black and white on this that I wasn't excited about adding employees during this economic time but I did have a rather lengthy conversation with Mr. Chronis and have talked with some other people. I am going to support this, however, I'm going to be putting a tickler in my file before Budget Review next year that we go back and get an efficiency report and Mr. Chronis said that...he assured me that one of those could be made available so...just having said that, like I say, I wasn't sold on it at first and I think we need to try it and see if it works, see if the dollars in and dollars out are efficient. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Chris, where is the funding come from to support this position?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It will be a general fund position supported by general County revenues. It will be in the budget."

Commissioner Norton said, "Ok, to start off, it wasn't put in the 2009 budget so it will just be taken out of fund balance?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct. We will absorb the cost within the adopted finance budget to the extent we are able to and then if we are unable to fully absorb that cost in 2009 then we will obtain a transfer from contingency accounts."

Commissioner Norton said, "Ok, and to move it forward into outgoing years that would be part of the budget process, it would be an ongoing...we either accept that additional position or we draw back our horns on it and that is a budgetary decision later on?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

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Commissioner Norton said, “Ok. I am going to be supportive because I do think it is important as we have talked over the years that those other elected officials that all interact, one point of contact would really help make that system work so much better because there is a lot of moving parts in our tax system and to have that person that everyday thinks about efficiencies and coordination I think is going to be pretty powerful. I like Commissioner Parks though; the proof is in the pudding.

I want to be sure as we go into budget season and we have some history of this that it really gives us the kind of results and the kind of coordination and collaboration that we think that we are going to get out of it so I am going to be supportive but I think there is a reason to look at it stringently as we go into the budget season for 2010. That is all I have Mr. Chair.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Chris, there hasn’t been any pushback from any of the elected officials or any of the professional staff?”

Mr. Chronis said, “No. No, they all reviewed the proposed job description and signed off on it. They all have seen the agenda summary that is before you.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, it seems to me that our constituency expects us to be as efficient as possible and to provide as easy access to some of these offices as possible and so I see this as a real improvement and an opportunity to gain efficiencies that we don’t have otherwise and so I am going to be very supportive and I am very optimistic about the outcome of this.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Chris, what would be the mechanism to report output and reasonable results from this position? Will we get updates from you, from that position, whoever that person is on an ongoing basis?”

Mr. Chronis said, “It is a little bit tricky to identify what the output will be of this position and so to say that there will be output reports I think would probably be a stretch, it would be misleading at this point. The purpose of the position, again, is to oversee the administration of the system once it is fully implemented later in 2009 and going forward to make sure that the operational enhancements that have been implemented remain in place and continue to be improved on over time. Those improvements, we certainly will be bringing to your attention as they arise but it is not the sort of program where we can set a goal of doing three improvements by August. We’ll know them when we see them and we will implement them as they become available and as we can

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collaboratively work with the elected officials to make them happen and as that happens we certainly will be reporting back to you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I am going to try to invent a word like Jeff Longwell did. Will we proceduralize these new things? As they come on board will they be injected into our manuals and our procedures and not just be a nice to have kind of thing?”

Mr. Chronis said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I mean, we’ll actually codify them and say this is the way...this is the best method, this is way it’s going to be done so there is no drifting away from a procedure if an office doesn’t particularly like it. Is that...?”

Mr. Chronis said, “Yes, we will be documenting procedures, yes.”

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

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, Mr. Chair, I think you forgot to turn the light off but I will just make a comment that I think that often times we are challenged by our constituents to ‘why don’t you run government like a business?’ and I think this is an example of how we are trying to do things to improve processes and look at what we are doing to find out ways to do it better and to implement that process for the betterment of the organization and ultimately the betterment of our government and efficiency for our constituents so I am thinking this is a good idea and I appreciate the fact that people are looking at ways to be better. That is all I have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Well, I am also going to support this. Just two quick comments; one, I mean we are transitioning from a decades old way of doing business into a new modern system and I think that is important just for the reasons Commissioner Norton stated, that somebody is looking at the overall. Second, is I think the thing that will make it work is we have a group of dedicated elected officials in our Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds that want to do systems right and they have been great team players with others of us in local County government so I think with them being on board I think this is a good process. Commissioners, are there any other questions or comments? Seeing none, what is the will of the Board on this item?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to add Tax System Director Position, range B429, to Finance staffing table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Chronis said, "Thank you."

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

E. INTRUST BANK ARENA COUNTY/CITY COORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR ARENA EVENT PARKING.

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The County and the City have agreed that a significant aspect of the redevelopment of downtown Wichita is the construction of the new Intrust Bank Arena. It is, and will be a modern first class sports and entertainment venue with 15,000 seat capacity for basketball. It will have 20 Executive and two Party Suites that are designed to provide maximum fan experience for all guests. The arena will be owned by Sedgwick County, as you well know operated by SMG on behalf of the County, and certainly is located in the center of a revitalizing area of downtown Wichita which is the center city of Sedgwick County.

The County and City have been discussing for a long time the desire to formally establish cooperative actions that address parking and mobility improvements that respond to the accessibility of users of the arena, as well as with changes related to the future development in this portion of downtown Wichita. Three or four weeks ago you received a Comprehensive Arena Events Parking Review and Report by Scott Knable from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and in this

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report this morning I will refer to a couple three of those pieces of information that he provided to you at that time as a way of getting to this recommendation today.

Meeting the demand for parking for arena events will vary according to the attendance expected at the event, according to the time and day of the event, when the event is held, and whether or not another event is being held concurrently at Century II. You have seen this slide before. Scott presented this to you in his presentation. The question becomes then how much parking do we need? What this slide tries to do is to share with you the kinds of events, the average attendance for those events, then the parking demand based on that average attendance (three persons per vehicle) and then that last column, how many events we would anticipate per year. Now this data is taken from the Walker Parking Study and it shows about 175 events. When we worked with SMG and they have gone through a review, their numbers, about 120 events. But whether you have 175 events or 120, the data falls out pretty much in the same fashion.

Taking that information then and breaking it down, how much parking do we really need for large events, which are about 9% of the events per year? You would need 5,000 parking spaces medium, about 38% of the events per year; 2,667 parking spaces, with an average attendance of about 8,000; and for small events, 1,333 parking spaces, about 53%. If you take that 53% and 38%, that comes to about 91% of events. However, presentation this morning, the arena event parking goal is to ensure that 2,400 dedicated parking spaces; this will address the most common situation, which is an event with a maximum attendance of 7,200, recognizing that many of those events will be less than 7,200, during the weekday evening or weekend accounts for about 80% of all arena events. So the plan we're presenting to you today addresses about 80% of all the parking that's needed; 80% of events; parking for 80% of the events during a given year. How much parking is there? Scott presented this to you last time, showed you maps and so forth, looking at that last column, spaces within four blocks of the arena, 9,126 spaces. Public access, 3,046, private, 5,117, and on street parking, which are public access as well, make up that 9,126 spaces. Quite frankly, when our original parking study took a look at the arena, they were looking at these numbers and they said to us, you don't need any additional parking for the arena, you just need to manage in a better fashion that which you have downtown. Of course, you have listened, the City folks have listened, we've all listened and what we are here to do today is to say we do want to be a little bit more focused on parking then to just leave it to what is there and let people fair for themselves and so that is why we are here today with this presentation.

Taking these numbers a little bit further, there are 4,009 total public access spaces within four blocks of the arena. That is that 3,046 and 963 from the previous slide. 2,616 of that 4,009 are City owned, off and on street parking, again within four blocks of the arena. That is about 65% of the total public access spaces within four blocks. Breaking that down either further, 990 of those 4,009

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parking spaces are in two parking structures. The Macy's garage and the Bank of America garage. If you take out those two garages from the numbers then the City owns about 87% of the parking spaces within four blocks of the arena. So what does the staff recommend and this was from Scott's report and we will bring it to again. Again, we control, control here means having complete use and access to these parking spaces during arena events, not own them necessarily, not even manage them. We are still working on how these would be managed but we could control 2,400 parking spaces within four blocks of the arena. Again, this is enough parking for about 80% of the events. For the remaining events we would supplement these spaces with private parking sold directly to users, on street parking, shuttle service to park and ride locations within or outside downtown depending on the size of the event, the time of the day of the event and the day of week and whether or not additional events are scheduled and then partner with the City to coordinate private market parking and park and ride services.

How do we get these spaces? We are going to have 262 new parking spaces that will be on the arena site. We would partner with the City for existing parking of about 1,050 parking spaces. That's the 450 at the State Office Building garage, the 253 in the State Office Building surface lots and the 347; all of these are east of the railroad tracks, south of Waterman. All of these are existing parking. We would then look to construct, working with the City, City would construct an additional 488 new parking spaces, again 213 that would be an expansion of that parking that is east of the railroad tracks and south of Waterman; new parking lot on City owned property, 175 spaces on property at Emporia and Lewis; and 100 parking spaces under Kellogg at St. Francis and then working through SMG we would look at working with private owners for additional 600 parking spaces. I hope you can see this map but just to kind of point out, you see the arena site there. It's kind of in the center of this map. That is the 262, if you go to the left, upper left of the arena site you see a blue rectangle. That is the State Office Building garage. Just then down to the left and south of the State Office Building garage you see a red square and a green triangle, that is the State Office Building surface lots. Then going back to the arena site, going to the right and down, you see a fairly large red block there. That is the current existing City lot that is east of the railroad tracks, south of Waterman and then the three new lots are in lime, orange or yellow, whatever that color is there that is just the 213 that is hooked onto the red there at 347 then you see the 175 that is in that oblong long rectangle site there, bottom of the arena, south of the arena and then the site that is underneath Kellogg.

Scott mentioned to you and I will just remind you again, how does future redevelopment affect event parking downtown? Scott called this the 'double whammy.' That is that existing parking spaces a most likely location for new development to occur and new development will generate its own additional parking needs. These numbers have been worked out, depending on how new development comes along. Low, medium, high in five years, 10 years, 20 years...it would reduce

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the available parking so how do you address that. Again it was staff working on this and the recommendation was that we address that through public/private partnerships, through strategic public investments and additional parking and that is what you saw in the City's expansion of the Center City District. I think you will be talking about that next week. The public coordination of shared parking among private developers, public coordination of shared parking for private use and event use, strategic public investments and streets to improve vehicular and pedestrian capacity. You approved a few weeks ago a construction coordination agreement with the City that addresses part of this. An additional part of this will be or is addressed in the proposed TIF, expansion of the TIF district and strategic public investments in the expansion of downtown transit service. So in summary, County would...to address these needs the County would reimburse the City up to \$5 million from the arena sales tax for actual expenses associated with acquisition design and our construction of a new surface lot on the City land east of the railroad tracks, new surface lot on City land at Emporia and Lewis and new surface lot under Kellogg and St. Francis. Additionally, actual expenses would be reimbursed to the City for improvements to existing parking assets if they are necessary to support arena events at the State Office Building garage, the State Office Building surface lots, the surface lot east of the railroad tracks and you are hearing this report today with action being requested. This agreement will go before the City Council for their approval on December 16th, next Tuesday. So we recommend you approve the agreement, authorize the Chairman to sign and I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Ron for that presentation. Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "Ron, one of the things that wasn't in some of the backup that we discussed here like on page 11, the public investment for transportation, can you kind of expand on that, whether that is going to be City of Wichita or are you proposing Sedgwick County getting involved in this and let me add that I am certainly not for looking at a large program there. As you know as the public has heard me say before I have always, if we are going to have park and rides or shuttle services let's get the private sector involved that, let them make their money on that and let them have the expense on that. I think that, having gone to events at other large metropolitan areas, I parked 20 miles from the Cotton Bowl a few years ago when K-State went to the Cotton Bowl on a park and ride situation so it's one of those things and I would like to reiterate that those shuttles and the park and rides need to have ingress and egress, which I think we have established with some funding around the arena there so those buses can come in and drop off people and take out and go get another load somewhere else for the event so if you will just kind of address the public investment in the transportation on this."

Mr. Holt said, "We don't have a specific number or if there would be any at all but what we are doing and what we have been doing is talking with the City of Wichita, which of course owns and

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manages public transportation for this community. We will continue to talk to them. We will develop a plan that relates to arena events that would be certainly in excess of the numbers we are talking about today and before we would have anything finalized it would be back to you for review and consideration. And yes, one of the considerations would be allowing the private sector to address that. We want to work with SMG as well as the arena operator to make sure that their concerns and needs are addressed. The point is we will continue to have that discussion and before any final decisions are made you will get...you would have an opportunity to weigh in on those discussions...on those results and recommendations.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, I would say if we had to go 20 miles in the Dallas area that maybe 10 would be an efficient way to do it for the Wichita...the Intrust Bank Downtown Arena. The thing that I don’t want to discourage the companies that have expressed an interest to me, one of them a high interest in doing this and having that as a service to the people by saying well, you are going to be in competition with the public transit going out into some of the remote or the fringe areas of the County to make a park and ride. That certainly is one of the things that I didn’t see, like I say, in some of the backup that I received today but I am going to stay on top of that and make sure that when it comes back to us for further approval that we definitely look at the privatization of that. Thanks.”

Mr. Holt said, “I understand.”

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, “On the existing parking spaces from private owners, you say we are going to look at that but that is about 25% of the number of spaces we have listed here so have we looked at that? Do we have potential private owners that are going to cooperate with this and have said so?”

Mr. Holt said, “We have had general discussion with a number of private owners. We have not started any specific negotiations for those but based on those initial and informal discussions we think this will be an easy goal to meet and yes, we have private owners who have expressed a higher desire to have an opportunity to be involved in making their parking available for arena events, of course, at a fee.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “At a fee? The other, the City surface lots and the State Office Building garage, are those going to be free?”

Mr. Holt said, “No ma’am. Parking for arena events will have a fee attached to them.”

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Commissioner Welshimer said, “Ok, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Are there any other questions? Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to make comment that this plan has gone through much scrutiny, a lot of work over the last year or so since we first put a heavy emphasis on it and I think that this plan here satisfies most all the criteria that has been identified and number one we...the parking consultant that was hired to review all the spaces in downtown Wichita and suggest a plan, we haven’t...I wouldn’t say that we have ignored his advice, that we don’t need to do anything but on the other hand we haven’t decided to go ahead and build a new garage facility that many folks have talked about but which costs approximately \$20,000 per stall to construct a structure of that type so I think that was an important element in all of our consideration.

But the fact that we have identified parking spaces for at least 80% of the events within a very short distance, some of the parking is more convenient then other spaces but all of it in my opinion is very convenient. At a cost to the money generated through the arena sales tax as a minimum level or a reasonable level, I think that this is a good solution for those folks who want to go to arena events so I am going to be supportive of this and I truly think it will be successful and that the folks who come downtown to enjoy events at the arena will have a good experience and if we do hit those times and we anticipate a full a house or we are competing with events at Century II and we know downtown is going to be particularly jammed up, I think the options for park and ride and those other alternative solutions, we will be able to solve that problem so I think this is good work and at an efficient price. A lot of hours have been spent bringing this together and I am going to be supportive.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, you know, I thought we should have put a lot more emphasis on this very, very early on even during the site selection process but we have done probably a year’s worth of work trying to analyze every nuance of this particular problem that faces our community and it is a very complicated issue. I don’t know that one size fits all. I don’t know that everything we have done is going to work out right for every event that we have but I know some very smart people that have been very dedicated and have worked very hard trying to come up with what would be a workable solution for the downtown and particularly for the arena. I know there has been a lot of input. Input from all kinds of natures, certainly from citizens as I talk to them at neighborhood associations and different places and certainly from staff members and other experts in our community. It all started out with the Walker Study. I think we tore it apart, looked at it, analyzed all their data, looked at what they presented to us and said ‘we think we need more’, that we are not

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going to take everything they said at face value and I think we did that. But the truth is, at the end of the day we are going to have a different parking model than we have at the Kansas Coliseum. Just the nature of a downtown arena will change how we think about it and I know that is going to disappoint some people, it's going to maybe even anger some people that we are going to go to a different model. It is going to be a more urban model, a more metro model where you do maybe have park and rides, you do have some walking involved, you do have some paid parking and there will be some on street parking and some other things where you may not have to pay but it will be a different parking model. I think that is the nature of the beast. I don't know that we can change that now. We just have to make sure that we analyze it from every angle that we possibly can and make sure that we deliver a comprehensive parking plan that we also understand is going to be fluid in the next five or ten years, as development happens parking as we sign off on today or next week or whenever is going to continue to evolve because the whole idea that we've had is that downtown will flourish and change and be redeveloped and revitalized because of some of these actions and I have every reason to believe that is going to happen and then we are going to have to take a new look at what parking is going to look like. So it is a submitted plan. I've certainly looked at, I sat on the Committee early on, I excused myself to let another elected official from the County kind of get involved and take a look at it so that we had plenty of eyes on the plan. But the truth is I had my own ideas and I had some nagging questions and a couple of things I thought needed to be done that aren't going to end up in this final plan but I didn't want to be a road block and just continue to say 'I've got my idea and we can't move forward' just because it has got to be a certain way. I still have a question that maybe we should build some kind of one level structure to create a lot more parking spaces on the east side where we've got some land available now but the truth is, that land, I think, will be available later if we decide we need that additional parking space. At the end of the day one thing I know for sure about this parking plan...somebody won't like it and we've got to move forward. We are a year out from opening the arena now and we need to start the process particularly the surface parking lots, get those constructed, get that ready to go but I think there is an ongoing conversation that will not end on this with the City and the County about what is going to happen downtown with parking and part of that is a concern that I have that we haven't nailed down every little aspect of this but we do need to get started at some point, taking care of parking, make sure that we've got some infrastructure started so that we do the best we can for citizens of downtown and the events that they partake in. Ron, all of this that is presented today will be paid for by sales tax, is that correct?"

Mr. Holt said, "All that is presented today, yes, sir, will be paid for out of the arena sales tax fund."

Commissioner Norton said, "Which is... whether it was implied or implicit, people believe that we were going to do something with parking as part of the arena, is that correct?"

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Mr. Holt said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "And that we would use sales tax money to do that and at this point this is the plan that is put before us to use sales tax money to start working on a parking solution that we think will not only be good for the arena but in conjunction with the City of Wichita, be good for downtown in general?"

Mr. Holt said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is that correct?"

Mr. Holt said, "This is driven by arena events but certainly it should be complimentary with all of downtown."

Commissioner Norton said, "Ok, that takes care of parking today or for the arena today as it opens and we get ready for it. Talk a little bit about the future because I am still...you know there is the future out there is what scares people too, about what is going to change and is parking going to go away. We understand that there is some thoughts about parking for the future embedded in the TIF that is maybe going to come before us and we are analyzing that now and what that looks like. I know there was some angst with some people that TIF parking got layered in later but to build something later or to add onto parking there needs to be some kind of a way to do that as downtown changes and that really becomes the City's idea of how they will take care of that, is that correct?"

Mr. Holt said, "That's correct. What we have tried to do here is be judicious in addressing parking for the arena that is complimentary with an overall downtown parking plan, which would include new development and how do you then...whatever that new development is and how do you then replace any displaced parking that might come along with new development so while many of us would love to have a plan that would be total full and final, it is a plan that addresses arena parking but as a part of the overall downtown needs including consideration for any new development."

Commissioner Norton said, "Ok, as we move forward how attached will we be as the County to that conversation because then it kind of transitions to the City taking care of it yet we are still going to be running the event center through SMG and we will have a dog in that fight, where does that go?"

Mr. Holt said, "Because the arena is owned by Sedgwick County, operated by SMG in downtown Wichita, I think, and we have talked about this a bit, we don't have the structure set up yet, we are going to need to have an ongoing give and take dialogue back and forth about what is happening

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with the arena so that all of those parties who are involved understand what is happening and we can make sure that whoever is dealing with parking they understand what is coming up, whoever is dealing with traffic flow, whoever is dealing with security; all of those sorts of things are addressed on an ongoing basis with SMG, County and City folks at the table to talk about those.”

Commissioner Norton said, “One of the things we talked about in some early meetings was a downtown parking coordinator, czar, director that every day showed up and talked about, thought about and analyzed downtown parking. If you think you are going to have 90, 100 events a year, just at the arena event center, the Intrust Arena, but you’ve still got Century II, you’ve got Waterwalk, you’ve got other things happening downtown...has that conversation gone any farther because I think that is critical to a solution?”

Mr. Holt said, “Parking management is a key to making all of this work. It is certainly our belief that since this is downtown, parking management should be the City’s. The City is open to that, in fact, very open to that. We just need to work with them to get the details worked out and that is addressed in the agreement, that the City and the County would continue to work on details for parking management to make sure that when the arena opens all of the players know what their roles and responsibilities are so that we have a coordinated, integrated communications plan for the community.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Ok, and maybe this isn’t a fair question but I am going to ask it anyway, as we move forward looking at the TIF that...did you have discussions about that money for parking later and that it would be earmarked only for parking for the downtown, for the arena, for activities that happen in downtown and it is not going to be bled off into some other kind of usage?”

Mr. Holt said, “You will talk about this, I think, again it is on your agenda for next week but in that TIF agreement the reference to the \$10 million for parking, certainly it has to be within that TIF district, which is within close proximity to the arena and I think there is a statement in there that its capped at \$10 million but it is for new or replacement parking relative to parking that is already in that district with any new development so while the...what space and what spot has not been clearly identified I think the concept there has been fully agreed upon and again we would continue to have dialogue with the City as it best meets the needs of the arena as well as the overall downtown parking plan on an ongoing basis.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, certainly that is a conversation we’ll have offset to the TIF district but it applies back to this issue because solving parking as I hear it from taxpayers and citizens that I talk to, is going to be critical to them wanting to use the arena, feeling good about it

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and I think we need to take it very serious that we come up with the best solution, not only for the day the arena opens but for future days after that and I think that conversation has to be pretty tough, pretty stringent and right now. I don't think we can be doing it later after the horse it out of the barn. Ok that is all I have Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, as Commissioner Norton said some people will not be pleased with this and I am not really crazy about it but I think it is the best that we can do for the arena opening. The alternative would be a condemnation, which would be cost prohibitive and the other reason I am going to support this is there is no property tax involved. It all comes from the arena sales tax fund. Another problem I have with it is the fact that the public when they go there, they are used to going to the Coliseum and at the most pay \$3 to park and I think it is going to be an adjustment for the public to make to have to pay to park. Also, I am concerned that we need more of the normal lighting for a four block area and curb cuts and security and that type of thing, which I suppose would have to be addressed later but I am going to be in support of the parking plan."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Well, as Commissioner Norton said the early the better on some of these things and in February 2007, about a month after I came on this Board, I started working with the site plan and what not and the parking is...Ron, on page 41 of your backup, it says 'County contract service parking to the arena site, 262 spaces.' Now early on I had the question of the local networks and in fact, I sent an email to each one of the TV stations and the press and everybody to see if there was coordination going on and I wanted to make sure that coordination was going on between the people that are going to be covering events with television or other communication facility people there and I just had a question on that. Of these 262 spaces is there enough for ESPN truck or a larger vehicle then just the local station SUV, if they have a semi or a motor home that needs to park in there and will that cut into this 262 spaces?"

Mr. Holt said, "We have worked with not only the local media, electronic media, but also through HOK and their experience with doing these events. That has been addressed. We have a pretty sizeable service yard and how electronic media will hook in and connect to be able to do live feeds or to be able to do rebroadcast from the arena has all been addressed within that service yard so the media parking would not be, or the media needs for parking for filming events would not take away from the 262 parking spaces."

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Commissioner Parks said, “And those troughs have been put in for the electronics so we don’t have a bunch of wires on top of the ground and things...?”

Mr. Holt said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Ok, I just want them to have a friendly atmosphere so they will want to come back and cover more in the future and I will be supporting this document as a whole and there are some things in there that I don’t support but I am going to be supporting the document as a whole. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Commissioner. Just a quick comment...Commissioner Unruh did you have a comment or do you want to wait for a second...?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Go ahead. I will wait.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, just a quick thing. I want to acknowledge that I think I agree with just a lot of what Commissioner Norton said in his comments. The one thing I would disagree a bit with it is just the language and I don’t think he and I would quibble over this, I don’t think this is a complicated issue as some people want to make it. I think it is about managing the resources that are out there today and making sure that we know what is happening, when it is going to happen and that we spend this kind of money to make sure that the City is involved with property that they already own that can play just a major role. So I think I agree again with the comments, it is going to be a different model then at the Kansas Coliseum but I think this plan is going to work. Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chair. Just one question, this doesn’t in any way deplete the operating and maintenance reserve that we’ve been careful to protect?”

Mr. Holt said, “That is correct. At the current time there is a little over \$16 million that is in that reserve or will be a little over \$16 million when we come back to you to add the additional \$100,000 that we haven’t asked you to put into the...it’s there but we just haven’t taken formal action to put it in there, that the sales tax brought in over what our final estimate had been. So with that in mind it is a little over \$16 million if you take this five out and remember in the Construction Coordination Agreement I think there was about a million dollars there but that can come out of contingency funds so it would still leave an excess of \$10 million in that operation maintenance reserve fund.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Ok, thank you. Well, I think it is an important consideration. We have promised that we would keep a maintenance reserve and we promised that we would provide a

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parking solution. I think this is a good solution that shows cooperation with the City of Wichita and with an eye to not duplicating spaces downtown and will provide a good fan experience so I am going to be supportive.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Would the operating reserve that you just talked about, Ron, include the spill over money that came from interest income?”

Mr. Holt said, “It does not. We have not yet included any of that fund because we wanted to keep this pair with the sales tax dollars. At some point and time we will bring all that together and you will have a final and full review of that. But we know that there is about \$300,000 a year from each of our naming rights partners for 25 years...”

Commissioner Norton said, “That also goes into that...so the pool is not, you say it is \$10 million but it could be much more than that once we get everything in there. We haven’t made the decision to take out of the general fund the interest income but we could certainly do that and that is a sizeable amount in the millions also, is it not?”

Mr. Holt said, “That is correct.”

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

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much. Commissioners, any other questions? I see none.”

MOTION

Chairman Winters 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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much Ron.”

Mr. Holt said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, we’ve been at it awhile. I would suggest that we take about a less than 10 minute recess.”

RECESS FROM 10:28 a.m. TO 10:35 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “We are in our Regular Meeting for December the 10th. We are ready for the next item so Madame Clerk, would you call Item F?”

F. APPROVAL OF DELEGATE AGENCY FUNDING CONTRACTS FOR ARTS COUNCIL, INC., KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC., THE KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, INC., SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC., WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mr. Holt said, “The contracts we are bringing before you today are from the Community Program funding out of the Division of Culture Entertainment and Recreation. In the budget, adopted budget book for 2009, this information is on pages 508 through 510. These contracts outline the legal relationships between the County and each of the five agencies. This is the method by which Sedgwick County provides funding to these agencies, again which is approved in the adopted 2009 budgets. These are renewal agreements, as the County has funded each of these agencies for several years. The Arts Council, Inc., funding agreement calls for \$15,000 for 2009; Kansas Junior Livestock Show, \$23,304; Kansas African American Museum, \$185,000, Sedgwick County Fair Association, \$21,500; and the Wichita/Sedgwick County Historical Museum Association, \$96,573 dollars for a total 2009 funding of \$341,377. I would be happy to stand for any questions and if not, I ask you to approve the contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

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Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Ron and to repeat what you already said, all of these funding and the funds are provided for in our 2009 budget?”

Mr. Holt said, “That’s correct.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, are there questions or is there a motion to approve these contracts?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Ron.”

Mr. Holt said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

G. ADDITION OF ONE PATH GRANT FUNDED PART-TIME PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, LSCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This year in addition to the award of our Annual PATH grant and PATH stands for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, we received funding for one part time Peer Support Specialist. Peer Support Specialists are individuals who have experienced mental illness themselves

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and in this case will be someone when hired who will also have experienced homelessness. The Peer Support Specialist will go out into the community with our Outreach staff from our Center City program, provide some support to the consumers that they're interacting with, help connecting and identifying resources for them, but will also provide a pretty unique understanding of the lives of the people that we are serving through our Center City program. The grant is from SRS and it provides 100% of the funding for this part time position and I do want you to know that the funding was obtained in part because we received a perfect score on the PATH grant application that when we applied for it early this year. I am recommending that you approve the addition of this person to the COMCARE staffing table."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "Do you have any idea or any feel how the State might look at this in the grand scheme of cutting back on departments?"

Ms. Cook said, "The funding for these kinds of positions...these are revenue producing individuals so they will be producing Medicaid dollars so, in general, I don't know what the State is going to do with cutting back on fundings. I know they are going to. We received word last week that the State is looking at \$1.8 million reduction in the grants that community mental health centers have and we have a meeting next week to talk about how that cut would be divided among the 27 centers but this is a position for someone that would be producing revenue and they would not cut this kind of position."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you Commissioner. Any other questions or comments? Mr. Manager, do you have a question or a comment?"

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "No, I would like to make a comment after you vote on this in response to Mr. Parks' question."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, very good. We have the action before us. We don't have a motion yet do we? Is there a motion to take this action?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve addition to the COMCARE staffing table.

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, “Mr. Manager, you have a comment?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioner Parks, your question about what the State might do and we at this point have no real clear indication of what might happen. We have put into place today, this morning before this meeting began, I have asked elected officials, department heads, division directors to give us their best estimate of what they think might happen so we can begin planning a strategy. That information will be returned to me by the end of, by noon on Friday and we will begin to develop a plan on how to address this, not only the short term but the long term because there will be consequences and at this point any kind of anticipatory awareness might be helpful, will be very helpful to us and to approach the problems.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Manager. Marilyn, thank you for your presentation. Next item.”

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H. AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH FOR CHRIST FOR A “CITY WORKS” YOUTH GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, MPA, Contract Administrator, Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention Fund, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Over the last several years working with the Crime Prevention programs that we fund, it’s become more and more clear that it takes a real specific skill set as well as intensity of service to be effective with gang affiliated youth. Current programs have not had the same success rate with gang affiliated youth that they have with other youth and have even experienced problems integrating gang youth with their program because sometimes it causes somewhat of a negative influence with their other participants. Kind of at that same time, the Department of Corrections has identified a similar gap in services for their youth, particularly ones leaving State Juvenile Detention facilities as they return to the community. They don’t want to continue their gang involvement and there’s really nothing...no services available for those youth suitable. Mark Masterson, the Director of Corrections has identified a program, the Home Boy Industries from California that’s been very effective working with gang affiliated youth in California. It’s a job training placement and education program. In addition to that, the Safe and Secure Neighborhood’s pillar group from the New Communities Initiative has endorsed a Home Boy Industries type program for the Wichita area. So all of these things are kind of coming together and the contract before you today is with Youth for Christ for a City Works program. Youth for Christ currently works with youth in the Juvenile Detention Facility. They are located in the New Communities area where gang problems are heightened and they also have a lot of local support from churches in that area. The grant is for \$44,000. That would allow for an expansion of their current program, the City Works program for 2009. It will serve at least an additional 50 gang affiliated youth. Some of the outcomes that we anticipate include a reduction in arrest, improved work skills and cognitive behavioral skills as well as either obtaining meaningful employment from this or returning to school, which could be high school or it, could be college or a vocational program. The recommended action is to approve the contract and authorize your signature to sign and I’m available for questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Jeanette. Are there questions or comments? Seeing none Commissioners, 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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Chairman Winters said, “Yes, Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Just a little bit of discussion on 120 of the backup, it states in here that the County and the City of Wichita are specifically named for this program and it says other concerned agencies and I would encourage those other concerned agencies, maybe the other cities in the County that maybe some of the gangs that are starting to infiltrate some of those communities or have infiltrated them to use this program also.”

Ms. Livingston said, “Oh absolutely.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you for those comments. Any other questions or comments? We have a motion, any other questions? Seeing none, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

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

I. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 1. AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION (UKSM-WMPA) TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATED HEALTH OFFICER FROM DR. DOREN FREDERICKSON TO DR. GAROLD MINNS.**

Mr. Bill Farney, Administrative Services Director, Sedgwick County Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have a couple of agenda items for your consideration this morning. The first is an amendment to our current contract with the KU School of Medicine for Health Officer Services. The only change is replacing Dr. Doren Frederickson with Dr. Garold Minns. Dr. Minns has been the Interim Health Officer since Doren passed away earlier this year and he has served in that capacity at least a couple of other times in the 1990’s. He is a Communicable Disease Specialist and he works very closely with our Tuberculosis Clinic and he has done that for

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many years as well. So he is very familiar with the department, he is familiar with our programs, our clinics. He's well respected by our staff and the community and we believe that he is the very best physician available as our Health Officer and we request for your approval for this amendment."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you. Are there questions of Bill about this if not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the contract with UKSM-WMPA and authorize the Chair to sign this document and any related documents.

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

- 2. APPROVE AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE LABORATORY SERVICES AT DISCOUNTED PRICES TO GOOD SAMARITAN, CENTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS, E.C. TYREE, AND THE HEALTHY OPTIONS FOR KANSAS COMMUNITIES CLINICS BY THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING UP TO \$13,341 IN 2009.**

Mr. Farney said, "In our second agenda item, we're requesting approval to enter into agreements to provide laboratory testing for four of the safety net clinics in the community. We currently have contracts for these tests with three other safety net clinics. The tests are for gonorrhea and chlamydia testing, H.I.V. testing, syphilis testing and hepatitis B testing and would be offered to the four additional safety net clinics based on our cost to provide them. Based on the volume of testing anticipated by the agencies, we expect to generate around \$34,000 in 2009. We currently lack sufficient funding to provide this testing and request through this agenda item an additional \$13,341 in the 2009 budget, which would be used to purchase the reagents and the chemicals needed for the

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testing. Our laboratory staff consists of two full time laboratory technicians and a part time technician. We believe they have the capacity to absorb this extra work so the only additional cost would be for the chemicals and reagents to do the testing. So we request your approval of this agreement.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Bill. Are there questions? Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I should probably abstain from voting on this because I am a member of the Board of Healthy Options for Kansas Community.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, I would think that if you would acknowledge that I would think that you could still vote if you chose but it would be my opinion.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Alright, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, are there any other questions or comments? Seeing none, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the agreements and authorize the Chair to sign and approve the budget adjustment.

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 very much Bill.”

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Mr. Farney said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

J. KPTS 2009 CONTRACT.

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications & Community Initiatives, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is the time each year where we get to look at the contract for KPTS, the opportunity for us to go into citizens households or their businesses where they can actually engage in County government and see the work that you all do every Wednesday morning, beginning at 9 a.m. We have had this long term relationship with KPTS where they interrupt their regular programming and we know the youngest citizens get an opportunity to change from watching Barney and Sesame Street and get to watch the County Commission Meeting on Wednesday mornings because of this relationship but it does provide an opportunity for us to engage citizens in County government and it helps us to be open and transparent with the work that we do and for citizens to see and to hear the candid discussions that you all have about the important business about County government. It also provides us an opportunity for folks to actually see how Sedgwick County is working for them and our next item that you will have, which is the Road and Bridge Show and we credit David as being actually the original Extreme Makeover television programming by providing the before and after of the roads and bridges, citizens actually get to see how their tax dollars are used because we have an opportunity to air this information over KPTS. We do have a new President at KPTS who is with us today. It is Michele Gors-Paris and I have asked if she would like to come up and say a few words about the relationship we have with KPTS and this opportunity so I will defer to her for a moment before we move to the official business. Michelle?”

Michele Gors-Paris, President, KPTS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you and hello everyone. I actually met Commissioner Unruh yesterday at the Diversity Kansas meeting so it is a pleasure to be here and a pleasure to be working at KPTS. I am thrilled to be there and I echo the sentiments of Kristi, that I think it is important, having worked in television news for a long time as News Director at Channel 12 before I accepted this position. I think it is very important that the citizens that can’t make it to these meetings, for whatever reason are able to access, have access to you and the business that you do, the importance that lies in your hands and the decisions that you make and how you make those decisions and I think the transparency is an important thing that people have access to their government without having to come down here with obvious limited space and the inconvenience maybe of the transportation. And with DVR’s now they can record your meetings too if they are at work and would like to have access to an agenda item that you maybe discussed. I think it is a great relationship. I understand that it has been a long time

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relationship and I hope that your vote today is to continue it as we would like to see that as well. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Michelle.”

Ms. Zukovich said, “Commissioners, if you have no other questions or no questions I would ask that you sign the agreement so we can continue to provide television coverage of our meetings in 2009.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, we do have a question or comment. Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “I didn’t mean this to be an impromptu question but something that we’ve discussed some time back with the addition of the closed captioning is there any possibility that people can sponsor that? I know that we had talked about some partnerships in the past. I don’t know if those are still available or not.”

Ms. Zukovich said, “Commissioner, we did look into that and we actually went to a number of other cities and communities who...local governments who provide the broadcasting of their meetings and also provide closed captioning to determine if there were other sponsors, they use other sponsors for their meetings for the closed captioning portion and we only found one location and we think it was connected to their television broadcasting because there were no other sponsorships for closed captioning for local government meetings. That doesn’t mean there is not that opportunity out there in the future that we might find someone but it is pretty limited that folks are stepping up to want to make that available, not only here but in other communities as well.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, I just wondered when we are adding something like that I was just looking at the tax dollars and if it could be sponsored by somebody, I think that would be great also, that that would take that back out of the County General Fund. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Are there any other questions or comments?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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Chairman Winters said, “I see no discussion but I would before we vote on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners express our appreciation to KPTS and our long standing relationship. We know that you bring value to our business and we appreciate that very much.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And thank you for being here today in case we had any really tough questions.”

Ms. Gors-Paris said, “You are welcome. Thank you very much.”

Ms. Zukovich said, “Thank you Commissioners.”

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

K. PRESENTATION DEPICTING ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 2008. ALL DISTRICTS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before I start today I first want to thank the people who put this show together. Mara Elman, she put the PowerPoint together, took the pictures, stood out in traffic; Larry Sanchez, our department controller, he put the numbers together and then I also want to recognize Pete Giroux, he has helped throughout the year. He is our Budget Analyst, very helpful to us and he is instrumental in our success also. I would like to report to you today on the projects that were constructed in the year 2008, including roads, bridges and preventive maintenance. This year we completed 20 ³/₄ miles of skim coating or a cold mix and chat seal on each one of those projects. The roads are selected by our staff in January and you are notified by memorandum accordingly. In addition to these projects the 2008 Construction Program can be summarized as follows and I think I want to put the map up first. You each have been handed out one of those.

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This map shows everything we have done this year, both by contract and in house. You can see the legend in the upper left and tells what each of the items are. We did 13 ¾ miles of latex modified slurry seal this year. We did 12 ½ miles of asphalt rejuvenation. 66 ¼ miles of nova chip, eight bridges were constructed by a contract, nine were constructed by our forces and 45 miles of rock shoulders were constructed on both sides of the road on those 45 miles. All of the projects are in accordance with Sedgwick County's Capital Improvement Program. In total, improvements were made to 113 ¼ miles of the 500 miles of paved road that Sedgwick County is responsible for and that means that 23% of the County's road system was improved in the year 2008. If you talk about our goals, our goal each year is to do 20% so we had 23% this year. What we try to do and what we have done, always have done since 1983, is all of our roads that are constructed will have something done to them after five years so that means you need to do...20% of your roads will have some sort of preventive maintenance on it each year, we have a lot of tools in our toolbox for that. Those are...and you are going to see some of those today or all of those today. We have the asphalt rejuvenation, the nova chip, the slurry seal, recycled cold mix, which is a thing we have done for two years now and then we also have cold mix that we do in-house. In general, I did send you a memo two days ago depicting all of the expenditures and where we stand with the budget. In actuality, \$1,766,608 were spent on bridge projects and we were \$491,142 under budget on that and with respect to road projects, which this year's mainly preventive maintenance, we spent \$7,882,900, which was under budget by \$898,516. We are now ready to look at the program.

Road projects by contract: You can see the locations on that map, the three. Actually on 21st Street North between K-96 and the County line, we started that project years ago. The County paid for the design. We purchased the right-of-way on the east mile and then the City took over the project and I will show you some before pictures of that. They let that in October and I will go into that a little more later. Also we are going to put a signal out at 135th Street West and U.S. 54 as well as a frontage road on the south side of Kellogg between 119th and 135th and we received KDOT funding for most of that and then next...a week from today the Ridge Road project lets up at Topeka and that is between K-96 and 53rd Street North. But these are just some before pictures. We will probably show these again next year. These are all on 21st Street. You can see the traffic congestion there, this project is needed very badly. You see the signals there now are pretty elementary. The County obtained earmarked funds for this project of \$2.6 million from the Federal government and like I said before, we paid for the design and the right-of-way on the east part and in total what we had budgeted versus what we spent we are under almost \$600,000. Now this will be a good project. As you know we did 13th Street last year that is just south of there and that will also give traffic a place to go now that when this project is being constructed.

This is 135th and U.S. 54 frontage road, need a signal there desperately. There is a hill just to the west that makes it difficult to get out on Kellogg if you are on 135th. This is looking south on 135th

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Street, this is some of the new improvements. This is the frontage road that is on the south side of Kellogg. This is looking back to the east towards 119th. This is under construction right now as you can see. We budgeted \$828,250, our share about \$505,000, currently under \$323,000 and as you can see KDOT is spending \$3.7 million, almost \$3.8 million on this project. Also Wichita participated in this so we have to give them credit.

This is the Ridge Road project. This is just some before pictures, like I say it lets next Wednesday and this will be going to a four lane. I am going to give you a very technical term for that picture on the left. That is called alligator cracking. That is a technical engineering term. You can see for design of right-of-way so far we spent \$735,000 and we are under budget. We will know more next Wednesday where we stand.

Ok, now we go into our preventive maintenance type projects. This will be asphalt rejuvenation. This is done by Cutler Repaving and what happens on this they mill up one inch of the existing pavement and they put back two inches, they put back the inch that they mill up and then one inch of new asphalt. You can see all the locations throughout the County there. This is around Mount Hope, actually 101st Street North. That is a before...there is an after picture. There is another before, after, same location. You can see the Mount Hope sign on the right. This is a before picture through town...this kind of...note the blue truck on the left and this is the picture taken a long time later, truck is still there...must be a coffee shop. Another after picture. This is a great process, with the heating process it bonds the new two inches down to what you had there before. Of course, that is a before picture on 279th and there is the after. There is a before through town, after. Now once again, we do these cities less than 5,000 population, we are responsible for connecting links and connecting links are described as a portion of road that connects to a County road on each end of it. Another after, that is by the grain elevator.

Now this is 53rd Street North between Maize Road and Meridian, same process. Another before, this is after. Again after. This is on 31st Street South between Rock and Greenwich, Commissioner Welshimer's district. This is a before, there is after. I think that is a little wet. I think that was taken after it rained. At least it is not puddling. Another after.

This is 63rd between Meridian and Broadway, Commissioner Norton's district. This bad piece that you see at the bottom of the screen, that is not in...that is not a County road there. Here is an after picture, again an after. That is the curve over by the floodway on 63rd. Now this is Main Street in Garden Plain. We did Mount Hope and Garden Plain this year with Cutler. And that is a before, another before, another before and then that is the end result. And there is the final numbers, budgeted \$1.4 million, spent about \$1.3 million. We are under budget by \$176-\$177 thousand.

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Ok, now we go to nova chip. Nova chip is a new process that puts down about a ½ inch of an asphalt product and we are hoping that we are able to get more than five years out of this. We have done it for about five years and there are some projects we are going to be able to go to possibly seven years on instead of five and we are watching that very close. You can see the locations here in the County and we did 66 ¼ miles of that. Also, you can tell by the looks of some of these like the Viola Road and up there...the north/south road that we tried to get a good road going from every highway, like a State highway, U.S. 54 leading into a small city. And those are also our snow routes. This is 21st Street North. We did this all the way from the Colwich Road to the Kingman County line. You see before pictures, now there is after. Now we did not do the shoulders. We saved millions of dollars by not doing the shoulders because that adds up. Those are about 8 foot shoulders actually but we did put a coating on top of those just to seal all the cracks, which was very inexpensive. After.

Now this would be MacArthur between K-42 and the Kingman County line, that is a before... after. This is 71st Street South between West Street and 135th Street West. That is a before, there is after. After. This is 375th Street West between 71st and the Sumner County line, also known as the M&M Road. That is a before picture. What you see below, that is the Sumner County line as you are looking to the north. That is a before and there is after. After. That is a nice product, nova chip. And this is Viola Road between U.S. 54 and K-42. And this is Andale Road between U.S. 54 and 53rd Street North. Here again that is a before, before, there is an after. So see these roads will all last at least five more years, we are hoping seven before we have to do something to them again. The striping we put on these are called thermoplastic and the striping will last at least five years and can go to seven and that is why we do it that way instead of using our own paint. Then we won't have to do it again. Lafarge did this project. \$4.1 million budgeted, spent \$3.9 million, under about \$200,000.

We call this LMSS. Latex modified slurry seal by contract. This is a little more inexpensive product but it will not last anymore than five years. You can see the locations, 13 ¾ miles. 85th between Ridge and West Street. This is 31st between Greenwich Road and the Butler County line, here is an after. And this is 199th, actually in Goddard. It's a connecting link in Goddard between U.S. 54 and MacArthur, that's a before and that's after. We do get calls sometimes from citizens saying 'why are you spending money on this? That road looked perfectly good.' Well the road is not perfectly good, it develops micro cracks in it and then rain gets down in that and then pretty soon if you get a bad winter you can lose your road and then if you want to replace your road it is \$500,000 for a mile instead of spending \$30,000 every five years. That upper left there, that is the Goddard High School. Ok, this is the County line. This is a situation we are sort of trapped between City of Wichita on the one side and Andover on the other side. This is an after, after. And this is the Bentley Road, 151st Street West between K-96 and 93rd Street North. That is a before and

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there is an after. Maple...that is Don Gorges on a roller. We fix all the poles before we start and Mara just happened to be out there when Don was there. After. So in total for the latex modified slurry seal, that is done by Beachner Construction and \$557,000 was the budget, spent about \$427,000, under budget about \$130,000.

Now here is the cold mix: This is the second year we have done this process of recycled cold mix. They mill down two inches. You see most of the locations are in fairly close to Wichita or close to a small city and that is because that is where they wear out the fastest or begin rutting. 20 ³/₄ miles total. I think we did 15 miles of recycling and then our crews did 5 ³/₄ miles and I will show you both with these pictures. These roads will look worse because cold mix is not nearly the quality of hot mix. Now this is 143rd Street East between Harry and Pawnee and this is after. And we just strike these roads with our own folks and paint. West Street between 69th North and 77th North, that is a before, there is after. 77th Street North between Hydraulic and Oliver. Remember all of these are recycled. 69th Street North between West Street and Meridian, that is a before, after. 69th between Broadway and Seneca, before...still a before and there is an after, also after. And this is 45th Street North between Maize Road and Tyler Road, that would be by the new, I think it is a junior high, new school that Maize has there. This is an after. The recycling takes the ruts out. Pawnee between 135th and 183rd, you see where it has been patched there on the right, still a before, lots of patches on this one. This is actually an after picture because it has been chat sealed so it will look white instead of black. We chat seal all of these then. The cold mix is a little more porous than hot mix and you have to seal those immediately. This is 79th Street South between West Street and Meridian, before and that is an after. And this is 183rd Street between Pawnee and MacArthur, before and that is obviously before and that is after with the chat seal. Chat is a white very hard rock that works really well for us. This is the process, Brown and Brown, this is their machinery they used to do the project. I kind of want to just show you what that looks like. As they go down they do have a road at a time and this you can see on the right, this side with the mouse, that has...they have gone, they passed over that and milled it up and you can see on the left, this side has not been done but they put down a rock ahead of that and that rock is mixed in with what they mill up. That rock is about, I believe, 5/8 of an inch rock, and then after they go through there and they add oil and the rock to it and then the windrow is right here that they pile it up and they do half at a time. Now here is the windrow. You can see the new rock in there, the white rock and that adds more stability to the cold mix, strengthens it and hopefully lasts a little longer. And there is the result and that one is on Greenwich Road. And in total, budgeted \$935,000 and actually cost was about \$800,000 and per mile that costs \$38,200 a mile, which is very reasonable.

Now these are our roads that we cold mix. You see these will start out gravel. The others were the asphalt that were recycle. Now we did this. This is 77th between Hoover and West Street before, still before, you can see the wash boarding on the road and that is the cold mix we put down. You

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don't just put that on the gravel road. You prepare it first and I will show you some pictures of that on some other ones. And that is chat seal. This is what it looks like when we start and when I tell you that it takes us a while to prepare the road bed, get it ready, this is part of what you do and it is hard to believe it looks like that when you are done but that is that road afterwards. This is Pawnee between 295th and 311th, before and after. We get a lot of compliments on our cold mix roads especially those roads that have been gravel and now they are paved and we get a lot of compliments on those. This is MacArthur between Rock and Webb. We did a half a mile here. The other half is going to be done by the developer. After. And this is 55th Street South between 135th and K-42. This is the guys working it ahead of time. Your roads are as only good as the base. You build a road from the bottom up, not from the top down. You can see they put rock on this also. This is the after...and after. This is Seneca, Commissioner Norton's district, 79th to 87th. Actually on this we incorporated some millings into the base also, not showing that here but that is the way that road base was prepared. We did 5 ¾ miles at that cost and of course, our cost is higher because we are putting down four inches. The recycle is just recycling the top two inches.

Rock shoulders now: You can see the locations. 45 miles both sides. I am not going to show all of this, just give you a flavor. There is the truck dumping the rock into the shoulder machine and there is the roller behind it and that is what it looks like when we are done. And we spent \$81,000 on that, about \$1,800 per mile. That is for both sides. \$81,000 we spent.

Summary for all the road projects: we budgeted \$8.8 million, we spent \$7.9 million. We are under budget by about \$900,000.

Bridge projects by contract: See the locations with the little red diamonds. All of these are CIP projects. Eight this year. Not all large, you can see where they are located there, what is budgeted and actually spent, all of them are under. It looks like the largest one was about \$606,000. This is a before on 23rd between 151st and 167th, before and this is an after. Claver Construction and you can see the numbers. This is a before on 23rd Street South between 151st and 167th and there is the after. Again Claver. We bunched some of these together in one contract so we get a better unit cost. There are some tires there with that one on the before. 199th between 47th and 55th, after, again Claver, under by about \$66,000. This is a before on 343rd between 63rd and 71st South. There is an after. Again Claver and you can see the numbers. This is before on Harry between 327th and 343rd West, it's a nice looking bridge. Dondlinger did that. They are under by about \$109,000. The bridge on 143rd Street East over the Turnpike. That was just let. These are before pictures of course. We will show the afters next year. This will be going to four lanes. This was the bridge you might have read about in the paper a couple of years ago at Christmas that chunks of concrete were falling down onto the Turnpike. We entered into an agreement with the Turnpike and KDOT to help pay for this. This let, King Construction was the low bidder at \$3.7 million. We've paid for

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design and right-of-way to date and then the State will pay for about $\frac{3}{4}$'s, 80% of this project and the Turnpike and the County will split the rest of it. So it will be about \$400,000-500,000 a piece. This is 71st Street South between 295th and 311th. This is a project that we actually have holes in this deck. This is a very bad thing. It let a year ago but the project could not start until September because of the speckled chub, which is like a minnow and you cannot disturb the water during their mating season. Here is another picture. You can see the numbers. KDOT is going to pay for \$1.8 million of that. Same situation with this bridge on Central between 375th and 391st. King Construction is also the low bidder on that. By the end of next year these will be completed. We will have pictures for you next year. Summary on the bridge projects: total budgeted \$2.3 million, actual cost \$1.8 million, savings about \$500,000.

Now bridges by County personnel: You see we have 650 bridges and so it is important we have a bridge crew that we can get a lot done ourselves and we build either wooden bridges that are creosote or precast. We have been doing some precast bridges, which those are nice because you just take out what is there. You have a crane and you set the precast down it, you cover it back up and it is not down to traffic for long. So we have nine this year. You can see that two of them are precast shown there. None of these are very expensive bridges, mostly small bridges. The biggest one is it looks like \$46,000. This is a before, 117th just west of Broadway. And there is after. There is a before. I am not quite sure what the metal is there for. 93rd Street North just west of Rock and there is the after. 103rd Street South east of 215th Street West, there is after. End cost \$24,000. This is a bridge on 407th Street West just north of Central and you can see that is in pretty bad shape. I don't think anyone has more bridges then we do in the State, any other county, I think we have the most. That is a precast box put in there. This is a before picture, 215th just north of 103rd Street South, still a before and that is the after, \$20,000. And this is a bridge on 127th Street East just north of 87th Street South. You can see a hole there. Here is after. \$24,000. Here is a before picture of one on Colwich Road just south of Kellogg. Township called us on this bridge and we replaced it. We do the hydrology and figure out what size it needs to be and it actually needed to be bigger than what is was so that is a County bridge. We have bridges on Township roads, if they are over 25 square feet of opening or over 20 foot span, that is a County bridge then. And Rip Rap on this, about \$30,000. And here is one on 135th Street West between 37th and 45th, we put a precast in here too. You see the hole and there is the precast box. Let's see, Iris is here, she helped us set up a contract with McPherson Concrete Products so we can call and we have established contract pricing for certain sizes of boxes, depending on what size we need so we are able to get those fairly quickly. This is the bridge you might remember; I think Commissioner Parks remembers, 119th Street West between 85th and 93rd Street North. See the stringer that fell out the bottom."

Commissioner Parks said, "Pushed out the bottom."

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Mr. Spears said, “And that is a pretty long wooden bridge and we rebuilt that, one of the bigger ones we have ever done, \$46,000.

Carryover road projects from ‘07: just briefly, this is 63rd Street South from Rock and 159th Street East. This was our crown jewel. These are before pictures. That is during construction, you see a bridge was built on it, its four lanes now. Nice project. That is the golf course over to the left, Hidden Lakes. A lot of commuter traffic to Boeing and Spirit and Haysville has done their part...Haysville...Butler County has done their part over on the other side of the line to four lane. Cornejo and Son’s, you see the State contributed \$9 million to this project and the County \$3.5 million. Now this is 119th Street West between 29th and 53rd. It was built this year. It actually let in December of last year so it is technically called a carry over. This is before, still a before picture and this is after...after...after. This is by the Maize, one of the Maize High Schools. Signal at 119th and 53rd, you might remember that we had some fatalities there and it was a two way stop and now we have full signalization and put it in with this project. Cornejo did this job also, about \$3.9 million was budgeted and it cost \$3.4. We are under budget by a little over \$400,000.

Carry over bridge projects from ‘07: We did the deck on Ridge Road between 61st and 69th. We actually set up a signal and had traffic through construction, did half at a time and we budgeted \$700,000 and it actually cost \$328,000. And the same thing on 53rd Street North between Broadway and Arkansas, this is a new deck. Wildcat did that one. Once again, there is our map that I showed you at the beginning. You each have a copy of that. It was a good year. Mainly preventing maintenance projects but there is nothing more important than to save what you have already built. It kind of looks like that Jayhawk is on my shoulder but I think it is actually on the shelf back there. Have any questions?”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you David very much for recapture, replay of the work that you have done this past year. Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, you didn’t say what you are supposed to say every year so go ahead and say it.”

Mr. Spears said, “Oh you mean that infrastructure is the mother’s milk of economic development.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Good, ok we got through that. I just had to have it said. That’s all I’ve got.”

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

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Commissioner Parks said, "I just wanted to review some of the things and thank you and your crew. I think by the way you did a good job this last 24 hours on the roads, not getting carried away with things since it is going to be well above freezing, may already be above freezing out there now. But all the roads that are built by the County and then you go back to a renewal project within five years unless the City annexes that, is that correct?"

Mr. Spears said, "That is correct. If they annex it then we are out of it unless it is a city under 5,000, it is still a connecting link."

Commissioner Parks said, "Ok, so I just wanted to reiterate that and then I saw a few signs on there. The new MUTCD standards for reflectivity, can you kind of talk a little bit about that and what your plans might be for redoing some of the...?"

Mr. Spears said, "Well, we are already buying the new reflective sheeting. Mark Borst takes care of that for us. He is our Highway/Traffic engineer and we are in compliance with...well not with every sign but as they become bad then you put the new sheeting as required on them. It would be cost prohibitive to do them all at once. So as we replace them now we are using the new sheeting."

Commissioner Parks said, "And then you have a reader don't you that you can check those signs with?"

Mr. Spears said, "It is called a reflectometer, yes and you can use it at night and make sure that it is reflecting the way it is supposed to."

Commissioner Parks said, "And at this point are you loaning those out to the smaller cities now so they can check their signs..."

Mr. Spears said, "We have not been asked. We do work with the small cities. We do traffic counts for them, various things and I guess we could do that."

Commissioner Parks said, "I know that reflectometer is a pretty expensive item for some of the smaller cities to go out and try to purchase so..."

Mr. Spears said, "It is very expensive."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Commissioner Parks. Are there any questions or comments about David’s presentation? Again, David, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we appreciate the work that you and your staff do, we appreciate Mara putting this PowerPoint together. It is very impressive of the documentation of the work that you do over the year so thank you very much for this presentation.”

Mr. Spears said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, do we have a motion to receive and file?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

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

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 4, 2008.

Ms. Iris Baker, Purchasing Director, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of December 4th results in eight items for consideration today. First item:

1. 2009 RECOMMENDED INSURANCE RENEWALS-RISK MANAGEMENT FUNDING-RISK MANAGEMENT

The recommendation is to accept the insurance premiums listed for an estimated annual cost of \$567,479.00. Item Two:

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**2. CISCO ROUTER—DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING—DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Alexander Open Systems in the amount of \$40,667.04. Item Three:

**3. CISCO EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE—COMCARE
FUNDING--COMCARE**

The recommendation is to accept the low complete bid from Continuant in the amount of \$60,530.21. Item Four:

**4. CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR FIRE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS—FIRE
DEPARTMENT
FUNDING—FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The recommendation is to accept the low proposal from K&B Cleaning, LLC and to execute a two year contract with two one year options to renew. Item Five:

**5. STEEL “H” PILES—PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING—R264 IMPROVE DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY 2008**

The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Wichita Steel Fabricators in the amount of \$45,028.80. Item Six:

**6. A&E SERVICES FOR FIFTH COURTROOM ADDITION AT JUVENILE COURTS
BUILDING—FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING—ADD COURTROOM & CHAMBERS—JUVENILE COMPLEX**

The recommendation is to accept the quote from Gossen Livingston in the amount of \$71,000.00. Item Seven:

**7. CHANGE ORDER #3, NATIONAL CENTER FOR AVIATION TRAINING—
FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING—JABARA CAMPUS**

The recommendation is to accept the change order with National Contractors, Inc. for \$52,875.00 and add 10 days to contract time. Item Eight:

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**8. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPRESENTATION—COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE
FUNDING--COMMUNICATIONS**

The recommendation is to accept the proposal from Little Government Relations, LLC and execute a contract.

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

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you very much Iris. We do have some comments or questions. Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I have some concerns with Item Seven. Another change order? It will be the third change order, is that right, for the contractor on the Jabara Campus?”

Ms. Baker said, “Yes, it is the third change order. The changes identified in this change order are changes that were requested by the Wichita Area Technical College and we are accommodating those changes and they will be paying for these changes. So the cost isn't...”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Out of the funds that we have for...we are actually paying for it though?”

Ms. Baker said, “No...”

Commissioner Unruh said, “The college is paying for it.”

Chairman Winters said, “Mr. Buchanan, would you like to address that?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Sure. Commissioner Welshimer, the Board of Directors of Wichita Area Technical College and the President, Pete Gistoff, requested these changes be made because of some of the changing needs of their...what occurred in their organizational structure over the last couple of months and they are willing to pay for that out of their funds so when we enter this contract...when we enter this change order, if and when you approve it, we will send them a bill and they will send us a check.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Ok, there is a lot of grading involved here. It just seems that might have been included in the...I just don't want the change orders to keep upping the cost over at the Jabara Center until we are, you know, outside of the competitive bid decision that we made.”

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Mr. Buchanan said, “We have in this project plan, we have some money set aside for contingency because we know that every project that occurs there will be some change order but in this case these change orders are internal, moving some walls around and Wichita Area Technical College will pay for those.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Ok, item number eight... a decision on who is going to lobby for us... who is this lobbyist going to report to?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “The lobbyist reports as current structure exists will report to me and I have asked Kristi Zukovich to help with that process.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “So...Commissioners make no decisions on the issues at the Legislature?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No that is not accurate. We come to you all the time and ask you your opinions. If three people tell us to go left, we go left and if three people tell us to go right, we will go right but that has been the way for the last 10 years or so.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Was consideration given to the fact that this government relations firm also represents Johnson County?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “And that we compete with Johnson County in the Legislature, more often than not.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Well, more often than not that is correct but in these economic times I think that the issues that we know them with the State is not necessarily going to be location specific, it’s going to be program specific. For instance, we already heard from Marilyn Cook this morning that the State is contemplating a reduction in mental health. That is across the Board and we will make sure that we have our fair share of those reductions and not more than our fair share. Now we know in the social service agency issues that it has been very helpful to have someone at the Legislature, someone in Topeka there, talking and making sure Legislatures know they understand the issue. It is also critical to know that we have sent professionals in each area in developmental disability and aging and mental health, we have sent the records or people working those departments to spend time in Topeka as the subject matter experts and they have been helpful and effective in assuring we get our fair share.”

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Commissioner Welshimer said, “But do you anticipate that we will be competing with Johnson County on those particular issues?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “I would anticipate that cuts are going to be made across the Board and that we, along with Johnson County, I think can use a united front in trying to make sure that the Legislature pays attention to the critical areas for both counties. The combination of Johnson County and Sedgwick County with the number of Legislatures is a pretty formidable force and so I would see lots of opportunities for cooperation.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “It says reimbursement for actual expenses for travel. Can you define what travel will be? Is that coming to Wichita and how often?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We would want to make...when we ask this Legislature to come, when this lobbyist to come to Wichita for specific meetings we would anticipate paying for those travel.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “But is it travel from Johnson County to the Capital?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No...we would...no. We are going to work that in the contract with him so that he is not double...that they don't double dip. He understands that, Johnson County understands it. I have already had conversations with folks in Johnson County about that.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well it is considerably less than the other bids that came in and so it leads me to be...I have concerns about how much time is going to be spent for Sedgwick County. Anyway, that is all I have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Are there other questions or comments? Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to offer my perspective on a couple of the issues raised by Commissioner Welshimer. First of all on item seven, the changes at the Jabara Campus. The total amount of cumulative change orders, to date there is three change orders representing 3.75%, is that correct Iris?”

Ms. Baker said, “That is correct.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “And that includes this particular change order that is driven by a desire from the leadership at the Technical College and not having to do with the contractor or our planning but the proprietary interest of the college and in their consideration, they considered these

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changes were necessary to help advance their mission and their...this wasn't done haphazardly. They had considerable input from all the members of their staff and from their Board in order to arrive at this decision and knowing that this was going to be paid for out of the college budget they were acutely aware of the ramifications and considered that very carefully and so I am supportive of the decision of the college to go ahead and make these changes. The second item, on item number eight, on the government relations representative I would like to say first of all that I prefer that we have a full time employee on staff who represents us in Topeka and as things currently stand this was a decision that we would hire a contract person and in light of that I am going to be supportive of the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts that we use Little Government Relations, LLC, one for the cost and two, I think that we get added leverage from the fact that he will be handling some of the same issues that are consistent with what another large urban county in Kansas is concerned with so I think that we will get good strong representation from Mr. Little at for what is going to be a five month contract, is that correct?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And I prefer with all my understanding that if we are not going to have a full time person that we only pay a part time price. Everyone of these folks here responded, the ones that I know in particular are strong representatives and strong lobbyists and in talking to some of our staff who deal regularly with our lobbyists they said all these people are good folks and we could work with any of them and they thought they would all do a good job and in light of that, if part of this is an effort to see how we get along with the contract lobbyists, I think that we should choose the lower bid, someone who is agreeable to most of our staff and who is known to the Legislature so I am going to be supportive of both of these items."

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

Commissioner Parks said, "I have a question about number four and I guess at this point I would ask a question of City manager, Legal and any other staff that might have any information on this. Is any of this staff aware, Mr. Buchanan, that you know about, under the consent agenda number four that...?"

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Parks we are still on Bid Board."

Commissioner Parks said, "Ok, ok let's back up then I will go until then."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there? Yes, Commissioner Welshimer?"

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Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, just one more question and I don’t think we ever did determine from Mr. Buchanan, what was the cost for a year, most recent year of an in-house lobbyist and that would include expenses, travel, salary and benefits? Estimate.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Around 70...around \$80,000.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “That’s all with entertainment and everything?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “\$70,000...”

Mr. Buchanan said, “About \$80,000.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “\$80,000? Ok. Ok thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you Commissioner. Are there any other questions or comments? I see none.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Iris.”

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Ms. Baker said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Community Health Nurse II (CHN II) salary adjustment based on years of nursing experience for Crystal Bacon.**
- 2. Amendment to Agreement with United Methodist Open Door, Inc. for case management/mental health services.**
- 3. A resolution authorizing the County Counselor's Office to represent both Sedgwick County and WATC in negotiating and drafting an operating agreement for the National Center for Aviation Training.**
- 4. A resolution designating the Wichita Eagle as the Official County Newspaper Pursuant to K.S.A. 64-101.**
- 5. Order dated November 26, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. Order dated December 3, 2008 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. General Bills Check Register for the week of November 26, 2008 – December 2, 2008**
- 8. Payroll Check Register for November 28, 2008.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have a Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend that you approve it."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Parks, Commissioner Parks did you have a comment about this?"

Commissioner Parks said, "I just wondered if any of the staff had any information that we might be in defiance of a judicial order at this time on number four."

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Mr. Euson said, "I do not."

Commissioner Parks said, "Ok, I just didn't want to end up in our own jail or something for defying a judicial order if there was one out there."

Mr. Euson said, "I am not aware of one."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there any other questions or comments? Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I would like to have a vote on number four separately."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, do we have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of number four?"

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item Number Four.

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, "Mr. Euson would you explain what Item Number Four is?"

Mr. Euson said, "A couple of weeks ago, Commissioners, you approved a bid for the Wichita Eagle to become...to replace the Derby Reporter as the County's official County newspaper and the statute that governs that action requires you to pass a resolution making that designation and so that is what this is. This is just following up on the fact that you approved a contract and it makes, the

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resolution makes this designation and it makes it effective January 1st, 2009.”

Chairman Winters said, “And so this is then confirmation and the resolution concerning the action we took two weeks ago?”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, thank you. Are there other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to table Item Four for a week.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “I will just make the quick comment that I am not ready to postpone that. If there is some kind of legal action coming forward I am sure it will come forward and we will know about it in due time. Are there other questions about this motion? Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Is that the motivation for the move to table, that you think there is legal action coming?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Ok, I mean I think that is fine if someone wants to take legal action but I think we need to go ahead and do whatever we are going to do. If we think that we have made a decision based on facts and we’ve made it then we need to go ahead and proceed with it rather than yield to an implied, I don’t want to use the word threat but an implied action. I mean I think we ought to go ahead and do it and then if someone does something well then that is up to them but I would rather do that then think ‘oh my goodness, maybe I did something wrong or I am afraid’ or whatever. I think we ought to just go ahead and do what we are going to do. That is my opinion.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Ok.”

Chairman Winters said, “Ok, thank you. Anything else Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “No, I am sorry. That is all I had.”

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Chairman Winters said, “Alright, Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “I think one week would be a basis for a good policy and action by this Board to see if there is in fact a judicial action that it’s better to do things now or to delay it a week then to try and undo it later. Thanks.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, we have a motion to table Consent Agenda Item Number Four for one week. Is there any other discussion?”

VOTE

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

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to approve Consent Agenda Item M-4.

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	Nay
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Alright that motion passes. This brings us to the end of our regular agenda items and the time on our agenda for other business. Commissioners, does anyone have anything in the other business? Commissioner Welshimer?”

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N. OTHER

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well I attended my first meeting on the Arts Council and I thought it was a very interesting group. I was replacing Commissioner Unruh. One of the things that has come up that they will be talking to us about in the future is the idea of putting, when we landscape around the arena, a base for statutes that are replaced periodically by different artists who create those and I think, you know, if we get this into our plans originally that that will be a very nice addition to that area and that will be coming up. They will be sending us some information on what it is they want to do for our consideration.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, well thank you for representing the Commissioners on that and that sounds like a very intriguing idea.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Someone will...Mr. Chairman may I?”

Mr. Chairman said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Someone will have in the planning, someone will have control of what might go up so that we wouldn’t have anything that was embarrassing?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “They are going to explain the whole thing to us and come and testify.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Ok.”

Chairman Winters said, “Alright, is there anything else under other? Anything else? Seeing nothing, this meeting is adjourned.”

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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