

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 29, 2000

The Special Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, March 29, 2000 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service (EMS); Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Anita Nance, Director of Client Services, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. George Scantlin, Assistant Director, Emergency Communications; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Project Manager, Facility Planning & Remodeling Department; Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health; Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Lynn Hawks, Public Relations Director, Old Cowtown Museum.
Mr. Phil Frick, Member, Board of Trustees, Exploration Place.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Rick Cline of Central Church of Christ.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, July 14, 1999
Regular Meeting, March 1, 2000

The clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of July 14, 1999 and March 1, 2000.

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of July 14, 1999 and March 1, 2000.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

YOUR COUNTY SERVICES

A. OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM.

Ms. Lynn Hawks, Director of Development, Old Cowtown Museum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, County Commissioners, for allowing me to discuss the 50th anniversary season. First, let me say that living history sites are becoming very popular across the country. Many cities are recreating

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

replica villages and towns for visitors to come and enjoy.

“Fifty years ago a group of citizens decided to save a couple of buildings and put them on the end of the Chisholm Trail. Fifty years later, we don’t have to recreate a town. We have the actual buildings, from the 1870’s, for our community to enjoy. We’re very fortunate. As demonstrated by the Tibetan monks, who were at Cowtown last weekend in their crimson robes and the Swiss contingency that dropped by to visit Cowtown, we are an anomaly to Europeans, that really are enamored by our ‘old west’ culture. I think it’s something that we continually need to exploit and bring to the public’s attention, locally.

“I want to thank Mr. Sciortino, Ms. McGinn, Mr. Winters, Betsy Gwin and Bill Hancock, and also Jerry Harrison for helping us with the improvements to Old Cowtown, as we open our 50th season. We’ve created a new archway to the entrance, new landscaping, new signage, some silhouettes as you walk down the boardwalk. It’s very attractive to open our 50th anniversary season. All of these new items will be transferable, as we move into 2001, and create a new visitors and education center on the east side of the Museum. It will be directly across from the Wichita Art Museum. You’ll enter that way.

“I’m here to talk about the anniversary season and let you know just a little bit of what will be happening, as we open on Saturday. The City Marshall’s Office is a new exhibit which will be representing a typical lawman’s office and we have volunteers and actual staff that will be there to do interpretations of what actually would occur in law enforcement during that time. The Livery Stable opens up and that’s a nice attraction to go in there and see the old wagons and livery work being done. The Orientation Booth has been redone. The General Store will now sell products. You can go in and actually purchase them. I mentioned the upgrade to the entrance.

“We’re going to have a 50th Birthday Reunion on August 19th. Cowboy camp outs in June, August and September, where families can come and spend the night with their 8 to 12 year olds on the grounds. Movies Under the Western Sky, May 18th, June 8th, July 20th and August 17th, which is free to the public. The GAR Reunion Weekend, which is the Grand Army of the Republic. It was a major political and social force in the later half of the 19th century. They will be recreating a reunion of Civil War veterans and the GAR organization. It should be very interesting. Frontier Days, July 15th and 16th, and Agricultural Days down on the farm, July 29th and 30th.

“We’ve created a new site map in several different languages, and a birthday party program and many other activities that will be going on through the season. I just wanted to make you aware of this. Exploration Place is opening up. We’re very thrilled about that. We think that it will bring a lot more

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

tourists to the area. We have a two-for-one reciprocal pass. When you go to Exploration Place you can also bring that to Cowtown.

“We’re excited about this season. I thank you for the opportunity to come and tell you a little bit about it and thank you for investing in us and helping us with our improvements to the front. You seem to get it. You understand the value of preservation. We’re very grateful for that partnership with you and for your gifts recently to Cowtown Museum. Any questions?”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much, Lynn. We certainly appreciate your coming today and visiting about this very special year. We’re very pleased that one of our Commissioners who really does get it is Commissioner McGinn, who has agreed to work with your group and serve on your board. We’re very pleased with her leadership, in keeping us advised of what’s going on over there. She does have some comments or questions. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Chairman Winters. Lynn, thanks for coming over today and sharing all that you have and that little bit of history. I think that’s important, too, about how Cowtown really got started. It was a few folks that decided to preserve some of our history here in Wichita and the Sedgwick County area. As you said, you talked about many good things going to happen this year and I’d just like to share, for our viewing audience, that if you haven’t been to Cowtown for a few years, this year would certainly be a year to come. There’s going to be lots of exciting things on the weekends, new exhibits, some that we can touch, unlike in the past. So, a whole new and different experience and I think they’ll see a new, exciting look.

“We had a meeting Monday, and the archway to go into Cowtown is already up. The flowers are just waiting for the right time. The silhouettes along the fence were already laid out. They looked great. I think people will be excited, as they come out.

“The final thing is that this 50th anniversary is right at the verge of the opening of our capital campaign and the changing of the entrance to Cowtown, the Education Center and those kinds of things. I think about how the Zoo got started and the things that they did. They had the signs out saying ‘future site of’ and we’re seeing those come into being and almost done, aren’t we Jerry? We’ll probably create new things, I think. It’s created a sense of excitement, because we’re seeing those things. That’s kind of where we’re at with Cowtown, with the Blood Orchard going to be resurrected next year or begin starting and then the Education Center and some other things. So, if you haven’t been to Cowtown, this is the year to come.”

Ms. Hawk said, “Thank you for helping us get to that new level of excellence. We deeply appreciate

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

your commitment.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems like we had the drawing board before us for forever, now, about the new entrance and the visitors center and so forth and it’s always been pretty exciting for me and can you tell us once again when that expected completion is?”

Ms. Hawk said, “We hope to break ground with the new Visitors and Education Center in the winter/spring of 2001. In the capital campaign, may I just give you an update. We’ve raised \$3,200,000, on our way to \$4,500,000. We have a little less than a year to get to that \$4,500,000. We feel very confident that we will get to that number. We’re ready. We’re working with architects and we’ve got our general contractor and we’re ready to move forward.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Great, I’ve been pumped up, seen plans for it. I can’t remember, Jerry, I know you showed them to us a long time ago. Seems like I was just a child. I’ve always been so excited about it and know that it’s been a very difficult thing to do. I think Cowtown . . . I’ve even suggested over the years, that we change it’s name but I get beat up pretty badly for that because it’s had that name for so long and it really is a good name.”

Ms. Hawk said, “You’re not alone. Many people felt that about the name but if you understand the progress of the Chisholm Trail and Fort Worth was called Cowtown and Austin was called Cowtown and Denver was called Cowtown. It was just sort of a name that was used to describe cities that were in this cattle business. So, it really is appropriate, once you understand the message and the mission of Cowtown. It becomes something that is wearable.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “That’s exactly right and so many folks don’t really understand what the mission is. That it is a living, breathing museum. It isn’t a room that you go into or a building that you walk into. It is a community. For those who do not go out regularly, who have never, and I’m sure there are a number who have never gone there. It isn’t just a replica of what used to be. It’s what used to be.”

Ms. Hawk said, “It isn’t Disneyland and you’re not going to get a snow cone and a sucker every three feet. It’s a step in time. It’s our history. It’s the legacy of this land and it’s recreated in the fashion down to the detail of the buttons on the women’s dresses and their hats and the socks and everything. Even the wallpaper in the buildings has to be identified in that period of 1865 to 1880. It is the exact replica of what would occur in 1865 to 1880 and must be documented.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

“I have to tell you, these interpreters take this very seriously. They will not bring contemporary food out on the grounds while they are dressed. They will not show contemporary photographs while they are on the grounds. We can, as guests. We can do whatever we want. They keep the persona, immediately when they walk on the grounds. We’re talking about professional people that have made a living at interpreting. Most of them are Masters educated in history and are very scholarly. We are very, very fortunate. We just need to let this community know what we have. Everybody else outside seems to know. You seem to know. We’ve got to let our own folks know.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “I know, when the DeVore Farm was completed, before the DeVore’s came and financed that project and it’s a wonderful project. I had the opportunity to visit with Elmer Peters, who actually lived in that house as a child, along with his sisters. His sister told me a number of stories about the back porch. It is really a real house that was in eastern Sedgwick County that’s been moved and placed there. This isn’t something that we just put up some money and somebody built. The money was moving the house from it’s original location to where it is today and redoing it. Most of the facilities out there are like that. Many of them are. Everything in them are just like that. I want to encourage folks to get out and visit and enjoy. It’s a wonderful educational experience, not to mention a lot of fun. Dress up like cowboys and head out there.”

Ms. Hawk said, “Thank you very much.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Gwin has a comment or question.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Lynn, one of the things that, when other departments come to see us, we try to find out a little bit about the individual representing the department. How long have you worked with Cowtown?”

Ms. Hawk said, “I came in May of 1999 to help with the campaign. I came exactly 10 days before Gloria Campbell made her entrance. I must tell you, she is an amazing woman. A treasure to work with and a real leader, as well as Ms. McGinn. Truly, some of the finest women that I’ve had the pleasure of working with.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I agree. Do you have any sense what the most popular exhibit at Cowtown

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

is?”

Ms. Hawk said, “Well, I would say the Blacksmith Shop is sort of a very active and engaging place but the Saloon is fun and going into the actual Murdock Home, where Mr. Murdock lived with his family and hearing about his wife and her travails of coming to this land that she thought was much more progressive than it was and really didn’t even have the railroad when she came out here. There’s just so many things. The Munger House, one of the original structures in Wichita. It’s just so warm and cozy when you walk in there and to think that fourteen people slept upstairs and it was their town hall and it served so many purposes. Each side is so charming, you have to take it for what it is individually and smell it and breath it and touch it. It’s an amazing and special, special place but I would say the Blacksmith’s Shop.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “One of the things I’ve noticed that’s been such a positive improvement since I’ve been on the bench is the number of interpreters and the way that Cowtown really has become more and more alive. We chuckled when Gloria was here not to long ago, about all the publicity that Boot Hill gets. My statement about that was ‘well, yeah, you can see them dead at Boot Hill, you can see them living at Cowtown’.”

Ms. Hawk said, “We love that. We’ve been saying that for weeks. Thank you.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “So, it really is a very special place and there have been some wonderful improvements and I concur with my colleagues. Thanks for being here today.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you again, Lynn. What we’ve been doing is setting aside a time at the beginning of each of our meetings to visit a bit and receive information on different County Departments. This week it was Cowtown. Last week we visited with the Purchasing Department. We’ve talked to Emergency Management. We try to get a little bit of information, both for Commissioners and Staff, and for the public about a particular different department. Good luck on your season. Opens April 1st, and Lynn, thanks for sharing with us. Thank you, Commissioner McGinn, for agreeing to serve on that board.”

Ms. Hawk said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

B. PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 3-9, 2000 AS "PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK."**

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation concerning public health.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the average life span of Sedgwick County citizens was 45 years in the Cowtown era and is 75 years today; and

WHEREAS, only five years of this thirty-year increase are due to curative medicine, and fully twenty-five years of this additional life span are due to public health prevention measures; and

WHEREAS, the measures include basic sanitation, clean air and water, and use of vaccines for immunizations, and control of contagious diseases such as tuberculosis and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, even with this progress, approximately half the deaths in Sedgwick County occur prematurely from preventable causes, especially those related to lifestyle, such as tobacco, not eating enough nutritious foods, and not getting enough physical activity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2000 as

‘PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK’

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

in Sedgwick County and encourage all residents to celebrate public health prevention.

“Dated March 29, 2000. Commissioners, that’s the Proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, “I would just say one thing again. In that proclamation, in talking about the expanded life span of our citizens over the past decade of thirty years and twenty-five years of that being attributed to public health improvements. I think that’s amazing. We have a motion and a second. Please call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Today, we have Charles Magruder, with the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Health Department to accept the Proclamation. Charley, would you please come forward and accept the Proclamation. As a full time person engaged in public health, we commend you for you and your work and all of the employees at the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Health Department. You are a certainly vital, important asset for our community.”

Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director, Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much, sir. We very much appreciate the tremendous political leadership in this

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

community as well. There have been many accomplishments, just over this past year, looking at protection of ground water, insuring that we're handling our waste in the proper way, and the Health Department employees greatly appreciate that courageous leadership in making those things happen. That is what's going to make further progress in public health possible. So, we thank you very much."

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

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 1 AS "EXPLORATION DAY."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have another proclamation I'd like to read for your approval.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Exploration Place will be the signature building of our community, bringing new adventures and discoveries for Sedgwick County as we begin this new millennium; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is pleased to be a partner in this first class, one-of-a-kind facility, providing residents and tourists of all ages the opportunity to explore the wonders of Kansas, the magic of flight, the miracle of human life, and marvel at the mysteries of our world; and

WHEREAS, Exploration Place represents Sedgwick County's commitment to revitalizing downtown Wichita, creating a stunning landmark for our community, through the work of the internationally renowned architect Moshe Safdie; and

WHEREAS, generous businesses and individuals in Sedgwick County, committed to raising funds to make Exploration Place a reality, have helped to help create an innovative center for learning, creativity, imagination and fun; and

WHEREAS, April 1, 2000 marks the opening of this magnificent center, with its extraordinary exhibits, dramatic architecture and breathtaking view, promising hours of entertainment for us to enjoy with our families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2000 as

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

“EXPLORATION DAY”

In Sedgwick County, and encourage all residents to “discover the explorer in you,” by visiting Exploration Place.

“Dated March 29, 2000. Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Here today is Phil Frick, one of the principle trustees, initiator and planner. Also, Commissioner Betsy Gwin is on that board of trustees. This coming Saturday, of course, is the ribbon cutting. So, Phil, we’d ask you to make some comments and then if any of the Commissioners would like to make comments, we could probably all take up most of Saturday morning but I think we’re probably going to be limited to how much we can say there. So, if anybody’s got something they’d like to say about Exploration Place, this morning’s going to be a fine time to do it. So, Phil, welcome to the Board of County Commissioners and congratulations on the opening.”

Mr. Phil Frick, Member, Exploration Place Board of Trustees, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much, Tom. April 1 is a big day for all of us and certainly, you all have been a big part

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

of this since, literally, the very beginning. Commissioner Gwin and I have served on the board since the first board meeting, back in 1992. It's been almost eight years now.

"Lynn commented a while ago on something I want to emphasize, that Exploration Place is intended to be a community gathering place and a stimulus for all other institutions in our Museum District in Wichita. This is not a competitive situation. It's not we and they. As Lynn already mentioned, we have reciprocal arrangements and this will be done with all other cultural institutions. So, I did want to comment on that at the very beginning. It's unfortunate, perhaps, that their celebration and ours is the same day but perhaps that's a plus for everybody all the way around. At least I hope everyone understands that.

"It was 1993, I believe, the last time. . . Not the last time I was here but the first time, I think, I was here and we had pretty pictures and all to put up. We don't have to do that today because it's really there and you can come see it on April 1 and I hope you all do attend. I think you're right, Chairman Winters. We probably have more time today than we'll have Saturday morning to make comments because I think we're going to have the crowds lined up, ready to come in. So, it will be a wonderful day.

"It's certainly been a pleasure for me to work with you all and your staff. We've had a lot to do with your staff over the past eight years. Genuinely, and I mean it, I'm not just saying it to be polite, it's been a pleasure. Bill, and everybody, Richard, too, has been a pleasure to work with. That's a plus for the way you run Sedgwick County.

"Also, one final comment, a lot of you have probably been wondering, but Commissioner Hancock does look very well in a tuxedo. So, thanks to all of you for all that you have done. I think your all going to be proud and pleased with what you see."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. From our member of the Board of Trustees, Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Winters. Phil, it's nice to see you here and looking so calm. I know this last little time has been frantic for those of you who are involved on a day to day basis. I was over, stopped over the other day, after watching Mr. Hancock, in his tuxedo Saturday evening. I agree, I thought he looked very good. You all did. Things are gearing up. I see an article in the paper about the cafe and it's getting started. It looks to me like we're good to go. I'm assuming that you'll just be bowled over by folks for the first year or so, at least."

Mr. Frick said, "I certainly hope so and I think so. As a reminder to everyone. For opening weekend,

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Saturday and Sunday, admission to the public is by reservation and reservation only. That is to try to keep the situation a pleasant one for people to come and not have overcrowding. Then, come Monday, it will be wide open.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “It will be an interesting . . . well, we know it’s interesting, because we’ve had a good time playing in there ourselves already and getting to try these things out but, I agree with you. I think it will be a nice compliment to the community and to the other attractions here. It will be interesting, I think, to compare and contrast the technologies in Exploration Place with our history at Cowtown and I think it will be interesting to compare and contrast the machinery, the very technical sciences at Exploration Place with the living animals at the Zoo. I mean, I see a real link between this facility and our others. I want to thank you for your work. It’s been wonderful. I’m real excited about it. Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That’s what I was going to say, also, Phil. For those of you who don’t know, Phil has absolutely dedicated all of his time and his life. I don’t know what it’s done to his family life. I have no idea.”

Mr. Frick said, “I’ve learned how to use the microwave. We’re set.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Phil has absolutely foregone everything else in his life to do this. That probably is what it took. One single individual stepping up and saying ‘I’m going to put everything aside and I’m going to make this happen for our community’. I’m not so sure that there are very many folks out there who are willing to do something like that. They are pretty rare individuals and Phil did it. It happened and it’s a reality and most of it is . . . I know he had a lot of good folks to work with but Phil led the way and this is his vision, his idea, what this community would benefit from, and he was right all along. For me, and I know I speak for my colleagues and the people of Sedgwick County, Phil, a very personal thank you for everything that you’ve done. You’ve done a lot for us and we want you to know that we appreciate it, from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you very much.”

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Mr. Frick said, "Thank you, Bill. I appreciate those words and it's been a lot of fun."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. I'd just like to reiterate what my colleagues have said and say thank you for the work that you've done to pull this off and it was a big project. It was probably one of the biggest projects that we've ever done in this community. I appreciate your comments about . . . it's not going to be a competitive piece with the other museums. I think this is going to be a different, unique attraction that will compliment the others. We have the Museums on the River, we have the African-American Museum, many other things and I just think what it's going to create, and my hope is that I think we're going to see people coming from all over the State and maybe regionally United States, decide to spend three to four day weekends in Wichita, Kansas. Thank you for the work that you've done. You've certainly helped us add a great feature to our community."

Mr. Frick said, "Thank you. I think you've hit on something there with the visitation. Certainly, it should attract people who will come, with all our other cultural attractions and other attractions, we should have now the critical mass for weekend stays. There's plenty to do now. I think that will be an important benefit from Exploration Place."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Phil, thanks again. Look forward to seeing you Saturday morning. We're looking forward to just wonderful events."

Mr. Frick said, "Thank you, Tom. I think we're limited to two minutes, probably, Saturday."

Chairman Winters said, "I know. That's what the little note said. Two minutes, make it quick. I'll be quick on Saturday. All right, Madame Clerk, next item please."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

C. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO WILMA MAY, SENIOR PAYROLL SPECIALIST, ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Oh, we're going to miss Wilma. Wilma May is the Senior Payroll Specialist in Accounting and she will retire May 1, after 31 years of service. That's a while. Wilma was hired October 28th of 1968 as an Accounting Clerk II and has moved up into Accounting to become the Senior Payroll Specialist. The bottom line on Wilma is she's delivered all of our paychecks for as long as I've been here and for a long time before that and that is going to be a painful loss, not to mention she's just a darn fine person.

"Wilma will now have more time to spend with her grand kids and the rest of her family. She enjoys traveling and has several interests to keep her busy. Wilma has worked for Public Works and Accounting. She describes her period of employment with Sedgwick County as 'Sedgwick County has been a very good employer. I've seen a lot of good changes through the years.'

Chairman Winters said, "Wilma, congratulations and thank you. We have the certificate and somebody's slipped a little photograph in, that was probably taken at least a couple of years ago."

Ms. Wilma May, Senior Payroll Specialist, Accounting, said "I was a little younger."

Chairman Winters said, "We also have a clock that, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we'd like to present you with this clock. Thirty-one years is certainly a significant career with any organization and all of the employees, all of those who know about internal functions of any organization, certainly appreciates the work that folks like you do. So, congratulations and the best wishes on your retirement. Would you like to make just a comment or two?"

Ms. May said, "Just thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much."

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO L. MOLLIE ARNOLD, FISCAL ASSOCIATE, CLERK'S OFFICE.

Mr. Russell said, "Well, you're in good company, Wilma. Mollie Arnold I've known since I came to the County 8 years ago. She's been here 10. She'll retire, I guess on Exploration Day, so that will be good. Go off to the deal there. She came in June of '89 as a Senior Office Assistant, was promoted to

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

a Fiscal Associate in August of 1990.

“Mollie has done some things to prepare for what I doubt will be retirement, from looking at this. Mollie plans to spend time with her family and is also excited about embarking on a new adventure. She’s sure she will miss her Sedgwick County family as well. Mollie has a real estate license now, which she’s looking forward to utilizing and will occupy some of her time. She plans to travel, making trips to Oklahoma to visit family and antique stores.

“Mollie’s term with Sedgwick County has been served as an employee of the County Clerk. So, you’ve worked for a couple of different Clerks. She began as a Fiscal Associate and ended in Document Correction in the Real Estate area. Mollie describes her experience of employment as ‘for the most part, it truly has been an educational experience’. I know what that means. My thanks to all my co-workers for their support and a special thanks to Sedgwick County for the great benefits. Thanks, Mollie.”

Chairman Winters said, “Mollie, we have a Certificate of Recognition and I would like to acknowledge that County Clerk James Alford, who Mollie works for, and Deputy Clerk Paul Rosell are in the audience this morning to help you celebrate this retirement. We would like to present you this clock, from the Board of County Commissioners, in recognition of the appreciation that we have for folks who work for Sedgwick County and retire from Sedgwick County. So, we would say best wishes to you on your retirement. I’ll make you the offer to make a couple of comments, if you would like to do that.”

Ms. Mollie Arnold, Fiscal Associate, County Clerk’s Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well, I would especially want to thank all the people that I’ve worked with, my co-workers and of course James and Paul. I hate to leave, but as Dr. Martin Luther King once said, ‘Free at last, free at last’.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item please.”

3. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JOHN HALE, CUSTOMER TICKET ADMINISTRATOR, SELECT-A-SEAT, KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. Russell said, “John Hale already hit the road. John has had a couple of farewell parties. I don’t think John’s here, is he. Okay, I see a lot of his co-workers. The bottom line is John’s kind of an

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

institution around Sedgwick County. He's done a lot of really great work and we're going to truly miss him. He will retire, after ten years, with the Coliseum as the Select-a-Seat Administrator. We'll miss John.

Chairman Winters said, "You will see that he receives his clock from the Commissioners."

Mr. Russell said, "He's done got it."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Next item please."

4. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO HERMAN FLOYD, SENIOR INVESTIGATOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Mr. Russell said, "Herman Floyd is an Investigator with the District Attorney's Office and will retire May 1, after ten years of service. Connie called him up and said 'what do you want us to say about you' and he said I've been here ten years and she said 'are you sure, because Russell will make stuff up if you don't give him something'. Ten years of service in the DA's Office. Congratulations.

Chairman Winters said, "Here's a certificate of recognition for your work and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we'd like to present you with this clock, as a token of our appreciation to your work with Sedgwick County. Would you like to make a comment."

Mr. Herman Floyd, Senior Investigator, District Attorney's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "No, thank you."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Clerk, call the next item."

PUBLIC HEARING

D. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX EXEMPTION ON BEHALF OF YOUNGERS AND SONS MANUFACTURING, INC.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioner and said, "We request this item be deferred one week."

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to defer Item D for one week.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

E. RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) MEDICAL ADVISOR.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, EMS (Emergency Medical Services), greeted the Commissioners and said, "This new resolution would allow Dr. McClellan to continue as our Medical Director, as we are working with the three other public safety agencies, to come up with a system wide approach to a medical directorship. This is moving along a little slower than we'd anticipated and I would appreciate allowing him to continue, as we are required by State law, to have a Medical Advisor. I would recommend you approval."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Tom, do you have an estimation of the time we're looking at?"

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Mr. Pollan said, "We will complete this by July 1st, period."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, you've heard Tom's report. Further questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our standard agreement for advertising rights. In this case it's with American Family Insurance. The location of the signs is on either side of the end zones scoreboard. As you know, that's our new dynamic signage program, where they move. The fee is \$2,500 per year, on a three year deal. We recommend approval."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "Chairman, just one question."

Chairman Winters said, "We have a question, John."

Commissioner Hancock said, "John, how much room do you have for these kinds of advertisements?"

Mr. Nath said, "Well, as we get more creative, we obviously create more room. What we did was reposition the end zone scoreboards, to get them out of the way for football field goals. They were right where the ball was going to go. So, we offset them a little bit and added a sign to either side. We have three advertising, actually we have six advertising opportunities per scoreboard, giving us twelve new opportunities. We have about half of those sold right now."

Commissioner Hancock said, "And they're \$2,500 a year?"

Mr. Nath said, "Yes, on a three year deal."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Are they there all the time or just during games?"

Mr. Nath said, "They're up there all the time, and they move. Three advertisers share the same space."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Oh, I see. Good. Okay, great. That was interesting."

Chairman Winters said, "Remind us again when indoor football season opens."

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Mr. Nath said, "Be happy to. They open up this coming Monday, in Casper, Wyoming, on their away game. First home game is Saturday the 8th, April 8th."

Chairman Winters said, "I think this community is going to find that an exciting new activity in Sedgwick County."

Mr. Nath said, "I believe the general manager of the team will be down here on the 5th, for your meeting, to talk to you about the opening game. We're real excited about it. Ticket sales are going very well."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Thank you, John. Next item."

G. GRANT AND CONTRACT WITH CITY OF HAYSVILLE, KANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDEMNING CERTAIN PROPERTY.

Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a contract and a grant that we have with the City of Haysville that's part of our joint effort on the railroad grade separation at Main Street and Grand, in the City of Haysville that we intend to undertake. This agreement provides a funding mechanism for the County to reimburse the City of Haysville in a couple of condemnations they have for a couple of properties in the City of Haysville. As you remember, we have purchased seven properties in this area. These two properties we had to condemn, and we did it in the name of the City of Haysville. This will allow us to reimburse them for that effort. Answer any further questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you, Mike. Commissioners, you've heard Mike's report. Are there questions, comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Grant and Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

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

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

H. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. CONTRACTS (TWO) TO PROVIDE SERVICES.

**! BREAKTHROUGH CLUB: TRANSITIONAL AGE PROGRAM
PROVIDING CASE MANAGEMENT AND PSYCHOSOCIAL
SERVICES TO YOUTH**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "The first contract is with Breakthrough Club. They provide a transitional age program. We typically have had a real challenge, in terms of individuals with a serious mental illness, with ages 16-24. This particular contract enhances the program and extends it to those 12 and up. It provides summer activities and has pre-vocational training in that. What we're finding is that many of the people that we serve who, traditionally, spent a good portion of their lives in institutions, with new medications and treatments, are in the community and wanting to be employed. We're finding that the earlier we can start working with youth towards employment opportunities and the kind of skills it takes to maintain employment, the more success that they will experience. This particular contract is for \$26,233 and those are State funds. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, are there comments or questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item please."

! SUMNER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Ms. Donaldson said, "This is another contract with Sumner Mental Health to provide attendant at \$7,768. Those are State funds."

Chairman Winters said, "Is that Sumner County?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes, the Mental Health Center in that area. Actually, Mulvane splits between Sedgwick and Sumner County and so this allows those services to be a little closer to the individuals being served."

Chairman Winters said, "What was the total amount of that?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "\$7,768."

Chairman Winters said, "Why don't we go ahead and take a motion on that, so the record will be real clear that the first motion we were talking about the Breakthrough Club and now we're going to take a motion to talk about the Sumner Mental Health Center. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Now, let's go ahead and recall Item H-2."

2. CONTRACT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CENTER TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUTH ENROLLED IN THE HEALTHWAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Ms. Donaldson said, "This particular contract has to do with Healthwave, which you're aware of, we manage the Healthwave contract for Sedgwick, Sumner and Butler Counties. This is the health insurance for youth who are not eligible for Medicaid but yet seem to fall between the cracks, in terms of other insurance programs. This contract is with Mental Health Center in Butler County, to provide those services. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "And again, this is Healthwave services that are funded by the State legislature, is that right?"

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Ms. Donaldson said, "That is correct."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

3. FISCAL YEAR 2000 (FY2000) AREA PLAN REVISION, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

Ms. Anita Nance, Director of Client Services, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Each year the area Agency on Aging submits an area plan to the Kansas Department on Aging, which details how the area Agency plans to spend Federal dollars in the Federal fiscal year. An area plan revision is submitted to change the plan for such reasons as a decrease in funds or a change in the way a program is funded. I ask today that you approve the Federal Year 2000 area plan revision, authorize the Chairman to sign and submit the plan to the Kansas Department on Aging."

MOTION

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the FY2000 Area Plan Revision and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

4. APPLICATION TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING A NEW PREVENTION PROGRAM, PROVIDED BY USD 259, TO DEVELOP SUSPENSION ALTERNATIVES AT FOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The State Juvenile Justice Authority recently announced availability of additional prevention funds to our district in the amount of \$252,260. In order to receive the funds, we are required to submit a grant application that is consistent with our local Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan with review by the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and approval of the Commission. The Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Prevention Committee took a lead role in identifying options on how best to advance our prevention plan, by continuing to address priority risk factors identified through the Community Planning Process for Juvenile Justice Reform that we submitted back in November, 1998.

"The Advisory Board has recommended a demonstration project by USD 259 to reduce elementary school suspensions. The project targets three specific risk factors in students that lead to suspension and future delinquency. They are early and persistent anti-social behavior, lack of commitment to school, and academic failure. The project is based upon a Nationally recognized organizational development method, called Program Development Evaluation, or MDE for short. This process has been used for tracking and

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

improving specific problems in schools around the Country.

“The project targets four elementary schools in Wichita to use this MDE method to develop effective alternative to suspension that can be replicated in all elementary schools in future years. The process involves creating school resource teams at each site, to proactively address student behaviors most likely to lead to suspension. Each team will tailor the MDE for its own site. A MDE consultant will be hired to train one grant-funded coordinator at each site in the methodology and to specify benchmarks, monitor implementation, help problem solve and evaluate results to document what works.

“The goal for this demonstration project is to develop an organizational change model to reduce suspension rate and to develop a training program, with the idea that the year after the grant, the school district will be able to do almost all of the training, in house, to replicate the program at other schools.

“The Division Director for Elementary Education will be responsible for implementing and administering the grant program, that will be funded for a year, beginning July 1st, 2000, with these prevention funds. I ask that you approve the funding application and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Mark. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mark, I was looking at the salaries back here, and the individuals that they’ll hire, the support coordinators. Are those people already in the school system or are these people coming from outside?”

Mr. Masterson said, “I think the coordinators will be contract employees for a year and so they would be coming from . . . It would be the District’s decision on who they hired but these are not existing positions.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I’m just curious how you find somebody that’s going to work one year. I know that’s their problem but it looks like a full time job for a year and it’s probably going to be good information for us, as well, as far as prevention and those kinds of things that we do. That was my question, so, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Mark, my question, too, is also a little bit about the school, but could you tell me the response that you had from USD 259 when you, and the committee, suggested that this might be a project. What was the school’s response.”

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Mr. Masterson said, "I had lunch with Superintendent Brooks and Fran Crowley, from the School Board, to talk about the interest of the prevention committee in helping them to do something about reducing elementary school suspensions. I shared this PDE promising approach and model with them. The response was extremely favorable. The superintendent told me that the Division Director of Elementary Education would be contacting me the same day. We began work the next morning and this grant is the product of the work that they completed."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, good. The reason that I asked is that I think it is extremely important, even as we were working through the community planning team and other organizations, in developing our plan, that we stay in close contact and work closely with the school districts all throughout the County. So, to keep that relationship positive is, I think, going to be a priority and to make sure that we're involved in projects that they think are worthy is going to be important. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Mark, I just had one other comment. I'd be interested in the success of this program. Could you make a note. It looks like it will be about a year and a half before we'll know, but to come back to us and let us know how all this went and if it's something they're going to continue or what. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "I would share that also. We're starting enough kind of new initiatives on prevention programs that I don't know that we're not going to hit a home run on every one. I think we're going to be very interested in monitoring how these new programs work. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Mark, Commissioner Hancock and I were just chatting and looking at some of the backup and some of the suspension rates in a couple of these grade schools are amazingly high, it seems to me. So, our question was, and as I got to looking at it, what do you do with kids who are suspended from school? I guess that's what they have to figure out. Are we trying to intervene before they get suspended or are we looking for an alternative when they can't go to that school anymore, some place else for them to go? What's the goal here?"

Mr. Masterson said, "We're looking at an organizational change to be proactive. Develop a model that works to intervene, identify kids early and intervene with their parents and with those kids and with teachers, before suspension is necessary, as well as developing in-school alternatives to effectively address behavior problems."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And I guess that's fine, but this one school still had 94 kids suspended during

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

that school year. I'm assuming those are short term suspensions?"

Mr. Masterson said, "I would assume so. This is elementary school."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And not like year long suspension. So, I'm interested in this, too, and how it kind of shakes out. It appears to me, obviously a couple of these schools, and there may be more who have real serious problems. So, keep us posted."

Mr. Masterson said, "I will do that."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Mark, thank you very much. Commissioners, you've heard the report. I guess one final question. The Team Justice, the Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board has worked on this at a couple of meetings. This recommendation comes from them really. Is that right?"

Mr. Masterson said, "That is correct. Before you, Margalee Wright, the Chair of the Advisory Board has signed the application and they've been very involved in this process. They do recommend it."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard Mark's report about this prevention program. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

- 5. ADDITION OF FOUR CORRECTION WORKER POSITIONS, RANGE 18; ONE INDEPENDENT LIVING THERAPIST POSITION, RANGE 18; AND ONE SENIOR CORRECTIONS COUNSELOR POSITION, RANGE 20; ALL GRANT FUNDED, TO THE CORRECTIONS STAFFING TABLE.**

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioners, we've received notification from the State Juvenile Justice Authority of their approval of our funding application to expand Judge Riddel's Boys Ranch at Lake Afton by seven beds, to forty-nine. This expansion was recommended in our Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Plan and it will help reduce the numbers of juveniles awaiting placements at our Juvenile Detention Facility.

"The grant award is for \$306,600. It proves funding for start-up and operation costs for one year for these added beds. The item before adds six full-time positions to the Staffing Table to carry out the expansion. Staffing costs this year, from April through December, are \$155,123. I need to point out, this is a correction to the information on your agenda request that shows \$203,654 under the financial section, which is the annual, rather than partial year cost. Also, the agenda description that was read for the meeting agenda has a typographical error. The range for Correction Workers should be 16, rather than 18. I would just like to amend that for the record.

"I ask that you approve the addition of the six positions to the Staffing Table and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Mark, this again, this grant is from Juvenile Justice Authority?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes, it is."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the additions to the Corrections Staffing Table.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, "The only comment that I'd have is, we're, I think, very fortunate to have a person like Mark Masterson as our Director of Corrections. Here's a perfect example. Mark, for a number of his early years with Sedgwick County, worked at this facility and was the Manager of this facility, Judge Riddel's Boys Ranch and it gives a level of confidence to know that when we take on even projects like this, that aren't really all that large but yet pretty significant, we are certainly confident in you, Mark, to make these additions work. So, we're very fortunate. Commissioners, we have a Motion and a Second. Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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

I. AGREEMENTS (TWO) TO DEFINE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR TELEPHONE SYSTEM ACCESS TO THE 911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

- 1. DELTA PHONES, INC.**
- 2. SOUTH CENTRAL WIRELESS, INC.**

Mr. George Scantlin, Assistant Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you, you have two of our standard agreements that we've used with other alternate local exchange carriers to insure that they provide access to our 911 system. At this point, I would be happy to answer any questions. Excuse me, the first one is from Delta Phones, Incorporated and the second one is from South Central Wireless."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, George, I guess the only question I would have, again, is we have a level of confidence in the systems that these folks are putting in and that, if someone pushes the buttons, the phone will ring?"

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Mr. Scantlin said, “Yes, sir, we do some research with these folks before we enter into these agreements.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

1. CONTRACT WITH MEDIATION CENTER OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE MEDIATION SERVICES FOR DISTRICT COURTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Hart said, “Once again, I bring to you a contract for your consideration with the Mediation Center of Wichita. The County has funded them for a number of years to provide mediation services to District

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Courts. The money that we provide, \$9,000, provides staffing to coordinate, recruit and train and supervise volunteers, who actually do the mediation. We expect them to do nearly 300 cases in District Court this year. I'd offer to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Irene. Are there questions or comments regarding this contract with Mediation Center of Wichita?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS.

Ms. Hart said, "This one is always exciting. For several years, Sedgwick County has sponsored a program called 21st Century Community Grants. These are opportunities for second and third-class cities in Sedgwick County to submit applications for funding. Eligible projects are those which promote community planning or community improvement, including historic preservation projects.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

“Communities are encouraged to submit applications for projects which the community is unable to accomplish on their own, without these funds, and for projects which demonstrate a partnership between the city and Sedgwick County.

“The total amount of funding is \$25,000. The maximum amount to each community would be \$7,500. This year, applications were from 8 communities, with request totaling over \$46,000. A staff committee has review these applications and recommends the following to you.

“The first community is Andale. They request assistance in replacing a foot bridge, which was washed away during the 1998 floods. The bridge will be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. It provides safe passage for children to access the park and swimming pool, without having to cross a busy street. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has provided over \$2,400 for this project and the City of Andale will provide any additional funds that are needed to accomplish the project.

“The second recommendation is for Bentley, in the amount of \$3,500. Bentley is experiencing new growth and development but currently does not have subdivision regulations. Their zoning code is over 15 years old and has been amended several times. The City of Bentley will provide matching funds to develop and update the appropriate regulations necessary for safe and orderly growth.

“Our third recommendation is an application from the City of Derby. A few years ago, a Derby child was fatally injured from a fall, while playing on the equipment at Garrett Park. New playground equipment has been installed and the City would like to install a surface called ‘Entire Cushion’, as a playground surfacing material. This product is made from recycle tires, which is applied and then sealed with polyurethane and has the following characteristics: it doesn’t compact under repeated foot traffic, it’s wheelchair accessible, it has minimal maintenance, it’s clean and attractive and can be used immediately after a heavy rain. The complete project cost is nearly \$30,000, with the City of Derby providing the remainder of the funding for the project.

“The fourth recommendation from the subcommittee is an application from Park City. Park City has also been experiencing rapid growth and development and also needs to update subdivision and zoning regulations. The City will match the County award in the amount of \$2,500.

“Our final recommendation is an application from the City of Viola. Their bookkeeping, record keeping and utility billing processes all require an updated computer system. The County award will fund a portion of their request for computer equipment.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

“The total amount of funding is \$25,000. I’d recommend that you approve the grants and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much, Irene. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How do we define small city? Is it by population?”

Ms. Hart said, “Second and third-class cities in Sedgwick County.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Then also, on the bridge in Andale, is it going back to where the original one was? Is it going to be either stronger or higher?”

Ms. Hart said, “They’re currently awaiting approval from the Kansas Division of Water Resources for an approved plan. It is being engineered with appropriate footings and it will be a pre-constructed bridge. So, I would assume it’s going to meet all the qualifications that will keep it high and dry, next time there’s high water.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Irene, as you know, I got real excited about the project in Derby. One of the things that excited me, Commissioners, here’s an example of what can be done with old tires (*holds up baggy of ‘Entire Cushion’*). I don’t know how they’ve ground them up into these little chips. It’s really neat that the project can go along with what we’re trying to do, in encouraging people to recycle. The more uses we can find for used material to be recycled, we can really help our environment. So, I’m real excited about that. That’s all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. All right, Commissioners, are there any other questions or comments concerning these, what were originally called small community grants? When we first started this project, the initiative was to encourage small communities to submit grants to Sedgwick County for those projects that they really didn’t feel like that they, in tight budget constraints, could really do and it was an attempt, by Sedgwick County, to really be helpful and creative with our smaller communities. If there are no other questions, Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Grant Awards.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, Thank you, Irene. Next item.”

K. AMENDMENTS (TWO) TO THE 2000 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET.

1. REPAIR OF THE NORTH DRAINAGE CROSSING AT LAKE AFTON PARK (CIP #PB391).

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Project Manager, Facility Planning & Remodeling Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agenda item requests your approval to amend the 2000 Capital Budget for this project. Currently, this project is shown in the Capital Budget to cost \$30,000. During additional project planning and project development, this Department worked with Public Works, and between those two departments, I’m recommending that this project budget be increased to reflect an actual project cost of \$85,577. The difference between what’s shown in the Capital Budget and the \$85,000 will come from local sales tax, Public Works. This bridge and drainage way is on the county road system and can qualify for that type of funding. I request your approval and I’m available for questions.”

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Stephanie. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just that this has been a chronic problem and I'm prepared to make a Motion to approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND MONITORS AT THE HISTORIC COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Ms. Knebel said, "This project requests your approval to amend the Capital Budget to reflect actual costs of this project as well. The project is the way it appears in the CIP is funded for \$30,853. The actual cost of this project is going to be \$48,230. The difference between these two amounts will be funded from year 2000 CIP contingency. I request your approval and am available for questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Does anyone have a question on this item? What's the will of the Board then?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the CIP amendment.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Stephanie. Next item please.”

L. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I would like to show you some of our recent activities in the Health Department over the past month.

“First, I want to talk about mold in our homes. This has caused a lot of activity in the Health Department recently, primarily because of some things that have been on TV and so forth. This comes from our Air Quality Section. Many people are aware of what happens in our Air Quality Section, related to ozone, insuring that immissions from certain types of industry are controlled properly and so forth but what many people might not be aware of is that our staff here also takes a very active role in looking at indoor air quality issues and addressing different kinds of circumstances that people might encounter in their homes. Mold in our homes is one of those recent items that we’ve encountered.

“This just shows you a couple of photographs of what our staff person, Curtis Reddington, he’s a specialist in the Health Department that deals with this issue, and what he has found in certain people’s homes, as a result of the concerns that they have expressed after having seen some of these things on the news. As you can see, there can be considerable problems related to mold in a home, particularly if it’s a area where there’s been a lot of moisture. The primary reason why this has come to mind is because they have found,

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

as a result of having some very nice health surveillance programs in certain parts of the country, that some children coming into Emergency Rooms having bleeding from their lungs. It turned out that that bleeding had taken place because they were living in homes that were contaminated with a certain type of mold that was releasing something into the atmosphere that harmed the lungs and then caused that bleeding to take place. This activity, on the news, is what prompted a lot of people to begin calling the Health Department and requesting that report.

“So, just some key points from that; if an individual does have a moldy home, it is not a healthy home. There are many reasons for that. The instance where an individual actually starts having bleeding from their lungs is a rather rare circumstance but it can be a routine problem for a number of people who have respiratory difficulties if they have a lot of spores from mold circulating in their home. In addition, individuals can develop allergies to these molds, if they are exposed to very large amounts. Since most of these molds come from the outside and then, subsequently, start growing in the home, if you develop an allergy it can create a serious problem for you, just in routine activities outside the home.

“Perhaps the most important thing to make people aware of is that if you do have water coming into your home, if you have areas that are routinely very damp, this is what the molds need to begin growth. So, you want to make certain that you keep areas as dry as possible. If you feel that you do have a problem, you can contact the Health Department and we’ll come out and take a look at it and give you some recommendations as to what you can do. Just to give you a general idea, in the past month, when we’ve gone out and done this, we’ve found 4 homes that actually had to have the individuals taken out of the home, for their own safety.

“Now, the next thing that I want to talk about is nutritional education. This is something that you may have also heard about on the news. This is something that is very important, that we’re finding among our youth. The need to inform them about proper nutrition and also the importance of physical activity. Two of our staff members, Alicia Ramey and Nicole Yeagley, had an opportunity to interact with the media and talk about this. I’ll just show you a quick clip here, if it works. (*Clip from local news program, talking about nutrition*)”

Chairman Winters said, “Now, were those Health Department employees, not Mike Iuen, but the other two?”

Dr. Magruder said, “Yes, Alicia Ramey is the one in the middle and Nicole Yeagley is the one on the side. Alisha Ramey is one of our Nutritionists and Nicole Yeagley works in our Community Education Department.”

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

“So, some key points from that, and this is important, particularly for our youth. Pizza doesn’t have to be classified as ‘junk food’, if you prepare it properly. If you choose wisely, even from areas where you can order pizza, you can get something that could be considered quite healthy. If you add an adequate amount of variety, you may actually get enough fruits and vegetables in a day.

“The next thing I want to make you aware of, in terms of a recent activity, is a new thing that we’ve had going on in relation to breast cancer awareness. We’ve had some very talented people in the Health Department and two of them, actually, Andy has been our prominent person that’s been working on this campaign. I keep telling him that he’s on his way to Hollywood or something. We’ve been developing some ways of making people more aware of this important issue. One of the approaches that this creative group came up with is trying to get men more involved in the process. *(Clip of news broadcast talking about the importance of men getting mamograms)*

“Just to give you an update on one of our new efforts that we presented at our previous meeting, I wanted to talk to you about the alternative medicine proposal. We have had our first meeting, in that regard. I was surprised at the first meeting. I found that representative Gwen Welshimer was actually the primary person who’s promoting this effort. I have found her to be extremely supportive of health issues, after having the opportunity to get to know her at this meeting. Of course, WSU (Wichita State University) Department of Public Health Sciences is also very prominently involved in this process.

“The goals in this, and many people still perceive this as something that’s a little strange and outlandish. However, what’s very important to recognize is that the National Institute of Health, out of Washington D.C., is actually promoting work in this area. They have ready and available, massive amounts of funding, that can be used to examine how these different types of alternative medicine practices may actually have a very positive impact on a community and their need to provide additional health care. The desire here is to develop a mechanism whereby Sedgwick County can become competitive and capable of getting some of this grant funding. As Representative Welshimer has very nicely pointed out in her meetings, the other long term goal in this process is to become a leader in what is termed agricultural medicine.

“Now, how do we make Kansas competitive in this whole process. Well, the first thing is that Representative Welshimer has established an organization called CAMI, Comprehensive Agricultural Medical Institute, which as I reviewed the people on that, consists of a number of very prominent leaders in various categories across the State of Kansas. A key component of this whole process seems to be

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

a plant that is grown in Kansas called echinacea. This is simply a photograph of that plant. As I understand it, we don't know for certain that this photograph was taken in the State of Kansas or not. It grows in other parts of the midwest, but the interesting thing about echinacea and specifically about echinacea that is grown in Kansas, there's a perception at least, if not a reality that the echinacea that is grown in Kansas is much better and has much improved medicinal qualities over echinacea that is grown in other parts of the midwest. I've heard reports from Germany, for example, where people are willing to spend massive amounts of money, if they can get the echinacea that was grown specifically in Kansas. So, there's a series of ideas that are going forth about how to make this cultivatable. I must profess my ignorance, when I went to this meeting the first time I had to ask 'what does cultivatable mean' but now I've determined that. The whole process is using that popularity of this plant, designing a protocol that would enable us to bring money into Sedgwick County, looking at alternative medicine and long-term, actually develop industry that would be very beneficial.

"I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Charley. Introduce again the two Health Department employees who are with you today."

Dr. Magruder said, "This is Andy, I believe his last name is Hopkins . . . Mishler, sorry, and Sarah Fuller. They both work in the Community Education Section and they are responsible for putting this audio/ visual presentation together. Andy is actually somewhat of a production person, in terms of designing ideas of how to present the Health Department in the community and actually designing mechanisms with the media for getting that across."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Mr. Chairman, I think that's the first time that we've had moving pictures on this system. Very good. We appreciate that. The report was outstanding. Thanks, Charles."

Dr. Magruder said, "Thank you, sir."

Commissioner Hancock said, "We had running commentary, between Betsy and I, on this echinacea. We know where two acres of greenhouses are that are empty right now."

Dr. Magruder said, "I will pass that information on to Representative Welshimer."

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Commissioner Hancock said, "Is this the kind that you see in bottles in the grocery store, is that what we're talking about? That's been processed."

Dr. Magruder said, "Yes, sir and I do not have an intimate knowledge of the process that occurs from getting the plant and putting it into the tablets but yes, you can purchase this in tablets. Representative Welshimer also gave me some packets of the plant, after it has been pulled and dried and put together into little things. It apparently can be used to make herb teas as well. Yes, it is indeed packaged and sold as tablets that you can take, just like a vitamin pill."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I'll be darned. Thank you, Charles. Very good report. Appreciate it."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Thank you, Dr. Magruder. That was an excellent report. Entertaining, especially as it gets late in the meeting. Appreciate that. I just want to make a few comments, as we talk about health in our community and with the heightened awareness about our ground water contamination, potential possible sources and that type of thing. As you probably know we had a meeting last Friday, the Commissioners, and a couple of folks from KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) and K-State came in and talked about alternative septic sewer systems out in the County.

"For the folks in our viewing audience, I want them to know, as you made comments earlier in our meeting about that, that we're looking for better ways to handle waste water in the County. The systems we have today are very good systems, septic systems and lagoons alike but we've been kind of doing business that way for twenty-some years and I guess this Commission wants to take a proactive approach and if we see better systems out there, across the United States, we want to be involved in looking at that, particularly, as the situation that we have here in the north-central part of Sedgwick County, as it lies over the equis-beds and sensitive ground water areas. So, I appreciate your comments earlier and hopefully we'll put together some kind of group to study this further and we may be making changes in the County of how we do waste water systems."

Dr. Magruder said, "I appreciate those comments, ma'am and let me, once again, reiterate we are extremely pleased with the leadership that our elected officials have shown in this area. That is really

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

what's going to be most promising about our future.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Doctor.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Betsy Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Yeah, thank you. A couple of comments. I take echinacea and it was recommended to me after I finished my cancer treatments, as an alternative that may help boost my immune system, and so I'm familiar with it, as an aid or as an alternative. Secondly, on the breast cancer awareness, Andy, is that the spot that features . . . the one I've seen features Barry West. That's excellent. I know he speaks from the heart, because he lost his wife, Joyce, to breast cancer. I think it's a very interesting way to encourage folks out there, women out there to take care of themselves, through their spouses and their significant others. I think that's very well done. Thank you. Thank you, Doc.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. When we were over at the Health Department for our luncheon, I had mentioned to Charles that occasionally, or some kind of visual presentation might be appropriate and in this day of digital cameras makes it a lot easier. I think we continue to be interested in seeing what the Health Department is involved in and various workshops and meetings that you're holding around the County. I think that makes a good presentation. Even though this is probably not must watch TV, it's at least a time where there's ten or fifteen minutes of air-time available during the day and then we re-broadcast later, so I think there is a way to touch part of the viewing audience with the items that are of interest of the Health Department and are on your work projects. So, this was a good presentation this morning and I would encourage you to use that media again.”

Dr. Magruder said, “Thank you, sir. I'm glad you mentioned that because it was as a result of your recommendation that we went about and made this happen today. So, I appreciate your positive feedback and will continue in the vein that you initially recommended.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

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

VOTE

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

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

M. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TREATMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Mr. Joe Brunk, Director, Noxious Weeds Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our annual agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation that allows us to spot treat the noxious weeds that are growing on their right-of-way areas here in Sedgwick County. We have a good working relationship with KDOT and would like for you to approve the agreement."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. All right, Madam Clerk, next item."

- 2. ESTIMATE FROM SEDGWICK COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING WATER LINE IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 616-13-4938; BRIDGE ON 13TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 199TH AND 215TH STREETS WEST. CIP# B-343. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item M-2 is the approval of an estimate from Sedgwick County Rural Water District Number 4, for the relocation of a line at a cost of \$1,164.90. This relocation is in connection with a bridge project on 13th Street north, between 199th and 215th Streets West, designated as B-343 in the Capital Improvement Program. Their line is in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the estimate."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. We'll wait just a minute for the fourth Commissioner to return to the bench. Why don't you tell us about Item M-3."

- 3. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZING INSPECTION OF FOUNDATION AND SUBSTRUCTURE ELEMENTS ON SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE #787-Z-1710, BRIDGE ON 263RD STREET WEST BETWEEN 79TH AND 87TH STREETS SOUTH; CIP# B-377. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, sir. Item M-3 is the approval of an agreement between Sedgwick County and the Kansas Department of Transportation, authorizing the inspection of foundation and substructure elements on Bridge #B-377, located on 263rd Street West, between 79th and 87th Street South. This is a Federal Aid project, with local governments providing a 20% match in funding. Total cost to the

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

County will be \$700.

“I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, David. We’ll take Item M-2.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the estimate.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Now we’ll take Item M-3.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Would you please call Item M-4 please."

- 4. AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN RESOURCES TO RELOCATE AN ELECTRICAL LINE IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 807-K, L, N ½ M; MAIZE ROAD BETWEEN 21ST STREET NORTH AND 45TH STREET NORTH; CIP# R-246. DISTRICTS #3 AND #4.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item M-4 is the approval of an agreement with Western Resources for the relocation of a line at a cost of \$17,000. This relocation is in connection with a project on Maize Road, between the Wichita City Limits and 45th Street North, designated as R-246 in the Capital Improvement Program. Their line is located in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

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

**N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MARCH 23, 2000
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the March 23rd meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are 8 items for consideration.

**(1) SQUAD TRUCK- FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"Item one is a squad truck for the Fire Department. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Mel Hambelton Ford. That amount, \$41,959.

**(2) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item two, bridge improvements for Public Works. This is project #781-AA-3052. It was recommended to accept the low bid of HWA Davis Construction. That amount, \$59,420.50.

**(3) INSTALL CAMERA/ MONITORS- HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE- OFFICE OF
FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING
FUNDING: OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING**

"Item three, installation of cameras and monitors for the Historical Courthouse, the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Protection Systems. That is with deductions of alternates #1 and #2. The grand total is \$45,710.

**(4) EDUCATIONAL BILLBOARD- ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
FUNDING: SOLID WASTE**

"Item four is rental of an educational billboard for Environmental Resources. It was recommended to accept the sole bid for this location of George Lay Signs. This is up to a twelve month period, \$13,800.

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

**(5) FILENET SOFTWARE & HARDWARE- DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT**

“Item five, filenet software and hardware for the District Court. This bid was split. It was recommended to accept the low bid of FYI Software for the software items, at \$165,468. The low bid of Path Technology for the hardware items, \$48,172. The grand total purchase \$214,172. The remaining two items will be purchased separately.

**(6) ADA COMPLIANT POWER FILE- OFFICE OF PLANNING & REMODELING
FUNDING: OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING**

“Item six is an ADA compliant power file for the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of Records Retrieval, \$13,233.

**(7) EXTEND CUSTOMER SERVICE COUNTERS- TAG OFFICE
FUNDING: TAG OFFICE**

“Item seven is the extension of existing customer service counters for the tag offices, for the Sedgwick County Treasurer. It was recommended to accept the sole bid of SBK Supply and Millwork for \$21,415.

**(8) SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“Item eight, sport utility vehicles for Fleet Management and various departments, as you see. These also include trade-ins. It was recommended to accept the low bid, less trade of Mel Hambelton Ford, \$122,000.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(9) ARTICULATED MOTOR GRADERS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

(10) DATA SERVER ORGANIZATION SYSTEM- DIVISION OF INFORMATION &

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

OPERATIONS

FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

- (11) **C.A.D. MAINTENANCE- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
- (12) **SERVER SOFTWARE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

“There were four items that did not require action at that particular time. They were tabled for review and they include proposal for articulated motor graders for Public Works and Fleet Management, a data server organization system for the Division of Information and Operations. Those proposals are being reviewed. C.A.D. maintenance for Emergency Communications. Those proposals are being reviewed and server software for the Division of Information and Operations. Those bids are being reviewed.

“I will be happy to take questions and would recommend approval of the Minutes for the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Darren. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Darren, on Item 7 it lists the tag offices and how much is going to spent at each of those offices. One of those is the Crossroads Tag Office. Isn't that one we're going to be abandoning here in the near future?”

Mr. Muci said, “That's correct. Yes, ma'am. The move would be to . . . gosh, and the name escapes me, the new location. What will be happening, there were some adjustments that needed to be made to the counters there, so they can be moved to their new location.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Oh, okay. So, what we do then is moving on. Okay, that's what I wanted to make clear. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

Contracts.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

O. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. Two Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-I, J, N½ K; Webb Road: North Wichita City Limits to K-254; Payne Township. CIP #R-238. District #1.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 839-N; 143rd Street East between 13th and 21st Streets. District #1.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

Contract	Rent
----------	------

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

<u>Number</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>
V2032	\$304.00

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V94066	\$272.00	\$350.00
V96079	\$205.00	\$205.00
V94069	\$135.00	\$135.00

- 4. Technical adjustments to 11 programs under the 18th Judicial District Juvenile Justice Plan, as required by Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority.**
- 5. Contracts (two) with Home Medical Services and Chuck Dye Construction to provide Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.**
- 6. Plat.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1999 and prior years are paid for the following plat:

Bluestem Acres Addition

- 7. Order dated March 22, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 8. Payroll Check Register of March 17, 2000.**
- 9. General Bills Check Register of March 24, 2000.**
- 10. Budget Adjustment Request.**

Mr. Jerold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

have the Consent Agenda in your agenda packet. We would recommend approval as presented.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “We do need to have an Executive Session in the Regular Meeting, so at this time I will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District Meeting and the Sewer District Meeting at 10:42 and returned at 10:47 p.m.

Chairman Winters said, “I’ll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, March 29th, 2000. Is there other business to come before this Board?”

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

P. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner 11:13 a.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "We're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. and returned at 11:38 p.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call the meeting back to order of the Regular Meeting. Let the record show there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Is there other business to come before the Board? Mr. Euson, Mr. Harrison. This Meeting is adjourned."

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting, March 29, 2000

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
Third District

CAROLYN McGINN, Commissioner
Fourth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

BILL HANCOCK, Commissioner
Second District

BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

, 2000