

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 2, 1996, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Melody C. Miller; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Mr. Gary Curmode, Chief, Sedgwick County Fire Department; Ms. Patti Peterson, Lieutenant, Sedgwick County Fire Department; Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Director of Community Developmental Disability Organization, COMCARE; Mr. Michael Hilll, Sedgwick County Sheriff; Ms. Jennifer Reschke, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. J. Kenneth Hales, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Bureau of Community Development; Mr. Gerald Frantz, Sedgwick County Appraiser; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Susan Farrell, Executive Director, YWCA

Mr. Wilmer Freund, Chairman, Sedgwick County Conservation District

Mr. Duane Sanders, Route 1, Box 210 Valley Center, Kansas

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Joe Stout of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, September 1, 1996

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Schroeder was absent at the Regular Meeting of September 11, 1996.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of September 11, 1996, as presented.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Abstain
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Finance Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have previously received the certification of funds for today's regular agenda. I am available for questions if there are any."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, I see no questions. Thank you very much Becky. Next item."

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PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 6-12, 1996 AS "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, last year fire claimed the lives of 4,585 civilians and injured 26,775; and

WHEREAS, fire loss in 1995 totaled over 8.9 billion dollars in property damage; and

WHEREAS, 74% of all fire deaths occur in the home; and

WHEREAS, each year, fires kill more Americans than all other natural emergencies combined, including tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton has proclaimed October 6-12, 1996 as Fire Prevention Week;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 1996 as

“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and encourage every resident in this community to practice and promote fire prevention, and to install and maintain smoke detectors in their homes.

“Dated October 2, 1996. Commissioners, you’ve heard the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Here to accept the Proclamation is Chief Gary Curmode and Lieutenant Patti Peterson our education officer."

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, Sedgwick County Fire Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Again, I would like to thank you for the past support of Fire Prevention Week and also for this year we've had an excellent schedule of busy activities for the citizens of Sedgwick County. I'd like to introduce Patti Peterson our Lieutenant and she is our Fire Public Education Specialist. She will give you a run down of those events."

Ms. Patti Peterson, Lieutenant, Sedgwick County Fire Department greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the Sedgwick County Fire Department I would like to thank you for proclaiming the week of October 6-12 as Fire Prevention Week. It is our goal during this week to increase our public's awareness in the dangers of fire and its threat to each and every one of us. I would like to read just a few statistics that in many cases shock a lot of people. But in the United States the Fire Department responds to a fire every fifteen seconds. Nationwide there is a civilian fire death every 123 minutes. This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is 'Let's hear it for fire safety. Test your smoke detectors.'

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“This theme was chosen to alert citizens on the importance of installation and maintenance of smoke detectors. Although, thirteen of every fourteen homes have at least one smoke detector almost half of home fires and 3/5 of fire deaths occur in the homes with no smoke detectors. Thousands of people still die each year in homes where smoke detectors are not present. In addition there are now more homes with smoke detectors that don’t work than homes without detectors. These poorly maintained units create a false sense of security among occupants. Approximately 1/3 of homes with smoke detectors that experience fires have smoke detectors that are not working and hundreds of people die each year in these fires. Tragically, the grave importance of installing and maintaining smoke detectors has not been fully realized. Most people who die in home fires are not in the room where the fire starts. Working smoke detectors alert people to fire and give them time to escape in a situation where minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Again, thank you for allowing us this opportunity to address this important issue. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Lieutenant, we appreciate your being here and Chief we appreciate your being here also. We hope you do have some good success this week and we certainly all realize what you do is very important in the prevention side. Thank you. Next item.”

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 6-12, 1996, AS "YWCA WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE."

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, I have a second Proclamation I’d like to read in to the record.”

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, and sexes with more than ten domestic violence related arrests per day in Wichita in 1995 and nearly 600 women and children annually seeking shelter at the YWCA Women’s Crisis Center as a result; and

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age; the number of children killed by abuse has increased 50% over the last decade; and

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WHEREAS, more than a quarter of boys ages 14-17 said they had a friend who had been a victim of gang violence and nearly four in ten had a friend who had been threatened with a weapon; and

WHEREAS, crime costs Americans at least \$450 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; with child abuse and domestic violence accounting for about 1/3 of this total cost; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, there were 7,587 incidents of bias-motivated hate crimes reported to police; the majority of these were race-related, followed by religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 6 - 12, 1996, as

“YWCA WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE”

in Sedgwick County, and urge all citizens to participate actively in the scheduled events and programs and to work together for respect and peace in our homes, schools, and community.

“Dated October 2, 1996. Commissioners you’ve heard the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. We have with us the YWCA Executive Director, Sue Farrell."

Ms. Susan Farrell, Executive Director, YWCA greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much. I appreciate your interest and support of our Week Without Violence. It is our second year of national campaign of the 'YWCA Week Without Violence.' We have events scheduled for the week of October 6-12 that will get the community involved and focus on a different issue each day. The first day is the Day of Remembrance for all victims that have been murdered as a result of violence. The second is Protecting our Children. The third is Making our Schools Safer. The fourth is Confronting Violence Against Women. The fifth is Facing Violence Among Men. The sixth is Eliminating Racism and Hate Crimes. The seventh day is Replacing Violence with Sports, Recreation and Fun. We appreciate this Proclamation today. Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you for being here. Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sue, could you...you've given us the days and you have given us the titles of the themes that will go those of the days of the Week Without Violence, can you give us a location and or what's going to be happening in order to publicize that?"

Ms. Farrell said, "Yes. The first day, October 6th is a Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Stop the Violence Project at 13th & Hillside. Its the mock cemetery. James Lewis was very instrumental in getting that put in place. He is going to give them history on that and he said it had never been dedicated. Reverend Titus James will be dedicating the spot. Reverend Kevin Harding will be there to remember the victims."

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“Some youth from the community will be reading a list of, not the names but the dates of the people in 1995 and 1996, who have died at the hand of violence like white male, thirty-two years old but not the names out of respect for the families. Senator Pat Ranson will be speaking on Hope For the Future. Many people from the community have been personally invited to the event. It’s really growing. We are real pleased with that. There is a lunch and lecture series on Monday that Judge Kim Parker will be addressing Protecting Our Children. Cooper Elementary school, Goddard, Cooper, through Cities in Schools will be emphasizing personal safety in the home and school and hand out pledge cards for the children to sign. Confronting Violence Against Women will be on the steps of City Hall and Mayor Bob Knight will be presenting the city’s Proclamation and making some comments specifically on Violence Against Women. The Domestic Violence Coalition will be...has been invited and expected to attend that. It is a national event where everyone can blow the whistle against violence at noon. Facing Violence Among Men we’ve invited all male disc jockeys to make comments and play one song that they have chosen that they feel promotes peace and harmony in the home and relationships and make an event comment before or after playing the song. Elimination of Racism and Hate Crimes, USA network is a corporate sponsor of this event and they have cable ace award winning show that they have produced called ‘Erase the Hate’ that they will be showing on USA at 6:00 o’clock and they made a sequel to it called ‘Healing the Hate’ and we are hoping everyone will watch that. We’ve contacted the social studies teachers at high schools and middle schools to invite them to incorporate this into their classroom. Replacing Violence with Sports, Recreation and Fun we didn’t get a public community oriented activity for that day. We kind of felt that it would be a good day for the residents of the shelter and the staff and our own family to get together and work on that.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Very Good. I appreciate you giving a little history and background. I think it is an important enough topic that anytime we have some public air available that persons that are listening they know basically where they can go possibly and be involved and obviously they can contact the YWCA for any other detailed information. Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving an opportunity for that.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Commissioner and thank you Sue for telling a little more about that week. It sounds like you’ve got a really big week planned with lots of activities and we hope that it does draw some attention to what we are all very concerned about and we certainly appreciate folks like you in this community for what you do and what your organization does.”

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Ms. Farrell said, "Thank you. We invite all of you to attend. I'll leave some schedules over here if you'd like to look them over."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Before we go on to the next item I would like to recognize former Commissioner Billy McCray and former State Senator Billy McCray. Mr. McCray we are certainly glad to have you in the audience today. Madam Clerk, next item."

DONATIONS

B. DONATIONS.

1. MONETARY DONATION TO COMCARE'S SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Director of Community Developmental Disability Organization, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an individual donation made through our Suicide Prevention Program and we ask that you would accept and acknowledge this gift."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. MONETARY DONATION FROM WICHITA EMPLOYEES' FRIENDSHIP FUND TO COMCARE'S SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "We would also ask that you acknowledge and accept this gift."

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin		Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye	
Commissioner Melody C. Miller		Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder		Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters		Aye

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Mr. Wilmer Freund is here. I might remind folks that are interested that we do accept public comment to the Board of County Commissioners. A request needs to be made to either a Commissioner or the Manager's Office at least one week before our meeting so it can get on the agenda and remember that your comments are limited to five minutes. Would you please state your name and address for the record and proceed."

Mr. Wilmer Freund, Chairman, Sedgwick County Conservation District, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My purpose here this morning is to present this policy statement to you regarding solid waste management. With your permission I'd like to read it for the record:

'By the Sedgwick County Conservation District

After review and consideration of information available, concerns of the people and recognizing that Sedgwick County is now the responsible planning authority for solid waste management for Wichita/Sedgwick County, the Sedgwick County Conservation District:

*Is pleased that Sedgwick County has assumed planning responsibility for solid waste management and this Conservation District pledges to assist in that endeavor;

*Urges that the planning process address both short-term and long-term solutions;

*Urges the County Commissioners to combat the source (volume) which would alleviate the symptoms (solid waste);

*Urges that a composite solution, utilizing latest technology, be adopted, considering and including

- A. Minimization of volume of wastes,
- B. Recycling,
- C. Separation,
- D. Pyrolysis,
- E. Incineration, and
- F. Land filling (local-regional with transfer station).

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*Urges the County Commissioners to recognize the value of prime farmland and demonstrate responsible land use by NOT using highly productive soils for landfills.

The Sedgwick County Conservation District strongly believes that Brooks Landfill should be utilized and expanded to its maximum use allowing time to develop and implement a long-term composite solution which was the standing recommendation of the solid waste committee until politics got in its way.

This policy statement was adopted this 3rd day of September, 1996 and signed by all of the supervisors.'

"I'd be happy to answer any questions any of you may have."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much Mr. Freund. I don't see any questions but this does appear to be a very well thought out statement. I appreciate your being here and sharing it with us. I appreciate the work that your Board went through and sure as we get involved in a planning process we're going to be calling on some folks in the community for some help and we'll certainly remember your interest and presenting this as we get on with that part so thank you very much."

Mr. Freund said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "I see one of your other Board members, Dewey Sanders here. Mr. Sanders did you wish to speak to this or any other issue or are you just here for support for Mr. Freund? Would you like to speak to the Board of County Commissioners this morning? Commissioners I'm going to allow Mr. Sanders to come and talk because I believe I made a mistake by not having him on the agenda this morning. I got cross ways on who was doing what and I clearly know that Mr. Sanders wanted to be on a week or so ago and then didn't follow through with that. So, Commissioners with your indulgence I'd like to give Mr. Sanders five minutes. I apologize for not having him on the agenda that was my fault."

Mr. Duane Sanders greeted the Commissioners and said, "Five minutes, so you don't want the whole load."

Chairman Winters said, "I'm afraid we are limited to the five minutes or there about."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Half a load."

Mr. Sanders said, "Half a load is plenty. I guess I'm supposed to give my name and all of that. I'm Duane (Dewey) Sanders whichever you prefer. My address is Route 1, Box 210, Valley Center and when you get there you are now high a top Gobblers Knob and from Gobblers Knob I bring you greetings, Chairman, Commissioners, I appreciate the opportunity afforded me. I find myself wearing various hats and Wilmer represents the Conservation District so I'll bypass on that. I suppose the upper most thing in my mind is Lincoln Township where I am a Township Official. I would like to inform you that the Sedgwick County Township Association has taken a position on landfill and we are definitely opposed to anymore landfills in our county.

"I suppose to start out with, I listen to the news I read what news have the time to but right now it seems one of the upper most things in people's mind is... 'YOU'RE OUT! Go to the showers.' Now what Roberto Alomar I believe the man's name was did to the umpire in my way of thinking is incidental compared to what the people across the street south are trying to do to the folks in Lincoln Township. That umpire's face will wash with a little soap and water but what is being proposed in Lincoln Township is something that will go on and on and on. I speak from experience because we've got one out there and it's still going on. They're still trying to clean that mess up. Twenty years ago, if I can use a little history, somebody came in to our Township and under false pretenses bought 80 acres of land. When we found out that there was going to be a hazardous waste disposal established there, we fought that thing tooth and toe nail and to be quite frank with you, we were green as gourds. We didn't know diddly doo about how to counteract something like that and we fought them for years. Unfortunately there were no laws on the state records that would control them. We finally had to start working on the State Legislature and it took us about three years to convince our Legislators that we definitely did have a problem. Once we got them convinced, sold on the idea that there was definite problem there, they got on board and eventually we got that establishment closed down. They'd been pumping water from that site for eleven years and they are not done yet. That doesn't come cheap. I would hope, I would pray that in this situation that we will solve this problem by reason, not by financial gain. I hope that this problem will be solved in such a manner that they, people of Lincoln and Payne Township, do not have to go to Topeka to get the protection that we need.

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“How in the world...it just has me buffaloed but it seems so ridiculous we’ve got a group of people that are building quite an establishment on land that they don’t have title to. They have taken title to land where they don’t have permission to build anything. Now ladies and gentlemen there is something rotten in Denmark. I don’t think my time is quite up but I am afraid if I get cranked up you will have to get the law enforcement in here to drag me away. I certainly appreciate the time you have given me and I will more than likely be back. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Sanders. I was going to say that I am sure that we will hear from you again. Your comments today were very good and I think all the Commissioners are listening very intently, so ideas that you and others have, please know that you are welcome to share them with this Commission.”

Mr. Sanders said, “Lincoln Township will stand to lose \$266,000 worth of tax base. Municipalities don’t pay taxes. We are very proud of the fact that we have operated our Township and haven’t had to do anything about getting out from under the tax lid. We have managed to stay under it. If we lose that then that’s going to blow us through.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much. I think that does bring up an interesting subject about the numbers of the differences between the different options and one of the things that we are going to continue to do is look at numbers that have not been previously looked at and that is certainly one of them. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

D. SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA YOUTH FOR CHRIST FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK NOVEMBER 2, 1996, TO HOLD AUTUMN'S END, A WICHITA RUN EVENT.**

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is our standard agreement with Youth For Christ for the purpose of holding a run in the park. We have coordinated today with the Park’s Superintendent. We have not received a Certificate of Insurance, so this will be approved subject to receipt of Certificate of Insurance. I would recommend your approval.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the agreement subject to receipt of the Certificate of Insurance.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 2000 NORTH RIDGE ROAD.

Mr. Harrison said, "In the mid 1960's Sedgwick County bought a little over a square mile of land which now houses the Sedgwick County Park and the Sedgwick County Zoo. When that land was purchased there were a number of residences on it which were removed for the purposes of developing the Zoo and the Park. Two of those residences were retained and until recently have been used by one representative of the Zoo and one representative of the Park as residences because that particular parcel of ground until the recent past has been the very edge of the city and a very rural area. That area is now surrounded by residences and businesses and is in effect inside the city of Wichita and both of the individuals occupying those residences have deemed that they would like to purchase their own homes and have done so and so these properties are now surplus to the County. We would like to recommend the sale of those properties to be moved, not the ground underneath them, but the buildings themselves and convert one of those two lots into a parking lot for trail head for the expanded trail system at Sedgwick County Park.

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“The first of those houses that you have a Resolution on, I believe, is 2000 North Ridge Road. That is a ranch style house, three bedrooms, one full bath and one half bath, 1,237 square feet with a two car garage. The Resolution sets out the terms and conditions of the sale. I do need to point out I believe the backup material on your agenda is incorrect on Exhibit A. We would take sealed bids on that on the 29th of October under subsection II, it says the bids will be considered by the Board on the 6th day of November and in fact that has been changed to the 13th day of November as there will be no Board of County Commissioners meeting on the 6th of November. Other than that the requirements for the bidder to successfully complete this project are outlined in Exhibit A and the Resolution would authorize the sale. I would be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Harrison. Commissioners you’ve heard the report, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt the Resolution concerning 2000 North Ridge Road.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Next item please.”

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 1934 NORTH RIDGE ROAD.

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Mr. Harrison said, “This is the other of the two residences. This is also a one story ranch style house, three bedrooms, one full bath and one half bath, 924 square feet with a two car attached garage. All the terms and conditions are the same as for the sale of the first residence and again I would recommend your approval.”

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin		Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye	
Commissioner Melody C. Miller		Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder		Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters		Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much Jerry. Next item.”

E. GRANT APPLICATION BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND EIGHT OTHER SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY POLICING SERVICES, FOR FUNDS TO PROVIDE 23 ADDITIONAL MOBILE COMPUTER TERMINALS.

Mr. Michael Hill, Sedgwick County Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I come before you today regarding a grant application by the Sheriff’s Department for eight Sedgwick County law enforcement agencies for 23 additional mobile computer terminals that will go in response vehicles. As you remember in 1995 the Sheriff’s Department received a grant for 192 mobile computer terminals for use in patrol cars for 19 law enforcement agencies throughout the metro-plex area.

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“For the second year the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Policing Services is accepting grant applications for the purchase of technology and equipment. Our say by use of such equipment and technology is to be allocated to community policing activities. The Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department along with eight law enforcement agencies in Sedgwick County are submitting this application. The Sheriff’s Department ourselves are requesting ten more units and the remainder, the thirteen, will go to the other eight agencies needing the additional units. There is a 25% matching...this is a 25% matching fund grant. The financial impact of this totally is \$180,550, the matching is \$135,412 for our share of this the ten units will come up to \$19,625. We will take monies from our assets forfeiture fund to make up the 25% of the units if this grant is approved for the additional purchase. The other eight entities have already identified matching monies. They have that set aside. The entities involved in this, as I stated once before, the Sheriff’s Department is ten and then we have Cheney, Clearwater, Derby, Eastborough, Goddard, Haysville, Park City and Wichita State. The other entities that were involved in our first joint grant they either didn’t need anymore computers or they have taken other avenues. We have letters of support from Senator Shelia Frahm, Nancy Kassebaum, Representative Todd Tiahrt, Jackie Williams, U.S. Attorney, Bob Stout the Chair of the Wichita Crime Commission, Dr. Steve Davies the Chair of the Koch Crime Commission, Dr. Eugene Hughes, President of Wichita State University, Mr. Marty Hammer, Civil Service Board and all the eight communities. It is my recommendation that you allow the Chair to sign the application. Immediately upon the signing of the application we will overnight express it to Washington D.C. and hopefully we will have good news in a year or so.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much Sheriff. A couple of questions. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sheriff Hill when Sedgwick County...we certainly expect that this grant will be authorized and these units will be coming back or we’ll have authorization to buy these new computer terminals. When that happens, will your department then be fully computerized, if you will, or will this finish out your needs?”

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Mr. Hill said, “The first responder units, the blue and white’s that you see out there on the road and see on the streets of our city will all have this equipment not only the response deputies but also their immediate supervisors. The only people that won’t have them are detectives, our investigators, however, we can’t make this equation with the detectives where it would show that they could be used for community policing so eventually as monies become available or if the bid comes in lower than what we expect the bid to come in we might be able to buy more. Our next step would be to put them in the investigators’ vehicles but our first responders who are out there everyday, stopping cars, running record checks and making calls at repeat addresses, will have this available to them plus cutting cases where it now takes thirty, forty minutes to cut a case and that’s where everyone sees the blue and white sitting at the phone thinking they’re not working when in fact they are on the phone trying to cut a case and call in their additional information, this will be done from the car and that’s how we can equate showing staff times saved where they can be out on the street doing community policing activities. A long answer to a short question.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I think the information is very important though. Thanks for sharing that with us. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sheriff Hill, it’s a follow-up and you have already began talking about what it takes to cut a case and for the public’s sake could you give us an update on just how it is that these computers or mobile computer terminals are making a difference in the Sheriff’s Department.”

Mr. Hill said, “We haven’t got any on board yet from the last grant.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Ok, that hasn’t started yet?”

Mr. Hill said, “No. The team just returned from site visitations on the west coast in fact they just got back Monday. A member of the Wichita Police Department, Jim Elvins from our organization. Diana Gage from Emergency Communications and Richard Voyt from Information Services. They visited four or five areas that have this in. Our consultant was with us. The final draft RFP (Request for Proposal) is going out and is in the final stage.

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“We ...our next process is identifying a vendor through the bid process, granting a contract, getting them back here and probably we won’t see the first installation until May, June, July time frame of 1997. It’s quite a process of identifying and getting all of the equipment here.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Okay so we will look for an update then a little bit after then of June or July and we’ll know just where we are at.”

Mr. Hill said, “Hopefully by June or July we get them in a unit and we are all excited about it. On a Wednesday it would be a good day, we will put one down in front of the Courthouse and you can come down and see how it works.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Excellent, thank you.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Can we play with it?”

Mr. Hill said, “The first name we will run through it will be Mark Schroeder.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “That’s not what I was thinking.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Absent At Vote
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

F. AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AMPCO SYSTEM PARKING TO ADJUST RENTAL FEE DURING EXPANSION OF THE PARKING GARAGE AND ADULT LOCAL DETENTION FACILITY.

Ms. Jennifer Reschke, Assistant County Counselor greeted the Commissioners and said, "The existing lease agreement between Ampco System Parking and Sedgwick County provides for reduction in Ampco's monthly rent upon a showing of Ampco's loss of revenue in a case such as the jail and garage expansion. Currently Ampco pays the County \$666,000.67 per month but with the loss of spaces that will become inaccessible due to the expansion it will lose approximately \$475.00 per month in revenue. This Resolution as an amendment to that lease agreement just allows us to honor the previous contract revision for such a reduction only during the period of construction. As construction or when construction is completed the monthly rent will return to the current amount of \$666,000.67. I recommend that you approve the Amendment and I am available for questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Now how much is that monthly rent?"

Ms. Reschke said, "Right now it is \$666,000.67."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That is just six thousand dollars."

Ms. Reschke said, "\$6,666.67."

Chairman Winters said, "That's six thousand not six hundred thousand. Okay."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So you are just wanting to reduce the rent? I'm sorry Mr. Chairman. By the \$475.00 per month?"

Ms. Reschke said, "Yes that is the agreed upon amount."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And that takes it down to \$6,191.67?"

Ms. Reschke said, "That is correct."

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Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners you've heard the report, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

G. COMCARE.

- 1. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN.**

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff said, "This particular contract is to provide advocacy for sixty families who have a child with severe emotional disturbances, thirty of whom will be minority race or cultural background individuals. Also training the contractor will provide seventy families training in the following areas:

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“Education about laws, advocacy, childhood disorders, parent and professional partnerships and wrap around planning. Thirty five of those individuals will be of a minority race or cultural background. We ask that you approve this contract.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much. Next item.”

2. AGREEMENT WITH UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRY OF WICHITA TO RENEW THE LEASE FOR THE HOMELESS DROP-IN CENTER.

Mr. Bomhoff said, “This particular lease is a continuation of our drop-in center which is funded by the Federal Access Project the five year demonstration project we’ve been before the Commission with before. We’d like to continue that drop-in center operation for the next Federal fiscal year.”

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a second, any discussion? Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Kevin with the current grant I know that it is not renewable. Is that correct? Is it non-renewable? The five year demonstration grant?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Yes, it is not renewable."

Commissioner Miller said, "Where are we within the time?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "We have...we've entered into the second to the last year. I guess I should say the fourth year."

Commissioner Miller said, "The fourth year, so we have another year. Do we...or what's the amount of that?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "I'm sorry I meant the fourth year and then there's the fifth year. So we are in the last two years of that project. I'm sorry, your question?"

Commissioner Miller said, "The amount of the grant."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "The amount of this particular grant for this particular project has been reduced. I need to take a look at that it was...we ran it around \$80,000 and I think it has been reduced. I'm not sure. Does the record show that? I can pull it. It was reduced from a higher amount. Yes. The current rate is \$85,000. Prior to that we had as much...we had a higher amount because we had extended hours and we've reduced the hours. We've also moved this particular project."

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“We were doing a lot of our outreach in this project for individuals but what we have decided to do because of the project has really accessed as many individuals as we can anticipate through this project and we need to access more individuals. We’ve taken some of the staffing support out of this and put it into assertive outreach on the streets. So we are now using some evening and day outreach into the street instead of relying on this project exclusively for that purpose.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Would you say that this particular project be target population that it targets that it definitely makes an impact on the homeless situation in Sedgwick County?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “What this project really allows us to do, it allows us to provide an entry point into our services. This particular grant requires that we recruit 100 new individuals that have a severe and persistent mental illness and or a co-occurring substance abuse a year. So that’s 500 individuals over the life of this particular grant. So if we do not recruit those individuals we fall short of the expectations and the funding is certainly in question and certainly our intention is to recruit those individuals. What this allows us is a place to draw some individuals in who we would otherwise not be able to access. Whether it impacts homelessness is not really the question so much as, does it give us access to providing the services which eventually then do impact homelessness. The 100 individuals that we do access a year we do have 90% of those people living independently in housing after their first year of operation with us. We have really an outstanding track record. Our competitive employment is also increasing now and we are very pleased about that.”

Commissioner Miller said, “I’m ultimately getting to the point at when it is that this grant runs out. I know that it has made a difference in what we’ll pick up.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Well certainly it was a research demonstration project from the beginning and certainly it will have an impact. It will have meant that 500 people are no longer on the streets who were previously on the streets. Those are people who are particularly difficult to access because of mental illness causing them to want to withdraw from services and not be as accessible to services. So we will have that outcome to point to. Ongoing services will be very stressful for us for awhile because we will reduce from thirteen outreach workers to three. That’s the number we had prior to this particular grant. We went into this grant with that full knowledge.

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“One of the things we are excited about though, is that we had developed as a process of this grant what we call...I’m sorry an integration committee and this particular integration committee is made up of managers of all the homeless programs in the city who are...and we have taken some of these grant funds and we have given that to that particular committee as seed money and they are going to be making some applications to sustain some of these programs after the five year period. So that is one of the things that we are trying to do to continue. Will it be a million dollars a year to sustain it? I doubt it to be honest with you. So I want to be very up front. We will see a reduction in services. We hope to see more services than when we began and we certainly will point to the outcome of 500 people now no longer on the streets.”

Commissioner Miller said, “I know we seeded for it. It sounds as though we have seeded for some success after it runs out, some success to the level or to the degree that we are at this point. Maybe not but I just simply needed to bring that forward because you know in the grant...when we are in a grant situation you know that the money is not guaranteed for the rest of the lifetime so we just have to be cognizant of that and you know the department was, but I think we have done very well in being the demonstrative part of it. We’ve shown that it can be done and can be done extremely well and maybe, just maybe, they’ll call for us to write for a grant again.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “What I think we are also hoping is that we’ve used as one of our integration strategies the Sedgwick County Model for Strategic Management and we’ve gotten a lot of recognition. I don’t know whether you are aware that we are asked to go out to a conference in Washington D.C. and instruct all the other researcher sites in this model and so this is considered to be and also and we are featured in one of their national newsletters. So this is considered to be an expertise area that we have and that is polling all the stakeholders together to do community planning around specific needs. The one strategic management model that we have going right now, we actually have two you might be interested in that this project is sponsoring. One of them is dental care and we are working on strategies for dental care for the homeless and those will be ongoing strategies that will continue and the other, believe it or not, is a group of people who are helping us to take care of the animals of persons who are hospitalized.

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“Once we get them off the street and we find that their psychiatric condition may require hospitalization, we’re getting together a group of veterinarian and animal shelter people and we are planning around those particular needs because an animal to a person who is homeless, is their family, it’s their touch point, it’s their security and so we want to make sure that we can tell a person as we’re basically bargaining with them to go into the hospital to get the care they desperately need, that they’re not going to risk the safety of their animal that they have attached to. So those are some of the things that we’re doing.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Well, thank you very much.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Commissioner. I don’t mean to belabor this point but kind of a different aspect to this if I remember right when we started on this grant it wasn’t necessarily that there was going to be this continuation of money on and on but we were going to be compared with other cities that did not coordinate their activities and so there are cities out there that are being observed who don’t coordinate services and those who are recipients of grant funds who do coordinate services. I would think we have a pretty strong ability when this grant runs out that we can do some continuation of coordinating perhaps without near the amount of money that we’re using now. I think that could be part of the equation. Is that not right?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Very much so. We have a comparison site that did not receive money for integration or I think a better word is coordinating. The comparison site does coordinate some of their services. We want to be up front about that but we have additional dollars to show how integration can impact outcomes for people on the street and to that extent, yes we do have some things in place that we didn’t have before and will continue to have those things in place including a computer network which ties all the homeless shelters together, this integration committee that I’m talking about that will continue that is using seed money for additional projects.”

Chairman Winters said, “So I think a lot of the benefit will be felt long after the grant runs out whether we are successful in obtaining additional funds or not. Commissioners we do have a Motion and a second, any further discussion? Seeing none, call the vote.”

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

- 3. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MARKET PARKING, INC. FOR SPACE LOCATED AT 7701 EAST KELLOGG, SUITE 300, HOUSING PART OF COMCARE'S FAMILY AND CHILDREN COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM.**

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This particular agreement is to provide parking for our children's program. Ask for your acceptance and approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the agreement.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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- 4. AGREEMENT WITH ARROWHEAD WEST, INC. ALLOWING IT TO RECEIVE COUNTY MILL LEVY FUNDS, STATE AID, STATE GRANT FUNDS AND A SPECIAL STATE FISCAL YEAR 1997 APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,134.63 BASED ON SERVICES DELIVERED TO PERSONS IDENTIFIED IN THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY FINANCE PLAN.**

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This particular agreement is the same as the other agreements that have been brought to you in the prior weeks. We are just bringing these to you as they come to us signed so that the monies can be disseminated to these agencies as soon as possible. It is important to note that these are grant funded programs until January 1, 1997 when they go to a voucher system which we have described to Commission before in the past."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners you've heard the report."

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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5. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. TO ALLOW FLEXIBLE FUND PAYMENTS TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY PLACEMENT OF FORMER RESIDENTS OF HEARTLAND REHABILITATION CENTER.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This particular amendment is to adjust the dates so that they are accurate and we can continue this funding. Actually the incorrect dates were put on the last contract so we are just fixing the contract here is all. This takes it through July of 1997 or June of 1997."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment to the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

6. GRANT APPLICATION TO OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME GRANT.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This is very appropriate that this be brought before this body on the 'YWCA Week Without Violence', this particular application is to expand services, comprehensive treatment for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, adult sexual assault and domestic violence.

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“The program utilizes a treatment team approach integrating individuals in group psychotherapy, case management, peer counseling, pharmacotherapy as indicated as well as educational components into each participant's treatment program. The application is matched with 20% match which we are able to match in this particular grant with existing staff support that we already have in place. So these are new dollars coming in and some expansion of our ability to serve in these areas. Ask for your approval so that we may make this proposal.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, “We have a Motion and a second, is there any further discussion? Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Kevin I just wanted to ask you is this something new that we haven't been doing in the past or expansion of something old that we've been doing in the past?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “This is new for us. We have not provided this service through this funding source. There have been some domestic violence programs sponsored by other agencies within the city and county area but this is our expansion of our outpatient services in order to target this population.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “How many clients do you expect to serve?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Particular number of clients that they expect to serve...I would have to look for that too, this is in the outpatient area. I don't see it on this particular document. I can get that information for you later. Any other questions?”

Commissioner Hancock said, “I should have read this but I didn't and it didn't dawn on me until just now. How long is the grant for? A year?”

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Mr. Bomhoff said, "Yes it is a one year grant and I am now seeing the projected numbers on the cover page which I did not look at and that is...we are looking at 72 adults that have experienced or 72 individuals that have experienced adult sexual assault, 179 individuals that are adults that were molested as children and then 107 that are victims of domestic spouse abuse. That's the number we are looking at."

Commisisoner Hancock said, "Let me ask you this and this may be a little sensitive question I don't know. What business does government have in this area? I mean these folks can seek private counseling if they so choose."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Well certainly COMCARE' mission is to serve individuals without resources to pay and there are a great many individuals that are in these circumstances that do not have the private provider care in this community. That's a primary focus of COMCARE. We provide services regardless of a person's ability to pay. So this would be available to individuals and we do use the sliding fee scale when people are able to pay and seek out our services we do charge them according to their income."

Commissioner Hancock said, "With this many folks that you are talking about I see about 280 about 350 people that you are talking about altogether here roughly and this is an estimate. How many other folks beside the 350 who are able to pay are victims that are out seeking counseling?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Well some of the numbers that they use, they estimated some numbers here in the study and they talked about...let me try to find those numbers for you. The scope of the problem is of course much larger than that. I think the point that you are asking now...I don't have the exact number but they are in this document. I remember seeing them earlier."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I'm looking for some kind of justification for government to be in this business. Whether it's somebody else's funds or ours. I'm just not sure that's the thing that we should be in. There are other aspects of it too, there are fundings coming to the District Attorney's office for victims of crimes and so forth and I'm just looking for an end to it."

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Mr. Bomhoff said, "Well we certainly do serve individuals with mental health concerns that is the business of this government agency and these are serious mental health concerns and we would like to just expand our ability to serve those persons who have limited ability to pay through our outpatient components."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Is the total amount that we are requesting for this particular grant \$378,907?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "I show \$303,126. The 20% match of that is \$75,781."

Commissioner Miller said, "So that's the total number that I gave you. Now when we talk about services that COMCARE currently offers to the public, this particular program will be on its own or will it be an arm of services that we already provide."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "It will be integrated with existing outpatient services."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay. Outpatient services only?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Also our substance abuse services. Those are offered as outpatient services. So they will be in the outpatient aspect of substance abuse. Forty four percent of the individuals that are involved in a domestic violent situation have substance abuse related in there actually where both the victim and the perpetrator are abusing substances at the time and so we do have a component of our substance abuse program funded through this but it would be both through our clinical and our substance abuse programs."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Are you saying to me today that substance abuse is the primary factor that causes what we are dealing with here?"

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Mr. Bomhoff said, "Substance abuse is a very large factor a lot of abuse takes place during substance abuse."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Then why don't we deal with this in the substance abuse from that prospective?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "That's what we're doing here is funding some of our substance abuse programs to provide specialized services to this population. So it is without a doubt a need. What we are trying to do by mentioning substance abuse in this particular proposal is to not ignore that when someone comes to us they may enter our door needing services because they are experiencing spousal abuse but if we detect the substance abuse issue during our assessment than this will help us fund additional substance abuse services to them."

Commissioner Hancock said, "You said spousal abuse. That's domestic violence. Is this what this program is about, domestic violence?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "A percentage of it is. Part of it is about domestic violence, the other part of the program is about persons who are survivors of childhood abuse for various reasons need to deal with that at this point. Some of those...that population by the way crosses over a great deal as well. Those who are abused and vary often times end up abusing."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you Kevin."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners we have a Motion and a second before us is there any further discussion on the Motion? Seeing none, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	No
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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H. AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 1997 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLAN PERTAINING TO THE ADULT DAY REPORTING AND ADULT RESIDENTIAL CENTER PROGRAMS.

Mr. J. Kenneth Hales, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "To preface Kansas administrative regulation and statute require the approval of the Community Corrections Advisory Board and Board of County Commissioners at any time we wish to make a significant change in our annual plan. With the loss of state and federal funds for the Adult Day Reporting center we were forced to change our fiscal '97 plan specifically to show the elimination of that program and to show what services or modification to our program we choose to make to help fill that void. Attached is our recommended program modifications. In brief we are reducing staff from five to two and instead of running an independent drug and alcohol program with related services at 209 North Emporia we will run these set of services as a component of the Adult Residential Center. The Adult Residential Center will help with the treatment services. We'll have two licensed staff members who will continue on board providing those services that require a licensed substance abuse counselor. I would note that the most interesting element of this is that this entire initiative of approximately \$95,000 will be paid this year out of generated revenues, revenues we have received from incomes from clients like rent to the residential center. It is our hope by modifying this into an Amendment into our plan we can advocate and argue for the continuation for these services and those funds as a component of the Adult Residential Community Corrections budget in the next fiscal year. I think the staff have come up with an excellent plan to help fill the void with the loss of the Day Report Center with these sets of services. I would recommend the Amendment."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright. Thank you. Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ken when you say that you believe that what is being recommended in terms of changes will fill the void. Will it fill the void completely or are we still leaving some...?"

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Mr. Hales said, "It will not fill the void completely, that is correct. What we have done most dramatic is we've reduced the scope of who we will serve. With the new Amendment we will restrict services specifically to clients at the Residential Center. Those clients in the community corrections under our supervision that are most needed of these services will transfer to the Residential Center are those that the courts choose a disposition that most need the services they place at the Residential Center but we will no longer be providing services to probationers of court services or parolees of the State Department of Corrections which we used to do in the old program."

Commissioner Miller said, "I can recall Chairman Winters bringing up the topic of drug courts it was probably more towards the first of the year and maybe even into 1995. I'm not sure but I think the essence of the success of a drug court would be that they would have an opportunity to i.d. this person that has committed a crime has a problem and they need to seek treatment in order to not wind back up in the system again once they have done their time and they are basically put back out there. When I think about this type of program being cut when I know that is exactly what it does is offer drug treatment services and/or others to this population it just, to me leaves, definitely leaves a void in a cyclable process that has to be stopped. You have to be able to i.d. and understand that in order for us to stop putting as many as the individuals under incarceration some of them can be identified as persons that need treatment and if they are given the treatment some of them possibly will actually rehabilitate themselves and not come full circle again. So, we've talked about this within the office, we've talked about this on the bench, I hate to see this type of a program go away or diminish. I am hopeful that we will continue to look for other monies that will be able to broaden the service base once again. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners you've heard Ken's report, what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Amendment and authorize its submission to the Kansas Secretary of Corrections.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Ave
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

I. AMENDMENT TO THE 1996 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR THE KANSAS COLISEUM, PROJECT #PR-108.

Mr. Ken Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are asking for your approval this morning of an Amendment to the CIP for the Coliseum to move their project for Pavilion Number 2's upgrade from 1997 to 1996. This will allow them to handle up to 33 additional new events, as soon as we can get the work completed. There is remodeling involving restrooms, a fire sprinkler system, a vent system for the fire protection system, heaters and an alternate to upgrade the lighting. The estimated cost is \$350,000. I'd be happy to answer any questions and also Ken Hales is here from the Coliseum if you have technical questions and Jerry Harrison is here also.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners you've heard Ken's report. Are there questions? If not what's the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment to the CIP.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin		Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye	
Commissioner Melody C. Miller		Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder		Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters		Aye

J. RECLASSIFICATIONS AND REORGANIZATIONS.

- 1. ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY APPRAISER, RANGE 24 (TWO POSITIONS), APPRAISER'S OFFICE, TO REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER III, RANGE 21**
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RANGE 18, APPRAISER'S OFFICE, TO FISCAL ASSISTANT, RANGE 14**
- 3. REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER II, RANGE 19, APPRAISER'S OFFICE, TO FISCAL ASSISTANT, RANGE 14**
- 4. CADASTRAL MAPPING SUPERVISOR, RANGE 24, APPRAISER'S OFFICE, TO GIS MAPPING COORDINATOR, RANGE 21**
- 5. REFRIGERATION MECHANIC, RANGE 17, CENTRAL SERVICES, TO MECHANICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEER, RANGE 19**
- 6. SUPPLY PARTS SUPERVISOR, RANGE 16, CENTRAL MOTOR POOL, TO INVENTORY CONTROL SUPERVISOR, RANGE 19**
- 7. MECHANIC I, RANGE 17 (TWO POSITIONS), CENTRAL MOTOR POOL, TO MECHANIC II, RANGE 19**
- 8. CASE MANAGER, RANGE 16, COMCARE, TO COORDINATOR OF TRANSITIONAL AGE SERVICES, RANGE 20**

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9. **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, RANGE 15, ANIMAL CONTROL, TO SENIOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, RANGE 17**

10. **APPRAISER REORGANIZATION (CLERICAL AND FIELD SERVICES)**
 - a. **FISCAL ASSISTANT, RANGE 14 (FIVE POSITIONS), TO TELEPHONE INFORMATION SPECIALIST, RANGE 16**

 - b. **FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16 (THREE POSITIONS), TO PROBLEM RESOLUTION SPECIALIST, RANGE 18**

 - c. **SENIOR DATA CONTROL CLERK, RANGE 14, TO FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16**

 - d. **FISCAL ASSISTANT, RANGE 14, TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RANGE 18**

 - e. **REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER II, RANGE 19 (TWO POSITIONS), TO REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER III, RANGE 21**

 - f. **REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER III, RANGE 21, TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RANGE 23**

11. **GIS REORGANIZATION**
 - a. **RECORD MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, RANGE 21, TO GIS TECHNICIAN III, RANGE 22**

 - b. **SENIOR DIGITIZER, RANGE 18 (TWO POSITIONS), TO GIS TECHNICIAN II, RANGE 20**

 - c. **DIGITIZER, RANGE 16 (TWO POSITIONS), TO GIS TECHNICIAN I, RANGE 18**

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- d. **DIGITIZER, RANGE 16, DELETE FROM STAFFING TABLE**
 - e. **DIGITIZER, RANGE 16, TO SYSTEMS ANALYST, RANGE 22**
 - f. **MAPPING TECHNICIAN, RANGE 18, TO GIS TECHNICIAN III, RANGE 22**
 - g. **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RANGE 18, TO GIS TECHNICIAN II, RANGE 20**
 - h. **FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16, TO PRODUCT SUPPORT ANALYST II, RANGE 19**
 - i. **FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16, TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RANGE 18**
- 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION**
- a. **BUYER, RANGE 19 (TWO POSITIONS), TO PURCHASING AGENT, RANGE 21**
 - b. **FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16, TO SENIOR PURCHASING ASSISTANT, RANGE 18**
 - c. **FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16 (TWO POSITIONS), TO PURCHASING ASSISTANT, RANGE 17**
 - d. **PURCHASING TECHNICIAN, RANGE 16, TO PURCHASING ASSISTANT, RANGE 17**

Ms. Mary Ann Mamoth, Personnel Director, Bureau of Human Resources greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here today to request your approval of reclasses and reorganizations. On September the 5th the Classification and Review Committee met to look at and review departmental requests for reclassification and reorganization.

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“We had ten reclasses that were requested. The first one was Assistant Chief Deputy Appraiser a range 24. When we looked at that we are recommending a reclassification to Real Property Appraiser III. Administrative Assistant, range 18 in the Appraiser’s Office recommending that position be a Fiscal Assistant, range 14. Real Property Appraiser II, range 19 reclassified to a Fiscal Assistant, range 14. Cadastral Mapping Supervisor, range 24 we are recommending reclassification and title change to GIS Mapping Coordinator, range 21.

“Central Services requested a reclass on a Refrigeration Mechanic, range 17. We are recommending title change to Mechanical Systems Engineer, range 19. Supply Parts Supervisor with Central Motor Pool, range 16 recommending reclassification to Inventory Control Supervisor, range 19. Mechanic I at Motor Pool, range 17. There are two positions that were looked at. Recommending reclass to Mechanic II, range 19. Case Manager, range 16 with COMCARE recommending reclassification to Coordinator of Transitional Age Services which is a new job title. Animal Control Officer, range 15 with Animal Control, recommending reclass to Senior Animal Control Officer, range 17. That is a new title that has been created.

“Appraiser reorganization in response to the Commission requesting that the departments look at strategically running their departments and managing those departments and looking at ways to make things more effective and efficient. We have had a number of requests for reorganization. The Appraiser in this reorganization asked us to look at their clerical and field services positions and we are recommending, Fiscal Assistant, range 14 (five positions) be reclassified to Telephone Information Specialist, new job title, range 16. Fiscal Associate, range 16 (two positions) recommending reclassification to Problem Resolution Specialist, new job title, range 18. Senior Data Control Clerk, range 14, recommending reclassification to Fiscal Associate, range 16. Fiscal Assistant, range 14 recommending reclassification to Administrative Assistant, range 18. Real Property Appraiser II, range 19 recommending reclassifications to Property Appraiser III, range 21. Real Property Appraiser III, range 21 recommending reclassification to Senior Administrative Officer, range 23.

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“We then looked at requests for reorganization for the GIS Department. Record Maintenance Supervisor, range 21 recommending a reclassification to GIS Technician III, range 22. Senior Digitizer, range 18 (two positions) recommending reclassification to GIS Technician II, which is a new job title, range 20. Digitizer, range 16 (two positions) recommending reclassifications to GIS Technician I, new job title at range 18. Digitizer, range 16 which we looked at and deleted from the staffing table. Digitizer, range 16 recommending to a Systems Analyst, range 22. Mapping Technician, range 18 recommended reclassification to GIS Technician III, new job title, at range 22. Administrative Assistant, range 18 recommending reclassification to GIS Technician II, range 20. Fiscal Associate, range 15 recommending reclassification to Product Support Analyst II, range 19. Fiscal Associate, range 16 recommending reclassification to Administrative Assistant, range 18.

“The Purchasing Department also requested a reorganization. We looked at their positions. We have two Buyer positions at range 19 and we are recommending reclassification to Purchasing Agent, range 21. Fiscal Associate, range 16 recommending reclassification to Senior Purchasing Assistant, which is a new title, range 18. Fiscal Associate, range 16 (two positions) recommending reclassification to Purchasing Assistant, range 17. Purchasing Technician, range 16 and recommending reclassification to Purchasing Assistant, range 17. Would request your approval.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Mary Ann. Commissioner Gwin has a question.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mary Ann first I got nervous, was getting nervous because I thought I’ve missed something there are so many recommendations here that we must be talking big money but then as I got to looking through 96 impacts just a little over \$4,000 and the 97 impact is just over \$23,000. Is that correct? For all of those that you mentioned?”

Ms. Mamoth said, “That is correct. The first four positions there was no budget impact because we lowered the range of those positions.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Mr. Chairman I have a question of the Appraiser. Mr. Frantz.”

Chairman Winters said, “Mr. Frantz if you could come up to the podium please.”

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Commissioner Gwin said, “You have sent me a note that we may want to delay a decision on one of these positions while we give you an opportunity to review it. Is that just one position you are discussing and not the others?”

Mr. Gerald Frantz, County Appraiser greeted the Commissioners and said “Just the one and I apologize to the Commission because I was asleep at the switch on this one here and I didn’t give it the kind of consideration that I should and then all of a sudden when it popped up, I became aware of what I had done. I thought maybe we had better take a closer look at this one so that we can be fair to everyone.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I just wanted to make sure though because there are several other parts of your reorganization and other positions. I wanted to make sure it was just this one that you asked us to defer.”

Mr. Frantz said, “Everything else is absolutely wonderful but this one particular one here as I said, I apologize we just...”

Commissioner Gwin said, “That’s fine I’m not concerned about that. Do you have an idea how long you need? You need a week or two weeks?”

Mr. Frantz said, “Probably. I’m going to I.A.A.O. (International Association of Assessment Officers) conference next week so I would say probably the week after we would be ready. In fact we may be ready before the end of the week to get back to you folks and the Manager and to Mary.”

Chairman Winters said, “And that one is J.4.”

Mr. Frantz said, “Yes that is correct.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners you’ve heard all of these reclassifications and reorganizations of these departments, what’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the reclassifications and reorganizations with the exception of deferring Item J.4. for two weeks.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a second, any additional discussion? Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Just one question Jerry, you are going to bring back J4. or do you want to just defer that indefinitely?"

Mr. Frantz said, "No, we'll bring that back as I said the week after."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "I guess I misunderstood. I thought you were just pulling it off but you...Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a second to approve these reclassifications and reorganizations with the exception of J-4. Any other discussion? Seeing none call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

K. SOLID WASTE ISSUES.

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Mr. William Buchanan, Sedgwick County Manager greeted the Commissioners and said, "You asked that I report to you this day on some of the activities that have been occurring because of the County's involvement on the solid waste planning for the community. I thought I would talk about three issues, quickly. They are the Solid Waste Committee itself, time frames and some issues about cost and I'm prepared as much as I can be to answer some of the questions you may have about these issues and others. You are aware that because of the County and City joint Resolution that we canceled that agreement and became responsible for the planning process. The first business day would have been Monday and we are going to visit with the Solid Waste Planning Committee tomorrow. First you need to know that the work that the Solid Waste Planning Committee needs to be...we need to take a look at that and review it carefully. It's pretty procedeous. They have spent a lot of time and effort trying to do the best job possible and we need to thank them for their efforts. We need to thank them for the kind of considerations they have made and we need to then take that information and use that as a foundation. I think it's important to recognize that that group has done a magnificent job and we need to use that as the foundation. Now that I've said that, I'm also going to recommend that that Committee is made up of nineteen individuals and it has been a concern of mine that they haven't clearly represented all the community and that more representatives might be needed. I'm recommending we increase that size to thirty. State law allows that to happen and I think it more clearly represents the community. We are not, by doing this, we are not changing the role and responsibilities of the committee but we are adding to it. I would suggest adding citizens to it that can bring a more community, different community perspective and continue to work on these essential and important problems. We will meet with that committee tomorrow as you know. It is the first meeting and it will be at the COMCARE facilities and that's at Pine Street. The entrance is on north Pine. The building is at 635 North Main at COMCARE. We will be meeting with them tomorrow. We will be talking about our expectations and we will be talking about some time line and it's important that we work with them and have those discussions and dialogue about what our expectations are and what our future what we believe is important. I am looking forward to that meeting and I know you are.

"The activities this week and I want to talk just a little bit about the time that we have spent in this process. Today we have a group of County staff visiting with KDHE as we speak. They are meeting and discussing what elements of the plan need to be included a very specific discussion about how the plan needs to be addressed and what are the elements that are required.

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“We think we know but we want to make sure that KDHE and our staff are talking on the exact same page. We don’t want any confusion as to what needs to be in the plan and what’s acceptable and what is not. As part of the recommendation and so that meeting is occurring today. Tomorrow we are meeting with the Solid Waste Committee and will be spending some time with them. If you approve the proposal to expand the committee to thirty members, we are prepared to place ads in the paper asking for volunteers and I think that will be an important component of that. I know that you all have some recommendations and some folks that may want to serve but I think by allowing just folks to apply if they care to give us, gives you the opportunity to review that information. Gives you the opportunity to maybe choose some people who haven’t been chosen in this community before whose voices are also important to hear and so a part of this proposal today would be not only to expand the committee to thirty but to authorize us to advertise that and place an ad in the paper. I would suspect that those return letters of interest would be returned to your office by the 14th of October so that you can make selections and whether they are officially appointed by the meeting on the 16th or whether they are informally selected that those folks be in place for the next Solid Waste Committee meeting which would be the 21st of October.

“I realize this is a rather fast track that we are working on but I think it’s important to have some self imposed deadlines and self imposed time limits. There has been a lot of work that has been done by the committee. We know that the state requires a plan to be done and we know that the deadline for submitting that plan is sometime after the state’s plan is completed, the year after. We don’t think we need to wait until the state’s done. We think this community has spent certainly in the last several years, three or four, couple years, three years having lots of discussions gathering a lot of data, gathering all the information that is needed certainly about waste. Maybe there’s some more that we need but I think that would be very limited. So I am suggesting that on this time line that we purposely and keep marching on that time line. That we ask people to participate. That those appointments be made and when we meet with the committee tomorrow, I’m going to suggest that you suggest to them that we expect their work product to be finished by the middle of February. Now that seems like an awfully quick time when we throw in Thanksgiving and Christmas and that may be so, but I think in this fashion we can then get our product out of planning committee and by February and continue to examine that and submit it to the state certainly within thirty days after that.

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“Part of this moving fast and we need to be cognizant of moving steadily and purposely. Part of that is that we are in the process of designing how we engage the community and a discussion about solid waste. How do we sit down with just folks in the community and find out what it is what they are thinking about. I’m not talking about public hearings. What I’m talking about real purposeful discussions or dialogues or deliberation about issues surrounding solid waste that are important to us. A component of this plan that we are putting forth to the committee tomorrow will be to have them participate as we would have you and others in the community and some real serious dialogues about what’s important. We have heard up to this point that cost is a very important value. Peter Drucker has written recently about non-profit organizations and governments and how to make them faster and better and smarter. Peter Drucker is probably the renowned organization guru in the country these days. Peter Drucker talks about some questions that need to be asked by non-profits in government. One of the questions is what business are we in and who’s our customer? But I think the real important question in this case is what do our customers, what do our citizens value? I think that part of the discussion hasn’t occurred a lot. I think cost is one value but I think there are certainly other values and are they competing, are they mutually exclusive, is one value more important than the other? I think that is the kind of discussion that needs to occur in this community before decisions can be made because it appears as if cost is the only item that is driven out of this discussion up to this point. I want to let you know that we are still working on cost and I know that you are anxious to have that information and I know that you are concerned about how the landfill costs were developed by the city. We are still waiting for that information. We have asked for it and what’s the work papers and what are the elements and how does that...what components make up that cost? When we have a chance we will ...when we receive that information we will analyze that and show you that and then compare that with the costs for the requests for proposals on transfer stations.

“I’m not suggesting at all that we are not trusting those figures. I’m not suggesting at all that those figures aren’t accurate or correct but I think it is helpful in a discussion when there is some debate about whether the sky is blue or not that we at least come to the same conclusions that we can agree on the fundamentals. Until we are comfortable with that then there is some concern and so we need to make sure that we understand and absolutely on how those figures were arrived at, what elements were included and what elements were excluded. We need to proceed with that and we are working towards that.

“We have Rich Euson in his wonderful way has produced a Resolution on a very short notice

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at my request, if the Commission so wishes, to increase the number of the Solid Waste Committee to thirty. The procedures to do that and Rich if you could pass those out, for your consideration. Carlota has those. That Resolution is prepared and let me while she is making those copies let me tell you that you should certainly consider that this day or you could defer it a week and take a look at it. The Resolution does several things for you, it does several things. It allows for the appointment up to thirty on the committee. It gives each Commissioner two appointees. There are nineteen people on the committee now this would expand it to thirty therefore, that is increase of eleven. That would give each Commissioner two appointees and the eleventh one would be at large. They would be appointed for one year and I don't know what the year is and I don't know when the term expires but Rich does. June 30. I'm prepared to answer any questions about anything you would like to know about."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much Mr. Manager. I would like to say just a couple of quick things. I am sure we could all talk probably for a long time but I want to commend you and your staff for getting off to what I believe is an excellent start. We've got an ambitious time line. It's going to require a lot of work by lots of folk including your staff. I think a couple things I think is important that you have really taken an active role in this project. I certainly encourage you to stay attuned to that. We certainly have good staff that are working under your direction but I think it's important that we hear from you time to time in cases like today so we really have the full attention of the staff and the Commissioners. I think this time line will require that the Commissioners stay fully engaged. I don't think we are going to be able to just occasionally get ourselves up to speed. I think this kind of time line is going to have and need Commissioner input from the very beginning until the completed project or completed plan is done. I have visited with Secretary O'Connell again yesterday and he seemed to be pretty comfortable with that time line. I know that we will probably have more response from them when our folks come back that are up there visiting with them today. But I guess finally you know I would like to say that I want to continue to extend the invitation to everyone that is involved in this community. All of the cities, including the City of Wichita have special interest that need to be addressed in this plan. One of the reasons that I called yesterday or Monday for us to sit down and meet and visit about those so to make sure that we know what kind of specific things cities are looking at as we develop this plan.

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“As part of that I would hope the theme could be that all of the cities in the County need to realize that they are part of Sedgwick County and that we in Sedgwick County need to remember that we are part of South Central Kansas and part of the State as a whole. The objectives that we need to strive for are ones that fit not only our small self interest but a broader community and I think sometimes in this part of the state we have failed in that responsibility to let the state know we are involved. We’re concerned about what happens to all of our neighbors no matter where they are so I think it’s important that we fit in a state plan, we fit in the concept of solid waste disposal that is going to work for this entire county and this entire region of the state. I commend you for what I believe has been an excellent start and I think your staff is ready to help the committee beginning this Thursday. Thank you.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I certainly agree with what you have said about staff and how they have taken on this challenge very quickly and very effectively. I don’t know whether we are prepared to do it today or not but I am so used to reading the law over the last little bit this certainly seems to incorporate those parts of the law that have to do with the appointments of members to the committee. I am going to be supportive of increasing the committee. I am also excited to see what kind of response we get when we advertise that we want narratives or resumes if people feel more comfortable doing that, what kind of response we are going to get from people out in the community. As I’ve told one of the people I was talking to yesterday, I’ve been on the phone for the last six weeks and have a stack of names and numbers from people throughout this County, matter of fact, throughout this state, quite frankly who have called about this issue. I think we are going to be pleasantly surprised with the amount of interest that we receive from opening this process up and I appreciate your comments that the idea here is that some of these people may be people that we will have heard from for the first time. You know a lot of times when we make committee appointments or board or Commission appointments they seem to be the same players, the same people who have achieved some sort of status or recognition or notoriety if you will in this community. What I would really like to see...the people I would really like to see are those people who have not yet been involved but who care not particularly because they want to bring a certain bias or a certain spin to this issue but who care because they live here because they acknowledge that they are part of the problem so they want to be part of the solution. Just average folks as you said, just trash producing folks who pay the bill, who live here and work here and raise their families here. I am tickled.

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“The other part of this that I really like that I think is very important is the public dialogue piece and from the response that we get obviously we are not going to be able to appoint all of the people that we expect that we will hear from so it would be interesting to be able to hold some of those names as we look at people to invite, if you would want or if you would wish, to the public dialogue part of this process and those who we don’t select to be committee members could certainly be an active part of more public input. I don’t believe there is ever a time when we have received enough input from the public up to and until the date that we adopt the plan. I encourage the public to continue to stay in touch with us. Until the moment I vote on this I am willing to hear what the public has to say and so I am very optimistic about this and about a very aggressive time line. Also, you mentioned the committee’s information gathering process so far and I’m a believer having talked with some of the committee members that they don’t know everything it is yet that they would like to know. I think there should be opportunities or I would hope in this short time frame for them to visit other communities in the state or to try to find to look at solutions in operation not in theory. If there is a chance to put them in a County van or a bus and take them to look at options that are being used in communities, I’d like to be able to see if we had time and the opportunity to do that because reality is a lot more telling than theory. Again, I think I don’t want to tell them or don’t want to say to them when we talk tomorrow that they know everything that there is to know because there are some realities out there that I think I would like them to see so I would encourage that too. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Yesterday at our staff meeting we discussed this at great length and it was a healthy discussion. The idea of one or two alternates was brought up and I don’t see that in this Resolution and I wanted to know if we were still interested in that possibility of selecting maybe one to three people that would be willing to keep track of this issue in case somebody or a couple people decide that they cannot put the time and effort into this that it is going to take. I would imagine that this is going to take a good part of somebody’s week. Whether it is during the day or evenings or weekends but I don’t know if we need to make it part of the Resolution and I’m not recommending that we have to do that. I’m just saying that we need to acknowledge that fact and decide today if we want to proceed with that plan to have one to three alternates available in case we have people that have to get out of this process and we have somebody that has been following it and is up to date and can come right into the committee and be a participant.”

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Mr. Buchanan said, "In working on this yesterday afternoon we put together some information and thought that that was a great idea. We checked and purposely did not include it as part of the Resolution because we felt that it could be done on a very informal basis and talk to folks and say "We'd like you to serve and could you continue.' Then there would have to be some agreement amongst the Commissioners that no matter who's appointment was up the first alternative would be the one appointed if someone left."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Well what I was thinking, I'm sure the Commissioners whose appointment leaves will have some input into that probably 90% input. What I am really concerned about are others that are appointed by City Council members that are on now."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner as of this point they become all of our appointees."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "I understand that but I am saying the Commissioners each have two appointments out of the thirty and that's ten. So the other twenty in order to have alternates ready to go. I am sure that the Commissioners are going to choose somebody that they think is capable and it may be one of those alternates but in light of appointments being made by other bodies that are no longer in charge of those appointments it would be nice to have somebody that would be capable of taking those seats. I just want you to acknowledge the idea."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We think we have the plan to do that. We just haven't put it in the Resolution."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "That's fine and it doesn't need to be."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I know the road to hell was paved with good intentions."

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

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager I first of all need to commend our staff for working as speedily and efficiently and with the vision that we're going to get to this end all together collectively."

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“I want to say to the Commission that I believe that it is going to be imperative and very important for us to keep open mind. When we think about and I can recall vividly I can recall Commissioner Hancock saying early on that this needs to be a process that invites the public to come to the table. We are indeed doing that. With this Resolution that will increase the size of the committee from the nineteen to the thirty which it is perfectly statutorially able to do that, does exactly that. It invites the public to come to the table and look at this issue and give us their input. I would like to be able to highlight the Solid Waste Committee. I think that what’s happened is that this has become a decision that people think is solely made by the bodies of the policy making bodies and prior to the Sedgwick County basically taking on the responsibility or taking on the authority of the planning body, it was the City of Wichita. I would like to be able to say to the public that the real persons that are involved in this process are you. That when you talk about the Solid Waste Committee by broadening it to really truly represent just real people out there it is going to give that decision making to them. I am hopeful that as a policy making body that we will be open minded to actually listen to what it is that that committee sends to us. Now granted ultimately, the decision will be the Board of County Commissioners but based upon a very well thought out plan that the Solid Waste Committee will indeed determine. So I simply needed to say to the Solid Waste Committee and intact at this moment and those that we will bring on that the decision will be yours and we will be listening. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners we have this Resolution in front of us. If no one else has any questions or statements. I am supportive of this concept. I guess I am going to look to you all for guidance whether we need to or want to act on it today. I’ve got the State Statutes in front of us and it clearly says members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. This Resolution appears to be pretty general but it does call for how can we can increase the numbers. So commissioners are you comfortable on voting on this today or would you like take it under advisement today and do it later?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Mr. Chairman I appreciate your asking the question but I think this is very clear to me. Like I said, we’ve looked at the law before and have discussed what might happen if we had the opportunity to expand the committee. I’m prepared to make a Motion that we adopt this Resolution. Matter of fact that is my Motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion

Chairman Winters said, “We have a Motion and a second. Commissioner Schroeder.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “I just wanted to say, Mr. Chairman that the Manager has stressed that this is a fast track process and I know that the public and government entities and the private sector are waiting to see what our decision will be and the sooner we act and get these people on board and get them involved, I think the quicker we can come to that resolution and so I’m willing to...though a week doesn’t seem like much, I think in this process it’s quite a bit of time and I’m willing to act on it today and support it.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you. Again as I review the State Statutes as it talks about this committee I mean it is pretty open ended just saying the County Commissioners have the abilities to appoint all kinds of people that they deem are appropriate. Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you. Mr. Chairman I have listened to what everyone had to say and now that we have a Motion, I just wanted to say this and that is to the committee members if they have an opportunity to hear this or read about it or see it on one of the medias. First of all, what the Solid Waste Committee has done so far has not gone for not. It’s very important the things they have done. It’s my understanding they have met forty seven times to talk about this particular subject and that’s a lot of meetings folks and that’s a lot of hours. That’s almost too much to ask of any volunteer to do anything in this community. It’s incredible. I have been to some of the meetings similar to those and they are pretty boring sometimes so even that gets in the way. I just want to say to the Solid Waste Committee I know they had a recommendation and I know they have done a lot of work and that will be a part of the future, I think. I think what we want to be asking them to do is change their paradigms and have a look at what they would like to see not what’s just possible but what they viewed to be the perfect future for Sedgwick County in solid waste and then back away from that slowly to what’s possible. That’s what we are going to be asking them to do and with that also I think we tend to overlook what the city has accomplished so far.

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“The city has accomplished quite a bit in this process and I know there are times we tend to disagree with the method but there has been progress made and we are going to be building on what they have accomplished. We’re going to be building on what the Solid Waste Committee has accomplished and I think we have a solid foundation under us from which to build the future in this County for Solid Waste and so I’m not the only one that feels that way. I know I’ve talked to everyone of you and I know all of you are frustrated at times but I know everyone of you feels the same way. That we know that both the committee and the city have done good work so far and we have legitimate disagreements at times and I want everyone to understand out there that this agreement is not unhealthy. Disagreement sometimes is very healthy depending upon the intentions of those you are having the disagreements. I know with that possibility if we may arrive at the very same solution that the city has arrived at. Although, the complete story hasn’t been told but as far as what their total solution was we didn’t allow that to go much further. We may arrive ultimately at what the city arrived at. But it doesn’t hurt in the context of local government, for two governing bodies to examine the same question and my if we all arrived at the same answer wouldn’t we all be positive that it’s probably a pretty good one? It doesn’t hurt to reexamine the questions again because there is time and there is opportunity. I implore the city staff, and the City Council to assist us in that endeavor and I want the Solid Waste Committee to know that, no we don’t believe that what you have done is wasted. We believe very much that what you’ve done has been good work and we want to build on it. So I think it’s positive. There’s no reason to look at this in a negative light. It’s good stuff and all we need to do as a Commission, all the committee needs to do as a committee, is to reach down and find out what those good things are and bring them to the surface and build on them. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Commissioner Hancock. Commissioners we have a Motion before us to adopt the proposed Resolution concerning membership on the Solid Waste Management Committee. Is there further discussion? Does everyone understand the Motion? Seeing no further discussion, Madam Clerk please call the Vote.”

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Mr. Manager do you have any concluding remarks?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “I have a concluding question. I assume by that action that you’re authorizing us to advertise for those positions? I’m going to proceed as if that were your desires unless someone stops me.”

Chairman Winters said, “I am certain that is our intentions.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Madam Clerk call the next item.”

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SEPTEMBER 26, 1996 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts for five items for consideration.

**(1) TYLER ROAD RELOCATION - BUREAU PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item one, Tyler Road relocation, Project #809-T for the Bureau of Public Services. It was moved to accept the low bid of Ritchie Paving, Inc. for \$628,991.60.

**(2) DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FEMA BUY-OUT GRANT**

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“Item two, demolition of properties - Emergency Management. It was moved to accept the only bid received of Cornejo & Sons, Inc., for \$24,870.00.

(3) OPTICAL DRIVE & SOFTWARE - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

“Item three, optical drive and software for Information Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Business Computer Center for some of those components for a total of \$1,552.44 and the low bid and low responsible bid of Computerland East for the optical drive and other software items totaling \$14,185.89.

(4) COPY MACHINE - DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT

“Item four, is a copy machine for the District Court. It was recommended to accept the low bid meeting specifications of Office Automation which includes a trade-in for a total of \$15,500.00. There is a complete tabulation on the following two pages.

(5) PERSONAL COMPUTERS - BUREAU PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: BUREAU PUBLIC SERVICES

“Item five is personal computers for the Bureau of Public Services. It was recommended to accept the bid, the low bid of Gateway 2000 for the six personal computers which includes modem and etc. for \$14,403.00. Entex Information Services for printers for \$1,732.00. Business Computer Center for software items totaling \$917.64. I almost forgot Computerland East for some other components for \$9,628.42. The complete tabulation again follows. If there are no questions, I would recommend that you approve the recommendations as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Winters said, “We do have a question. Commissioner Schroeder.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Darren, the item on the copy machine it says, it tells us what kind of copy machine we are trading in but it doesn’t tell us what kind of copy machine we are buying.”

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Mr. Mucci said, "I'm sorry Commissioner. That is a Richo Model FT6665. It is a 65 per minute copier."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Can I ask you this question? Is that a Purchasing Department request or a departmental request for that kind of copier? Or do we have a plan of what kind of copiers we buy here?"

Mr. Mucci said, "That's a departmental request based upon the needs. I also believe that matches some of their existing equipment within their department."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "I guess the end question is then they make like that one but are there others that do the same job for less money?"

Mr. Mucci said, "Commissioner we spend a lot of time working with our departments to develop the minimum specifications. It is something we must be supportive of to determine that they are going to have the equipment that will meet their needs and again I believe this would match the other types of equipment that they have in their office."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Okay what do we typically buy here at the County when it comes to copy machines?"

Mr. Mucci said, "It would vary on brand. It would also vary on capabilities."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "So we buy more than one brand?"

Mr. Mucci said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "So we have a good mix?"

Mr. Mucci said, "I believe so, yes."

Chairman Winters said, "Now I see no other questions."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winter	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Right-of-Way Instruments.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 630-30, 31; 47th Street South between Oliver and Rock Road. CIP #R-201. District #5.
- b. Two Easements for Public Utilities for Belle Terre Third Addition. District #1.

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2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V96083	\$176.00	2	Margaret Records
C96082	\$180.00	1	Brenda Wiewel

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V95149	\$194.00	\$000.00
V96033	\$327.00	\$101.00
V96024	\$206.00	\$525.00
V95031	\$251.00	\$251.00
V95051	\$150.00	\$335.00

4. Agreement with Mulvane State Bank to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

5. Order dated September 25, 1996 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

6. Real Estate Purchase Contract with Loma I. Hively in the amount of \$23,733.50, less required deductions, under the FEMA buy-out program.

7. Consideration of the Check Register of September 27, 1996.

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8. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
960591	County Clerk	Transfer
960592	Code Enforcement	Transfer
960593	Facilities Management	Transfer
960594	Facilities Management	Transfer
960595	Finance General	Transfer
960596	1995 Capital Projects	Transfer
960597	1996 Capital Projects	Transfer
960598	Kansas Coliseum	Supplemental Appropriation
960599	1996 Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
960600	Corrections	Transfer
960601	Corrections	Transfer
960602	Central Motor Pool	Transfer
960603	COMCARE-ACCESS	Supplemental Appropriation
960604	Corrections	Supplemental Appropriation
960605	District Court	
	Byrne Grant	Supplemental Appropriation
960606	Juvenile Intake and Assessment	Supplemental Appropriation
960607	Street Improvement Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
960608	Road and Bridge Sales Tax	Transfer
960613	Sheriff	Transfer

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. At this time, I will recess the Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District meeting at 11:03 a.m. and returned at 11:10 a.m.

N. OTHER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Winters said, "I will call back to order the Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, October 2, 1996. Commissioners, we do have a need for a short Executive Session. I think ten minutes will be plenty."

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MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for ten minutes to consider personnel matters of non elected personnel and return no sooner than 11:20 a.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "We are in recess for Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. and returned at 11:27 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I call back to order the Regular meeting. Let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. I don't believe there is any other business that we need. Rich do you have anything else for this meeting?"

Mr. Euson said, "Nothing further. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No sir."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much this meeting is adjourned."

O. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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