

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 10, 1999 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Bill Hancock; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Communications Director; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell P.C.; Ms. Marci Hess, Director, Governmental Relations; Ms. Chris Collin-Thomson, Quality Assurance Manager, COMCARE; Ms. Kathleen B. Sexton, Interim Director, IS and Director, Division of Operations; Ms. Ellen House, Court Management Analyst, 18th Judicial District; Mr. Clarence D. Holeman, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department; Ms. Shirley Reese, Emergency Communications Supervisor, Emergency Communications Department; Mr. Milt Pollitt, Chairman, Solid Waste Committee; and Ms. Heather J. Knoblock, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Frank Berquest, Disabled American Veterans

Ms. Margaret Miller

Mr. Wess Darnell, Architect, Wilson, Darnell, Mann,

Ms. Cindy Edward, Apartment Association of Greater Wichita, 345 S. Crestway, Wichita, Kansas

Mr. Bo Hanson, 1326 Hickory Creek Court, Wichita, Kansas

Mr. John R. Miller, 4200 E. Skelly Dr., Tulsa, Oklahoma

Ms. Karol Schlicher, 139 Brendonwood, Wichita, Kansas

Mr. Karl Peterjohn, 11328 W. Texas Street, Wichita, Kansas

Mr. Steve Palovik, Tom's Auto Service

MS. Elizabeth Kertzm 1738 Garland, North Riverside

Ms. Angie Robinson, President, Apartment Association of Greater Wichita

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INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Gary Cox, of the University Congregational Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATIONS OF MINUTES: **Special Meeting, October 11, 1999**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Special Meeting of October 11, 1999.

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, you received copies of those Minutes and had an opportunity to review them. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 1999.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 11, 1999 AS
"VETERANS DAY."**

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'll read this Proclamation in for the record."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November 11 was first set aside as Armistice Day in 1918, in recognition of the end of the "war to end all wars" and to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was officially declared a legal holiday by Congress twenty years later in 1938 to recognize the struggles of war and the peace that was won; and

WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks for peace on Veterans Day and remember the men and women in our armed forces who have fought and died in wars to preserve peace for America; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bill Hancock, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim November 11, 1999, as

"VETERANS DAY"

in Sedgwick County, and encourage all citizens to observe a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. remembering those who fought for freedom and peace.

"Today, we have Frank Berquest from the Disabled Veterans to receive this Proclamation. Would you come forward."

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Mr. Frank Berquest said, "On behalf of the Disabled American Veterans here in Kansas, I appreciate this award and really thank you for the recognition of all veterans. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Frank for being here today."

MOTION

Chairman Hancock moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just wanted to salute all of you, those veterans who are present here and those veterans who are not. I have a special warm place in my heart for all veterans. Members of my family served in both World Wars and I was in the Viet Nam era. I think in a little way I know the sacrifice that was made and the real heroes never made it home. I salute all of you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you for being here today, we appreciate it. Next item, please."

**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 15, 1999 AS
"AMERICA RECYCLES DAY."**

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Ms. Zukovich said, "Commissioners, I will read this Proclamation in for the record.

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, each year, Americans generate more than 217 million tons of municipal solid waste. That's more than 4.4 pounds per person per day. While many Americans recycle items in their homes, much more can be done, especially in closing the loop and purchasing products made with recycled content; and*

***WHEREAS**, to focus the nation's attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging their employees, customers, and all citizens to pledge to buy more recycled-content products starting on November 15; and*

***WHEREAS**, participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products; and*

***WHEREAS**, the theme of America Recycles Day is "For Our Children's Future . . . Buy Recycled Today";*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Bill Hancock, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim Monday, November 15, 1999, as*

“AMERICAN RECYCLES DAY”

and encourage citizens of Sedgwick County to recycle and buy recycled products to preserve our environment.

"This morning, we have Margaret Miller, who has been well known in our community for her recycling efforts, to receive this Proclamation."

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Chairman Hancock said, "There is absolutely no one better qualified than Margaret Miller to receive this Proclamation."

Ms. Margaret Miller said, "I'd like to say a lot of words, but I won't right now. I just want to say thank you very much for the progress you've made so far. You've come quite a ways. We really appreciate that. We'll be looking for more steps. I know you have to take them one at a time and we hope that the hazardous waste disposal is better taken care of some time in the future."

"Okay, what we're going to do, this is the Waste Control and Recycling Coalition that is doing the project this weekend for America Recycles Day. We're going to be in 16 grocery stores, 14 Dillons stores and two Leeker stores over the weekend with our posters, which has, For Our Children's Future. The theme this year is particularly emphasizing buying recycled products. We have to close the loop. We can't just collect them, we have to go ahead and make something out of them, buy them. This is, as I think Kristi says, this is a national program. It is going on in all the states. This is the third year we've done it here in Sedgwick County. We will be there and we'll have people sign cards pledging to recycle and buy recycled products. They will also then be eligible for some local prizes and for national prizes. The main national prize is a \$200,000 greenhouse. Greening meaning made of recycled material. Then there are two youth prizes. One, a trip for four to Disney World and the other one a free computer plus reconditioned computers for that students class."

"We will also be giving away our new environmental calendars. This is this years, but we have our new ones now, we hope will be here by Friday. It is very similar to this. We really appreciate the help that Sedgwick County gave us on that. Your name is going to be on the front of these this year for helping. We raised all the money for this, the Coalition did, over \$8,000 to print these. We really appreciate all the help that everybody in the community has given. So be sure to come see us this weekend at these grocery stores. Thank you very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Margaret. Thank you for everything you do. It is a great poster and we wish you the best of luck this weekend."

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I had an opportunity to go to the Extension Office where they had a workshop yesterday and it was on buying recycled products. What was interesting was some of the comments that came out of that had to do with what they called myths. People in the past, like say ten years ago, they tried buying recycled and it was either inferior products, expensive, or something. So they haven't tried them today and we need to encourage them to try them today because many of those products today they are working in better. In fact, they have to meet a certain level of the spec requirement. I know personally on a project I was involved in a few years ago turning straw into wood, that product is actually stronger than some of the other products that are on the market today. I think there is a lot of that out there. The price has gone down and you're finding that some of the recycled products, I'd say many of the recycled products, are actually less expensive than the original product.

"I just wanted to mention a few things that I don't think people realize that we actually recycle. This is a . . . Cartridge King is a company here in town that manufactures or remanufactures toner cartridges. They do about 1,500 per month and a very high quality. The plastic cartridges, it takes about 350,000,000 years to break down. Each remanufactured cartridge saves about two quarts of oil. That is one company here in Wichita, Kansas. Another is Wood Recycling. They take leaves and wood and wood pallets and they recycle those and many other things as well. That business is here in town. We have another business here in town. People are always

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asking what should I do with my plastic and there is a company called Millennium Plastic Woods here in Wichita. They are making picnic tables. They are making decks, everything. So I think there are great things happening out there. There is one other thing I thought was interesting. We all got these. This is a recycling disc now, and saving the amount of numbers that are going to our landfills.

"I want to make one other comment about us as a county. We're committed to reusing, reducing and recycling. We formed a minimum waste committee last spring. We have already decreased the amount of waste that we are putting through the system. I think Kathy Sexton is working on those numbers and hopefully we'll have those by next week. I think we need to be an example to our citizens of the way that we need to process our waste and decrease that amount. I just wanted to share with the public that we are. We're looking for better ways to do our business. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Further comments? Thank you, for being here today, Margaret. It is good to see you again. Next item, please."

RETIREMENT

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO SHIRLEY REESE, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Shirley Reese is an Emergency Communications supervisor. Diane Gage, the 911 director was pointing out that on the little film that proceeds the Commission meeting she is shown doing dispatch in 911 so she is immortal. She will retire December 1, 1999 after 17 combined years of service with City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Shirley was hired on January 4, 1982 at the City of Wichita as an Emergency Service Dispatcher. Sedgwick County took over the Emergency Communication Department on January 1, 1994 and Shirley was promoted to Supervisor, August 24, 1997.

"Shirley indicates, and I thought this spoke well of Major Reese who recently retired, that she plans to spend time with her five children. She didn't say six, which I thought was respectful. Her 14 grandchildren, and now plans to devote more time with her family and traveling. Shirley has always worked for Emergency Communications. She describes her period of employment

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as 'I have enjoyed seeing the 911 center grow from pen and paper to the cad system it is today and am glad I could be a part of it.' I found it kind of interesting that automation is everywhere. Shirley, this is a big picture of the Sedgwick County courthouse out of gratitude from the Commissioners."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Doug. Shirley, you could write a book about some of the stories. You could publish it. I think it would be a best seller. I can't imagine some of the things you've experienced over the years. It ought to be fantastic. It would tell us a lot about our community. These are valuable employees and we hate to lose people like Shirley who have been around so long and can still teach us a lot about things we need to do and do better. We're going to miss her. On the behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the people of Sedgwick County, we want to thank you for being here and all the work you've done for all of us. Thank you, very much."

Ms. Shirley Reese said, "I want to thank the County Commissioners and the County Manager for presenting me with this. I've enjoyed all 17 years. I want to thank Diane Gage, the Director, and George Gatlin, the Assistant Director, and all my coworkers for making my job easier."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING INTERPRETATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

Commissioner Gwin said, "Commissioners, I understand that this individual has asked to defer this item until a future date."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to withdraw the item.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "At the last meeting, we had a discussion about the Household Hazardous Waste Program. There were two issues that came up at that meeting that I thought we would address before we have input from the public. It seems to be relatively important issues. One issue was about the location of the facility, what our thoughts were and where would staff recommend the location be. The second one was about building costs and the cost of the program. I want to address both of those issues.

"The first element about location, Susan Erlenwein has had an opportunity to review those. Susan."

SLIDE PRESENTATION

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Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As was mentioned last week, suggestions were given on possible locations for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Some of those locations are County owned property. This is a map of Sedgwick County with ten possible sites. These are from suggestions given. Properties that the County owns, site one up on Ridge Road. Sites out here east, like the sewer treatment plant owned by the County. Site nine over here, which is the Public Works building on South Seneca.

"Site two, County west yard. Site five is the County east yard. Also sites that were mentioned include sites such as a possible transfer station location. Site three up here is property purchased by BFI for a transfer station. Site seven if property that is under contract with Waste Management for a transfer station. Site eight is a location down south of Derby where someone has transfer station permit. We also have sites on here, the current household hazardous waste facility site down here at six. Also Brooks Landfill was also mentioned. Those are potential sites and I'd like to just quickly review each of those in numeric order. The numbers do not indicate that one site is preference over another.

"The first site I want to discuss is County owned property at the 21st Street North and Ridge Road. We have the Zoo located over here, Sedgwick County Park, ball diamonds, the Extension Building up here. You can see that there are neighbors across the street at Ridge Road and north at 21st Street. This is County owned property. It is near 235. It is a well known location. Here is an aerial photograph of this land. You can see the Extension Building. This is an aerial photo taken back in 1997 and it still has the two homes on this land that have since been removed. So this is vacant land in this location. That's a possible location for a future household hazardous waste facility, between the ball diamonds and the Extension.

"Another location is a County owned property at what we call the west yard, 47th Street South and South West Street. Here is the property. You can see we have some property out here abutting West Street. As you look at the aerial photograph, obviously the County yard has quite a few buildings on it. This green area over here is a potential location for a household hazardous waste facility.

"BFI transfer station was site three on the map. BFI purchased property from Ritchie

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Incorporated right here on West Street and 37th Street North. Ritchie owns the land surrounding this area. If you look at the aerial photograph, you can see there is not much in the way of development in this area. It is south of K-96.

"Also, in the same location, Brooks Landfill was mentioned. The current facility will close in October 2001. It is located just north of K-96. An aerial photograph shows Brooks Landfill. The City has indicated in the past to us that when Brooks closes it will become a city park.

"The County also owns acreage on the east side of town, the east County yard located on South Webb Road, north of Pawnee. The acreage is located here. Aerial photograph again shows we have buildings on this land. This is the possible vacant land on the northwest corner of the property.

"The current facility where the City has a household hazardous waste facility is on City property at the sewer treatment plant number two. If you went down South Hydraulic and turn of 57th Street South, that's where the facility is located. Aerial photographs shows that if you went down 57th, you turn down into the facility and the equipment storage shed is located right here with the facility located presently. As mentioned last week, this facility is funded through tipping fees at Brooks Landfill and those fees will end when Brooks closes. Therefore, this facility will shut down in October of 2001.

"Another location, Waste Management has an option to purchase land up north in Park City. Broadway is here. The land is on Old Lawrence Road, just east of Broadway. This is 45th Street North. Here is the Waste Management property or I should say potential property since it is just an option at this point. It is located south of an asphalt treatment plant. There is a treatment plant, here is Waste Management's land, here's some farm land around that area.

"South of Derby there is a placed called Derby Trash Transfer and Recycling. They have land just north of the Derby sewer treatment plant. This particular tract of land is permitted for a transfer station but there is not a building at that location to transfer trash. They've had that permit for a number of years, prior to the County ever selecting transfer stations as a disposal option. Also, you can see in this photograph here is the Derby sewer treatment plant and the acreage is just north of there. This is just west of K-15.

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"Also, a site that was mentioned that is centrally located plus the fact that the County owns property on South Seneca and Stillwell. Here is the new Public Works building located on the northeast corner of that intersection. Southeast, the County has an area called the motor pool and as you can see from the aerial photograph, there are a number of buildings already on this piece of land. But it is centrally located. There are some parking areas that could be potentially have a building. That would have to be worked out as far as access and where we would put a building on that piece of land.

"The County also owns land near Butler County, Four Mile Creek Sewer Facility. You can see that there are houses near this area and the aerial photograph shows the treatment plant. Those are potential locations because they are County owned lands and might have available land for the facility or the transfer station sites or Brooks Landfill. All of those have been mentioned as potential locations. There may be more out there.

"When you look at the map, some of the items that was mentioned is convenience for the community to go to a household hazardous waste facility. The current facility is right here. Many people have said I'm not driving all the way south to get there. You can see a lot of the locations the County owns are out away from the populated area. People have mentioned convenience and ease of access so it is near a major road. If you look at this map, two sites that stand out near 235 is the first site we mentioned out on Ridge Road and another site is here at the Stillwell yard. Here is the Ridge Road site again and 21st Street where we have the vacant land here, south of the Extension and north of the ball diamonds.

"On Seneca at Stillwell, we have County property here. So both of those come out as possible leading locations for meeting convenience and ease of access for the public. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have on these ten locations or if you want to make any other recommendations."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Susan. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Susan, as I understood the presentation that was made last week, right now staff is recommending one location and I think we got the cost of the building and what have you for that location. Just being very naive in how to dispose of household hazardous waste but looking at Sedgwick County, it would seem to me

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that the more in the center that we could get to the County, the more ease of access. On the surface, number nine looks like it is in the center plus presently what Wichita is doing, they're handling Sedgwick County household hazardous waste. It is called Wichita/Sedgwick County, but it is handling household hazardous waste for everyone in Sedgwick County. You mentioned that they were going to close when we take over. Have you had any discussions with them about the possibility of just a transparent transfer and we take over that facility and enter into some agreement where we lease the building but we just continue with that facility. Because there are over 4,000 people, it was presented to us last week, that are using that facility and they know where it is at. That facility looked to me to be pretty inexpensive and maybe that would afford us the ability to add more than one site, making it even more accessible to people."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes, I've had discussions with the Health Department, Jack Brown, and other staff there as to how they came to be at that location. Basically, Jack Brown, Director of Environmental Health, told me that when they were looking at a facility location back in 1991 he approached the Public Works Department and the Water Department with the City as to do you have any possible locations. This particular location was on loan to them through the sewer treatment plant as an equipment shed that they could move into. The current facility is inadequate in size for the number of customers they are getting. They have to increase the disposal collection because they don't have the storage room. They have even investigated on if we expanded the current facility they would have to build a new building down there to meet their goals for the future. So as far as just taking over that building, we would have to do more negotiations with the City as it is on City property. They explained the history of it to me and the fact that they even looked at expanding the building in the future because it is inadequate right now for the number of customers coming to the building.

"Commissioner Gwin mentioned last week the possibility of more than one location. That's one of the reasons we have so many locations on the map. If you were to do two locations, you might want to spread one north, south, east, west, to help accommodate the public going to the facility."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Again, I don't want to leave the existing facility. Right now, it is a known entity. There are a number of people who know where it is at and take advantage of it. If the idea of multiple sites gains any interest from this Board, I'm indicating you wouldn't need to expand that facility, since you would not be meaningfully expanding the number of people at this facility if we had three or four other locations."

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Ms. Erlenwein said, "All the options are still on the board, Commissioner."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Further questions or comments? Susan, to follow up on Commissioner Sciortino's speaking about that location. The City has sited their sludge holding facility. Along with that, there is a significant amount of land that is available if we would decide to build a new building at that particular location. As I understand it, the machine shed that they are in is pretty much inadequate. But I concur with Commissioner Sciortino, it is a known entity at this point and relatively easy to get to from most parts of the County."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Right. There are two areas up here on the map that are City owned property, the plant that is currently housing the Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Brooks Landfill."

Chairman Hancock said, "I know there is another project under way at that site also. It may be something we can look at and if you wish and if it is the decision, certainly we'll take that request to the City of Wichita and see if they'll work with us. Commissioners, further questions or comments?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "I guess by talking about potential locations, are these the kinds of things then that you're suggesting the public may want to comment on this morning, if they have any recommendation or thoughts on that?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Any thoughts they might have on possible locations or how we should proceed, that is for the public comments period this morning."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Then Mr. Buchanan also talked about building costs and costs of the program. Are you going to talk about that or is he?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Someone else is here to talk about that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions? Mr. Buchanan, did you have something else?"

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Mr. Buchanan said, "I wanted to address the building costs. Last week there was a great variance in the cost of the buildings. There were questions raised by the Commission. There were suggestions that we needed to add more staff and how that would proceed if that occurred. It made me begin to think. One of the cost elements in a building, what drives the cost. It seemed to me and Les Darnell is here to address some of those issues. He is a partner of Wilson, Darnell and Mann. He is part of a County architectural firm that we've had. But it seemed to me that there were three issues about elements of building that drive the costs. Certainly, one of those is how the building is programmed. What happens in that building will make a difference. The forensic science center costs a lot more per square foot than normal buildings because we put in elements to deal with an autopsy suite, a different air handling system, floor was different, stainless steel materials. Those sorts of elements are in that facility, which drives the cost.

"The second is architectural efficiency. It would be a lot cheaper to build a house without insulation, but we have architectural efficiency because it means maintenance operation costs later will be reduced. Those are elements that control the cost of the building. The building of the jail, if you remember, it would have cost a \$1,000,000 or more to have a straight hallway. To have the hallway that goes down through the facility, it would have cost more. Well, we wanted to spend the \$1,000,000. We wanted that building to be more, to add a million dollars to the cost of that. The reason we wanted to do that is that with having a hallway that turns raises the annual operation cost about \$120,000 a year. That was the first year. It doesn't take a lot to figure out that it would be a lot wiser for a building that is going to last 30 or 40 years, to reduce the operation cost.

"The third element is what it looks like. We've had lots of discussions about what the building looks like. I'll remind the Commission that what the building looks like has to do with the nature of the business, image that you're trying to present, and the neighborhood in which you live. The fire house out east, Fire House 38, is built like a house. It costs more to build. It blends in with the neighborhood. It just happens to have a flag pole in front and a big wide driveway. But if you are driving and not paying attention, it looks like the neighborhood. It was done intentionally, and that is what drives the cost of those elements.

"So it seems to me before we do a cost comparison between what the private sector can build a building for or the public sector, we need to think carefully, what are the programs, what are the activities, what are the architectural efficiencies, and what is the building going to look like depending upon the location. I'd like to have Wes Darnell address some of those issues about

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this site and then present to you a proposal."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

Mr. Wes Darnell, Wilson, Darnell, Mann, said, "As you probably know, we are the continuing consultants for the County, helping you with architectural issues. Bill kind of set the stage. We originally were here to speak to you because of our role as the County architects and coming along following a study that was done by HDR, a firm out of Omaha. It is provided by Mr. John Dempsey. I believe some of you have met him as well. That firm provided a study, went through a process with the County and arrived at certain conclusions about what you all wanted to accomplish.

"At this point, I think it is important to understand that a process has gone through. That there have been decisions made and probably it is appropriate for the Commission, given your stand and I want to commend you as a private citizen, I think it is really great that the Commission has decided to get involved in recycling and taking care of hazardous waste. It is an issue that needs to be addressed and I commend you for stepping up to address that issue. As part of that, as a follow through, I think that you need to become aware of this process and perhaps provide some of your own input into that process to make sure that this facility that will eventually be established reflects your goals and objectives. It will serve the community. It will reflect well on the County. I don't think the County wants to do anything that doesn't speak to their commitment to this issue. I don't think you want to do anything halfway and later will be perceived as a token gesture. I think you want to do something that has meaning and reflects the issues that are at hand. In other words, you want to provide a building that is ecologically sound itself, reflects perhaps materials that would be reflective of good ecological judgement, and will also further that cause.

"In order words, a program that has been put in place has an education space, has a class room for educating citizens on how to recycle. It would have a swap shop where people could bring materials that other people could come then and purchase later. It has several other issues. It is not on a confined site. The site that has been suggested is in the area of four to five acres as a prototype site. A very generous site that will house proper landscaping and things to integrate this site into a neighborhood if that is necessary. That again is site specific, how you would treat this site and how you would treat this building have a lot to do with where it would be located

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and what kind of environment it would be in.

"I think you want to be a good neighbor. I know you want to be a good neighbor. The building that you would provide needs to reflect that. There is, of course, fire code issues and other things that drive the cost of this because of the materials that are stored in this facility. They are hazardous. They are flammable and there definitely are issues there. Just any building won't serve this purpose and any site won't serve this purpose well. I encourage you to slow down and get involved in the process here and speak to that issue rather than responding to kind of an eager cost issue, although I am here and I can speak to some of those.

"I quite frankly came here initially to speak to cost issues. We are not a firm that has a history of having done hazardous waste facilities, so I don't perceive myself as having an expertise to offer you in that regard. We were brought here because we have had great expertise in understanding local cost issues and things as architects in the market place today. Initially we were brought here to provide that expertise to you based on the design that was done by the firm out of Omaha. What can I answer for you?"

Chairman Hancock said, "Wes, thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just have one kind of quick recap then of what I think I heard you say is a site selection might be a pretty important part of the process to determining final costs. If we would decide that near the Extension Service at Ridge and 21st, which is becoming prime real estate on the west side, that you want a facility that looks something like the Extension Service. If we talk about something on a County yard property, the west yard down on West Street, which is a facility that is full of metal buildings that are used to store equipment, we'd be looking at a much different kind of facility."

Mr. Darnell said, "That's right. I want to emphasize that I think it would be a proper statement to have the building reflect materials that are environmentally sound also."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I want to clear up any misconception. This Board is not going to knee jerk react to anything. That's why we have public hearings. That's why we're getting input from staff. Our concern here is that we have to spend tax payers dollars and we have to do it in the most fiscally responsible way to do it. Now I think, again from an individuals perception, they want to be able to go someplace that is convenient, open up their trunk, take their used cans or paint or something, and give it to somebody and drive away. That's their main goal. I think we have to balance what their needs are with how can we adequately dispose of the household hazardous waste, not try to figure out how we can make something so aesthetically beautiful that everybody will want to come to the household hazardous waste Taj Mahal to just have a picnic and what have you. That's not what that is for. Thank you. That's all I have to say."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions? Thank you, for being here. We appreciate it."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Before we begin the public comment, what I would suggest to you is that we weren't very helpful last week in giving you those cost comparisons. That in fact, what I'd like to propose is that you certainly take the public comment today, and that we come back to you in a work session or two in the next 30 days, talking about the elements and location of this facility. That we would do an RFP and we would compare the cost of what the private sector could do it if they went out and built the building and ran the program, either on our land or on their own land. We'd have to work that out. Then we will make a proposal for us to do it in house, and then you can compare those costs and decide on that basis. Mr. Chairman, if it would please you, I'd suggest that you take public comment at this point."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Buchanan. At this time, I would open the meeting for public comment related to this item. Are there folks here who would like to talk about the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Program? Please come forward and give us your name and address for the record, please."

Ms. Cindy Edward, Apartment Association of Greater Wichita, 345 S. Crestway, Wichita, said, "Commissioner Hancock, I was under the impression that there was a proposed fee of \$4.00 per household that would be going into this new location. Is that still the case or am I

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jumping the gun on that?"

Chairman Hancock said, "We'll have Susan answer that."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "In order to fund the annual operation of a household hazardous waste facility, we looked at the annual costs whether it was privately or publicly operated. That would be in the \$606,000 to \$627,000 a year range. Looking then at the number of parcels to date that are out there for houses, that number would be less than \$3.50. Last week, we gave you an estimate for a budget of \$4.00, but that number is still an estimate because it depends on what we end up with for programs and also how many dwellings we would be looking at. That would be an annual fee per dwelling, per residence."

Commissioner Gwin said, "But you're not proposing that we adopt that today?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "No. We have to figure out the programs and everything that is associated with it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Right. That's an estimate of the parameters that we've discussed to date, but that decision is not being made today nor are you making that recommendation today, is that correct?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Prior to July 1 of each year, the County Commissioners would set forth the taxes for the solid waste fee for the following year. You would do that at a meeting sometime in June."

Commissioner Gwin said, "In the budget that we adopted in August of this year, that was the budget for the year 2000, did not include a fee already for some of these programs?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "For the year 2000, we have \$4.89 per residential parcel and that varies with businesses and that is to help fund some of the education and some money in there for what we are working on now for household hazardous waste. There is also money for pilot projects for recycling."

Commissioner Gwin said, "But nothing that you're recommending yet today or at this point on this program?"

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Ms. Erlenwein said, "We need to figure out the details before we come up with exact prices."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Last time you talked to us, you estimated about \$4.00 and now we're saying somewhat less than \$3.50. That will be in addition to the \$4.89 that is presently being charged."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct. That \$4.89 may also vary year to year."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand. Now in the operating cost, the \$606,000 or \$627,000, what ever that range is, does that also include transporting the household hazardous waste, paying for the fee of disposing it at a incinerator?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "All right, thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "To just help clarify Ms. Edwards, it would be appropriate for anyone who has a comment about that cost figure, on the cost, where it is coming from, this is the time to talk about it. Even though it is not on today's agenda, in some future agenda we will be talking about \$3.00, \$3.50 or \$4.00 per living unit. So any questions or comments, comments directed toward a fee is certainly appropriate at this meeting."

Chairman Hancock said, "See how much you stirred up."

Ms. Edward said, "At least I'm getting in there early. I represent the Apartment Association of Greater Wichita. I also represent a small owner of 194 apartment units. Our concern is that we've already been accessed basically \$4.89 per unit. On the particular apartment unit where I work at, that breaks down to about another \$1,000 per year that would be coming out of our budget. If this less than \$3.50 on up to \$4.00 per unit, is assessed, then that hits us again with another roughly \$700 to \$800 that again comes out of our budget. We're concerned about that because traditionally homeowners, and speaking as a homeowner and as a previous renter, homeowners usually generate more trash than apartment communities. We're just concerned that we're being hit with two different fees on these apartment communities. That seems like an awful lot of money that is coming out of our budget. We're not necessarily opposed to a small

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fee, however, we think that it should be taken into consideration the amount of trash that is generated by renters versus the amount of trash that is generated by homeowners. That is my comment today."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Cindy. Commissioners, questions for Cindy? Thank you, very much, for being here. Next speaker, please."

Mr. Bob Hanson, 1326 Hickory Creek Court, Wichita, said, "I'm president of Weigand Omega Management. We manage about 3,500 apartments here in Wichita. I'm speaking this morning on behalf of the Institute of Real Estate Management and the members of our organization manage over half of the apartment units here in Wichita. We agree that this is a good thing to be involved in the recycling and prevention of hazardous waste getting into the landfill. However, I'm going to reemphasize some of Cindy's points. Apartment units average about 750 square feet per dwelling. This is significantly smaller than the typical single family home.

"Also, the yards where most of the hazardous waste are coming from, the chemicals associated with maintaining the lawn and grounds are done by a professional organization rather than home owners who will buy something and it will sit there. It is used up in a more efficient manner and far less of this is being generated. Our position is that we feel we are being taxed or going to be, the fee will be based on an unfair situation on what the apartment dwellers are actually providing. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Bob. Commissioners, questions? Thank you again for coming today. Next speaker, please."

Mr. John R. Miller, 4200 E. Skelly Dr., Tulsa, Oklahoma, said, "I represent Case and Associates Properties, Inc. We own and manage approximately 3,000 apartment units in Wichita. Naturally, we are concerned about these costs. I had a couple of questions. First of all, I'd like to ask \$606,000 or \$680,000 that was referred to, did that operating amount include debt service or the cost of the original structure?"

Chairman Hancock said, "No, it did not. It is just operational costs."

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Mr. Miller said, "I wasn't here. I'm sorry. What were the estimates of the costs in general terms of the original facility?"

Chairman Hancock said, "We've had just a prototype looked at, as Commissioner Sciortino refers to it, the Taj Mahal of recycling."

Mr. Miller said, "What were the costs?"

Chairman Hancock said, "About \$1,500,000."

Mr. Miller said, "Okay. The thing I was concerned with, I agree with the two people who have already spoken that we've already had a fee this year introduced at \$4.89 a unit a year. In our case, that is about \$12,000, \$13,000. There are a couple of things that are of issue to me. Number one is that you made the reference that 4,000 people use the facility. If you take a \$1,500,000 and then you put \$680,000 a year on top of that, it is becoming a pretty expensive service if you break it down per person. Six hundred eighty thousand, if you divide it by 4,000, is \$170 a year per participant. I understand that naturally your intent is to include more people and hopefully attract more people to dispose of their hazardous waste. But my comment is it is an awful expensive service for the number of people that are using it.

"Also, whenever you consider real estate, real estate's value is based on the operating income. So, for example, an average property would sell in Wichita at a 9 cap. Everybody I'm sure understands cap rates. So if you take a property such as ours and you add an expense of \$12,000 and that is all it is, an expense and you use a nine cap, you just reduced the value of that property by \$134,000. So whenever you talk about costs, you need to consider more than just the expense of the fee. You have to consider the expense of that fee on top of the valuation of the property. So with the \$4.89 that we've already incurred. With the storm water management that we incurred about three or four years ago, and with a new fee, whether it is \$3.00, \$3.50 or \$4.00, what you're doing is you're reducing the value of our real estate. I'm not saying that it is not a good cause, but if 4,000 people are using it, I'm sorry I don't know your population, but it has got to be over 500,000 doesn't it."

Chairman Hancock said, "Close."

Mr. Miller said, "So what you're doing is you're taxing every household to benefit less than one tenth of one percent of your population. I'm not sure that that is the most reasonable use of tax dollars. Those are my points. Thank you."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Miller, for your comments. I understand how you look at the cost versus the current usage. One of the things in the proposal that was given by Susan was to change the hours of operation of this facility. Currently it is only open I think five days a week for four hours a day. Her concept is that it would be open eight hours a day and maybe five or six days a week. Obviously, we'd expect more people to come in and that increases the cost because you're paying staff to be there twice as long. So that's part of the dilemma that we're dealing with.

"The other thing I'm curious about is are those people who own and operate apartments here to tell me that they're not going to pass these fees along to their tenants at \$.40 a month? You're not going to pass that along to the tenants?"

Mr. Miller said, "I'm not the most popular person in town because we've built several properties and we operate in a market. In a market, you simply can't pass costs through to your customers. In fact, in Wichita as a perfect example, the expense of apartment rent in November of last year and I think that everybody that is here in my business would agree with me, was higher than it is today.

"There has been a lot of new product on the market. We've built three properties and plan a fourth. As the market and the supply and demand changes, there are corrections in the market just like any other market that is supply and demand oriented. So it is not as simple as passing the expense through to the tenants. Yes, in a perfect world we would do that. We're not benevolent. We're not interested in necessarily paying for the solid waste facility ourselves. But what I'm saying is that there are market reasons that it is not always possible."

Commissioner Gwin said, "What is your vacancy rate?"

Mr. Miller said, "Right now, it is probably in the 10% range."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Mr. Miller said, "Just for clarification, at this time year it was probably 94 to 95%."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Right, thank you."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I do agree with you pointing out something that I assumed was in our expenses and that is debt services and debt service is very important in an operation. If you're figuring up operational costs and you don't include debt service then it is not a very accurate number and I would ask staff to please figure out a way of including the proposed building and debt service to that so we can get a more accurate figure as to what our ongoing operational costs are too. However, I share with Commissioner Gwin, I don't know of any business that doesn't have their customers paying for their expenses. That's how business operates. You have expenses and you want to make money above and beyond your expenses. You're not in business just to break even. I don't know, when it comes time to renew your leases, you don't factor in all the present expenses that you incur plus the amount of profit that you wish to make. Normally at lease time renewal on an apartment, the lease goes up and that takes it into consideration. The fact that there are a lot of new apartment buildings going up in the Wichita area indicate that the market isn't saturated, there is still a demand.

"Normally, 90% occupancy, most apartment managers would be very pleased with a 90% occupancy given the fact that on an annual basis that 10% of apartment dwellers going from one apartment complex to another, what have you. Certain apartments need refurbishing, painting. A 90% occupancy, I hope you would agree, is a very acceptable occupancy percentage, maybe not."

Mr. Miller said, "I'm sorry, I've got a whole list of investors who won't agree with you. I understand your point. But I think it is sometimes too easy to conclude that don't worry about this cost because we'll just pass it on to our customers. If you're operating in a market that is not always possible."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Also understand that this Board is going to take a real hard look at expenses, not only the fixed cost of building and operating. I believe this Board is prepared to try to do it in the most efficient manner possible."

Mr. Miller said, "I didn't mean to imply otherwise."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "You didn't."

Mr. Miller said, "I just wanted to remind you of the issue of value and the other thing that surprised me was the number of people who are presently using it. That might increase. But if it doubled, it would still be an awful small part of your population. Thank you very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Miller. Appreciate you being here. Are there other speakers? Next speaker, please."

Ms. Karol Schlicher, 139 Brendonwood, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a member of the Solid Waste Committee and have been for several years. I've also been very active in the waste control recycling coalition, since its founding with Margaret. Been involved with the medical auxiliary and environmental committee. Been involved with church groups that care about caring for the environment. I'm here in support of the staff's recommendation in principal. I think household hazardous waste is our most crucial part of the solid waste plan that we've made. It is really all about prevention. We're trying to prevent more pollution of our ground water and our streams and our soil."

"The staff recommendations are based on the Solid Waste Committee's plan. I've been on the Solid Waste Committee practically the whole time it has been in existence, maybe a year or so not. I've seen lots of turnover in the people that are on the committee. I was on it when it was the City's. Then when the County took it over, there were many new people. We continued to have people who don't stay on long term. What surprised me is the consistency of the recommendations. I was afraid we would be starting over every time. The citizens, no matter what group they represent or come from, we seem to end up with a consensus and these recommendations for the hazardous waste are based on our recommendations. I hope you'll take that in mind."

"I think it is very important that we emphasis education. We have 12% of the people using the hazardous waste now and they're hoping to double it. That would still only be a fourth. What I think we must educate the public to prevent having the hazardous waste in our community in the first place and in our homes. There are less toxic options that can be used. If you're talking strictly money, if you use non toxic things, you don't have to worry about the cost of the clean-up of something accidentally being polluted. You know if you take non toxic things, like household

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trash and add something toxic, like the hazardous waste we are talking about, it all becomes toxic. That's what we are trying to prevent. We're trying to educate consumers so they'll think whether they really need to buy it in the first place. When they do it, they should buy something less toxic. That avoids major costs for all of us. So I think education has to be number one on this issue or certainly ranked very highly.

"The second thing they talked about was a swap and shop. I think that is very important because sometimes we get things in our home. We buy too much because we weren't educated and then what do you do with it. This way it would at least allow it to be reused someone that could use it and use it the way it was intended. I think that would be good. If the County ran the facility, the County would also have access to those things brought in, whether they are paints all mixed together for the Seattle beige like we have used now to paint out graffiti or pesticides. All of the things I've mentioned so far keep it out of the stream and would minimize the amount that ends up being sent for disposal. You know hazardous waste disposal is very expensive. So anything we could divert intelligently would be I think an asset and a financial plus for us.

"The other thing we are talking about, cost, and we're talking about \$4.00 for solid waste and then \$4.00 for hazardous waste. I think the hazardous waste is extremely important and anyone that buys something that is a problem to dispose of really contributes to that waste stream. So however you pay for it, I think we do need to fund it. We are talking right now at about one penny per family per day. Now if you think about that, if people would not buy one product. For instance, I could spend more than \$4.00 a year buying window cleaner or something like that and instead I use vinegar water. The point is, people on a fixed income, if they knew how, could put the \$4.00 to you and still save money by not buying the hazardous things to begin with. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Karol, thanks, for your comments and for your participation trying to get us to this point. One of the things you talked about was education and how important it is. One of the considerations we have to make is in the look of this building. My sense is that it would be nice to educate them on site, but I have other meeting places. So

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I am trying to look at eliminating that space, not having to build that into this particular facility. I like the idea of the swap and shop. Don't you think I could educate someplace else? Do I have to build more class room space in this facility? I'm trying to avoid that."

Ms. Schlicher said, "I could live without having that in the same facility. I think Wichita, right now, has a wonderful public education on household hazardous waste for instance. I think we have to put our money on education as well as having a convenient place and a safe place where it can be processed safely by the people who work there too."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Absolutely. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Same thing. I wanted to thank Karol for all the years she's spent on this. I also thought that was interesting to hear that as you talked about the turnover on the Solid Waste Committee, the citizens still felt strongly about household hazardous waste and educating people. I think we have increased the awareness over the last few years about household hazardous waste and I think we'll see a continuing increase in the use of these facilities. As far as the education side of things, I kind of struggle with that too when we have a very nice Extension Office sitting out there with lots of rooms available. So I think we have facilities that maybe we can educate people in that.

"Also in neighborhood associations. I notice there are a few people here in the audience from neighborhood associations. I know that they'd welcome this type of issue to come forth into their associations and educate people as well. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Mrs. Schlicher. Next speaker, please. Is there anyone else here who would like to address this item? Most of you can tell I'm talking out of the bottom of a barrel. I've got a cold I can't believe."

Mr. Karl Peterjohn, 11328 W. Texas Street, Wichita, said, "I'm Executive Director of the Kansas Tay Payer's Network. I had not planned to speak on this item until Ms. Edward had brought up the financial part of it. I might want to remind the Commission when you first considered this item I spoke in opposition to this because of concerns related to the fact that the County had an existing revenue base that was growing through appraisal increases. Increasing a charge, whether now or in the future, or in the past, in my view was not appropriate. I think an important fact needs to be considered. We're talking about basically reserving the status quo.

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We're not talking about establishing any necessarily new service. Now you might say it is a little bit better service in the sense that if you, the Commission, pick a second site for instance, it might make it slightly more convenient for the average citizen in the community. It is not near 47th Street South and Hydraulic where the City has its current facility. That might be a slight benefit let's say if it was in the north side of town or as Ms. Erlenwein mentioned earlier, on the east or west sides of town.

"I think the main point I want to make to you this morning was to pass along a little election return information. The State of Washington, last week, had an initiative proposal on the ballot that would require voter approval for tax or fee hikes at all levels of state government in Washington State, state or local, to receive voter approval before they could be put into place. Fifty eight percent of the voters in Washington state agreed to that and I think it is important for you, as elected officials, to understand that there is still strong support for fiscal accountability among citizenry. Many people aren't fortunate enough to be in a position to come to a day time meeting and speak out on some issues like we're doing today. But I think there is a strong feeling among the community and I'd say that folks here in Kansas are just as concerned about fiscal issues as the folks in Washington state are. They want accountability as well as necessarily the preservation of existing services. I thank you for the time and stand for any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Karl. Commissioners, questions for Mr. Peterjohn? Thank you for being here today Karl. Is there any one else who would like to address this item today? Please come forward."

Mr. Milt Pollitt, Chairman, Solid Waste Committee, greeted the Commissioners and said, "A little bit on the background on this matter of the fee and the cost of this program. When the County took over the operation and the community began to study what had been happening at Brooks Landfill, we discovered there were a number of programs whose cost were being added into the tipping fee, such as the education, household hazardous waste, and things like planting trees and storm clean-up and so forth. The community, through its process over a number of meetings, decided that it was not proper to include some of those programs in the tipping fee. The tipping fee should strictly the operation, as it is now, of the landfill and the costs attended to receiving and disposing of the trash. So the community has voted on numerous occasions that these related programs, although they are related to waste disposal, are really separate items and should be treated separately from a cost standpoint. We have so reported to you from time to time that that was the opinion of the committee. Then the staff, of course the logical place for those costs to fall in, would be as property tax. But that is one of the reasons

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that these things are being withheld from . . . in our opinion, withheld from the tipping fee that we will incur, because we don't think they should stand on their own or have separate accounting on them. That is the point I wanted to make on that issue."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you, Mr. Pollitt. Commissioners, questions for Milt? Thank you, for being here. Next speaker, please."

Mr. Steve Palovik said, "I'm with Tom's Auto Service here in Wichita, Kansas. We're located at 828 S. Meridian. I came here this morning to provide comment concerning the P2 program. The information I received says there is a possibility of turning this over to a private company and I plead with the Commission not to do that. For the same reasons that we heard comments that maybe the facility down south should be kept because people know where it is at. They understand that it is there and they're using it. The P2 program is the same thing. We've got people involved with it. We've fought to get it going. We're trying to encourage more to use it. If we change hands, we change people, and change companies, I think we'll lose a lot that we have going. As we all know, it is tough to get things going in this area. Nobody wants to pay for it. We can't get people to use it. But we've got to do something.

"As a small business owner, I made a promise that I would become more ecologically responsible. So I got involved in this program and I'm trying to get others involved. I don't know what we're going to do in Wichita. I have family in other cities, other states. They can't believe that a town or city the size of Wichita doesn't have more responsible recycling programs going. Cities half the size have programs going that they all use.

"They come here and they go, you put that in the trash? The only way I know to get attention is through the pocketbook. I don't know how you all are going to do it, but I plead with you to figure out a plan to make people use it. Maybe we need to charge twice of what we're talking about and give a rebate to those who do use it. It costs a lot less to take care of it now than later when it gets into the landfill, gets into the water. I'm not going to tell you how to do it, I just ask that you keep the programs going we've got going. We can't afford to lose them. Let's not change hands. Thank you, for your time."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions? Is there any one else who would like to address this item on the Agenda? Please come forward."

Ms. Elizabeth Kertz, 1738 Garland, North Riverside, said, "I think that I'm supposed to be here representing my neighborhood association because we had a household hazardous waste

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clean-up this spring. I'd like to throw around some numbers too. They said that 4,000 in the city use the household hazardous waste facility. When we had our clean-up, we had 123 persons in, a neighborhood of 1,650 households. So that is not even 10%. We begged the media to come out and cover us. No one came. We called all the television stations. We spoke with the people at the Eagle. Nancy Larson even called some people at one of the television stations. Nobody came out. So right there tells me that we have some kind of a schism here between communication and education. How do we educate unless we get the word out? Therefore, it is my belief that we should probably put this in the hands of the private sector.

"This may not be the popular opinion of the North Riverside Neighborhood Association. However, as Commissioner McGinn pointed out earlier today, various companies that take our recyclable products and create new products, there are several local companies that do that. They're in it to make a profit. They're not in it to be the good guys or to tax you or whatever. They charge to take your recyclables. They charge you to take your, like the wood recycle place, it charges you to take your wood pallets, to take your leaves, your grass clippings. But they turn that into a new product, which is compost and then they charge for that. Even Walmart doesn't get that kind of a break. I believe that the private sector is going to do an excellent job.

"As far as a swap and shop is concerned, if the City, I know the City has a budget. They could purchase the paint for a very nominal amount from the recyclers. Again, we're talking about private sector. The City coming in and actually helping out the private sector. I'm sure that the cost would be a great deal lower to buy their paint and pesticides than it would be if they ran the entire facility. The turn over, who would care, because the people are being paid.

"Training and classrooms, I'm an educator, I know the importance of training, educating. As I told you before, we couldn't get the word out. I stood on top of tall buildings and couldn't get the word out about our hazardous waste clean-up. But if a private sector, if someone in the private sector took this over, then the County could provide tax rebates. There are surely grants out there that the private sector could be eligible for education, environmental education. I agree, we need to educate people, but we're not going to do it the way we're going no. Thank

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you, very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Elizabeth. Commissioners, questions for Ms. Kertz. Thank you for being here today. Is there anyone who would like to address this item on our agenda today? Please come forward. Is there anyone else who would like to address this item? I'll close the public hearing and limit comments to staff and Commissioners. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I have a question for Susan. Maybe I don't either. Maybe I just have a comment and would like some information about this apartment use. There were several comments from people here today who don't believe that apartment dwellers generate as much of this kind of material as home owners. I don't think I want you to answer right now, because I'd like to have some facts behind why that is right or why that isn't right. I think we need to be completely fair in this. I want some information statistically. Somebody has got to have done some kind of study someplace about how much trash an apartment dweller generates versus a home owner. If you could get that information, I would appreciate that, and then share that with all of us and we'll make that known also.

"The second thing is the possibility of some kind of mobile center. The first thing I can think of is that is probably going to drive the cost up more. But if there was some way that maybe even the whole system could be a mobile system. Again, I think that would be checking to see if there is anybody else in the country that has a mobile system. I'd envision that is probably going to take a couple of semi-trailers, but you could spend a week in Derby. People in Derby would know, well here it is.

"I've got a week to use it. Or you could be in Cheney or in the parking lot on Dillons at West Central for three or four days. Really kind of take it to the people. My fear is that it would probably be a cost driver instead of a . . ."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Communities have done that. What they do is start with a mobile system and then move upward to a permanent facility but keep the mobile part of it in place to go out to particular neighborhoods."

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I'd like some information on if there is any availability or any option that the mobile could in fact lesson the cost. I don't know how that would work again, but to me, it would lessen the need for a fancy building. What you'd do is have a warehouse. Your office is going to be mobile. You're going to have some kind of van, semi-

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trailer, and would that really be cheaper or a lot more expensive. I'd like somebody to look at that."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "I'll do that."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just a follow up too Susan on Commissioner Winters' comments. Bob Hanson indicated that we were making an unfair comparison and talked about the yard things that apartment dwellers don't have to use. They don't have to fertilize because the people who own the facility do that for them. They don't have to put out their Weed-B-Gone or any of those other things. The landlord does that. They don't have to paint. Most places, if it is painted, it is painted for everybody by everybody, by the staff. They don't generate those kinds of things that folks who live in a detached single family dwelling do."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "But there are other household hazardous waste products."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I understand, I'm not saying that. But I'm saying that there are some things that their point is well taken they do not generate, but Windex, nail polish, nail polish remover. I know those things are there in apartments as well as homes. I think I heard the phrase unfair comparison and I think we really do need to spend some time looking at that a little bit. I concur with Commissioner Winters on that. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I want to tag onto that too. I'm also not enough to think that an apartment dweller has nail polish, or lipstick used cases or anything that is toxic, that they're going to store it up and then somehow figure out to take it out to a site to dump it. I don't know if you're explored talking with the Apartment Management Association as to whether or not they would be willing, next to the big trash dumpster that they have out in their parking lot, a container that would be very easy and convenient for the apartment dweller to put their household hazardous waste into. I think one of the ways, probably the only way we're going to increase the penetration, the figure I heard was 5,000 tons of household hazardous waste are being generated annually. Right now, we're able to withdraw from the stream about 12.5% of that. The way we're going to do that is education. I agree with the speaker that said that. Also, convenience and ease. The easier you can make it for a person to do the right thing, the better

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change we have of them doing that. I like that idea that Commissioner Winters had and Commissioner Gwin picked up on. Once a week or so or whatever, we drive by all the apartment complexes or areas we have and pick it up for them. It is one of the ways for education, if we ever do have a permanent facility. Impulse is a great way to educate somebody and when they're dumping off, then you're handing them a very well thought out brochure, educating them on what they can do and how it saves them money if they use vinegar and water as opposed to a bottle of Windex. I would hope we would at least explore that. It may be cost prohibitive, but I think talking to . . . I don't know if they'd agree to that or not, but talking to them and seeing if there is some balance or relief we can give them."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "We can check into that. One of the service programs mentioned last weeks was going out into the community for collections. That falls to what is being talked about. We would also have to look at laws that govern just leaving a container. You have the hazard of materials that should not mix being dumped into the container, breaking, and having materials mix on site that could potentially cause a hazard. So it is better to have the staffed collection going to facilities than just leaving the container. Acids and bases can mix and cause a problem at the apartment and then we have a new hazard situation."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Right now, it is being mixed all in the big dumpster because they dump it in there."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "It causes problems with the trash haulers finding what they called hot loads where the trash has caught on fire because of that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "You kind of answered it there. That was my thought. When you go to that Household Hazardous Waste Facility right now, they need to know what that product is before they'll even accept it."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "It needs to be labeled."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So they won't just take, I don't know what this is, here's a bottle of this stuff."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "The resident has to label what it is?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Yes, they have to know because the way they process that."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "The price increases greatly for unlabeled products because you then have to go through a laboratory test to determine what that chemical is so you can dispose of it properly."

Commissioner McGinn said, "As far as the discrepancy though with the apartments, I would like that information as well and also visit with the apartment representatives to see if there is a better way to maybe handle theirs. Then the other thing I was going to ask, Chris Cronis isn't here. But when we discussed this, we broke down the different parcels. I'm going to assume we can do the same thing with apartments, can't we?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Maybe we can resolve that a little bit. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Susan, just a couple of things. I should know this because you gave us the whole layout last week. But what is the single largest cost associated with operating this kind of recovery center, including the trade facility?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "The disposal cost is the greatest single cost of any household hazardous waste facility. It is not the staff. It is the disposing of the material because it has to be shipped to wherever in the nation that will take that material and dispose of it properly."

Chairman Hancock said, "That's what I remembered. It seems to me it was \$3.00 a pound. Do you remember the cost of that exactly?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "I don't."

Chairman Hancock said, "I think we got that last week. What it brings to mind is as we educate folks and well, first of all, was there an estimate in the operating cost of this, how many pounds per year we expect to take in and dispose of?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes, we were looking at current levels and the number that was

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mentioned earlier about the number of people benefiting the current facility, that was through September. They are anticipating over 5,500 for this year. The poundage that the people are bringing now is averaging 122 pounds a person to the facility. We hope to at least double that in the future through education and having better operating hours and better collection methods."

Chairman Hancock said, "Is there any economies of scale if we were to do a better job of education and more people utilized the facility, would there be economies of scale as far as disposal is concerned or is that pretty much a fixed rate?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Through contract agreements with disposal companies, economy of scales for the size container they pick up. They have cost per drum, per type of material. A drum of a flammable chemical may be a different price than a drum of a toxic material. It is a different price per type of material, but you do get economy of scale through volume."

Chairman Hancock said, "In your look at what the City of Wichita is doing at the sewer plant. I know that there are a number of things that they get that they dispose of. Is there a large percentage or a small percentage of it that would be recyclable in terms of the trade facility that we are thinking about?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "As materials come in, it depends upon the original container, original label. Paints could be traded instead of paying for disposal. Certain cleaners that come into the household, some have brought in Windex or Pledge or some other material. Yes, it depends upon the amount of material. Pesticides, as long as it is not a banned chemical, it could go into the trade area."

Chairman Hancock said, "Would it be significant or is this something that we have to speculate on at this time?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "From experience in looking at what other communities have done. In Colorado, one facility saved 42% disposal cost through having a swamp and shop."

Chairman Hancock said, "So increased awareness of this, it could be a trade of in terms of disposal cost."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes, that's correct. There is an incentive to educate the public and also

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reuse material instead of just throwing it away and paying for disposal."

Chairman Hancock said, "Very good. Thank you, Susan. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just one question. Susan, the savings that the Colorado experience had on reducing the amount of hazardous waste that are being disposed, did that offset the increase in cost that it took to operate the personnel, the warehouse space and everything? Was that a net decrease of 42%? I would assume it would take more people to operate that part of it."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "The way they have it situated is the same staff person who was there to receive the public was also the one who oversaw the swap and shop, so you're not increasing staff to do that. You simply have it conveniently located so when the person walks in to drop off materials they don't want and it is right next to it and say here is a swap and shop area."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Pick up anything you want. Deliver some household hazardous waste and take some more back home."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Right, and what people discover is maybe you've got a brand of material that didn't work for your needs but there is another brand over here that you really like to use."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I still need to have more about that swap and shop thing. I'm not 100% sold on it, but I'm willing to listen."

Chairman Hancock said, "I like that idea. Commissioners, further questions for Susan? Susan, thank you, very much. I think we may have one more speaker and we'd certainly like to hear what you have to say if you don't mind."

Ms. Angie Robinson greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm the President of the Apartment Association of Greater Wichita. We were speaking just a moment ago about cooperation between the apartment management owners and the County. I do feel that we could be a great partner in educating our residents. I'm going to quote a statistic that may not be accurate, but I do believe that 25% of the population of Wichita is renting their current homes. So we would have a captive audience and we'd be more than happy to cooperate in any way that we could

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in order to help educate the population. You've heard from many of my colleagues this morning that we do oppose an additional fee, so maybe we can, in the spirit of cooperation, help alleviate some of the education costs."

Chairman Hancock said, "Great, very good. We'd love to. Thank you, very much. Commissioners, questions or comments? Margaret. I know some of the speakers have already left and before you leave, I want to thank everyone for being here today. It is good to have your comments. We appreciate hearing from you. This is an important thing for us and tough decisions. It isn't free, so we want to do the best job that we possibly can do at the right price. Margaret, go ahead."

Ms. Margaret Miller said, "I like to be out there on the cutting edge of this thing. I have an idea that may seem a little radical to you now, but it may come along some time and be a very good thing to do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Margaret, it has taken us a long time to get caught up with you anyway. So go right ahead."

Ms. Miller said, "The thing about this, hardly anybody knows they are buying hazardous material when they buy it. Who knows that the bucket of paint is hazardous or motor oil is hazardous. It is just a regular thing that people buy. People don't know it is hazardous until later on they begin to catch on. But not too many catch on. They can't see what is wrong with it. But it is hazardous and as one of the people has said, we're going to pay for it eventually, one way or the other. If we're going to have to pay to clean-up the landfill or we're going to have to pay some way or another for this stuff that we're throwing out.

"Okay, we need these people to know right away that it is hazardous. So put up signs in the stores by this product and say this is a hazardous product. It is going to cost tax payers money to dispose of this. I don't know how you want to word it, but something along that line, so that people will know that they are buying a hazardous product and that special care has to be taken with it. Most people really don't know that now. If you've seen that booklet from the County on hazardous waste, there are many many hazardous wastes. Okay."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Margaret. Thank you all for being here today.

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Commissioners, further comments or questions? If not, I'd like to take a five minute recess."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:47 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. We're back in session and I believe we're on Item E."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

E. CASE NUMBER DR-7 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OCTOBER 28, 1999 VERSION OF THE UNIFIED ZONING CODE.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to ask you to recycle this item for two weeks. We just talked this morning with the County Counselor's Office and he advised us that because of the nature of this, it is just a reformatting of the zoning code, but because it is being adopted by reference as a County statute, it requires advertising and we didn't advertise for this hearing. So we would just like a couple of weeks to advertise this."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to defer the item for two weeks.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Marvin. Next item, please."

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NEW BUSINESS

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO BOND AGREEMENT AND APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE IN CONNECTION WITH TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (21ST STREET RESIDENCES), SERIES A, 1995.

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "As some of you may recall, in 1995, the County issued industrial revenue bonds to help finance the construction of senior residence and community facility near 21st and Grove located within the City of Wichita. That project has been constructed and leased to an entity called 21st Street Residences, a limited liability company. The lease with the County provides that the tenant has the option to assign its rights in that lease upon consent of the County and the bank that provides the construction and financing and purchased the bonds. There have been negotiations between that entity and a new entity formed called Plaza North Residences, Inc., whereby 21st Street Residences would assign their rights in the lease to that new entity as part of a restructuring and a refinancing of the bonds that are outstanding. As you may recall, Commerce Bank was a participant in this transaction and they provided the purchase of the bonds and they're in position now to sell that bond to a new entity.

"One party that does stay involved, you may recall Mennonite Housing Group was a manager of the tenant and will be a co-manager of the new assignment tenant. So this is a matter which has been consented to by Commerce Bank, which is the owner of the bond. So basically, the people who are running the facility as well as the lender have consented to these changes and it now requires consent of the County to effectuate that transaction. So the liability that may occur and the County would be are we adversely affecting the rights of the bond holder that provided the money. The bond holder has consented to this transaction. Mennonite Housing, who was a player before will also be a player in the new part, just being of a lesser interest than they were before. I'd be happy to try and address any questions that you may have. Al Joseph,

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who is with the part of the new Plaza North Residences as a manager is here with us and can answer any questions about the operation or the transaction."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Joe. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Joe for being here today. Next item, please."

G. PRESENTATION OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY 2000 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

Ms. Marci Hess, Director, Government Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The platform development for the 2000 legislative session has been very extensive and very thoughtful. We began this, as you all know, in May, as soon as the session ended. We have studied each item in every way upside, downside, and throughout, very thoroughly. We do have a new format this year that I'd like to point out. We mention our mission statement and our goals

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and our values. There is an introductory letter from the Commissioners. We've developed four different sections, the state priority issues, facts and statements, which would be the secondary priorities, general policy statements, and we have two items on the federal plate.

"Also, just in discussing the format a bit more before we continue on with the issues. It is through your leadership that we have also added collaborative effort into the platform. We have items that are initiatives with the Kansas Association of Counties, the Kansas League of Municipalities, the City of Wichita, Wichita Area Chamber, and the Regional Economic Area Partnership. In fact, of our priority issues, 82% of those are in collaboration with the City of Wichita. Also, we've included issues that make it a win win or what we call partnerships with the legislatures. As we go into a legislative session that will be filled with budget constraints, 65% of our priority issues are ones that do not deal with money or have no fiscal impact on the State. So it does put us in a good partnership with the legislatures.

"Priority issues for this year. We have juvenile justice at the top again and that has been with the reform movement, one of the top ones last year also. We want to continue the local funding that comes down for our community planning. We feel like we need to have our state custody defined, when are the youth actually in state custody and when are they not. We'd like to see a juvenile detention facility fund established.

"County courts is our second issue. That was on the slate for last year and it is half way completed. We look forward to it being successful. Home rule is another one of the priorities. There will be a move to introduce a constitutional amendment so counties can have home rule power. We want to make sure that any other legislation that is introduced or passed, does not remove any local control. That gives you the ability to better govern.

"Tax equity for 911 services is on our platform again. We've also included the formation of a task force and we also request that we have Sedgwick County representation on that task force specifically. Funding of state mandates again is on it. We feel strongly that to provide services at the level that is being required that it is necessary that we have the appropriate funding. Revenue sharing for counties. Of the three funds available, two of them have the caps removed and we would like to have the third one removed. Electric rates, we would like to see electric rate parity and allow competition in the market place. I stand for questions."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Marci. Commissioners, questions or comments on these items? Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Go ahead."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just want to say thank you, to Marci. I know you've spent a lot of time on this and it is a very good product. You had to run up and down the halls extensively and I'm glad you got that done before you had your foot chopped off. The only question I had was if an issue comes up, say in a month or two, how does that get incorporated into this if we want to add to something?"

Ms. Hess said, "We can put it on the Agenda items that I am aware of and I can work it through and in that matter we can send out letters. Once the platform is approved, then changes historically have not been made to the platform."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So it just comes up as a current issue and you'll take it to Topeka. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I really am gratified that this year we actively worked with the City of Wichita to find platform issues that we could both support. I'm convinced that only with more people joining with us or we join with them, can we really get our state legislatures to look at us seriously and to resolve some of the problems. So I compliment you on the work that you've done and hope that very shortly, by the first of the year, you'll be up and running again and can do a lot of good work for us in Topeka. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm also very appreciative of the number of issues that we're jointly pursuing with the Kansas Association of Counties, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the City of Wichita. I think that's the ones that we can all agree on. I think that is a great effort. Does anybody know about the REAP organization? Have they developed their legislative platform or are they going to have one?"

Chairman Hancock said, "Yes, they're working on it. The third meeting is this afternoon at

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4:30 at WSU. I think we'll conclude it then."

Commissioner Winters said, "Do you know if there are going to be some of these that they're going to be on the same page with Wichita, the County, Kansas Association of Counties, or have they taken a different tact, do you know?"

Chairman Hancock said, "I'd have to report back to you and tell you that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It is my sense that they will probably join with the electric rate thing. That was a comment or rumor that I heard."

Chairman Hancock said, "I'm going to that meeting this afternoon and when I get a copy I'll make sure to hand that out. I think there are some items on their platform from what I'm able to understand that reflect some of the wishes here locally and regionally. That's what it's all about."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I guess the last thing is I just say thank you to Marci. This has really been her first year really helping us build the platform. I know she said to me a couple of weeks ago is it always this hard and tough to get everything done. I said, well yes, but this is the first time we've really had her on board and I think she's done an excellent job of putting the issues out there and letting us decide which ones we're going to grapple with and which ones we're not. Yes Marci, it is going to be this tough every year."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just an opportunity to excel."

Commissioner Winters said, "It is because you're giving us some things to think about. I think you've done a good job."

Chairman Hancock said, "Absolutely. Marci has covered all the bases on this and has been very thorough, more thorough than probably what we've been used to in the past. We appreciate that. One thing that concerned me at the meeting I attended yesterday to find out that the Wichita Chamber does have some issues that are pretty much opposite of some of our view on these items. I think it is very important that we make a connection with them and try to work with them and understand together what some of the objections may be. We have worked very

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hard with the Wichita Chamber on a number of projects and support them and listen to them and what they have to say about how we're doing and what we're doing. I felt like some of the issues that they have looked at, that they have objections to as far as County platforms are concerned in general may be just a matter of understanding and trust. I think we need to get that cleared up. At this point, with our delegation, we certainly don't need any member of our local group talking about the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, REAP, Chamber, Wichita Independent Business Association, none of us need to be out of step. We need to be all together on these items and agree. I think that is what is best for our community and Sedgwick County. I believe we can do that. Marci, you've done a great job. Appreciate what you've done. Hopefully someday you'll have an office and an assistant. Marci has to earn her office, we haven't ben able to get her one, I think she's about do."

Ms. Hess said, "I would like to take this time to add, if I could, this platform was not developed by myself. It took a lot of work from all the divisions and departments, from yourselves, and the County Manager to make this happen."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, further comments or questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the 2000 Legislative Platform.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |

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| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you, Marci. Next item, please."

H. PRESENTATION REGARDING Y2K UPDATE CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC AND PREPARATION IN THE DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Communications Director, said, "I thought it was real timely today in the USA Today paper, the headline reads, local 911 not ready for Y2K. As you read through this report, it talks about how 50% of the local 911 centers are not prepared and 50% are. I'm pleased that we are able to say, at Sedgwick County, that we are in the 51% that are prepared. So people should not be alarmed by headlines such as these and their specific areas do need to check to see. But for Sedgwick County residents, we are prepared. So as a first communication, to lay some of those fears to rest.

"Our Sedgwick County information services has been working on this Y2K issue for several years with our computer system. As some of you may know, there are 51 days left until Y2K officially occurs. So we are still a little bit out, but quickly approaching. For about the last year and a half, the City and the County have been working together on the Y2K issue and making sure that we have everything checked and we are prepared. We've also been working with our local utility companies to ensure that we are in constant communication with them and understanding what their capabilities are.

"We are confident that our services will not be interrupted on December 31, 1999 and the rollover to January 1. However, there has been, as we have all seen on a number of different programs. There are both ends of the spectrum, from people who are very confident that nothing will occur and are preparing for no problems at all, to those who are stockpiling all kinds of supplies and ammunition and all kinds of things. So we thought it was helpful to maybe provide some reasonable information to the public about how they could be prepared for any emergency and not just think of it as one particular date.

"As we have seen in the past, the electricity goes out sometimes when we have an ice storm. We've seen electricity goes out when we have a tornado, as we saw in Haysville. Phone service is disrupted. Sometimes all of these things can occur. Sometimes there are delays in other types

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of services depending on the volume of either whether it be injuries or accidents or intersection lights going out. All of these are generally short termed. But again, it is about reasonable preparedness for the community.

"We have put together a guide for families to use, and this is a joint project with the City and the County. It is an emergency guide, a family guide for emergency preparedness that you can use in your home. This guide will be coming out in the Wichita Eagle this Saturday. It is for folks in their homes to go through and maybe put together a supply kit that they could use, whether it is December 5 if we happen to have an ice storm that comes in and your electricity goes out for a couple of hours or if it is January 15 and we have a wind storm. It is for any type of emergency. It is general reasonable preparedness. It tells you about how much water you should keep, a three day supply of water. It tells you what kind of foods that you can keep that are non-perishable. So it is just basic good information to have all year around, regardless of whether the date, the season, or where you live.

"We are also going to be distributing the same guide through some of our local small town newspapers over the next two weeks and through the neighborhood associations in the community as well as getting the information to our small cities offices so they will have that for their citizens as well. Again, it is our hope that Sedgwick County citizens will have this information to be better prepared for any type of emergency regardless of when it does occur. I'll be happy to answer any questions about the guide and we also have another presentation about Human Services."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you Kristi. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, go right ahead."

Ms. Chris Collins-Thoman, Quality Assurance Manager, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today as a representative of the Division of Human Services to give you an up date on our positions on preparing for the rollover weekend. I'd like to start first with the Department on Aging. The Department on Aging is in the process of making plans for Y2K preparedness. Key staff will be identified to be available, ensure that information on client services and needs is available, ensure that facilities are in working order and that computer information on clients and personnel are backed up on discs.

"There is a plan to meet with the aging network providers to identify Y2K plans for continued service delivery and provide consultation as needed.

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"On the Department of Corrections Y2K plan. The Department of Corrections has been involved in disaster management contingency plans for the past year. Various scenarios, including a major disruption in the delivery of utility and communication services has been explored. With the current focus on possible Y2K emergency issues, a departmental Y2K contingency has been established. Included in this plan are on site contingencies for supplies and back-up staffing scheduled prepared to meet temporary Y2K related failures of the department's six 24 hour facilities. These 24 hour facilities are expected to maintain their usual services and supervision practices for their juvenile and adult offender residence. The plans bottom line is there will not be a public safety crisis in the Department of Corrections.

"In regards to COMCARE of Sedgwick County, we have one 24 hour service, that is our crisis intervention services. They will be our central point for all our communication and information processing. We are operating under the assumption that there will be an increase in anxiety and a need for crisis intervention services as a result of media hype and issues related to 2000 New Year. There are some things, like Kristi mentioned, with headline news and then there is a made for TV movie that is coming out in a couple of weeks, titled Y2K the Movie. We're a little bit concerned about the anxiety that may be raised in the population as a result of those things. However, our assumption is that our facilities will be intact and that we will verify the functionality prior to business on January 3, but that our primary concern again is to meet the needs of the increased anxiety and be able to respond to the population.

"We have management staff identified on the Emergency Operations Center plan. Deborah Donaldson will be our primary contact with Kathy Sexton for the flow of information both down the chain and up the chain regarding any issues that we are experiences with crisis. We have a contingency plan to house two staff in the 911 operation center to ensure the flow of communication during that time frame from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and will leave there if there are no problems. We also have contingency back-up plans for another facility site for crisis in the event that we lose electric power at our office at 934 N. Water. We will be increasing staff that weekend in response to our understanding that there will be increased law enforcement staff in the community. We have planned for contingency supplies, phone check-ins by our management staff, computer back-ups of our systems, walk through checks of facilities by December 15, and a validation check on January 1 with a validation meeting occurring that morning.

"We will also be looking at resources for consumers, talking with them about making sure they have necessities available and medications available. We're also looking at making sure we have a supply of back-up samples of medication in the event that something would occur that first

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week of January. We are coordinating our services with 911, with Physicians Exchange, with other agencies and services, such as the Mental Health consortium in Topeka, Kansas, the Mental Health Association locally, and our Community Developmental Disabilities organization.

"We will also have the availability of our stress trauma assessment team, which has been operational locally in such community disasters as the DeBruce Grain Elevator and the tornado situations that we experienced. In regards to the Community Developmental Disability organization, their facility checks and computer checks will be included in the COMCARE plan. The CDDO is also requesting a written plan from each of their agencies that will be providing services over that rollover weekend. CDDO has a list of items for these agencies to consider when developing their plans, including adequate heating, food, water, medications, as well as alternative arrangements for housing should it become necessary. These providers will be required to report any problems or issues through our crisis centralized communication prior to 7:00 a.m. on January 1, 2000. The CDDO will also be asking targeted case managers to review potential areas of concern with people who self direct their services and may not have access to agency staff or other support persons during this time.

"We are public servants and continue to strive to meet the anticipated needs of our population. We will continue to work on and refine our plan up to and over that weekend."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Chris. Commissioners, questions on this item? Comments? Sounds like you've got your hands full. At this time do you have further planning to do?"

Ms. Thoman said, "As I said, we will continue to fine tune. Kathy Sexton has invited us to the table top meetings and we have attended one of those and will attend the next one in December. But as we are figuring out with this, as we look at each issue, it exponentially grows to include many more issues. We will continue to plan as best we can."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I've got a couple of questions. I saw Mr. Peterjohn. If he has a comment concerning Y2K, I wouldn't mind hearing what he has to say."

Mr. Peterjohn said, "I'm not here speaking in my normal role with the Tax Payer's Network,

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but did spend a decade working in the computer industry for NCR between 1980 and 1990, when I first heard about this problem. From talking with my former colleagues out in the area, I've got to commend the County and explicitly the other governmental bodies that you're working with in terms of getting ready for the carry over for the weekend of 2000. I do want to emphasize though that I think the problem may be more of not what we know is a problem that is going to hurt us, but what we think we know is right that isn't that way that can be a problem.

"The Gardner Group which is a computer expertise firm that looks at what is going on with computer software overall, they said that only 10% of the failure related to Y2K are going to occur in and around December 31 and January 1 and that weekend. The other 55% they say is going to have problems throughout the year 2000. My point for speaking today is I think you all are preparing and I think you are doing a good job in preparation for that weekend. I have the concern that in several levels, when I talk to some of my colleagues that I used to work with, there is a wide range of opinion. This becomes the ultimate problem in risk management as I see it. Because the experts out there are from this side to the other side and it is very hard to understand where this goes and the public has been confused because most of the media coverage is that it is either going to be a non-event or at most a bump in the road or you've got the other people out here in Tiotawaki is the phrase that is used in the computer industry, which standards for an acronym for the end of the world as we know it. Frankly, I'm proud to stand here and say I fall some where in between. I'm not sure exactly where things are going to come down, but I would urge the Commission to make their plans based on, in my opinion as an economist and I'm only here as one person, that I suspect that we are going to have a recession next year. I think it is going to be fairly painful, as most recessions are. It is not going to be the end of the world, by any stretch of the imagination, but it is going to create some difficulties particularly in a variety of areas and in unexpected ways.

"Currently serving on the city library board, we've already experienced this first hand and I'd be happy to share with you the information from our unpleasant experience in this regard. It is public record, either publicly or privately. Appreciate the opportunity to comment this morning and don't want to defer any questions that you might have for either myself or any of the previous speakers. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Karl. Appreciate the comments. Commissioners, questions on this item? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "This I guess is directed to the manager and certainly not

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something that I'd like today. Over the past year, we have had continuous updates about how we've been doing, our internal audits and checks on the Y2K program. I'm confident thought we're in a good position. I wonder though, if we need one more report before the end of the year. I guess I'd like to personally have a check list of the internal audits that we've conducted on systems. It was an excellent report given this morning about COMCARE and Corrections. I guess I'm not necessarily talking about another report such as this morning, but one that just says 911 has been checked and passed the test. I know that there are still things that can happen. I wonder if we just need one more check list. If that is something that I would think you would have that pretty readily available."

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Director, Operations, said, "Appreciate the opportunity for comment Commissioner. Yes, those reports are things that are in our files and have been being prepared. We were planning on one more update to the Commissioners on December 8. At that time, we were thinking we would run through all the different departments and all the different issues real briefly. What we wanted to do today was focus on the whole Division of Human Services, understanding that their services directly affect people and it is really not a computer issue. But we'd be glad to share the paperwork with you as well and just make that one more report."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm not looking for a long detailed report. I think it is just important that we know what systems you have checked off on and you believe are now Y2K compliant. I don't think it needs to be a long report, but I think it is one we need to have."

Ms. Sexton said, "Okay, we'll do it."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Kathy. Commissioners, further questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

**I. DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AN INTEGRATED JUSTICE SYSTEM:
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROJECT FUND OF \$2.1 MILLION AND
ADDITION OF SEVEN TEMPORARY POSITIONS TO THE
INFORMATION SERVICES (IS) 2000 STAFFING TABLE.**

Ms. Kathleen B. Sexton, Interim Director, IS and Director, Division of Operations, said, "You might remember this item from August 3, when you were presented in a Commission staff meeting on Tuesday, the summary of a management consultant's report. That report has been finalized and given to us in this document. But the management partners firm was contracted with to analyze the District Court system, the efficiency of its processes and its work flows and did a fine job in doing that. That laid the ground work for development of a replacement computer system. You are probably aware that the computer system that the District Court uses was paid for and fully supported each year by County tax dollars and County staff. It is over 20 years old. It is not adequate for their needs and this is a project that has been planned for a number of years.

"The item before you today would actually set up the project fund. Again, implementing some of the recommendations the consultant made but also that would design and make the computer

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system working with District Court staff, also needing to hire or contract with programmer staff. What I'm asking for today is to set up seven full-time equivalent temporary positions. They would only be in effect for the life of the project, which is expected to be about 30 months. Some of those staff would be on board for shorter periods of time as well.

"Again, I do make the note that if we can out source, maybe hire contract programmers at better rates than hiring staff in-house, we would do that. We want to hold that open as an option. The problem is with the County's personnel type of system, we can't even advertise really for staff and find out if we can get them at what price, until we have an FTE, a position in the position staffing table to advertise. So we'd like to advertise it and see what we can get. See if we can contract with them. People in this field are used to contract work, but if we can't advertise, we won't know what price we can get them for. So we hold that open as an option. I'm available for whatever questions you might have."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Kathy. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Kathy, I'm just a little confused about if we can't advertise how is that even an option then? How do we go about finding out whether contract employees are available if we can't advertise for them."

Ms. Sexton said, "I might have said that in a confusing way. Once we set up the positions, we can advertise the positions that we have positions. Then we can find out if people will apply for those positions who are qualified, of course, and will work at the prevailing rates of County positions. If they won't, then we may have to go to out-sourcing. But, if we can get them at that rate, we know that it is a cheaper rate. You have to understand that the going rate for these types of programmers is \$75 to \$100 per hour. So we know hiring County staff will be cheaper than the going rates for contract."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It is usually negotiable. If you say I'm going to give you 2 ½ years of guaranteed work, I would assume they would negotiate a rate somewhat differently than if they were only going to go out for one our. To me that sounds logical, but I don't know if that is right."

Ms. Sexton said, "Sure, contract programmers are typically hired on a project by project basis."

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This is a big project, 2 ½ years. Some projects are six months or three months. It varies a lot. This will give us the flexibility to do what ever is in the best interest of the County."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. No further questions."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Kathy, you kind of alluded to it, but I just want to make sure. First we're going to have three full time employees come on and then four. It is kind of in a phase."

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes, it is all phased."

Commissioner McGinn said, "For how many months? Will these people, as they're hired, understand that it is just for that period of time and they'll be terminated at the end of that time?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes. That is absolutely correct. They will be set up in the system as temporary positions, or if we contract with them, the contract will specify the exact amount of time."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So they won't be given retirement benefits, et cetera, if they're only going to be working there three years, they wouldn't have any interest in taking advantage of the retirement program and this type of thing?"

Ms. Sexton said, "They'll get benefits in terms of health insurance and other benefits. I don't believe temporary positions get retirement benefits. I could be wrong, but I don't think they do."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Further questions? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the development plan, establish a \$2.1 million project fund and approve the additions to the IS Staffing Table.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you, Kathy. Next item."

J. GRANT AWARDS (TWO) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR IMAGING THROUGHOUT THE COURT SYSTEM AND VIEWING ACCESS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF.

- 1. BYRNE GRANT: \$346,450 (MATCHING FUNDS OF \$115,500)**
- 2. OFFICE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION/SUPREME COURT GRANT: \$75,000 (MATCHING FUNDS OF \$30,000)**

Ms. Ellen House, Court Management Analyst, 18th Judicial District, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The 18th Judicial District is pleased to announce that two grants have been awarded, a federal, Edward M. Byrne Memorial Grant, and a Kansas State Supreme Court Office of Judicial Administration technology grant. These grants will enable the court to expand its very successful imaging project throughout all areas of the court as well as allow for viewing licenses for the District Attorney and Sheriff Office. In Management Partners final report that Kathy just spoke to you about, it is stated that the imaging system should be an integral part of a network for efficient file management. The grants provide \$421,450 and require matches totally \$199,394.

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"Today, I'm asking you to approve the receipt of these grants and also the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$11,500 from the County general grant match fund and \$30,000 from the integrated justice system project fund. The remaining match of \$53,894 will come from various other funding sources."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Grant Awards.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

**K. ENTERPRISE SPONSORSHIP WITH CITY OF WICHITA FOR THE
WICHITA EAGLE'S WEBSITE PROJECT
"COMMUNITY.KANSAS.COM."**

Ms. Sexton said, "This item was an opportunity presented to you on October 12. When we reviewed some of the efforts of Sedgwick County to get involved with the web site and the world wide web. The Wichita Eagle has actually sponsored this program and requested the County and the City of Wichita's assistance with this. This opportunity this morning is to spend \$25,000 to participate as an Enterprise Sponsor of this community aspect of a new web site called Kansas.Com.

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“The actual project would enable, or the funds that you would put up would enable non-profit groups in the state of Kansas, at no cost, to create their own home pages, their on line news letters, discussion groups, calendars of events, and other features. It would also provide Sedgwick County with a great deal of exposure and marketing, so to speak, of our own web site and of the County services available to residents here.

"The City of Wichita has a couple of weeks ago already approved their involvement in this project and then after they basically did so, requested the County's participation as well. So I'm available for any questions on this project."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Kathy. Commissioners, questions on this item? Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Kathy, how does the Chamber fit in on this site?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Commissioners, that is a good question. I am not aware of the Chamber of Commerce participating in this. They could be. I know Wichita State University is now a channel sponsor of this program and the City of Wichita. Those are the only three sponsorships that I am aware of, but I haven't talked to the Eagle staff this week. So they may have already signed on some other sponsors.

"One of the other projects that I talked to you about, about a month ago, the Chamber is involved with. That is Wichita State's portal page project. The partners on that are Wichita State University, its Alumni Association, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. I presented those two items the same day, so the Chamber is involved in that one in terms of getting information out to the community."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Could you share with me what and how much we advertise? What do we advertise and how much?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Currently? As far as I'm aware, marketing, advertisement, has not really been a function of Sedgwick County that I am aware of, or that we spend money doing. The County Manager may correct me on that, but generally speaking we provide services and as best we can, we try to provide a good front end for those services in terms of our presentation materials, our logo, those types of things. Sometimes we have public service announcements and

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that type of thing. But I don't think marketing and advertising is an area in which Sedgwick County has been involved in the past."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I'm just wondering, other than advertising jobs and that kind of thing, which we already do on our own home page, since most of our dollars that we receive goes to detention and COMCARE and those types of things, other than getting information out about solid waste and programs we have. The Internet, over the last, I've been playing on it for maybe four years. I remember when I first got on the thing. You put something in and it gets kicked out. You can to play with the and or game and now all you have to do it put in what you want, Sedgwick County, there it is. Wichita, and then I was playing around Web Crawler and Yahoo and all I had to do was put in Wichita or Sedgwick County and there we were. I'm trying to find out what the benefit is. In August, we went ahead and approved \$135,000 of the mill levy money for WSU, which you're saying partnered with the Chamber and is also in partnership with the City of Wichita. Looking at the purposes for doing that, it is to connect people with jobs, to promote the community as a good place to live. I think that is what we do. Isn't that what the WSU site is doing when it gets off the ground?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes Commissioner, absolutely, that is the intent of that site."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So we're taking care of that. The benefits, it says links to Sedgwick County's page. I can do that now, just by putting Sedgwick County in. I'm trying to find out . . . I wonder, when it Internet too much? We're already out there. We have a great home page. We already have a partnership with WSU and the City of Wichita and then possibly the Chamber. I'm trying to figure out why we are doing this too?"

Ms. Sexton said, "I think that is a really good question. There are a couple of issues. One is there is going to be duplication between the two projects, the Wichita State University project and the Wichita Eagle's project. There are also some uniqueness I guess I would explain as a push pull type of theory. Yes, I know you're looking for Sedgwick County or Wichita, you can put that word in the search engine and it will take you to everything that is Wichita or Sedgwick County related. If you don't know that is what you're looking for is the other side of the coin. The marketing aspect. We have services that we offer as an organization. We offer 911 services. We offer EMS services. Who knows how EMS works and how much you have to pay versus how much you insurance pays, but maybe if people wanted to know, they would look on the web site. That type of thing. But, when you get to the Wichita Eagle's page, that is going to be a page that is more heavily marketed and they're hoping to attract a wider of that

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by, one of the ways, is to make it a state wide page, Kansas.Com, and also to make it available for this free access for all the non-profit groups.

"They're trying to reach a whole population that may not necessarily want to look at something in Wichita or Sedgwick County but when it is there, it is in front of them, then they may click on it more. They may access it more because it is on their desk top. That's the theory."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I can plug in Kansas and click on government and there we are again. I just kind of think we can over kill on Internet expenses. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. The question I had, and I know you said this. I think was reading part of this. The City of Wichita has agreed to participate in this at the same amount that we've been requested and they've gone ahead and done that."

Ms. Sexton said, "A little bit different from what you just said. The City of Wichita agreed to participate at \$50,000, but they've also asked us to share that cost at \$25,000. So if you decide not to do this action today, then I believe the City of Wichita is still committed to the \$50,000. This project today is more as a cooperation with the City to share their expenses. There are other options for involvement in the project but that is the action recommended today."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you. I'm going to be supportive of us moving ahead and I certainly recognize what Commissioner McGinn is suggesting. I think there probably is a point where you get a redundancy that none of us want to be involved in financing. But also, I think as local governments, we're still just beginning to use the Internet in more connective ways. I think we'll continue to see places where we can provide services over E.commerce, that today we didn't think about but they're going to be happening in years to come. I think it is a place that we need to be.

"Secondly, and I don't know whether this is a good analysis or not. But we used to just have one yellow pages phone book in town. You advertised in the yellow pages with one company that has been here forever. Then here comes another one and says well we're going to reduce your cost because we're going to have competition out there in the yellow pages. What they did is they just doubled my costs because now I've got to advertise in both of them so you can be where people can see you. I think this is going to be a page where we're going to want to be

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seen on this page. We're going to want to be seen there. Even as people go in and are looking around.

"If they know they want Sedgwick County, there are probably easier ways to get there than going through the Wichita Eagle. But if you don't know what you are and you are out there in this community page group, I think it will be an important place for us to be. I'm going to be supportive and hope that might help Commissioner McGinn a little bit, maybe not."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Am I right Kathy that this is just a one time \$25,000 sponsorship or is it an annual commitment?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Today, it would be for one time. The Wichita Eagle has told us that they would be back on an annual basis in terms of knowing exactly how much that would be, no, we don't have any commitment from them. But a \$50,000 enterprise sponsorship is for a one year period of time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's what I assume is, have they gone out and pitched other people \$50,000? So for a full sponsorship it is \$50,000? What does one get for a full sponsorship that one doesn't get for half a sponsorship?"

Ms. Sexton said, "There are basically two types of sponsorships. The enterprise sponsorship and channel sponsors. Enterprise sponsors is what is before you today and that would be more advertisement. On all the promotional materials, you would be recognized. The County logo, there would be links established to our web site from their main site and the County would get advertising both on Kansas.Com and Wichita Eagle.com. We would participate in launch activities and our departments could use the community publishing software. If you were just a channel sponsor, which is the lower tier of sponsorship, you don't get quite as many benefits because your advertisement, so to speak, your logo, would come up on only those channel pages. What I mean by that is that we're going to come up on the main page that everybody sees. It would come up only when you click on say government or say education. Let me use Wichita State University as an example. They would be sponsoring a channel for education. Their name and logo would come up on anyone who chooses to get into the education categories. They would not be on the main page that everybody goes to. That's the difference."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but I don't think that answered my question. I'll ask it again. The Wichita Eagle came and made us a presentation and they also made a presentation I believe to the City of Wichita for sponsorship or at least it was my understanding that they had done that. Were they asking us to come in at \$50,000 originally or was it \$25,000? I heard \$25,000 from the get go, but maybe that was wrong, I don't know."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "The sponsorship is \$50,000. The Wichita Eagle proposed that they, because they thought it was important for the City and the County to both join and both belong, told us that we could be a sponsor for \$25,000 each. So we would get all the benefits of sponsorship for the price of a channel sponsor."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That is what I was trying to get to. We're getting all the benefits of a \$50,000 participation for the price of \$25,000. That is what I was trying to get to. As everyone knows here, I am pretty computer illiterate. I finally figured out how to send a prof and now I understand you're going to change all that and make it outlook and I'm going to have to take six months to figure out how to do that. But, I guess it is like the yellow page analogy. If you want to stay competitive and there is another player in town, you'd better be part of it. The question I have and maybe it is a poor analogy, but if you buy a yellow page ad, they lay it out for you and they do a lot of work for you to get the ad. Will they be doing some of our work in developing our page so it reduces the amount of effort that our staff has to do, or is that still our responsibility?"

Ms. Sexton said, "They will not be working on the County's page, but they will be working on their page with our sponsorship. They will put our logo on there. They will show us, how do you like this in terms of where our placement of our ads are, our links to our pages and how we want them done."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "They'll help promote our page."

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. I think it is worth the effort. I think I would probably be supportive of it. I will be supportive of it."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly, to reiterate I think what I told Kathy in my office. I share the concerns that Commissioner McGinn has expressed and others that I have shared with Kathy personally, so I am not going to support this."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "One more comment. If you don't know what you are and you don't know where you're going and you don't know what you want, my thinking is you probably ought to be doing something else than searching on the Internet. But anyway, I still go back to if I want to move to this community, we talked about this at a staff meeting and we were talking about it is it going to be called Wichita, Sedgwick County or what? Somebody made the comment, well people when they come to other parts of the city, they don't look for a county, they look for a community. So they are going to type in Wichita, Kansas. When you type in Wichita, what comes up is Sedgwick County, Wichita City Hall, and even Alarm, which is the group that talks about the other 19 communities. Anyway, I still go back to what we do as a County. We're an extension that provides services from the feds, the state, to the people. We have a great home page. We've joined in a partnership with WSU and the City of Wichita, and the Chamber. I just think for \$25,000 maybe we could spend it elsewhere rather than continuing to put that amount of money into the Internet service. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Further comments or questions relative to this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the sponsorship.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "Kathy, just a couple of questions. Will it be able to tell us how many times this particular page is linked to Sedgwick County?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes, they will have software that identifies how many hits will be on our

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page, yes. I believe we'll be able to measure that over time."

Chairman Hancock said, "Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita, the Wichita Eagle, who else are the primary sponsors of this?"

Ms. Sexton said, "The Wichita Eagle is the primary sponsor and they'll be hiring the staff to actually do the project. The City of Wichita is an Enterprise Sponsor that I know about. They are soliciting other businesses here in town. I don't know who has signed on yet, if any."

Chairman Hancock said, "Do web pages normally cost \$50,000?"

Ms. Sexton said, "That just all depends upon what kind of page it is. I couldn't really give you an average or anything off the top of my head. But what we're talking about it basically underwriting the expenses of Wichita Eagle in providing this. They will have staff. They will have hardware, software involved, et cetera. They're trying to get a certain number of sponsors up front to defray their costs, obviously, but as I said earlier, their intent is to make a service available for non-profit organizations and then make that available means other folks sponsoring it."

Chairman Hancock said, "Now this isn't a portal though, is it?"

Ms. Sexton said, "It is a type of a portal page, yes. If you are familiar with the previous Wichita on line.com, they replaced that a few weeks ago with Kansas.Com. So it gets you to a lot of different things. That's the portal page of it. What they're asking for your sponsorship is actually away from that portal page, you go to a section called the community and that is where all these non-profit groups could have a lot of access to access their membership with newsletters and calendars and home pages and that kind of thing. That's actually the piece they're asking for help with."

Chairman Hancock said, "I have no doubt it is a good idea, I'm just trying to decide whether the investment we're going to make is going to provide the returns that we want for the citizens out there. What does it cost us to do our page, does anybody know off hand?"

Ms. Sexton said, "I don't have numbers on that."

Chairman Hancock said, "It is pretty much just staff time."

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Ms. Sexton said, "Mostly, yes. There are some ongoing costs for a host of our page, but that is not very much. Most of it is the staff in developing new pages, new services on line, as Commissioner Winters' expressed, e.commerce, so people can fill out applications from home, that type of thing. This does not replace anything that we're currently doing."

Chairman Hancock said, "I understand. So we'll have a button on this page that leads folks to us, to Sedgwick County's services page."

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes sir. We would have what they call banner ads, where Sedgwick County's logo would be mentioned along with the City of Wichita since we're sharing a sponsorship and we would have links to our page. But the main thing that our money would be paying for would be enabling non-profit groups to take advantage of this program that they're setting forth and then the other thing we would be paying for is basically promotions marketing."

Chairman Hancock said, "I'm sorry we're asking tough questions, but how many non-profits are we looking at? Any idea?"

Ms. Sexton said, "That's a good question and I'd have to defer and I don't believe they're here today, to the Wichita Eagle staff. We could ask them some more questions and explore this issue further if you'd like. They are going to attempt to solicit this opportunity to a lot of non-profit groups. I understand that would involve training and helping folks get their pages going and that type of thing."

Chairman Hancock said, "I was interested in the count of what, I need to understand the benefit versus the cost. I don't mind trying for a year and see if there is a benefit, but it just seems to me that it is an awful expensive page to put up. I didn't know they were that expensive. It seems like everybody and their brother has one right now. There are thousands more going up every day and certainly \$50,000 isn't the only money that is going into this and there are other sponsors. It just seems to me like this is a pretty lucrative project for Wichita Eagle at this point."

Ms. Sexton said, "If you want, I could request some additional information."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you, Kathy. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just have another quick question Kathy. On our home page,

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you find the place that says other communities in the County, right?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And you can click on that and so that brings up our surrounding communities and probably Wichita, right?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes, Ma'am."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Then you go to their home page right. So all their non-profit groups and organization can be part of their home page?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Who's they?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Any non-profit groups in these small communities can be a part of their local town's home page."

Ms. Sexton said, "If that city government set it up that way. I don't know that any do that. They might."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just think our page branches out to all those other entities already."

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes, it all links together."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly, the idea of non-profit groups being able to create their own web site is a very noble endeavor and that is wonderful. The analogy I'd like to make on this was presented to me is that my sister, whom I love dearly, decided to go buy an automobile and came to me and asked me to help her pay for it. That's what I don't like about this."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well did you?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "It's an analogy, Ben."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not one to want to throw money out very quickly and I've usually made that point. But I don't know where this electronic world is going and I'm sort of glad I'm on the down side of my place here because I'm resisting all kinds of things because I don't understand them. But from a marketing point of view, when Feist came in, you almost were compelled if you wanted to stay competitive to give it a shot. "If I understood you right, every year we could decide to withdraw. There is not a five year commitment. You also indicated that we will be able to see how many hits we take so we can see how many people. Will we also be able to see how many hits we're getting on the WSU one and our own private page or whatever?"

Ms. Sexton said, "I believe so, yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So eventually, if all of a sudden the Eagle's page is getting 100% more hits than WSU page, we could decide to drop the WSU page if we wished. That would be an option for us."

Ms. Sexton said, "Right."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think it is a risk worth taking. Try it for a year. If we're happy with it then I think the way we'll determine it will be the input from the public and whether or not we get hits on it, whatever that means and take a look at it. I still feel that it is something worth trying."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Did somebody from the Wichita Eagle make the direct presentation to the City Council or did they go about it the same way of making a presentation to staff? The only reason I ask that is that if Commissioners who do have more concerns, if they could feel more comfortable by hearing from the Eagle directly what their intentions are. Again, the Eagle is a for profit company. I assume they're trying to expand their services and to remain profitable. Out there now, people pay thousands of dollars to have their banners flying across, every time you click on somebody, the first thing you get is you gets somebody's banner running across there. People pay a lot of money to get that recognition of your name out there. So again, to me, I'm comfortable that there is going to be some benefit."

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But if others aren't, maybe some kind of more detailed presentation from the Eagle would be worth while. I just say that for those who have some kind of reservations. I don't think it is quite like putting together something and then asking us to come pay for it. I think they have a business plan, business objective, and are looking for ways to be profitable out there in the media kind of world. They're looking for ways to continue to have their organization function in the community as a media outlet. I know we don't buy advertising, but in a sense, it is like buying a presence, buying a location on a media page. Just a suggestion that some might want a presentation by the Eagle to see what they are planning on doing."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions or comments? I think Tom is absolutely right. This isn't a public service. This is a promotion by the advertising department of the Wichita Eagle and they are promoting their web page and they're selling spaces on it to the City of Wichita and anybody else who wants a link to their page from this space. I think we need to be aware of what it is. That's what it is. This isn't about good government, this is about good advertising for the Wichita and profit. You're absolutely correct. Commissioners, further comments or questions? If not, Clerk call the vote, please."

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | No |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | No |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

L. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NEEDED FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG MAIZE ROAD SOUTH OF 29TH STREET NORTH.

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have prepared this Resolution for condemnation of these temporary and permanent easements, since we have not been able to reach an agreement with the land owner. I would request your approve the Resolution."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Richard. Commissioners, questions on this item? Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Is that a particular side of the road, east or west?"

Mr. Euson said, "I could not tell you. Dave."

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, said, "It is on the east side of the road."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Whatever happened to the wet land that was there? Is it going to be destroyed now?"

Mr. Spears said, "No, it will not be. We have met with the Corp of Engineers and wet lands people and we have met with Mr. Pracht extensively, many times. There is a portion of wet land that will be removed by replaced with another like portion of wet land. In fact, we're replacing it with more wet lands than we are removing. This right-of-way is right adjacent to the road. We need to make the road from two lane to four lane."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I was just curious what happened to that. I didn't know, since there is development going on around there, if they were going to try to preserve any of that."

Mr. Spears said, "Absolutely. We're preserving all of it that we can."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Absent at vote |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

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

M. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF UNREDEEMED REAL ESTATE AFTER TAX SALE.

Mr. Clarence D. Holeman, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a Resolution we do every year at this time. The statute requires that in the tax foreclosure provision that you have to direct us to proceed with tax foreclosure. That is the purpose of the Resolution. I'd ask you to approve it and am available for any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Clancy. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

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

N. AGREEMENTS (TWO) TO PROVIDE CLIENT ASSESSMENT, REFERRAL AND EVALUATION (CARE) FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING NURSING HOME PLACEMENT.

- 1. SUSAN NASE, R.N., LEVEL I CARE ASSESSMENTS**
- 2. PAM PETERSON, LSCSW, LEVEL II CARE ASSESSMENTS**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "These two contracts are for the client assessment referral evaluation. These are required by Kansas Department on Aging by state and federal regulations for any individual seeking placement in a nursing home. This includes individuals who have a diagnosis of mental illness and mental retardation. We provide these assessments for Butler, Harvey, and Sedgwick County in accordance with the Kansas Department on Aging with the state and federal requirements. These are for both the level one and level two professions. This is for an approval for two contracts for these services."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item please."

O. CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT.

1. AMENDMENT TO THE 1999 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE. CIP PB#408.

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Project Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have two items. This first one is on page 54 in your back-up. It involves remodeling of the lobby of 635 N. Main, in the amount of \$20,000, to improve customer service and provide additional office space for staff that are already approved for that location. I would recommend you approve it and would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Ken. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "When we have an amendment to the CIP budget that we already approved, does that mean we subtract one item previously or some monies in a previous budget and put it to this budget, or how do you make an adjustment to the CIP budget."

Mr. Arnold said, "These are not subtracted Commissioner, they are added projects, they are added dollars. These would be transferred from COMCARE's budget to cover this specific project for their departmental needs. It is then listed in the Capital Improvement Projects."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It goes from one line item over to the Capital item. Okay,

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thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

2. AMENDMENT TO THE 1999 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE. CIP PB#442.

Mr. Arnold said, "This is for the same department. This is for recarpeting and repainting extensively the COMCARE facilities at Twin Lakes Shopping Center, in the estimated amount of \$40,000. I would recommend you approve and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Ken. Commissioners, questions on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the CIP amendment.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Ken. Next item, please."

P. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. K.D.O.T. FORM 1302, "REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT," FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 606-23-4950, BRIDGE ON 53RD STREET BETWEEN HOOVER ROAD AND WEST STREET OVER THE ARKANSAS RIVER. CIP #B-269. DISTRICT #4.**

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item P-1 is a KDOT request for construction project, form 1302, that initiates our request for construction and federal funding through KDOT to reconstruct the bridge on 53rd Street North between Hoover Road and West Street over the Arkansas River, designed as B-269 in the Capital Improvement Program. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$3,200,000. The federal money will pay for 80% of it. This is the initial phase of doing this. It has been in our CIP previously and in fact, we already have the matching funds available, the 20%. I recommend that you approve the form 1302 and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Hancock said, "Dave, are we sure it is not 56th Street?"

Mr. Spears said, "It's 53rd North."

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Chairman Hancock said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "David, you said reconstruct. Does that mean improve what is there or tear it down and start all over?"

Mr. Spears said, "Tear it down and start all over."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, so the new one is going to be wider than the one that is there now, because the one that is there now is too narrow."

Mr. Spears said, "When we build a bridge, as you know, it is to last 50 years."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I didn't know if it would be the same size."

Mr. Spears said, "We have to work with KDOT on that, since they are paying 80% of it, but we will try to put in a four lane bridge there. I can't tell you at this point if KDOT will agree to that. If not, we'll put in the widest bridge that we can get, I'll tell you that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Request for Construction Project and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Time frames? We are still a few years out on this particular bridge?"

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Mr. Spears said, "Commissioner Winters, I'd say we are about three years out on this bridge. Of course, the other thing is, there will be a detour on this bridge. We're not sure which direction we'll go yet. We'll either come down to K-96 to the south or up to the north at like 85th. We don't have too many roads in between to get around."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. That's the only question I have."

Commissioner McGinn said, "We don't have very many bridges up in the north part."

Mr. Spears said, "We're working on that. It has what is called a sufficiency rating of 40, which is pretty low. Anything below 50, you can get federal funds for."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote please."

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

Mr. Spears said, "We're not set up yet. Can we go to the third item instead of the second?"

3. RESOLUTION RELATING TO EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS, OR SUBSTITUTIONS IN STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO BE FURNISHED BY KGE. DISTRICTS #1, #2 AND #5.

Mr. Spears said, "Item P-3 is a Resolution prepared by KGE for modifications to street lighting in Sedgwick County. The Resolution calls for the installation of a high pressure sodium street light on wooden poles at 13107 East 13th Street North and 7429 South Meridian. It also calls

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for the installation of ten high pressure sodium street lights on steel poles along the 83rd Street South bridge project over the Arkansas River, near Derby. This will increase our annual compensation to KGE by \$2,619.14. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, David. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. We'll wait until you're ready."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "See, if you had your own web page you wouldn't have that problem. You're not a not for profit organization."

2. RESOLUTION ADOPTING SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Spears said, "We had a lot of bids on this, so we had to copy some maps, so it takes a lot

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of time for this to go through. Item P-3 is a Resolution revising the established snow emergency routes in Sedgwick County. This Resolution will update the emergency snow routes due to one, the expansion of city limits on the highway system in Sedgwick County. Two, the adoption of old state highway K-296 that was abandoned by the State of Kansas and taken over by Sedgwick County when K-96 was improved. Three, the need to give Sedgwick County Fire Station #36 an emergency snow route on 63rd Street South from Rock Road to Greenwich Road. The total of new routes, that shows you the total number of miles added, the total number of miles subtracted. An increase of 2.75 net.

"This shows the map and the ones in yellow are the ones that are added and the ones in red are the ones that are deleted. We had meetings with the City of Wichita and other cities so that none of the citizens will be left unattended for snow removal. Everybody is in agreement with these routes. There are, in fact, some places inside the city limits that we will remain removing snow. Now the next slide, this shows you all of the emergency routes in Sedgwick County. That's not all the routes that we do, that we remove snow on, but these are the first ones that we remove snow on. Those by the aircraft factories, and also at least a route from every small town or city to a major road. That map shows you all the routes that we do eventually. We do the emergency first and then the rest are different colors because we have different maintenance districts that take care of that.

"We have different yards and then of course, if necessary, we work 24 hours a day in two 12 hour shifts until the snow is removed. The emergency routes are first and then all the rest are second. I think that concludes the presentation. So I would recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |

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| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. David, that was worth waiting for, thank you, very much. Next item, please."

Q. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' NOVEMBER 4, 1999 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the November 4 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are eight items for consideration.

**(1) CARPET INSTALLATION - COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AND GIS DEPARTMENT - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"Item one, carpet installation for the County Clerk's Office and the GIS Department for Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Star Lumber & Supply. That amount, \$22,135.

**(2) CARPETING FOR 1ST, 3RD, & 11TH FLOORS - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"Item two, carpeting for the 1st, 3rd, and 11th floors, also for Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Star Lumber & Supply, that amount \$13,837.

**(3) HEAVY DUTY 1 TON 4 WD UTILITY TRUCK - FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item three, heavy duty 1 tone 4 wheel drive utility truck for Fleet Management and noxious weeds. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Don Hattan Chevrolet, that amount with trade-in, \$10,500.

(4) 15 PASSENGER FULL SIZE VAN - FLEET MANAGEMENT

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FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

"Item four is a 15 passenger full size van for Fleet Management and the Sheriff's Department. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Don Hattan Chevrolet, that amount with trade, \$13,590.

**(5) PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION FUNDS - COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE**

"Item five, prevention and early intervention funds for COMCARE. These are the grant funds. All of these proposals are received and filed and have been presented to a special committee for review. That review will be taking place in the next few weeks.

**(6) MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

"Item six, multisystemic therapy for the Department of Corrections. There were two proposals received and review will begin this afternoon.

**(7) JUVENILE INTAKE & ASSESSMENT CASE MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

"Item seven, juvenile intake and assessment case management services, also for the Department of Corrections. Again, grant funds. These were received and filed and the committee will be reviewing them this afternoon as with item number eight, sanction house for the Department of Corrections. One proposal was received.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(8) MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
ACTIVITIES - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

"There was one item that did not require action at that particular time. That was medical billing services and accounts receivable activities for Emergency Medical Services. Those proposals are being reviewed. I will be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts,"

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Darren. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Darren, on item five, just again educate me. What is this? It is not something that we're purchasing, what are we asking for here?"

Mr. Muci said, "We are asking for these vendors to provide us with proposals with which they can make use of the funds and use the \$1,000,000 grant funds that are provided annually. These will be remanded to a special committee that will be reviewing all of these."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So these will be for the recommendation of the year 2000?"

Mr. Muci said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Darren. Next item, please."

CONSENT AGENDA

R. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

One Easement for Right-of-Way and One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 807-K, L, N ½ M; Maize Road between 21st and 45th Streets North. CIP #R-246. Districts #3 & #4.

2. 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> |
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| V97067 | \$201.00 | \$219.00 |
| V95151 | \$154.00 | \$226.00 |
| V98067 | \$238.00 | \$282.00 |

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| V97069 | \$203.00 | \$283.00 |
| V98068 | \$421.00 | \$397.00 |
| V99038 | \$000.00 | \$425.00 |
| V95088 | \$90.00 | \$438.00 |
| V97052 | \$462.00 | \$459.00 |
| V98063 | \$232.00 | \$280.00 |
| V99059 | \$456.00 | \$393.00 |
| V96035 | \$202.00 | \$213.00 |
| C99017 | \$265.00 | \$248.00 |

3. Addendums to Agreement (two).

! Starkey, Inc.: to no longer provide respite services

! Charles Collier: to provide residential services

4. Resolution ratifying and confirming the Sedgwick County Board of Canvassers' November 5, 1999 actions and proceedings.

5. Bankruptcy settlements of delinquent property taxes pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1703(b):

Gloria Sanders: payment by debtor of \$2,545.70

Richard and Susan Marks: payment by debtor of \$7,957.84

6. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

Applicant Name d/b/a

Hilton A. King J.V. Diamond Inc.

Charles W. Hall 81 Speedway

Kelly J. Lanham Cheney Lanes, Inc.

Mark C. Reed Sedgwick County Zoological Society

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- 7. Temporary salary adjustment for Interim IS Director.**
- 8. Order dated November 3, 1999 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 9. General Bills Check Register of November 5, 1999.**
- 10. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. At this time, I'll recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District meeting at 12:10 p.m. and returned at 12:14 p.m.

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Chairman Hancock said, "At this time, I'll bring back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Next item, please."

S. OTHER

Mr. Jim Webersaid, "We had worked with Commissioner Sciortino on an Off Agenda Item but apparently we haven't gotten coordinated with everybody."

Chairman Hancock said, "The Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

Mr. Weber said, "As a requirement of the replatting portion of the Harbor Lakes Estates Addition, out in the eastern part of the County, the developers are required to provide paved access to their subdivision. This would normally be done through a creation of a special assessment project by the Board of County Commissioners. That would normally result in a sale

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of bonds by the County to finance the project. In this particular case, the developers have asked that they be allowed to construct and finalize the new pavement privately. We are requesting your approval of an agreement for privately financed construction of 159th Street East from Harry to Wood Creek. This is a distance of about a quarter of a mile. Under the terms of the agreement, the developer of the contract will post appropriate statutory and performance bonds to ensure the timely completion of the project. The developer will pay all the costs associated with the design and construction of the project and Sedgwick County would not be required to finance any of the project costs.

"The developer has asked that we push this agreement forward so they can take advantage of the unseasonably warm weather and complete the project before winter. This has been reviewed by the County Counselor's Office and the agreement is identical to one that we used on 13th Street West of 119th Street in 1996. They are ready to go if we can get this approved today, they'll start tomorrow. We request that you approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, said, "I didn't hear you say one thing, maybe I missed it. But the road will be built according to Sedgwick County standards, isn't that correct? We will check the plans, a consultant will review the plans, and we will check those and it will be done to our standards."

Mr. Weber said, "That, in fact, has already been done. The private sector is ready to go on this and we just need to somehow give them permission to go ahead and do it and make sure we end up owning it when it's done."

Chairman Hancock said, "This will be assigned to the township system or to the County?"

Mr. Weber said, "It will continue to be on the Minneha Township's, I believe that is the mile that Minneha does south of Harry. It will continue to be on the township system."

Chairman Hancock said, "Very good, thank you. I apologize for not taking this earlier."

Commissioners, further questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino 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

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Is there other business to come before the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, legal advice, personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 12:35 p.m.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas G. Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Commissioner Ben Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Bill Hancock | Aye |

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. We're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 12:16 p.m. and returned at 12:40 p.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "I'll bring the meeting back to order. Let the record reflect there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Mr. Counselor? We're adjourned."

T. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

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Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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