

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Kelly Parks, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Gwen Welshimer; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing; Ms. Sheena Lynch, HR Specialist, Organizational and Professional Development, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Sandra Robinson, Medical Assistant, Health Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Division Director, Human Services; Mr. Chris Chronis, CFO; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Nathan Law, Management Intern, County Manager's Office; Mr. Pete Giroux, Principal Analyst, Budget; Hon. Judge James Fleetwood, District Court; Mr. Steve Claassen, Director, Facilities; Mr. Ray Vail, Director, Finance and Support Services, Department on Aging; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE; Ms. Chris Morales, Project Manager, Corrections; Mr. Randall Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, County Extension Council; and Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Lynn Rogers, President, USD 259 Board of Education
Mr. John Allison, Superintendent, USD 259 Board of Education
Mr. Bill Guy, Director, Reno County Emergency Management

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Cowboy Dan, Benton, Kansas

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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Chairman Parks said, “You’ve all had a chance to read the Minutes of the last meeting. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2009, as read.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Parks said, “Next item, please.”

RETIREMENT

A. PRESENTATION OF A RETIREMENT CLOCK.

- **SANDRA ROBINSON, MEDICAL ASSISTANT, HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL RETIRE AUGUST 1, 2009 AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

Ms. Sheena Lynch, HR Specialist, Organizational and Professional Development, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are here today to celebrate the retirement of Sandra Robinson. She is a Medical Assistant in the Health Department and will retire August 1, 2009, after 33 years of service.”

Chairman Parks said, “As a token from the County Commission, we give you this clock so you can keep track of your time in your retirement or wherever your next ventures may take you. We do

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appreciate long-term employees, and you have been a very good one and a faithful one, and we just commend you for your long years of service.”

Ms. Sandra Robinson, Medical Assistant, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you so much.”

Chairman Parks said, “And please feel free to say a few words if you want to.”

Ms. Robinson said, “Thank you. I hope I don’t tear up. I’m trying not to anyways. But 32 years, I’ve learned a lot, I’ve seen a lot. And one of the main things that I have watched happen is I’ve watched the public see the Health Department as not a place for just poor people, but a place that encompassed all and help all. I want to especially talk about the program that I worked for. I worked for the Prenatal Clinic for about 20 years. This is a program that provides prenatal care for women and teens who otherwise wouldn’t have good prenatal care. I have seen a lot of our clients come again and again. I’ve seen our babies grow up and come back. I’ve been in stores and restaurants and I’ve seen clients that say to their parents, or their family that they are with, they say, ‘I know her, she helped take care of my baby,’ and then they’ll tell their little children, say, ‘She helped take care of you when you were in my womb.’ It really makes me feel good. And I just hope to see that program continue to grow. We’ve had our funding cut, but we still managed to give good prenatal care. It’s not just care for just the mother and the baby, it is the whole family; we encompass the whole family. If there are problems in the family that don’t exactly pertain to the pregnancy but could affect that mother, then we get on that and we take care of that, too. We have a lot of other programs that support that program. The Healthy Babies program, they take care of the babies after they are born. And I just want to say it’s a privilege and I have been so proud to work with that program and I hope to see it continue for years and years and years. And I thank you so very much.”

Chairman Parks said, “This is a Certificate of Recognition, and these are material items that we are giving you today, but I think it really poured out of your heart the dedication that you put into this today, and that is the most important thing, is what’s in your heart. That just exemplified your great service to the County.”

Ms. Robinson said, “Thank you so much.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Robinson said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Lynch said, “Thank you.”

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DONATION

B. CASH DONATION OF \$120.00 FOR THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Division Director, Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Asking for your acceptance of this donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of gratitude and authorize the budget authority for the donation amount. Be glad to answer any questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the anonymous donation, authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of gratitude and authorize the budget authority for the donation amount.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Ms. Donaldson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

PRESENTATIONS

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C. INTRODUCTION OF JOHN ALLISON, NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS U.S.D. 259.

Mr. Lynn Rogers, President, USD (Unified School District) 259 Board of Education, greeted the Commissioners and said, "With me today is John Allison, our new Superintendent of Schools, and I wanted to take an opportunity to introduce him to you and to the community at large. As you know, Wichita Public Schools educates 49,000 students, which is about 66 percent of the students in Sedgwick County and the district itself covers about 50 percent of the territory, so we like and appreciate the partnership that we've had over the years and hope that will continue. Just wanted John to make a couple comments as well."

Chairman Parks said, "Welcome."

Mr. John Allison, Superintendent, USD 259 Board of Education, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much. Very happy to be here today and that you gave a few moments off of your very busy Agenda to allow me to introduce myself. I want to echo Mr. Roger's comments on that I hope to continue the strong relationship that we have with the County and the Commissioners. Really, the strength of Wichita, I feel, lies in the foundation of how the different entities work together with education and the County, and that's what makes this such a special place. So just thank you again very much and I look forward to our working relationship over the next several years."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "In that welcome, we do have an item later on in the Agenda, if you stay around for that, about truancy in the school system, so that just shows that we are working together and the programs that we have with you. Thank you very much. Come back any time."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, do we need to have a motion to receive and file these remarks?"

Chairman Parks said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And if so, I will make that motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Rogers said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Next item, please.”

D. PRESENTATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY CHECKBOOK.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before I ask Chris to walk you through how to navigate the checkbook, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Commissioner Peterjohn for this idea. In a conversation with him some time ago, we talked about how this might be possible and it has provided us an opportunity and some challenges. It is our intent to make things transparent to the public, at the same time trying to protect those clients and citizens who use our services when it is appropriate. I also want to put this in context. This is a continuation of our effort to make sure that Sedgwick County business is thoughtful, open and transparent. We have our Minutes on the internet, our meetings are videotaped and are on the internet. We have Bid Board items that are accessible to the public on our website. We have published our legal ads, not only in the newspaper, but on our website, and now today we are going to launch our checkbook that will be accessible to the public. In the future, we plan to look at taking all the backup materials that we have for the Agenda items and put them on the website also. So, this is part of an overall strategy of being open and transparent. Chris.”

WEBSITE PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County checkbook, after you accept this presentation this morning, will be available on

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the County's homepage, which you see here. Anybody can reach this homepage at www.sedgwickcounty.org. There will also be links on the Finance page within the website. Now, once you get to the checkbook, you will see a page that looks like this. I recognize that this text is going to be far too small for anybody to read onscreen, but this homepage of the checkbook provides a brief description of the kinds of information that's available to citizens through the checkbook and it identifies a place for citizens to call, that is to my office, or to email, if they have further questions about whatever information they find, or can't find, on this checkbook.

“What we have available to citizens, effective today, is all financial transactions of the County dating back to 2002. Citizens can access that information in a variety of ways. They will be able to see information sorted by function, that is: Public Safety, General Government, Health and Welfare. Within any of those functional areas, they will be able to identify both the revenues and the expenditures that the County has received and incurred. They can view information by category, that is: personnel services, contractual services, commodities, capital outlay; same information as the functional area but sorted in a different way, depending on what citizens are interested in finding. They can identify information by fund, as you know, and some citizens know, we account in public sector accounting, we account for activities in a series of funds. The County financial system consists of about 40 separate and distinct accounting funds, each of which is a self supporting set of books, if you will. The general fund is far and away the largest, but we also have special accounts that we use to account for the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) system, for example, or the Highway Fund, or the Noxious Weeds activity. So a citizen that's interested in a particular fund of the County will be able to access the information by looking at individual funds.

“Finally, citizens will be able to access payments to individual vendors, and there is a way, that I will show you in just a minute, for citizens to do that. Now, to start with, I am going to go to ‘Data by Functional Area.’ As you see at the bottom of the page, we have four tabs for the different kinds of information that I have just described to you. I am going to view the ‘Data by Functional Area,’ and I have already selected year 2009, that's the default year. What comes up is a screen that shows on the top of the page the revenues of the County, the entire County revenues sorted by function. So the general government function of the County has been credited with \$125,585,000 and some odd dollars, year to date in 2009. We also have, at the bottom half of the page, the functional expenditures. The General Government function of government has incurred \$32,989,000 of expense, so far this year, year to date.”

“You can see on this screen the corresponding amount of revenue, or expenditure, as of the same date a year ago. You can also see the full year activity for the immediately prior year, 2008 in this case, and the year prior to that, 2007. So on one screen you have two full years of information and year to date comparable information for the current year and the prior year. Now, you see up here on the far left, upper left corner, Sedgwick County with the little plus sign. If you open that, you see the individual functions of government. If you open any one of those, you see all of the categories

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of activity, the sub-functions if you will, that make up that function. So General Government consists of: Legislative, one that we used to have, but don't any longer, for Judicial, Executive Expenses, Financial Administration, Law, and so forth. You can further drill down, within Financial Administration, for example, and see the individual programs that make up that sub-function, Financial Administration. Now, you can go to any one of these programs, and I am going to go to my own, Chief Financial Officer, and drill down to find the same kind of information for that individual program for the years in question.

“So within my program, you can see that I have been credited with a certain amount of revenue year to date, and it is a very large number, because the County's property tax receipts get credited to my program. You can see what the prior years' activities were in comparison, and more importantly, you can see the expenditures that have been incurred in my program. So year to date, the CFO's budget has been charged with almost \$191,000 of personnel costs, \$167,000 of contractual service costs, almost \$3,000 of commodities costs; for total expenditures year to date of \$360,000. You can see that for the prior year, as of the same point in time, we had incurred \$306,000 of expenditure. You can see that for all of 2008, we incurred \$694,000, and for the year prior to that, 2007, we incurred \$630,000 of expenditure. Now, if you want to know why the CFO's budget spent \$166,000 on contractual services, you can do that by clicking on that number, \$166,000. What you will see then, at the bottom of the page will appear a listing of all of the individual purchases that have been charged to the CFO's budget as contractual services that make up that \$166,000. This list goes on for a number of pages, at the end of the list you will find a total that equals the total that you saw on the summary page. But through this device, a citizen will be able to see individual transactions that are incurred by the government and they will be able to identify what the transaction was for, who the vendor was, and what activity of government was incurring that cost or receiving that revenue.”

Mr. Chronis continued, “If a citizen wants further information, we have here, for example, Visa Card Center was the vendor and ‘Registration for GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association)’ was the transaction. If a citizen wants to know more about that, what they will do is call my office or email me, and that phone number or email address is on the front page of this checkbook, and they will ask for information for this document number. Once we have that document number, we can go into a separate database and print out the source documents, the paper documents, that generated this payment. And that's the set of information that the Manager explained we are going to attempt to put online as the next phase of this. That will be a pretty

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significant undertaking and we're not sure how quickly we're going to be able to do it, but that's the goal. For the time being, citizens can call in to get that information.

"Now, that is information by function drilled down to individual sub-functions, drilled further down to individual programs, drilled further down to transactions within a program. You can get the same information going to the 'View by Category,' if you're interested in categories rather than functions, you can get the same information going to 'Funds,' if you are interested in fund rather than function or category. So, if we were to go to 'View Data by Fund,' we could drill down to individual transactions within the General Fund, for example. Same kind of process is used for each of those, and because I know you are in a bit of a hurry to meet your other commitments today, I'm not going to take the time to go through those, it is exactly the same process. What I do want to show you is the viewing 'Data by Vendor.' You have the ability with this checkbook to see all of the transactions, all the payments, that have been made to any vendor that Sedgwick County has paid, dating back to 2002. There is a lot of information here, so it takes just a moment to load. That's what it's doing right now, you can see by the little green bars here.

"When you get to the screen, viewing 'Data by Vendor,' what you have is a drop down box that lists every vendor that the County has paid. Now you don't need to go through this list, if you have a vendor in mind, you can simply start typing, and I am going to go to myself as vendor, because in addition to being an employee of Sedgwick County, I received some payments from the County through the accounts payable system. So I want to see what the County has paid Chris Chronis, other than through the payroll system. So I am going to just start typing, and you see that it moves the drop down box to the Ch's, and I go to 'Chronis, Chris' and click on that, and what is going to come up are the transactions, the payments, that have been made to me over the three years that this report is for. So you can see here that those vendor transactions all have been charged to the Chief Financial Officer program, that in 2007, the County paid me \$213. In 2008, they paid me \$250; year-to-date in 2008, they paid \$55. And year-to-date this year, I've been paid \$131. Now, why in the world has the County paid me \$131 outside the payroll system?"

"Again, I can click on that number and I will come up, as soon as the system processes, with the list of individual transactions that represent the payments that I have received from Sedgwick County making up that \$131, and you can see the total down here. In this case, one activity was expenses for a seminar that I attended earlier this year, totaling \$19.68. More expenses for that seminar for \$15 and mileage reimbursement for a County Counselor's meeting that I attended late last month in Salina for a total of \$96.80. So you can see, using the drill down feature of this, pretty much any kind of information that is in the County's financial system. And we think that with this tool, citizens should be able to get answers to any kind of question they have about the County's financial activity, dating back to 2002. Again, they will be able to see comparative data for three years. They will be able to see year-to-date information for the current year and comparable

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information up to that date of the prior year. They will be able to drill down to the individual transactions; they will be able to get summaries at program level, at fund level, at category level, at functional level. They will be able to see the transactions that go to any particular vendor, and if they want further information, there is a phone number and an email address on the front page that citizens will be able to use to call us to get the source documents for those transactions.

“We are very happy to be able to release this information today. There is some information, in the Sheriff’s Office, that just yesterday was found to contain some information that we are not allowed to release. And so, to be safe, we are blocking the Sheriff’s transaction information right now while we go through all of those individual transactions to make sure that we’re not releasing information that we shouldn’t be releasing. Once we have completed that exercise, all of the Sheriff’s information will be available on the system as well, and those pieces of information that are confidential will be denoted in that fashion. You’ll be able to see the transaction, but you won’t be able to see the detail about that transaction. For the time being, Sheriff’s transaction data is not available through this system, but the summary data for the Sheriff’s Office is available through this system. If you have any questions, I’ll be happy to try and answer them. Otherwise, I’m happy to make this checkbook available to you and to our constituents. Again, it will be available on the County’s website shortly after this meeting, and there will be a link prominently publicized on the homepage of that website.”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “Okay, we have a motion to receive and file, I’m going to have a little discussion there. Do we also want the direction to place it on the County website? Is that in the receive and file? That’s what we’re going to do with that then. That’s the understanding with the motion to receive and file. Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn. ”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Yes, just some quick comments. I really appreciate the efforts of the folks in Finance and the Information System side of things, Richard and everyone else involved in the County. And I know there’s some challenges with this and Sheriff Hinshaw, I know, has been involved in working hard to try and make this work out, but we want to do it and stay in compliance with all other laws, so that we don’t end up inadvertently disclosing sensitive information, especially in the Public Safety realm, or get us any difficulties with federal or state statutes. Having said that, I think this is a seminal day and very important, in terms of Sedgwick County will be a

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model for providing information. Now as we move into the information age, there are still a lot of people who aren't online and there are some people online who aren't as familiar or comfortable navigating, and I readily confess that sometimes I feel like I'm definitely part of that category, but I think this is a tool that will become increasingly valuable and incredibly useful to the citizenry once they become aware that it's available.

“The importance of this should not be underestimated because people will be able to get, I've been very frustrated in the past, in a past position I had, I have been told by one level of government that shall remain nameless that ‘well if you want that information, you know, go to the library, it's available there. Or come to our office and you can dig it up here.’ And that's the only way you can get that information. Well, this is a tool where that becomes totally obsolete. In the internet age that we live in today, people can get the information and they should be able to get the information from their government in a transparent and readily available way, and I think this is a big step forward that deserves a significant amount of attention and I hope it will receive it. Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioner, if I might add, thank you for mentioning that a lot of work was done on this exercise by the folks in Finance and in Information Operations. I should have said that most of the heavy lifting to prepare this was performed by Richard Vogt in DIO (Division of Information and Operations), Daryl Gardner in ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning), Kendall Grier in DIO, Jeff Piper in DIO, Troy Bruun in Finance. Those people deserve an awful lot of gratitude for making this site available to our constituents.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “I agree.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, this is just one more step to take the mystery out of government, I mean, for the average citizen. Because it seems like sometimes government is this big monolith that you can't get the details about what's happening, and this just makes it very accessible to people to find out the details. When I say take out the mystery, there is no question you can look up so much information and that solves a lot of the angst about what government is doing with the money, because it is all right there. You can make your own determinations about whether it is spent properly or not, but at least you know how it's spent, where it's spent, what it's spent for, and this is a good way to process that information for the public. Was this done on the SAP platform, through ERP?”

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Mr. Chronis said, "Well, the data is coming from SAP. The data is, technically it is being transferred into a separate database so that we don't run the risk of an intruder into the SAP system."

Commissioner Norton said, "Absolutely. Well, I guess this is one of those days, also, that speaks to the value of the SAP platform that we brought into Sedgwick County several years ago with ERP, because we wouldn't have the ability to do these kinds of things if we didn't have SAP to pull all that data together. Is that a fair statement?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That's more than a fair statement. We couldn't even come close to producing this information with the legacy system that we had."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I think there was some angst that SAP was a tough decision, it cost a lot of money to start, there were some problems with it in its launch, and we knew that, but as government tries to make sure that the knowledge capital we have is spread out to the constituency, SAP is going to be a powerful platform to make sure that that happens. We've seen that with all the other; the personnel things that we can put out, the information we can get to Commissioners, the dashboard that we can look at, some of the things we can do for budgeting and finance, it is incredible what this has done for us, and this is just another step, to use that for constituent relations. That's all I have. Thanks, Chris. Thanks, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Parks said, "Without repeating the lauds of this program, I am going to ask Mr. Chronis to go back to the County main site, if you can, and just show the people one more time that are out there on streaming video, or watching this later in the day, where you actually go in the program from our homepage to get to this."

Mr. Chronis said, "This is the County's homepage, and it's not here yet because you haven't accepted it yet."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay."

Mr. Chronis said, "But in very short order, after this meeting, prominently located on this page will be an announcement of the availability of the County's checkbook and a link to the page that I just left, the homepage for the checkbook."

Chairman Parks said, "And that will actually say 'checkbook' on it?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

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Chairman Parks said, “So we just look for the name ‘checkbook’ in the box?”

Mr. Chronis said, “That’s right.”

Chairman Parks said, “Very well. Any other comments before we call the vote? Call the vote, please.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Chronis said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Next one.”

NEW BUSINESS

E. DESIGNATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY’S VOTING DELEGATE TO ACT IN ITS BEHALF BY VOTING IN MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR THE KANSAS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you, on page 16 of your Agenda backup, a certification and ballot form that is to be completed. The by-laws of the Kansas Association of Counties indicate that you can choose your delegate in any manner that you deem appropriate. The process, as I understand it, is that you choose a delegate, the delegate votes the ballot, the County Clerk makes a certification, that’s shown on the form on page 16, and then it’s mailed back to the Kansas Association of Counties. The action that is recommended is to take such action as the Board deems appropriate. I think you can designate the

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Chairman as a delegate and he can vote the ballot. You can designate who should be voted on the ballot and have the delegate fill that out. But at any rate, the County Clerk will make the certification and return this to Kansas Association of Counties. With that, I would recommend that you proceed.”

Chairman Parks said, “What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved that the Chairman Kelly Parks be designated as the voting delegate.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “Any further discussion? I will say this is going to be a unique opportunity for us to place Tim Norton in this position, and we will be supporting him for this position in the State of Kansas. He’s done many things with the National Association of Counties, and I think he’s very qualified to handle the job before him.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Mr. Chair, we briefly discussed this at the staff meeting yesterday, and I know time is of the essence, but I did want to briefly mention that I am supporting Tim on this, as not only our most experienced Commissioner, he’s been very active in the National Association of Counties’ activities and I appreciate this opportunity to work with him. We sometimes agreed to disagree, but Tim is a professional and I think he will do an excellent job for us if he wins this election. Tim, I would like to cast another vote for you, but I’m sorry, we’ve only got one.”

Chairman Parks said, “Anything else on this matter? Call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye

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Chairman Parks

Aye

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

F. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF EXPLORATION PLACE, INC.

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here to present to you the employment agreement for the Interim Director of Exploration Place. Our funding agreement with Exploration Place requires the Senior Executive of the corporation to be an employee of the County, reporting jointly to the County Manager, or his designee, and to the Chairman of the Exploration Place Board of Trustees. What happens with the funding agreement is that the funds to support this salary position is maintained at the County, withheld from that funding to Exploration Place, and that person then is paid through the County payroll system. I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have. As you know, Mr. Joe Palacios, who is retired after many years as Hutch[inson] City Manager, is going to be serving in this position as Interim Director. Joe brings many years of management experience, and thankfully for Mr. [Alberto] Meloni, he left Exploration Place in good shape with exhibits. What we need to focus on as we look for a new permanent Director is someone who can make sure that the internal controls and systems are operating properly. So I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Parks said, "I believe this is a good choice for the Interim, and the management abilities, I think, are unquestionable of Mr. Palacios."

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Any further discussion on the matter? One thing for clarification. The length of the contract is to be no longer than...?"

Mr. Holt said, "Right now it will have to be revisited if we don't have a new Director by March, 2010. Our hope is that we would have a new person selected by the first of the year."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion on this matter, call the vote."

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Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Holt said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

G. 2009 EDWARD J. BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT: EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Nathan Law, Management Intern, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here today to present the 2009 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, commonly known as the JAG Grant. Earlier this year, you heard presentations for recovery funding under this same grant name. This presentation is similar to those. JAG funds are intended to improve or enhance activities in the purpose areas listed here."

Mr. Law continued, "This grant process was established to streamline justice funding and grant administration in order to prevent and control crime based on local needs. For this program, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County are certified as disparate jurisdictions. A disparate allocation occurs when a city or municipality is scheduled to receive one and one half times more than the County, while the County bears more than 50 percent of the cost associated with prosecution or incarceration of the municipalities part one violent crime. Disparate jurisdictions must identify a fiscal agent to submit a joint application for the total eligible allocation. The joint application must specify the award distribution to each unit of local government and the purposes for which the funds will be used. Funds are allocated in one lump sum and divided according to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two jurisdictions.

"Total funds currently available are \$559,349. City of Wichita and Sedgwick County have agreed to split the amount 70/30 through this Memorandum of Understanding, Sedgwick County Sheriff, 2009, is \$167,805. Based on those components, we received 15 individual requests for funding from six departments; requests went to an Internal Advisory Board comprised of County staff for review. On June 16, the advisory board reviewed and prioritized requests. What you see here are Board recommendations for the distribution of JAG funds for 11 funding requests to five departments. These include: Division of Information and Operations, funding for Metatomix application servers,

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operating systems and database server; Regional Forensic Science Center, a VeriChip System, CO-Oximeter and gas chromatograph with specialized detectors; Department of Corrections, cabling, labor and installation for computer relocation; District Attorney's Office, i2 analytical software; Sheriff's Office, covert tracking equipment, hot water dispenser units, surveillance camera equipment, seven LED light bars, nine Taser X-26 and supporting cartridges, defense tactics equipment, one body opponent bag, and two Numb John training dummies, and a K-9 dog and associated equipment.

"At this time, Commissioners, it is staff's recommendation that you open the public hearing as required by the U.S. Department of Justice for this grant process, receive any public comments, and accept the internal advisory board's recommendation for 2009 JAG funds by approving this application and all component parts. I am happy to answer any questions I can. If not, also with me is Mr. Marty Hughes, the Revenue Manager with the Department of Finance."

Chairman Parks said, "I would like to open the public hearing. Is there anybody from the public who would like to speak before this grant? Seeing none, I would like to just say that Edward Byrne was a police officer, it is not named after a Senator or politician, that gave the ultimate sacrifice in his job duties and this is where that namesake comes from. I think sometimes that gets overshadowed, but a lot of these things out there are for the criminal justice system and to make our officers safer. Thank you. Seeing no other comments, I close the public hearing. You can proceed. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the grant funding and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Aye

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Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Law said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Parks said, "Great presentation, thank you."

H. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

- 1. AMEND THE 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE ADDITIONAL COURTROOM AND CHAMBERS PROJECT IN THE MAIN COURTHOUSE.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Principal Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have one CIP (Capital Improvement Program) amendment request for your consideration this morning. The 18th District Court has requested your approval to construct a second courtroom on the fourth floor of this building, in addition to the one originally approved as part of the 2009 CIP. We accelerated this project, began design in February, and they have come to the conclusion that rather than just constructing one courtroom and leaving the remaining of the floor finished open area, the court requested that a second courtroom be constructed and the end result would be a total of four family law courtrooms on the floor. They believe that this will help meet demand. It will be fully utilized, and probably equally important, prevent conclusion and optimize use of security staff when we do need to call them to the floor. Most importantly for the budget people, we can accomplish this within the existing budget and the detailed estimates that have been prepared support this conclusion. The CIP committee and staff recommend your approval of this change in scope, and CIP amendment. Do you have any questions?"

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Chairman Parks said, "I certainly like the fact that we are staying within the budget, maybe even a little bit less from what I have gathered and studied. Anything that we can do to get the approximately 70 percent in our jail that's pretrial in there, and have more courtrooms and facilitate more of these hearings and trials, I certainly am going to support. What is the will of the Board?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I have a question for the Manager. The \$1,701,000 is the cost?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And are we going to sell bonds for that, borrow that money?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "It will be part of a larger bond issue. The plan for the CIP to do courthouse improvements always included, or have included, the addition of one courtroom on the fourth floor and now another one will be part of that bond issue, yes."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "So this is not paid for in a planned CIP?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "It has been in part of our, when you amend it today, it will be part of the CIP. Up to this point, the second courtroom has not been part of the CIP, but it will fit within the financial plan over the next several years for our Capital Improvement Program. We think we can do this without detriment to other CIP programs."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "What is this going to be included in? If this is going to be included with something else that we are going to sell bonds for, what kind of indebtedness are we planning on?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think later in the Agenda, well, go ahead."

Mr. Chronis, CFO, said, "That's exactly right. If you can jump ahead on your Agenda three items, I believe, four items, there is a Resolution to authorize us to proceed with the financing for courthouse improvements, and it's on page 61 of your Agenda package, included in that planned bond issue, and all of these have been in the CIP, are a series of courthouse improvements totaling \$5,821,000. It is an upgrade of elevators in the main courthouse, the additional courtrooms that we are talking about in this CIP amendment, the upgrade of the audio/visual systems in the courtrooms in this building, an upgrade of the fire alarm system, and some structural repairs, and repairs to the heating and ventilation system in the historic courthouse and finally, the restoration of the stained glass windows at the Kansas African American Museum. All of those have been in the CIP, and in the CIP they have been identified as bond funded projects. What we are doing now is assembling all of those into a single general obligation bond issue. So the action that you are taking right now is a

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CIP amendment to expand the scope of the courtroom project to allow for the construction of a second courtroom in the available space without increasing that project budget.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “What’s the total?”

Mr. Chronis said, “The total for the bond issue or the total for the courtroom project?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “The bond issue.”

Mr. Chronis said, “The total for the bond issue is \$5,821,591.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay.”

Mr. Chronis said, “And we will be talking in more detail about that in just a few minutes when we get to that Agenda item.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay. Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. In the process of arriving at this decision point, I just want to make the comment that I appreciated Judge Fleetwood’s effort to keep us informed on this process and the changes that we made in going from one courtroom to a second courtroom and being able to do that within the approved budget. I think it speaks well of our good relationship with the District Court and their judges and our willingness to work with the needs of the District Court in this building. But I just wanted to make that comment that Judge Fleetwood did a good job of keeping us apprised of this process. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Well, I wanted to second Commissioner Unruh's comments concerning Judge Fleetwood keeping us apprised, although when we look at this with the price tag of over \$1.7 million, this does give me some heartburn, since this doesn’t include all the improvements that they are talking about doing on the fourth floor as part of the modification. I certainly agree with Judge Fleetwood’s comments, in terms of trying to have all the family law items on the floor, but \$1.7 million in today’s climate to build a single courtroom has some concerns for me. Because if I break this down on a square foot basis, this is one very expensive remodel at that price tag. I was curious if we have any information, in terms of how we came up with that figure of a little over \$1.7 million, Pete?”

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Mr. Giroux said, “Our Project Services staff build the estimates in the CIP submission process and that’s an important element because we want accurate estimates, and everybody that makes a submission has to go through that estimate process.”

Chairman Parks said, “Your Honor, if you’d like to approach the podium on that, if you have a little bit more refined information for Commissioner Peterjohn on that.”

Hon. Judge James Fleetwood, District Court, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I would just comment that that \$1.7 million is not for one courtroom, but it is the budget, I understand, for the entirety of the project; the two courtrooms plus the conference rooms that will be used for assisting in settlement and the offices that are necessary for the staff functioning, so it is not just one courtroom.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Your Honor, how many square feet are involved in this remodel, do you have a figure?”

Chairman Parks said, “Mr. Claassen with Facilities, would you approach the podium?”

Mr. Steve Claassen, Director of Facilities, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you. I don’t have that information at the top of my head. We can get it. I’m thinking it’s, I better not say. Honestly, I don’t know, but I can certainly get that information for you. And as Judge Fleetwood indicated, the original project budget did include, it was one courtroom with the understanding that we would have to make improvements in the adjacent space that is now planned where the second courtroom will go. So, we had finishes, some HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) alterations that would be required, we weren’t going to do anything that would have made it more difficult, ultimately, to do a second courtroom. The point is, is that it was for an area that would include the space for two courtrooms there. And I can provide that information, as far as square footage, following the meeting.”

Chairman Parks said, “Maybe I’m getting just a little bit ahead of myself on this, too, but Mr. Manager, I am going to ask you an impromptu question here. We hadn’t discussed, but would this project, as an entirety when we are not looking at the three items down the line here for the \$5 million project, would that make it impossible for us to deal with the budget and some of us that wanted to reduce the mill levy by a mill and a half, would this impact that to where that would make that an impossibility?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “If you approved this, this would be a priority spending, and if we were to reduce a mill levy, no matter how large or small that reduction might be, we would have to look

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other places to reduce the spending. We know we are going to get a judge, we know that we are going to need the courtroom on the fourth floor, and what we have done is shuffled around offices and conference rooms to make it a conference room [courtroom]. Approving this amends the CIP to allow us to do it, and then three items later is when you get to pay for it. Did that help?"

Chairman Parks said, "Correct. Well, as you all, staff knows, anyway, I didn't vote for this the first time around, but it is an in-progress thing that's happening, so looking at this and what the other things that the facilities need in the courthouse, you know, in the old courthouse and things, I am going to be looking at this as a total package type of thing, and this is just one of the things in that package that isn't any increase from the original. In fact, there's some savings in doing it this way, from the original package. So that's why I am going to be in support of this at this time. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I am going to be supportive of it. I think that we've been presented with a good strategic analysis of our courtroom space needs and how we're going to be able to plan for what the current need is and going forward. As the Manager commented, we've got one judge coming, and we need to provide that space. And while we are in this project, it makes sense to, in a long-term strategy, to make this remodel in such a way that we don't have to go back later and spend money on top of one remodel project to accomplish what's necessary in that space and the rearrangement of our space usages is already underway. So I think this is the logical, analytical way to go forward and I'm going to be supportive."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, this has been planned for a long time, and I am aware of that. We've talked about it for a couple years, maybe more. So making that move and remodeling the area for the courtroom is something we've accepted that we have to do. It concerns me that we're putting all this on our debt load and so I would want to, sometime in the future, address that part of this again, but we are going to have to move ahead with the plans that we've made. It does seem like a lot of money, but I guess we are going to have to do it so I will support it."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I regret that when this was first mentioned to me that I didn't raise the cost per square foot question at that time, and we don't have this. I was going to suggest if it was at all possible, and I don't know if the Manager has any problems, if we have it administratively, postponing this item a week until we can at least get a cost per square foot figure available, so we have this available before we vote on it and understand it. If we can wait a week on this, I realize this may also have a domino effect on the later Agenda item and put that potentially

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back a week, too, but that's a piece of information I'd certainly want to be comfortable with before voting on an expenditure of a little over \$1.7 million."

Chairman Parks said, "Mr. Manager, would this put us in any kind of a bind if this was tabled?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

Chairman Parks said, "Do I hear a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to postpone Item H-1 for 1 week to obtain square footage data.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

2. AIRTRAN REVENUE GUARANTEE.

Mr. Chronis, CFO, said, "The item before you is a contract between AirTran Airways and Sedgwick County, through which the County is agreeing to provide a revenue guarantee to AirTran of not more than \$6.5 million dollars for the period from July 1 of this year through June 30 of next year, in return for AirTran providing service to this market. We have had a similar agreement with AirTran for three years now, this will be the fourth year. And before Sedgwick County assumed responsibility for the contract, the City of Wichita had a similar agreement with AirTran for several years as well, dating back to 2002 when AirTran entered this market.

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“Since that happened, since AirTran entered this market, we know that there has been a significant benefit to the citizens of this community and this State. There has been a significant savings to citizens. There has been a significant increase in revenue to the State government. We can document all of those facts and, in fact, for the current year, we have calculated that at least \$13 million dollars of airfare savings will be realized by consumers using the Wichita [Mid-Continent] Airport because of AirTran’s presence in this market. They have brought the airfares down in this market significantly since they arrived in 2002, and their competitors, in order to remain viable competitors in this marketplace, have also reduced their fares. If AirTran were to leave this market, we know from the experience of other markets that don’t have low fare carriers, that our fares would increase pretty dramatically and the impact we estimate, at a minimum, would be \$13 million dollars on our consumers.”

Mr. Chronis continued, “Now, there are a variety of ways to calculate that number, a variety of assumptions that can be made, and \$13 million is the absolute most conservative estimate of savings. Other estimates that I think are equally viable run as high as \$45 or \$50 million dollars of fare savings. But the point is that there is a significant financial benefit to consumers of the County’s participation in this revenue guarantee agreement.

“We know that there are some 780,000 passengers from the Wichita [Mid-Continent] Airport who directly benefit from the low fares that have been provided by revenue guarantees that Sedgwick County has participated in. That’s 780,000 travelers per year. We know, based on a study that was performed by Wichita State University (WSU) last year, that AirTran’s presence in this market is attributable for almost 10,000 jobs, either direct jobs created by AirTran and its subsidiaries, or indirect jobs that are here because of AirTran’s provision of low fares in this marketplace. Those 10,000 jobs have an annual payroll, according to WSU, of \$283 million dollars. That is payroll that we would not have if AirTran was not in this market.

“Finally, according to the Wichita State analysis, the State government receives a return on investment of \$5.25 for every dollar that it spends on this program. As you know, Sedgwick County plans to fund its \$6.5 million dollar obligation to AirTran with a combination of State and local funds. The State government, next year, is expected to provide \$4,875,000 dollars towards this program. We have applied for that funding through REAP (Regional Economic Area Partnership) and I met with the REAP Executive Committee earlier this week, and I’ll meet with their full board next week, and they’re expected to make the award at that time. The local funds, \$1,625,000 dollars are split equally between Wichita and Sedgwick County. And the next item on your Agenda is the inter-local agreement between us and Wichita that commits Wichita to providing its share of that \$1,625,000 dollars. So there are significant economic benefits to the local governments, to the State government and to our consumers, our citizens in this region, because of AirTran’s presence in this market. For that reason, I would highly recommend that you approve this contract that’s before you and I’ll be happy to answer any questions if you have them.”

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Chairman Parks said, “And there are safeguards in this contract, if these funds are cut by the State, that we’ll be able to not have to pick up the difference in that then?”

Mr. Chronis said, “We are contractually committed to those payments. There are provisions in the contract for early termination, and so if the State funding was not to be awarded, we would exercise those early termination provisions and get out of the contract early.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to state for the record that I sit on the Executive Committee of the Regional Economic Area of Partnership which made the selection of Sedgwick County to receive the State funding. At that meeting and presentation, at the discussion when the vote was held, I abstained from that vote as just a matter of openness and not wanting to imply any sort of conflict of interest. However, on the receiving end of that grant, I will participate in the vote. I think this is an outstanding program. It is good for our citizens, it’s good for the State economy, it’s good for the State Treasury, in light of the fact of that 5 to 1 return on the money invested, so I am going to be very supportive, but I just wanted to make that clarification of my involvement in the process.”

Chairman Parks said, “And hopefully that \$13 million in savings will come back into the local economy and stimulate the economy locally. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Chris, this agreement renewal is just for one year, is that correct?”

Mr. Chronis said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Okay. This is a very interesting and long-term issue. As I recall when we started this in 2002, this was supposed to be a temporary program and we’ve put together, and it’s been modified and shifted a little bit, because the way it’s operating today is a little bit different than the way it was initially set up back in 2002. I believe the County’s role has expanded, I know the State’s role has expanded too. While there are economic benefits that I’m certainly not going to try to deny at this point, the idea of providing public funds to a private government is a very, very dangerous area in this type of thing where we’re providing this type of funding. I’m not totally comfortable with it. I will be voting for it today, but it’s something I’m going to be watching very carefully as long as I have the privilege of representing the people in the 3rd District as a County Commissioner.”

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Chairman Parks said, “Very well. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you for that presentation.”

3. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA.

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioners, this item is the inter-local agreement between Wichita and Sedgwick County, through which Wichita will agree to provide half of the local funding that is required for the item that you just approved with AirTran. The agreement is exactly the same as the one that was approved for the past State fiscal year that ended on June 30. It is simply updated for the new year. I would recommend your approval of this agreement.”

Chairman Parks said, “Do I hear a motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

4. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ROADS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 68-5,103; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW (MERIDIAN 47TH - 71ST; RIDGE K-96 - 53RD NORTH).

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioners, the financial strategy of the County for many years has been to partially fund the Road and Bridge Capital Improvement Program with \$4 million of bonds issued each year to pay for some of those projects. The item that’s before you is the first step in the process of issuing bonds totaling \$4 million to pay for road projects that are in the CIP to be completed this year. The two projects in question that will be partially funded with bond proceeds are the Meridian Street widening between 47th South and 71st Street South and that is a \$10 million project that will be funded with \$3 million of bonds, \$3.1 million of cash from the dedicated sales tax and \$3.9 million of funding to be provided by other governments. The second project to be included in this bond issue is Ridge Road widening between K-96 and 53rd Street North. That is a \$9,775,000 project that is to be funded with \$1 million of bond proceeds, just under \$1 million of cash from the dedicated sales tax and just over \$7.8 million of funding to be provided by other governments, principally the State government.

“The bonds to be issued will be general obligation bonds of Sedgwick County and they are to be issued in accordance with standard procedures that we follow every year. The County has adopted a debt policy which provides guidelines on the capacity of total debt outstanding that we can have. The issuance of these bonds falls within the ratios that are established in the County’s debt policy, and so in response to a question that Commissioner Welshimer raised on another item just a few minutes ago, both this bond issue and the one that I’m going to be talking about in just a minute, have been programmed in the County’s financial plans and capital finance plans for some time and it is contemplated that they can be issued without causing the County to exceed its self-imposed debt ceilings, which are measured in a variety of ways.

“In the financial considerations section of this Agenda summary, I have identified what the estimated annual debt service for these bonds will be and that is \$300,000 for 20 years based on

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current market conditions. The mill levy equivalent to repay that debt is 7/100 of a mill. I'm sorry to say that I've used some fairly sloppy language in the financial considerations so some might read that to think that because we're doing this bond issue, there will be a tax increase. That is not the case. Again, this bond issue, and the next one, have been programmed in the County's financial plans and capital funding plans for some time and we are not expecting, and in fact, we are certain, that there will not be a need to increase property taxes."

Mr. Chronis continued, "Instead, the portion of the County's property tax that will be used to repay these bonds has the equivalent impact on the tax rate of 7/100 of a mill. Once this Resolution is approved, assuming it's approved, it will be published in the newspapers as is required by statutes, and there will be a protest period at which citizens will be permitted to file a protest petition with the County Clerk if they object to the County proceeding with this bond issue. Petitions signed by not less than three percent of the number of votes cast in the County for the office of Governor in the last general election are submitted within the allowed period of time, which is 90 days, then the County will not be authorized to proceed with this bond issue until we take additional steps. If during that 90 day period, valid petitions are not filed with the Clerk, then the County will have full legal authority to proceed with this bond issue. That does not mean that we will be proceeding with the bond issue without coming back to you.

"The action that you are being asked to take today is simply the first step in a process that will culminate in a bond issue 90 or 120 days from now. Along the way, we will be coming back to you with additional requests for action to provide specific authority to proceed with the publication of the offering statement for the bonds and then specific authorization to sell the bonds once we have received bids on those bonds. So the action that you're taking today does not mean necessarily that we'll be automatically proceeding with the sale of these bonds. What they do is give the staff and our legal counsel authority to take the administrative steps that are necessary to get us to the next stage of your approval process. If you have any questions about this action, I will be happy to try and answer them. If they are very detailed questions, we have in the audience Joe Norton, who is the County's bond counsel from the firm of Gilmore & Bell, and he in fact drafted the Resolution that is attached to your Agenda summary. I am sure he would be happy to answer questions as well. If you have no questions, then I would recommend you approve this Resolution."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "What is the State's amount of contribution to this project?"

Mr. Chronis said, "For the Meridian Road project, there is \$3.9 million of funding from other governments and I am looking to David Spears hoping that he knows components of that. Some of that funding is being provided by Haysville and some is being provided, I believe, by Wichita, but I'm not sure of the amounts."

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Mr. David Spears, Director of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That is correct, Chris. The total for both projects is other governmental entities including KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation), through funds, Wichita, Haysville, \$11,730,000."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "But you don't know what part of that would be state funds or are there state funds?"

Mr. Spears said, "There are state, well, the feds come down through the State and the State to us. It's still federal funds, but it's through the State."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "The pass through."

Mr. Spears said, "Pass through, yes."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay. Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "And this 53rd Street South to K-96 is already in progress, is that...?"

Mr. Spears said, "Both projects are in progress."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Chris, yesterday at the staff meeting we talked about the fact that there was an indication in the backup material that there was a tax increase included here and I have made it a firm position of mine that I am not going to be supporting measures that would raise taxes, even if we are talking about, it was mentioned in this item 7/100 of a mill and I believe 11/1000 of a mill on the next item. We had some discussion about that yesterday. Can you clarify for me how much, if they did do a tax increase of 7/100 of a mill or 11/1000 of a mill, what sort of revenue are we talking about here, because this is a matter of principal for me and I wouldn't be planning to support it. I appreciate your clarification if that's not the case here, and if my reading on this was correct. I was interested in the amount involved and that was not provided specifically and I wondered if you might be able to provide that now?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It's \$300,000, it's equal to the annual debt service that is identified in your Agenda summary."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "7/100 of a mill is \$300,000?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

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Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And my reading of this yesterday had indicated that we did have items that did have an, albeit fractional, increase in the mill levy here. Was my reading correct?"
Mr. Chronis said, "I'm sorry. Say that again."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I had read yesterday, this and the following item both had provisions that said a tax rate increase of approximately, either 7/100 or 11/1000 of mills would be required to do this and the following item, and that's in the backup here, was my reading of that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "As I said earlier, that's what the Agenda summary says and that was sloppy writing on my part."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay."

Mr. Chronis said, "In fact, that is the equivalent tax rate for the amount of property tax revenue that will be used to repay each of these bond issues."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And that mill levy..."

Mr. Chronis said, "That is already levied."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The mill levy for those bonds is already, okay, mill levy for those bonds is already levied. So there is no property tax increase contained in these two items?"

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Thank you very much."

Chairman Parks said, "Once again, the question to the Manager, and I think I know the answer to it, but just for the record, this is a priority project, is it not, and this \$300,000 that would come out of this 7/100 of a mill would, for those of us that want to lower the mill levy for a mill and a half would not significantly impact that project?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay. Thank you. Any other discussion? What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

5. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, just as with the last item, the action that's before you is the first step in a series of steps that will culminate in the sale of bonds to finance projects that are contained in the County's Capital Improvement Program. In this case, the projects in question are improvements to the courthouse complex, and I have already explained previously what those specific projects are, and they are listed on the first page of your Agenda summary. They total \$5,821,591 dollars. The plan has been, and continues to be, to finance those improvements with a general obligation bond issue. The action that's before you is the Resolution that kicks off that process. Once again, we can sell these bonds within the existing self-imposed debt capacity, or debt ceiling, of Sedgwick County, and that ceiling is measured in five different ways and each of those are enumerated in your backup materials."

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Mr. Chronis continued, "Once again, as with the last one, this Agenda summary was written somewhat less precisely than I would have liked. It says that approximately 11/1000 of a mill of tax increase might be required to pay the debt service, which is \$450,000 on this bond issue. In fact, that tax levy already is in place. Those funds are already in the County's financial plan and we will not have a tax increase to pay for this bond issue. The legal procedures for this bond issue are a bit different than those for the one that we just discussed. There is no protest period for this one, but other than that, what we are doing is essentially the same thing as we did on the immediately prior action. I will be happy to answer any questions. Once again, Joe Norton, our bond counsel, is in the audience and he drafted the Resolution that is before you. I am sure he will be happy to answer any questions you have about it. If you have no questions, I would recommend your approval of the Resolution."

Chairman Parks said, "Since we tabled the courtrooms, is there any kind of a motion that we do this one also or are we ready to proceed? What's the will of the Board?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would be interested in making sure, a question to either the Manager or to Chris, if there are any problems in terms of doing the same and putting this off a week because of our earlier action?"

Mr. Chronis said, "I don't believe there is any problem with tabling it for a week. I would observe, though, that your action in approving this Resolution does not preclude you from taking action next week if you choose to do so, to deny approval of that specific project. In that case, what we would do, ultimately, is reduce the size of this bond issue to not issue bonds for the project that is no longer authorized."

Chairman Parks said, "I feel a little bit uncomfortable about the term that you used, 'less precisely,' and what not, in there. I don't know that I would be ready to vote on that at this time."

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to table Item H-5 for 1 week to get more precise figures.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Chronis said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

I. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

- 1. AGREEMENTS WITH MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF BENTLEY, GARDEN PLAIN SENIOR CLUB, AND CITY OF CLEARWATER TO PROVIDE RIDE COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION RURAL VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.**

Mr. Ray Vail, Director, Finance and Support Services, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to ask for your approval of Agreements with the City of Bentley, the Garden Plain Senior Club and the City of Clearwater to provide coordinated volunteer transportation. I ask that you approve these Agreements and authorize the Chair to sign and I will answer any questions."

MOTION

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

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Vail said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you. Next item."

2. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (2) WITH URBAN LEAGUE OF KANSAS AND BEHAVIORAL LINK TO PROVIDE GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION, AND ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "All five COMCARE items, Items 2 through 6 on the Agenda today, are renewals of contracts and Agreements that we have and have been in place for some time. The items include amendments or renewal agreements with Behavioral Link, Urban League, Arrowhead West, Heartspring, Horizons Mental Health Center, and Wichita Transit. I understand we're going to hear these altogether. The contracts and the Agreements are essentially the same terms and conditions of the initial contracts, with the exception of a rate increase with Horizons and Heartspring and an increase in the not to exceed amount on the contracts with Behavioral Link and the Urban League. We're recommending approval of the contract and agreement renewals."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the contract amendments with Urban League, the contract with Arrowhead West, the agreement with Heartspring, the agreement with Horizons Mental Health Center, and the agreement with the Wichita Transit, City of Wichita.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Any discussion? Just for clarification and record, all these expire at approximately the same time and we're not binding anything into the 2011 budget?"

Ms. Cook said, "Correct."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote."

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VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Ms. Cook said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you."

- 3. CONTRACT WITH ARROWHEAD WEST, INC. FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.**

Item included in the motion with Item I-2.

- 4. AGREEMENT WITH HEARTSPRING FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE CHILD PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION AND EVALUATION SERVICES.**

Item included in the motion with Item I-2.

- 5. AGREEMENT WITH HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC. FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION AND CONSULTATION SERVICES.**

Item included in the motion with Item I-2.

- 6. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA TRANSIT, CITY OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES RELATED TO THE ACCESS TO JOBS PROGRAM.**

Item included in the motion with Item I-2.

- J. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

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1. KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY (JJA) SFY10 CONTRACTS WHICH CONTINUE SERVICES CONTAINED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN.

Ms. Chris Morales, Project Manager, Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have received state funding from the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) for state fiscal year 2010, and before you today are seven contracts. They are all renewal contracts to provide for continuation of existing services. We do have one Agreement with the Kansas Children Service League for JIAC (Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center) case management that we would like to pull from your materials. We are still in the process of negotiating the terms of this Agreement. But at this time, we would ask that you approve these seven contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the seven contracts and pull the one contract with Kansas Children Service League for JIAC case management and authorize the Chair to sign each contract.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “Next item.”

2. SFY10 CONTRACT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION SERVICES TO SEDGWICK COUNTY.

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Ms. Morales said, “This is also a renewal contract with Wichita State University to provide professional evaluation services for the Juvenile Justice Authority Community Funding plan, the Sedgwick County Crime Prevention program, the Risk Reduction Initiative, which is funded by the Kansas Department of Corrections, as well as the Sedgwick County [District] Drug Court program. The contract is for \$30,240 and we recommend approval and that you authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “Have a motion and second. As we discussed a little bit in our staff meeting yesterday, maybe more intense negotiations with Wichita State for 2011 will be in the offing for that also, but I am going to be supportive of it. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Ms. Morales said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Next item.”

3. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AGREEMENT: ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT EQUIPMENT – COMPANION ANIMAL EQUIPMENT TRAILER (CAMET).

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Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This item today is a transfer of property agreement which would transfer ownership of a Companion Animal [Mobile] Equipment Trailer (CAMET) to Sedgwick County. Our obligation, in terms of that ownership, would be to provide a place for its storage and to perform the maintenance and upkeep while it’s in our possession. The users of this trailer will be the Sedgwick County Animal Response Team and, of course, the reason for the trailer is to meet our obligations under the Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006. If you have any questions, I’d be happy to answer them. If you don’t have any questions, I would recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the transfer of property agreement.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the property and authorize the Chair of the BoCC to sign the transfer of property agreement.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “I have a motion and a second. Seeing some discussion with Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Randy, can you give me a rough idea of what the capacity is, in terms of the number of animals that could be held by this trailer, or let’s say the aggregate weight of the number of animals to be held by this trailer would be?”

Mr. Duncan said, “If you don’t mind, sir, I’m going to refer to my companion, Bill Guy, who’s my counterpart from Reno County and he’s familiar with this equipment. Bill, can you answer that question?”

Mr. Bill Guy, Director, Reno County Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sure. The trailer is actually just an equipment trailer. It’s not a housing trailer for animals. What it has is the equipment available where we could go to a facility that’s already being looked at by the Animal Response Teams. It has the capacity of 55 large and medium animal cages. So you could start with 55 animals. Part of the process would be that anyone who has an animal that brings

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it to the shelter would also hopefully bring a pet carrier or a cage that they have at home to keep their animal in. But this would give us an initial 55 animals that we could set up in a shelter.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Thanks, Bill.”

Chairman Parks said, “Having seen some of the Barton Solvents evacuations up at Valley Center, I know that was a concern up there and actually, although handled very well by your department and other volunteers that came in on that project that broke ground.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes, sir. Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Okay. Any further discussion? Seeing none, call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Duncan said, “Thank you, Commissioners.”

K. QUARTERLY COUNTY EXTENSION REPORT.

Ms. Beverly Dunning, Director, Sedgwick County Extension Council, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I told you last time when I came that I’m a storyteller and so today I come to tell you another story. Kristi is handing out a flyer and I thought this was an appropriate story to tell you about what we’re doing in Plant a Row for the Hungry. This is through our Master Gardener and Horticulture program. You know that we’ve had a lot of press recently in the paper about how people are going hungry. Well, I just wanted you to see what we have done this past year.”

Ms. Dunning continued, “Of course, there was a lot of rain and so there were a lot of gardens out there. Gardening is very important and has increased a great deal this year. We encourage people to plant an extra row, as it says, so that they can raise extra produce. And last year, as you see by this pamphlet, we collected 47,801 pounds of produce, and that went to the Kansas Food Bank. Now, how this operates is we have the market that’s out there on Saturday morning, and there’s extra produce from that and then the people who are growing the extra produce can also drop it off.

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You'll see in the flyer the locations where they can drop it off. Many of those are the nurseries. I'll tell you, this is an economic development process too, because people come in and buy seeds for the gardens and then they don't often come back to the nursery for something, but if they drop off their extra produce, sometimes they see other things they need to purchase and they can purchase them there too.

"The nurseries like it because they can get return clients coming in and then the Kansas Food Bank picks up all of that extra produce during this time of year for the people and they have cooling space. Before, they have never had the opportunities for fresh fruits and vegetables, but we know that's an important part of nutrition that we teach, as well as an important part of providing for people and their hunger needs. So I just wanted to quickly, I know that you are on a time schedule this morning, but tell you about this. We have been doing it for ten years now, it started in Alaska in 1994. But I think it's a great project that we do and it takes a lot of, you might say education on our part, to help people kind of get on the bandwagon to do this. If you have questions about it, I would be glad to answer those if I may."

Chairman Parks said, "I see no questions, however, I would like to make a comment that I appreciate your work, in not only this avenue, but the other work that the Extension Council does and certainly appreciate this program for the hungry. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, Bev, I just want to congratulate you on this program and also express appreciation for your management of our Extension services."

Ms. Dunning said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I just want to make a comment that the sentence, here at the bottom of the flyer you put out says 'One pound at a time...one row at a time. Together we make a difference.' I think that kind of describes the essence of community partnership..."

Ms. Dunning said, "That's right."

Commissioner Unruh said, "...and it looks like you're making it work. Congratulations."

Ms. Dunning said, "Very good. Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Bev, I just have a quick comment, because I hope you're able to get these types of flyers out to the folks. We have had a lot of folks laid off and the opportunity, not only to plant a garden, I mean, I've got very limited space at my house but we have been able to get

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strawberries, asparagus, tomatoes and every little bit helps and to the degree that folks can get a crop in if it provides some savings and provides some benefits. I was thinking of this with the efforts to help the folks who lost their jobs recently.”

Ms. Dunning said, “Well, every week in the paper [Wichita Eagle], Annie Calovich, you might know her as the writer for the [Home &] Garden section, it’s very good to report on how many pounds of produce we have collected. So they know that it’s available and we do all we can to help people understand that. I know this year they have been encouraging people, even in their flowerbeds, to put a tomato plant and some other things like that so that they can grow their own produce. I appreciate that. We will do our very best to get that word out.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Dunning said, “Thank you. Thank you for all your support too.”

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “Next item.”

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 2, 2009.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of July 2 results in five items for consideration today. First item;

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1. TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE SEARCH SERVICES – TREASURER FUNDING - TREASURER

“Recommendation is to accept the low proposal and establish contract pricing at a rate of \$110 per title certificate from Sunflower Title Services, LLC and execute a contract for two years with three one-year options to renew. Item 2;

2. MODULAR FURNITURE – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT FUNDING – JUVENILE FIELD SERVICES

“Recommendation is to accept the quote from John A. Marshall in the amount of \$26,482.99. Item 3;

3. RECEIPT PRINTERS – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS FUNDING – TAX SYSTEM

“Recommendation is to accept the low responsible bid from Scan Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$31,549. Item 4;

4. OEM COMPATIBLE REMANUFACTURED TONER CARTRIDGES – ALL DEPARTMENTS FUNDING – ALL DEPARTMENTS

“Recommendation is to accept the proposal from KK Office Solutions and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew. Item 5;

5. UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTRUST BANK ARENA – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS FUNDING – ARENA SALES TAX

“Recommendation is to accept the low bid from SKT in the amount of \$49,498. I would be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Parks said, “Any questions of Ms. Baker on the items?”

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Seeing a discussion item from Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Iris, Item 4, there were a number of bids on that. Were there some provision, when you mentioned that three vendors were short listed, could you explain that to me please?"

Ms. Baker said, "Sure. Short list comes from a result of many responses received. All of the responses are reviewed and the vendors who offer the best product, or the best solution, the best process, and we look at what the requirements were that we put in, how well they met the requirements, the instructions, how well they followed instructions, the type of solution that they're offering, the product, the service, whatever it is. Then we narrow the list down and go through, generally, an interview process, sometimes a demonstration process. Then we also check references. From that short list, then comes a recommendation."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. I appreciate the clarification and the fact that, on that item, it looks like the winning vendor is the same one the County has had, but their pricing is eight percent lower than the last time this contract was bid. Am I correct?"

Ms. Baker said, "Correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Parks said, "Any other items for discussion? If not, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Ms. Baker said, "Thank you."

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Chairman Parks said, “Mr. Manager.”

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Affiliation Agreement with Accessible Home Health.**
- 2. Contract amendments (2) to Affiliation agreements with Breakthrough Club of Sedgwick County and Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.**
- 3. One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Dry Creek drainage improvements at 21st St. North. District 3.**
- 4. One (1) Easement for Drainage for the Saint Teresa Street; Via Christi West Campus. District 3.**
- 5. General Bill Check Register for the week of June 17, 2009 – June 23, 2009.**
- 6. General Bill Check Register for the week of June 24, 2009 – June 30, 2009.**
- 7. Payroll Check Register for the week of June 20, 2009.**
- 8. Order dated June 17, 2009 to correct tax roll for a change of assessment.**
- 9. Order dated June 24, 2009 to correct tax roll for a change of assessment.**
- 10. Plat.**
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2008 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Boulett Addition

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

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “There’s a motion and a second, just one minor discussion item. These affiliation agreements, I know that the CDDO (County Development Disability Organizaiton) gets a lot of money from the State, are there provisions and safeguards in these contracts that would allow us to pass that along instead of absorb the cost in case it would cut those programs?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes, sir.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Seeing no further questions, call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

N. OTHER

Chairman Parks said, “Do we have any ‘other’ comments from Commissioners at this time? Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to emphasize that later on this week, the Sedgwick County Fair is going to be taking place out in Cheney. They’re going to have a parade Thursday night. They’re going to have a whole raft of activities for children of all ages, including myself. I think a good time will be had by all. I just want to mention, that as an activity, that ought to be a lot of fun for folks here in Sedgwick County.”

Chairman Parks said, “I was going to mention that briefly, but since you did, you did a very good job at that. Go out and enjoy your County Fair. We have a Fire Agenda, so we’re going to recess our Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and open the Meeting of the Fire District #1.”

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at 10:43 a.m. and returned at 10:52 a.m.

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Chairman Parks said, "If we have done anything today, we have accelerated some programs, I want to assure the public that we discussed a lot of these things in staff meeting yesterday, which is also an open meeting and open to the media and press, at length. We are diligently working on the budget items. One of the things that we have discussed yesterday was some budget items and if we're going to, you heard me say several times today during the process, if we're targeting the mill and a half, I would like to make sure that that's on the Manager's radar, that that's one of the options that he presents us. I don't like to get down to the last minute and have items come up at the last minute. So we are getting in to kind of a time crunch here and hopefully we can see a reduction in the mill levy in these hard-pressed times. Seeing no further action to come before this Board, motion for adjournment?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I move that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for ten minutes."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "No, we are not going."

Chairman Parks said, "We don't need..."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "We're not going to do that?"

Chairman Parks said, "...Executive Session today. No."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. I withdraw. Sorry."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay. Thank you. That message didn't get passed down. That was one of the 11th hour things. Nothing further to come to the Board of County Commissioners, motion for adjournment?"

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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