

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 27, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Lisa Clancy, Program Director, District Attorney's Office; Dr. Charles Magruder, M.D., Director, Community Health Department; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Tommy Benford, Program Director, ON-TRAC Program.

Mr. Nick Mork, President, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of Sedgwick County.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Reverend Deedee Evans of Hynes Memorial Hospice.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Gwin was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, February 6, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2002.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes of the Meeting of February 6th, 2002. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2002.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

AWARD PRESENTATION

A. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

1. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT

- **CRYSTAL BOURRET, FLEET MANAGEMENT**
- **PATRICK BROZ, AUTO LICENSE**
- **MATTHEW ENDSLEY, FLEET MANAGEMENT**
- **KANDACE FLOWER, DEPARTMENT ON AGING**
- **JEAN GRAY, AUTO LICENSE**
- **STEVE IMMENSCHUH, AUTO LICENSE**
- **ROBERTA MARLOW, AUTO LICENSE**
- **PENNY MUNDELL, FLEET MANAGEMENT**
- **ANTONIO ORTEGA, CORRECTIONS – JRBR**
- **MARY JO ZIEGLER, AUTO LICENSE**

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- **JANE CARROLL, APPRAISER**
- **STEVE FRENCH, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**
- **TERRI HOWARD, ELECTION COMMISSIONER**
- **CINDY POLLARD, CORRECTIONS – JDF**
- **GLENDIA ROTHS, KANSAS COLISEUM**

3. QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **KELLY BAUGH, CORRECTIONS**
- **MAURITA COWAN, LEGAL**
- **DAVALYNE OSBOURN, DEPARTMENT ON AGING**
- **APRIL WARREN, SHERIFF**

Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It is again my pleasure to come before you today to honor some employees who have shown great commitment in their public service and their desire to develop themselves in their knowledge and skills. The Career Development Program at Sedgwick County is a partnership. First of all, it’s a partnership with you as Commissioners to support this program with the training funds that you make available. The second component of this partnership is the supervisors, managers and department heads who allow their employees time from work to develop themselves in areas as communication/ inter-personal skills as well as technical skills. But the most regard, I think, we should give are to these employees who, at times, have to be very persistent to schedule themselves in these classes and to sometimes come when they would rather be doing their jobs, I’m sure, to develop themselves and to receive these certificates. These employees received and completed these certificates in the last quarter of 2001 and we are here to celebrate their success and honor them with these certificates.

We have a group of employees who have completed the Supervisory Management certificate and I would just ask that all those employees come forward. The first is Crystal Bourret from Fleet Management. Next, Patrick Broz from Auto License, Matthew Endsley, also from Fleet Management, Kandace Flower from Department on Aging, Jean Gray, Auto License, Steve Immenschuh from Auto License, Roberta Marlow will not be here today but she is from Auto License, Penny Mundell from Fleet Management, Antonio Ortega from Corrections at Judge Riddel Boy’s Ranch, Mary Jo Ziegler from Auto License.

And now we have those that have completed the Professional Development certificate: Jane Carroll, from the Appraiser’s Office, Steve French, who is not here today, is from Emergency Medical

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Service, Terri Howard from Election Commissioner's, Cindy Pollard from Corrections is not here but we will be presenting this to her in her staff meeting, and Glenda Roths from Kansas Coliseum.

And next we have those employees who have received the Quality Customer Service certificate: Kelly Baugh from Corrections, Maurita Cowan from the County Counselor's Office, Davalyne Osbourn is from Department on Aging, she was not able to come and last but not least is April Warren from the Sheriff's Office.

As you can see, we have a wide variety of departments taking part in our training programs and we're just pleased to be here today and thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Jo, before all the employees leave, I want to say on behalf of all the citizens of Sedgwick County how much we appreciate you taking the time out of your busy jobs to work hard and improve the skills in the manner in which you service the public. You are to be commended on that. And also, Jo never takes any credit for anything so, publicly, I'd like to thank you because I know you're directly involved in seeing to it that these classes are instituted, that they're staffed properly and that they're executed properly. So, I want to thank you all because this is the way that we start to really continue carving out an identity for Sedgwick County that all citizens can embrace and when they come to ask for any of our services, it's you that give them the first impression of what Sedgwick County is and that you can either leave with a good impression or a bad and by improving your skills in how you deal with public or your professional skills and how you carry out your job definitely improves our opportunity to have that perceived value of Sedgwick County elevated. So, again, on behalf of my colleagues and all of the citizens, I deeply thank you.

Next item please. You're all rushing off to service the public. I can understand that."

NEW BUSINESS

B. AGREEMENTS (SIX) FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE FUNDING.

- 1. WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL: \$15,000**
- 2. DERBY RECREATION COMMISSION: \$25,000**
- 3. SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.: \$21,500**
- 4. THE KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, INC.: \$180,500**

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- 5. WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: \$107,303**
- 6. KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW INC.: \$23,304**

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Jo Templin talked about partnerships just a minute ago. I’d like to continue that theme, and talk about some more partnerships that Sedgwick County has. During the adoption process of the 2002 operating-budget for Sedgwick County, several agencies came to the County and requested funding from the County for various service deliveries that they can provide on our behalf.

We have six agreements today with our partners that provide services to the citizens of Sedgwick County. The first is the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Art and Humanities Council for \$15,000. That will help provide their fall arts festival. The Derby Recreation Commission for \$25,000, that allows them to provide programming and recreation opportunities for the Oaklawn Improvement District. Third is the Sedgwick County Fair Association, this assists them in putting on the Sedgwick County Fair annually in Cheney. The Kansas African American Museum for \$180,500. This provides operating support for the Kansas African American Museum and allows them to put on the programs that they provide to our community. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, also an operating subsidy of \$107,303 allows them to continue their programs and finally, the Kansas Junior Livestock Show Incorporated for \$23,304. This allows them to put on the Junior Livestock Show that’s held at the Coliseum each year.

These funds were approved in the 2002 budget. The contracts merely set out the terms and conditions under which the funding will be provided. Would recommend your approval.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Jerry. Any questions or comments of Jerry?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I just have a comment. I just wanted to comment that I look down the list of the groups that are on here that we fund through the tax dollars and I think we do a lot of social services, we do public safety and those kind of things but I think some people aren’t always aware of the cultural types of things that we fund to make our community a better place of live.

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And when I look at Arts and Humanities, Derby Rec Commission, Sedgwick County Fair, Kansas African American Museum, the Sedgwick County Historical Museum and the Kansas Junior Livestock program I see a diversity of cultural attractions here and these groups that are on the list here are also very good groups that do an excellent job in doing programs in our community to get information out and other things like that. So, I just wanted to make that comment. I'm very pleased with the groups we have here today."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I might add in also that we really do go through a good process when we're talking about the budget process in August and that's when some of these decisions were made and this is just the finalization of the discussions that take place in the summer as we're putting the budget together. But I agree with Commissioner McGinn. These are good projects."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any further comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Agreements 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

C. AGREEMENTS (TWO) PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR USE OF 2002 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT FUNDS.

1. WICHITA FAMILY SERVICES INSTITUTE

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2. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The two contracts, the one with Wichita Family Services Institute and Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, those spell out the terms and conditions for their 2002 Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention grant funding.

The Wichita Family Services Institute grant funds their ON TRAC program, which serves kids who have demonstrated problem behavior, works with them as far as personal accountability and anger-management skills. They have received grants since 2000.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, the prevention grant funds their mentoring services which matches at-risk youth with caring adult mentors. They have been prevention grants recipients since the initiation of the fund in 1998. Both programs have excellent outcomes and have consistently demonstrated a good track record with at-risk youth.

I do have representatives today here from both programs that would like to just explain to the Commission what the grant funding does. I have Tommy Benford here from Wichita Family Services Institute.”

Mr. Tommy Benford, Program Director, ON-TRAC Program, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m quite pleased to be here with you this morning to share with you about the ON-TRAC program that is housed at Wichita Family Service Institute.

First, I would like to share with you what ON-TRAC actually represents and stands for. ON-TRAC stands for Opportunity to Nurture Teen Rehabilitation and Assist in Change in a positive fashion. ON-TRAC is an early intervention and prevention program that offers services in a non-secure facility that is conducive to therapeutic intervention and prevention for pre-teens, teens and family.

ON-TRAC is a non-discriminatory program that accepts clients between the age of 12 and 17 years old with no regard to race, creed, religion, color. Any child meeting this age criteria can enter into the ON-TRAC program.

A brief overview of the ON-TRAC program is that the ON-TRAC program was created to work with at-risk youth who are in danger of becoming involved with high-risk behavior, such as early anti-social behavior, family problems and lack of school commitment. Many of these youth are first-time offenders who are in need of adult support, who can be prevented from progressing to the point where they are in need of discipline from a residential facility. Many are at a point in life where, with the proper support and direction, will never re-offend again or develop an improper commitment to school.

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Many of the youths that are referred from Juvenile Intake and Assessment repeat offend. The overall goal and objective of the ON-TRAC program is to head-off those youth who would become part of the judicial system in a permanent way and would have to be housed at a residential facility.

Many of the youths lack a proper home environment where discipline and support exist. In these cases, extra support and resources are provided to the family and the youth. ON-TRAC referral system is usually built up by Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, the D.A.'s Diversion Program, DECCA family preservation program, Kansas Children's Service League. Referrals also come from U.S.D. 259 counselors. Also, parents and grandparents can refer clients into the program for early intervention before becoming involved in the judicial system. The greatest percentage of the referrals come from J.I.A.C. which is about 60%. Twenty percent come from the D.A.'s diversion program and the rest arise from the above-mentioned entities.

ON-TRAC class curriculum emphasis on track one and track two. Track one emphasizes anger management, conflict resolution, self-evaluation and self-control. Track two, then, emphasizes the application of these developed skills into their daily life, which teaches life skills, positive self-image, communication skills and a variety of others, engages youth in community service activities, cultural awareness and also responsibility and respect for self and others.

Term of services for each client and their family in this program is one year. From the time of initial enrollment F.I.C. staff begin to monitor the client in their home and school environment, conduct an interview session, as well as family session. For the first 120 days, the client attends bi-weekly group sessions to be exposed to the curriculum from the programs five components, which are anger-management, conflict resolution, mediation skills, communication skills, and life skills. If the client is successful in retaining and applying these new skills to their daily lifestyle, he or she will be reassessed for the next stage of the program, which is the out-patient stage of the program.

The assessment consists of examining the home environment and administering a parent survey to parents to reflect the positive change in development in the client. A teacher's survey is administered to teachers to assess the attitude, behavior and academic performance of the students.

The primary goals that are outlined for the ON-TRAC program is to reduce attendance problems, to reduce suspension problems and also reduce recidivism rates. All three of these elements certainly add to our kids being placed into the judicial system. There is already over-representation of minority youths, as well as other youths in the judicial system and everyone is looking to do something about it. On average, this particular program has a waiting list of 25 to 35 clients. Up

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until this year, this particular program only had one full-time staff member and with the increased in requests of funding, we will add another staff member to this particular program that will allow us to be more efficient in monitoring the kids in the home and also monitoring them in the school.

At this time I guess I will stop and see if anyone has any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see any questions, Mr. Benford but I would like to just make a comment or two. As you know, the Commission is charged with the responsibility of, number one, we have limited resources and we’re trying to fill unlimited needs in the community. And the one thing that made me excited about these two items that we’re going to present today is the types of goals and outcomes that you agreed to. And I’d like to just read it for the public because I think these are very realistic and I think they’re showing that you’re going to really prove to the public that this is truly an investment and not just some give-away program.

ON-TRAC is committed that 95% of youth in outpatient status in the ON-TRAC program will improve their grades, as measured through regular progress reports from school. Ninety-five percent of youth in outpatient status in the ON-TRAC program will reduce their absenteeism from school by 50%, again as measured through the school records. Ninety-five percent of youths will not re-offend during in-program participation, as verified through Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center records. Ninety percent of youth in outpatient status in the ON-TRAC program will not re-offend during the nine-month follow-up period, again as verified through Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center records. Eighty percent of youth in outpatient status will reduce the number of suspensions/ expulsions by 50%, as measured by school records at program initiation and at follow-up visits and 95% of parents and teachers surveyed will indicate youth in outpatient status have demonstrated improved behavior since participation in the ON-TRAC program.

I think this is a dollar well invested and I congratulate you for taking on this responsibility and I wish you all the best of luck.”

Mr. Benford said, “And thank you, sir. And if I may, I would just like to make one more comment, as an expansion on the ON-TRAC program. We are trying to increase the early intervention portion of this program. We have become involved with three different schools in U.S.D. 259. Those schools are identified as the most problematic schools that exist in the district, which are Wells Alternative Middle School, which is Sowards Alternative High School and then we have another middle school at Curtis Middle School where we provide services to an additional over 126 clients in these three different school.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, good luck to you. Commissioner McGinn has a comment.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I just wanted to share with my colleagues, I had an opportunity to

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watch this program go out there and you do an excellent job. And it is a group of diverse people, but they manage it very well and I think it's a good program for our community. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you again, very much."

Mr. Nick Mork, President, C.E.O., Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of Sedgwick County, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm interim program director for the State Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I'm here this morning first to say thanks, because Big Brothers/ Big Sisters has been a partner with Sedgwick County since, I'm trying to remember, I think it's 1980 when we received our first support from the Commission. But the reason for our support has been consistent. We were founded as a juvenile delinquency prevention program by, actually, a juvenile-core probation officer. That has been a focus and that has been a measurement that we have used as a benchmark for our efficacy in the community.

We rely on public support to augment what we do with private fund-raising and other grants. The support we receive from the County Commission is extremely important to us because it enables us to serve more youth. We have two programs that are funded, our community-based program, which is a traditional Big Brothers/ Big Sisters model where Big Brothers, Big Sisters and couples work with a boy or girl by bringing that child into their life. It's not restricted to one location, a school, at church or Boys and Girls Clubs for instance, but wherever the volunteers go and whatever they do, they include the child in that.

Our other program is a site-based program called Operation Jump Start that is based in the schools, a partnership with Communities In Schools. We also have other site-based programs that work in the schools. As I said, the Boys and Girls Club and now a faith-based program is working in the churches. All in all, last year we had 2,300 youth that were matched with volunteer mentors in Sedgwick County.

The outcomes that we look for, besides staying out of trouble with the law and ending up as a J.I.A.C. statistic, is improvement in school, being able to stay off alcohol and drugs and other indicators, which tell us that the youth is making a successful adjustment. I think that our outcomes indicate that we've been successful with that over the years. I find that to be a near miracle because I know that the circumstances that these kids are facing have not improved over the last ten years. As a matter of fact, the risks that they're facing have gotten worse. The fact that our kids are able to continue to show the sort of outcomes that they do, in spite of their home situation or what's happening in their neighborhood is really a testament to the power of the individual volunteers and what they do with their young people.

I guess I would make one final comment. I was listening to Commissioner Sciortino talk about the fact that the funds are limited, that they have to assess what the impact is for the community, looking at these contracts as investments and it really does boil down to whether or not you believe

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that prevention is effective. If you can prevent young people from ending up in a court system and costing the citizens a lot of money, directly through that involvement and indirectly through the loss of productivity and the negative behavior, then it seems to make sense that prevention is something that should continue to be funded and, to the extent that it makes sense, that the investment should be increased.

I say that because I think about Krispy Kreme donuts and the long line of people.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now, why would you bring that up? Now I’m hungry.”

Mr. Mork said, “Well, I’m going to try to make a point here and if I fail, then please don’t make the program suffer because of my inadequacy. Krispy Kreme Donuts, lines of people miles long and waited for what would be an irrational time to get that product. So, they had a waiting list of potential customers to get a hot donut. Our program is like Krispy Kreme. We have a waiting list of 3,000 kids in Sedgwick County, a 1,004 Community –based program and over 2,000 have been identified in the schools and the sites that we work with. The difference is, unfortunately, that the kids who are waiting and the families that need our help can’t afford to purchase our services. In fact, we couldn’t sell those services. We rely on this Body and others to provide the funding to enable us to get those people served, to get them through our line. And we try to do that as efficiently as possible. We try to operate our shop as well as the Krispy Kreme people do but the fact is, that need is overwhelming. Not just because of the needs in their situation but they know that Big Brothers/ Big Sisters works. It’s something that they value and they know offers them hope and we have to rely upon the leaders of this community, like you, to help us get that done.

So, I’m very grateful and I express my gratitude on behalf of our board of directors, which is made up of community leaders from all of the segments of the community. We hope that, in the future, there will be a way for us to receive increased funding because, if we don’t, then that waiting list is just going to get longer and the people who are in it are going to be more frustrated and more likely to cause us trouble that we’re going to pay for in one way or another down the road. So, with that I’ll end my remarks and answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you Nick. We have a question. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Not really as much a question as a statement and a couple of comments I guess. Nick, we certainly appreciate your being here to visit again about your program. I think this group of Commissioners, and it started several years ago with a different group of Commissioners, really have begun to grasp onto the prevention idea and we continue to try to be as efficient in those dollars as we can. I would share with the other Commissioners and you may have heard some of the statistics that Nick is able to give out of the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters

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organization. One of the things that that group does is monitor and follow youth before, during and after involvement with the program and I've heard him go through those statistics of really some of the amazing success that they have.

This spring, we're going to try to kind of rethink again our prevention efforts. For the last couple of years, we've got in kind of right at the end in saying, 'Well, here's a task force that's made a recommendation, Commissioners, here's the stuff'. And this year, we'd like to be involved in a discussion process, here through the first half of the year I think, to again give us some more time to talk about prevention. The state legislature led the way with Juvenile Justice Reform and for the first time prevention money in Juvenile Justice issues and now we've stepped up. We're putting money into prevention issues and, you know, it's not huge dollars but we're beginning to put significant dollars into prevention and we just want to make sure they're going where they're going to get the best results for the community.

So, I'm sure that you may be hearing us talk about prevention more this year and I certainly respect the results that your organization has had over the years and we'll do everything we can to make sure we're successful. But, as being a community leader yourself, we certainly thank you for all the efforts you've made over the years and now it sounds like you have some state responsibilities. Is that going to be a permanent opportunity?"

Mr. Mork said, "We know that there's a huge need in the state and, as being one of the strongest Big Brother/ Big Sister agencies in the country, we've been asked to lead that effort state-wide. We have a good group of volunteers, really top-level leaders that have agreed to serve on a board that will lead us through that process. I guess my interest, besides the fact that you know a kid's a kid no matter where they are, I know that lots of the problems that we have, lots of the headlines that we read about are not caused by people who live in Sedgwick County but live other places and come here and it seems to me that we need to look beyond our borders with prevention and that's sort of my interest. I don't know whether I, personally, will be involved with the state or not but whoever is doing that I'm sure will do a great job and help us here in Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well, thank you. And again, before this year is over, I think, it might be advantageous if we here, again, not today but another time and place, your statistical report of the kinds of effects you think the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program have, statistically speaking. Because I think we'd be interested in revisiting that."

Mr. Mork said, "I think something that differentiates us from many other programs, besides the fact that we use volunteers to do this, is that we do have a very careful tracking system so we track

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individual young people and have a pretty complete record of what's going on with them that's well documented and can provide some science-based information. So, be happy to participate."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We have some more questions, Nick. You're not going to get off that easy. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I don't know that it's really a question of Nick but it's kind of a comment. I have the greatest admiration for what both of these organizations do and for me, I think, it's because they partner and collaborate with other agencies and with the schools. In the partnership of Operation Jump Start, with C.I.S. and the schools has been phenomenal for the community and it really parleys our money into more services, because people of expertise in certain areas come together and realize they can't do all of it themselves and find other experts to pick and choose those things. That collaboration, I think, is wonderful and I applaud them for that.

I would be interested, on both of them, just for the record, what is the grant money for each one and how many people do they serve and maybe that's Jeannette that needs to give us that information real quick, just so it's on the record. I know we've got it in backup materials but I think it would be good to know how much money is out there and determine how much they give us for that. It's amazing what they can get done for the kind of grant monies they get."

Ms. Livingston said, "The Wichita Family Services Institute is for \$59,295. They'll serve 85 youth in 2002. And that's not counting what Tommy was talking about at the school based. That's kind of a bonus, before they get into the prevention program so that's not counted in the 85. The Big Brothers/ Big Sisters grant is for \$125,006 and they will serve 175 youth in one-on-one matches. They'll maintain 175, so it may actually be more than 175, depending on whether they come or go."

Commissioner Norton said, "Quite a few young people being served in our community. Good money well spent. Thanks, that's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I have just a couple of comments. Again, and I say this to you, Nick and to all of the service providers, please understand that we have finite dollars and we've got unlimited needs and I am certain that some providers can come and rationalize that every dollar that we have should go to them or should go to them and we have to sit and analyze, all right, how can we best invest the only one dollar that we have to invest. One of the things that really impressed me on the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters outcome measurements is that you are committing that 98% of the boys and girls matched with a caring volunteer will not be arrested, as measured through the Juvenile Intake and Assessment records. That's a pretty strong commitment.

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I'm also impressed by the targeted population that you go after, not to read them all, but 54% have been abused and neglected, 51% come from homes with history of substance abuse, 96% have a history of family conflict or abandonment, etcetera, etcetera. So, you're not just picking the cream of the crops so that you could artificially show how great your . . . this is for both of your groups. You're really going after that core, hard-core unit that unless they're given an alternative to anti-social behavior, we're going to have them in a courtroom being convicted of very serious crimes and we're going to have even more dollars in our criminal justice system. Our Sheriff indicated, once at a meeting that I recently attended, that the youth of today are going to be the law enforcement officers of tomorrow or they're going to be the inmates in our jail of tomorrow. And the success of programs such as you two have presented to us, perhaps maybe our Sheriff will have a big problem because there'll be too many qualified law enforcement applicants coming in, as opposed to inmates.

So, I congratulate you too, but also please understand, we're under a lot of pressure with limited funds. So, if the additional monies aren't coming as quickly as you hoped they would, understand that we've got to be figuring out how best to invest that dollar. But I thank you both for your effort. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino brought up a point and on these goals and objectives, this 98% of boys and girls matched with caring volunteers will not be arrested, as measured through Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center records. Is that a goal or is that what is happening now?"

Mr. Mork said, "We're actually done better than that with the kids matched under this grant because I have to say that this population, when we put together the grant originally, we looked at the profiles of the kids that were currently in custody in the youth detention center and their profiles matched the profiles of the kids that we're serving under this grant. Actually, the risk-factors for the kids that are in this grant are a little bit higher, I think in some cases, than that profile. When I say that I think it's a miracle, or close to it, I don't see how it happens, quite frankly because the volunteers are not doing anything magical except sharing their lives."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's what's magical, I think. They're actually saying, 'You're important enough for me to give to you the only thing I have of value, my time.'"

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, but how many of those kids were arrested last year?"

Mr. Mork said, "One point six percent."

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Commissioner Winters said, "So, what Commissioner Sciortino was talking about, this is a lofty goal, you're accomplishing that goal. You're already there. I mean, this is not something that you're going to try to do that's a long shot. This is what your program typically does. Is that correct?"

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "I stand corrected."

Commissioner Winters said, "And that's why I was talking about, you know, it would be interesting I think sometime for us to go back through your program and hear you give those statistics about what has happened over the past years, because you do have a real track record of information about the kids that have been in your program and its been very, very positive."

Mr. Mork said, "One more comment to sort of follow up on that. Not only do we keep track of them while they're in our program and as youth, but we have many, many kids that are coming back. I got a call from a young man who moved back to Wichita from Dallas. He's with the Pizza Hut organization and he's the leader for Pizza Hut here in Wichita now. And last thing he did of any note was to be interviewed by a reporter at Time magazine and he talked about his life on the streets of Wichita and how he would have been in a gang had it not been for his Big Brother. In fact, he said his Big Brother saved his life. Now this person is a community leader, a person in business and contributing in many different ways to our county. So, that's the real payoff for our organization."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I stand corrected on that and I'm glad you clarified that and let's go one step further. Then let me assume that number eight is something that you're already accomplishing because I really picked up on that. The Little Sisters program, Little Sisters matched with a caring volunteer under this program will have a teen pregnancy rate 50% lower than the average young girl in Sedgwick County. That's fantastic. And is that also a goal that you're accomplishing?"

Mr. Mork said, "Yes, it is. And that's something that, again, that's been historically true and considering, again, the risk factors that these kids are coming from I think each year that we are able to hit that says we're improving because the situations and their families and neighborhoods are not

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getting better.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much Nick. Thank you both. Appreciate it. Thank you. Thanks, Jeannette. Let’s have a Motion please.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Agreements 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	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Next item.”

D. GRANT APPLICATION FOR STATE CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUNDING

Ms. Lisa Clancy, Program Director, District Attorney’s Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here today to request continued funding through Crime Victims Assistance Fund for a full-time restitution coordinator. We currently have, at this point, the time frame for the continuation of this starts July 1st of 2002 and runs through June 30th of 2003.

Currently, for this continuation, the project costs will be \$33,516. Of that, \$8,379 will be a match through the County Contingency funds. So, we are just asking for approval of our reapplication.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, any comments or questions? What’s the will of the

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Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please. Thank you.”

E. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

- 1. NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.**

Dr. Charles Magruder, M.D., Health Officer, Community Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The first item is a grant that we have been receiving from the Health Department for more than seven years. It simply provides funds for different health staff to attend meetings within the State of Kansas that the Kansas Health Foundation, the Kansas Public Health Association, K.D.H.E. and others would like us to be able to attend. It basically facilitates communication among public health people and the state and is very beneficial for us to learn about

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new things and to keep updated on various public health activities. We would recommend approval. Be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, doctor. Any questions or comments of the doctor? I don’t see any, so what is the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the Grant Award.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item.”

2. DELETION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION, RANGE 21, FROM, AND ADDITION OF ONE SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION, RANGE 23, TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.

Dr. Magruder said, “Commissioners, as you are aware, we have many, many grants that come into our organization. It presents a significant proportion of the funding that we have to run various activities. In addition to that, we are constantly involved in community collaboration activities and in the process of coordinating various people in the community to work with the Health Department on a number of different public health issues.

We have found an individual who would be ideal for providing this kind of support, spending 50% of their time supporting various types of grant activities and another 50% of their time coordinating these types of functions in collaborative opportunities within the community. We would request

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your approval in allowing this new position to become available at this level so that we could hire a person with the appropriate qualifications and background to do this kind of work.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you doctor. Commissioners, any questions of the doctor? What’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the deletion from, and addition to, the Community Health Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item.”

3. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE A SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AT RANGE 23, STEP 9.

Dr. Magruder said, “This is the same position that we just discussed and, in essence, what we are requesting is that we be allowed to hire at this higher step level to insure that we again can provide a competitive salary to meet the qualifications that this individual has. So, I would recommend approval of this as well.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you doctor. Any comments? What’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the policy waiver.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you doctor. Next item."

F. AMENDMENT TO THE 2002 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE MOVING A RAILROAD SIGNAL DEVICE TO TYLER ROAD.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the second CIP amendment request for the year and it proposes to move a County purchased railroad crossing signal from 183rd Street to a new location on Tyler Road, just north of 37th Street. The signal was installed approximately six years ago and one of the objectives in that installation was to improve safety in the vicinity of Goddard High School, which is to the southwest of that location. Here's a picture of that signal. You can see that it's got lights and crossbars but, of course, the rail line has been abandoned and that's makes the signal available for us.

We're going to move this to a section of Tyler Road that was paved in 2000 and there will be a school that's going to be constructed in that general area. Currently, there's only a traffic sign at those tracks and this would of course increase safety quite a bit.

And here's a picture of that section of Tyler Road. You can see the sign and you can see the bypass over K-96 to the north but you have to look sort of hard to see those tracks. So you can see the value that's going to be added by installation of this crossing signal.

If we waited for federal funding, we'd have to probably wait at least ten years and perhaps even more, because there's a long list within the State of Kansas competing for those funds. The work would be performed by a contractor. He's currently scheduled to come into the area and do three other projects. If you approve this today, Public Works would add that to the list. And we estimate that the project would be completed by about the first of April.

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Cost of the contract to move the signal would be \$65,000. Fund source is the local sales tax road and bridge fund and there are adequate funds in the fund to cover this project. Both staff and the CIP Committee have reviewed the project in detail and recommend approval. Do you have any questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Yes we do, Pete. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "First question, I believe it's up to \$65,000. We're thinking we could even do it for less."

Mr. Giroux said, "Yes, ma'am. And we expect it will probably be a little less."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And this is really a pretty good deal, because if it was a brand new deal and we had to bring it all in, it would have been over \$100,000, is my understanding."

Mr. Giroux said, "Probably \$150,000."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I'm glad to see it here. As you saw, if you saw the picture, from one direction you're coming down a hill, the other direction there are trees to the left side and they did clear the trees to the right but it's difficult to see, because it's on an angle and I've had a couple of people call that, at night, they almost got hit because they couldn't see the train.

So, I'm very pleased because we're going to continue to have growth in this area and with the school, having children myself and always having to warn them of railroad crossings, this hopefully will get people's attention that there is a train coming. So, I'm very pleased to see that we were able, Public Works was able to get this deal done and the railroad was willing to work with us on this. So, if there aren't any further questions, I'm prepared to make a Motion."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one comment. I'm going to be very supportive of this. I think it's a great project. It kind of leads me to something that will happen on the south side. As we do the railroad project in Haysville, they'll be taking down the signalization in Haysville at 79th Street South, where it crosses. I'm going to start working with the railroad to move that. There's been several accidents out there that have cost people their lives, where they have actually run into trains at night, because it's very dark. And as the traffic is pushed out of Haysville, and the main corridor, they're going to have to travel 63rd Street and 79th Street and that rural road at 79th makes sense to move the signalization out of Haysville and south, into that rural area.

It's a different issue but it is similar because we would be moving signalization from one location to another. I think I'm going to have to work really with UPSP to get that done but we'll work on that and I'll work in conjunction with Dave. I'll be supportive of that but it was a good time to kind of

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tip the Commissioners off that's something that I'll be working on and I would need their support on later. Thanks."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Before I make the Motion, I just want to share with you the agreement we thought was not going to be ready till next week and it is ready. So, after I make this Motion and if it passes, I would like to take an Off Agenda item, if that's okay."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any further comment? I have just a couple. One, it really makes me feel great that we're figuring out to reuse equipment, as opposed to just looking for the dippy-dumpster and throwing it away because that's in keeping with our philosophy on recycling, reusing, reducing and this is just one prime example on how we can continue to expand the life expectancy of this particular signal. And I also just want to just say that I'm sure that Commissioner Norton hasn't said that he would vote for this only if. I know he wasn't trading his votes. I mean, it was just something he wanted us to consider."

Commissioner Norton said, "I would never do that, Chairman Sciortino."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I appreciate that. I don't see any other further comments, so would you please call the roll."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Commissioner McGinn said, "Do we need a vote to take an Off Agenda item?"

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Commissioner McGinn said, "Commissioners, I understand that the agreement is ready to go ahead and we could move forward and get started. Rich, do you have any comments on that?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, said, "No, I don't. I quickly prepared a hand-written suggested Motion but the agreement meets our requirements and we've approved as to form."

Commissioner Winters said, "Could you just say what the agreement is again?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I'm going to make a Motion to approve the contract with Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad in an amount not to exceed \$68,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign, subject to certification of funds."

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/ County Engineer, Public Works Department, said, "\$65,000."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, \$65,000."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the contract with Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign, subject to

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certification of funds.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, “And David, this is done so that this fellow that’s coming in, that’s got two or three projects, this can now authorize us to go ahead and add this and so we can keep going and have it done by April first, hopefully.”

Mr. Spears said, “That’s correct.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, great. Any further comments? We have a Motion and a Second. I don’t see any other comments, so Clerk call the roll on this Off Agenda item please.”

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item please.”

G. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “January, there must have been a notice that Krispy Kreme is going out to Bentley, because we’ve had numerous cases in the Bentley area and some of those have been delayed. Some of those are zoning cases, some of those are platting cases and eventually, over the next several months, you’ll see them on your tables but because this is in the equus beds, it’s in . . . some of them in the growth area of Bentley and Bentley does have urban services, there are a lot of questions that relate to these developments and it is taking a little while for us to walk through all of those issues. But you will be seeing them soon and they have been taking quite a bit of our time.

We did also have a request for major commercial development at 151st Street West and Central and that involved not only a Planning Commission hearing in January but a couple of meetings with the neighborhood and the property owner and the agent for that owner, trying to develop a plan that is mutually acceptable. It started out with the phrase that I remember well from five or six years ago, ‘We don’t want any commercial development out in this area, that’s not why we moved out here’.

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And I think we've reached pretty much an accommodation on this development, in terms of quality and appropriate scale.

Also in January, the preservation planner organized a three-day workshop on local architectural styles in our area and a lot of people were invited and it was well attended and I think that it did result in a better understanding and appreciation of our local architectural styles and the need for preservation to be part of the community development component.

In land use research, our staff did a lot of field work in the McAdams area and the Mid-Town area, which are the two neighborhoods that we're concentrating on this year. We also contracted with a consultant with state funds to undertake a mail-out survey to residents and businesses and absentee property owners in the McAdams area, to try to identify needs and goals.

We also hired a new planner, a new principal planner in the land use research area. It's taken a while for us to complete this search, but this is someone that we think will be a real asset, particularly in the neighborhood-planning program. She comes originally from Mexico City, educated at Miguel in Montreal, so also speaks French as well as Spanish and has spent her neighborhood planning days in Chicago, up until now, which is my home town. So, she's got a broad range of experience."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So she speaks Chicagoan too, because they have a little different accent?"

Mr. Krout said, "Well, yes I know and yeah, we tested her on that and she did okay. So, she really speaks four languages. We also presented the neighborhood plan for south Wichita and north Haysville to the District Advisory Boards of the City of Wichita, D.A.B.s three and four, in advance of the public hearing that the Planning Commission heard just this last week. And you'll be seeing that on your agenda, along with the Oaklawn plan, in the next month.

Transportation planning division finished working on the Memorandum of Understanding that, in January the County Commission and the City Council adopted that has us entering into a partnership with K.D.O.T. to study and to implement intelligent transportation systems and we also worked with the staff committee to look at consultant proposals for the first design of A.V.L., Automatic Vehicle Locator systems to be part of the early implementation. Transportation staff worked, at K.D.O.T.'s request, on looking at traffic projections in the area of the 25th, 29th Street bridge, over the Big Ditch. You may have read about that in this morning's newspaper and also

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183rd Street West and Kellogg, which is also experiencing higher traffic in recent months.

We also conducted the first air quality review of a proposed federal funded arterial project, the Central and Ridge intersection was funded under a program the federal government calls CMAQ, which means Congestion, Mitigation, Air-quality improvement and technically, for the last several years, all of those types of projects should be directed at improving congestion. And we had been directing the projects towards intersection improvements, relieving bottle-necks that cause congestion, stop-and-go traffic that do add a lot to air-quality problems in the community and we did quantitatively use a model to demonstrate that to K.D.O.T. recently and we'll probably will have to be doing more of that in the future.

Also, the last thing I wanted to mentioned, is to remind you that you're all invited to the Planning Commission's retreat. We worked on the agenda over this last month and this Friday morning, beginning with a little breakfast at 9:30 and then 10:00 you are the special invited guests, along with City Council members, to visit with the Planning Commission and help them understand what you see as their role and responsibilities and their priorities in the future. And so I hope that at least some of you will be able to attend that meeting. And I'll stand for any questions that you have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you Marvin. I do see a couple of questions. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Marvin, since I've been here I've heard about studies and surveys we're doing in the McAdams area. Then what? I mean, I don't know what the City's goals or plans or do they have any of improving and revitalizing that area? I know we've kind of tried to do a few things, as we can as a County government, which is difficult when it's in someone else's municipality, but do they have something out there that they're going to go in and do some revitalization?"

Mr. Krout said, "Well, there is no real plan and there is no commitment, because there's no real plan or strategy. And that's our purpose this year is we were originally hoping to get enough state money that we would be able to hire someone to work with the community and develop a plan, a strategy, like we have for Hilltop, like we have for the core area, so that there's a clear direction and cost estimates and the sense of who needs to do what in order to make implementation happen.

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We didn't collect enough money to do that, so instead we're going to . . . there has been, as we said, several studies that were done and there was enough money to do this survey that I was taking about but we have dedicated the staff, especially with the hiring that we've just made, to be able to pull something together so there will be a strategy and we can try to identify what the roles of the respective parties would be. It's a difficult area. It's a very difficult area. There are some things that are happening. There's in-fill housing that we're reviewing right now that's being proposed by Power CDC. But there's not an overall strategy and we hope to develop one this year. And I hope you'll be able to sit on a steering committee that's developed for that purpose."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, you know we already started the Neighborhood Economic Development program and it's to go into some of those older communities and help the smaller businesses and the folks around there to see what we can do to help them. And I hope, and if there is a person from the city side that comes about, that they work with us as well."

Mr. Krout said, "Right, they'll definitely be on the staff technical."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So we're not duplicating things and that type of thing."

Mr. Krout said, "And we've assisted with their efforts too. They've done a little business survey through the chamber and done some other work, so we hope to use all of the work and the studies that have been done to pull together a real strategy."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Well, we talk about historic areas in our community and we know Historic Mid-Town, we talk about it a lot but McAdams is also another area that's a historic community and we'd like to see that revitalized at some time. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Marvin, you've mentioned the two potential developments up near Bentley. Do you know, are those within Bentley's area of influence and will Bentley's planning commission be working with those?"

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Mr. Krout said, “We have two zoning requests and associated plats. One is south and east and within Bentley’s zoning area of influence. In fact, Bentley has heard the zoning case once, but we anticipate sending the case back to them again, at the request of the applicant’s agent. That case is going back again to Bentley for reconsideration. That is definitely within the zoning area of influence. In fact, it’s just about a half mile south and east of Bentley. The reason that it was held up is because the County had not developed a policy for alternative sewage treatment and the applicant’s agent felt that if he came back with a plan that incorporated sewage that was consistent with that policy, that maybe Bentley would look at that case differently.

The other two cases are both outside of Bentley’s zoning area of influence. One involves a zoning case, increased density, at 119th Street and the other is even further east and both of those are outside of their zoning area of influence. The last case does not involved zoning. It’s for two-acre lots. The zoning cases involve increasing the density from two acre to one acre lots.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay. Well, on the one that’s close to Bentley, I’d be interested to see the response from the City of Bentley to that. I hope that if that thing is going to move forward, there’s a lot of issues that need to be worked out and I know that if Bentley’s Planning Commission has a problem with that, I know it’s going to be an uphill struggle.”

Mr. Krout said, “In fact, they did vote initially to reject it and I believe that means, even if they would change their mind, like we had a case in Derby recently where it was sent back and they changed their mind. Based on the resolution, it will still require a unanimous vote of the County Commission to approve that case that’s on file.”

Commissioner Winters said, “The second thing, the other thing I was going to say about those two, or three actually, projects . . . the City of Bentley is in my district. You don’t have to go very far east until you’re into Commissioner McGinn’s district and she’s of course very familiar with that area up there. It might be that she and I might need some kind of briefing on these potential developments in a little more detail.”

Mr. Krout said, “There are some common themes, because it’s out in the equus beds, because there are issues that the Equus Beds Management District and the City of Wichita, in terms of their water supply, have raised concerns about protection of the water supply and the fact that water rights are largely already allocated out in that area and protection of the groundwater, in terms of any type of sewage system, is a concern too.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “All right. The other comment, you mentioned 183rd West and Kellogg and I didn’t quite catch what you were saying. It is a high volume intersection. Is there plans for signalization or what were you talking about?”

Mr. Krout said, “I don’t know if K.D.O.T. is looking at signalization or they’re looking at additional turn lanes or what exactly but I’ll try to get back to you and let you know if K.D.O.T. thinks that they have some improvement plans in mind. But right now they’re just looking at the intersection, in terms of ultimately what they think the improvement needs to be. Of course this also ties to the question of the northwest bypass and whether or not there’s a loop around Goddard too.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you. That’s all I have.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “It’s really just kind of a comment to dovetail on what Commissioner McGinn had to say. As we look at McAdams and Hilltop and Midtown, it seems to me that if we don’t start enacting some of the programs, then we’re going to layer Delano and Oaklawn and South Wichita on it and it’s going to really dilute getting some of these projects done. It’s almost like whatever’s new and shiny is going to wash over what’s been there for a while and what’s in the works. And I guess my concern is . . . and maybe that’s something we talk about at the retreat, as to how we move forward on each one of these in a symbiotic relationship, so that we’re fixing and revitalizing some of these old neighborhoods.

I mean, you talk about historic district, Delano is one of the oldest parts of the city and there is a plan and they’ve developed an L.L.C. I think that’s done now. They’re going to move forward pretty quickly and I would think . . . I would hate to see them leap-frog over a McAdams neighborhood that still hasn’t gotten all their plan done. So, I hope that we’re very judicious in making sure that all these plans have equal representation, that we understand they’re all important and just because one of them is gone for a little while and hasn’t gotten finished up that it doesn’t kind of get shelved.

One of the things that really concerns me, on all studies, is that it ends up on a shelf drawing dust and we never really do anything with it. We’ve seen that with drainage studies over the years, where we had a drainage study ten years ago. We had to do another one before we could move forward and I would hate to see that happen to McAdams or Hilltop or Oaklawn or Delano or South Wichita. Now, that’s more of a comment about the fear I’ve got that we’re going to miss out on some of this revitalization in some of these older neighborhoods that we know need help.”

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Mr. Krout said, "Well, and we've felt strongly about McAdams, so that's why we've made it a priority this year, because we think that because there's not a strategy, it is being overlooked."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you for your comments, Commissioner Norton. I guess I'm just not a very patient person and when you just study something to death I think maybe that money can be better used working on projects, you know. So I know we have to do a little bit of study and we need to know what's out there and what the goals are. But at some point in time, somebody has to say it's time to go. So, that's kind of my hope and as Tim has Delano, those folks are getting ready to go too. So, anyway, just wanted to pass that along. I know you're the planner and you're the one that gives us all the information. So, we appreciate that."

Mr. Krout said, "I'd like to give you the money too."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Real quick question, back to Bentley. The one that's a half mile from Bentley, are they planning on building . . . I know you're supposed to call trailers manufactured homes now. So what do you call a house that's not a manufactured home? A stick house?"

Mr. Krout said, "My understand, from the applicant's agent at the planning meeting, although it's not supposed to have anything to do with the zoning of the land, the density and all, is what they have planned are what are called residential design manufactured homes, which are double-wide homes with pitched roofs, similar materials to site-built homes, on permanent foundations and state law prevents local government from treating those any differently than a site-built home, although I understand that there is some legislation up in Topeka right now maybe looking at turning that around."

Commissioner McGinn said, "But anyway, it is manufactured homes?"

Mr. Krout said, "It is anticipated to be manufactured homes."

Commissioner McGinn said, "All right. And then, back to Commissioner Winters comments,

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because of the sensitivities up there, we will be watching these kinds of developments rather closely but I think there's a great deal of merit to alternative sewer systems, because of the single-lot units, the effluent is a higher quality, the community systems it's a higher quality, plus you're using less land mass. And so, I hope, as we move forward and continue to make those guidelines fit for our community, that people look at it as a way to improve the environment and decrease the amount of land mass that's used with these kinds of developments that are going on in our community."

Mr. Krout said, "And I agree. I hope we do it in a pilot program kind of way, with careful monitoring, because we have heard of examples where, you know, the pumps of a certain model have all failed and there's some problems that need clean up in some communities. So, I think that it's a relatively new technology. We don't have any local experience and we need to be very careful about where and how we use it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So if you've heard that, you know exactly what the model brand is."

Mr. Krout said, "I don't know. Maybe we can find out."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I mean, that's the other thing. There's a lot of new technology and we haven't changed technology for many, many years and there's some good technology out there. And so sometimes people like to say, 'Yeah, I heard about a system that failed'. Well, we need to know that, because I've heard about some systems that are better than what we have today. So, as we move down the road, we need to make sure we share all this information. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And I just have a couple of comments. One, I want to piggy-back on these community plans that we're having. I think that by going out and letting the community know that we're developing these plans, it's probably giving them a message that we've tacitly agreed that we're going to implement the plan, even though we don't say that. And I want to make sure that we're not elevating these neighborhood's anticipation unless we have the commitment. And I know the County is standing by, ready to try to work with the City on some of the implementation of these plans that are within the incorporated area of the City, but I want to make sure that we don't make this beautiful community plan and really not have some commitment to implement the plan, in whatever phase is practical. And the community needs to know, going in, that if we don't that this is just a community development plan that we're going to have if we ever decide to do something. I don't want to get the wrong message out to the community that it's an exercise that feels good but we really don't have the courage or the commitment to really put the dollars into the community."

Mr. Krout said, "I think that it's a double-edged sword and we try not to raise expectations too

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much. We try to identify projects that are early-action projects that people can feel success. But on the other hand, I mean, one of the reasons that you're out there is try to help you and help the City Council identify what are the priority needs of the community. The neighborhood plan is a somewhat disconnected way of doing that and sometimes whoever is the best organized or shouts the loudest is going to get that but that occurs today too to a certain extent and I think you have to take all of that with some grain of salt but understand that the reason that we're out there is to involve the public, help them articulate needs that maybe they haven't found another vehicle to do previously."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And just one other small comment on alternative sewer projects. One of the motivations that I've had, this is just me personally, looking for alternative sewer programs is to try to figure out how we can lessen gobbling up raw land and right now, if it has to be a lagoon, as I understand it, it's almost five acres of land have to be dedicated to one home because that's what a lagoon requires. If it has to be a septic tank, I believe it's a full acre it has to be. And one of the things . . . and I've gone out personally and I don't know that you were with us on that one field trip but I think some people from M.A.P.D. were there and we got to see some alternative sewer programs that are working up in the Kansas City area that really impressed me and I was satisfied that it's an environmentally safe, sane method because you know the horrors, you know, 'What about we want to make sure we don't pollute our water' or this or that. And those type of . . . if there's concerns that are legitimate and they're not being used just as scare techniques, we'll address them but I do want to echo what Commissioner McGinn said. If anyone knows of specific models, brands, types that have failed, you know if you use pump X2-57, it has a 97%, let us know because we can implement procedures that will prevent those types of equipment being used. If you have any real empirical data on a particular system has had a history of failure, let us know because we have to deal with reality and not emotion."

Mr. Krout said, "Yeah and we're not doing research but I have seen some literature on it and I'll try to get some more information about that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Please, share with us any type of factual data that you can have so that we can have that as input when we get to the point where we're going to maybe implement some type of an alternative sewer program."

Mr. Krout said, "Also, without turning this into a workshop on subdivision planning, I think that one of the things that you have to also realize is that when you go to smaller lots and denser developments, number one you're concentrating any potential impact, because you have more units

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in a smaller area. But second, you're also concentrating the traffic impact and one of the problems with at least a couple of these subdivisions out there is if you have, for instance, 42 homes on 100 lots and that's just a two-acre development that doesn't require zoning, it's just a platting issue, on an unpaved township road and most of them are all going in the same direction to work and back every day, you've already created more traffic than our average sand township street can handle and one of the positives of five-acre lot developments, and as you know I'm not a fan of five-acre lot developments, but one of the positives is that the development rarely reaches a state where you need to be talking about converting mile-line roads to paved county roads that are going to take capital costs and then constant maintenance well above what townships are doing today. So there are other service impacts beside just these two."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's true and we have, I think, procedures in place that when the traffic counts get at a certain level on a road, we'll work on improving that road to accommodate the additional traffic on the road. And again, we don't need to berate this thing, but the overwhelming thing I heard on the Planning Commission, when we were going through upgrading our Comprehensive Plan was a real aversion to gobbling up raw farmland in big five-acre chunks and the problem they were having with somebody just having a big . . . and this is a much more efficient use of land which would lessen the erosion of eating up farmland. So, we'll discuss that but I do think, personally, and this is just me talking, that the positives of an alternative plan to allow more efficient use of our land outweighs any of the negatives, but that's just me talking too. Thank you. Carolyn, another comment from Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Just one more comment, because you brought up five-acre lots versus houses closer together. When I think about these developments that are close to communities though, the thing about what makes the community's system fit is the fact that they are close together, you can just plug right into a public sewer line. If it comes to a time where they have to pave roads, it's easier to assess them, because they don't have large amounts of land mass. So, anyway . . ."

Mr. Krout said, "On location, right. You're closer to a city."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Yes, and so we have lots to share and talk about but I still go back to the follow-up committee that a couple of us were on from the Comprehensive Plan. One of the goals was cluster development and try not to gobble up farm ground. And so, the only way you can make that work is to look at something different and if they're successful in other parts of the country, then I think Sedgwick County needs to look at them too. But I know we'll continue to

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discuss how all this looks. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. I don’t see any further comments. Marvin, we’ll just ask the Clerk to call the roll on your report. We need a Motion. Let’s have a Motion and a Second.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Marvin. Next item please.”

H. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Nice to tell you that we started 2002 on a very . . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “We were hoping that you weren’t going to be here because there was someone else that was probably going to be in your stead.”

Mr. Nath said, “I could do the Vana White part.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t think you can do . . . well, okay. Go ahead.”

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Mr. Nath said, "Getting back to business, Commissioner Sciortino, the month of January, 84,563 people through the doors, 19 events, 36 performances. Net revenues were in excess of a quarter-million dollars. The good point is, after a dismal fourth quarter in 2001, after 9/ 11 really affected attendance at all public events across the country, we're up 44% in January this year and that's a good indication that things are starting to turn around and things are going well for us.

The Monster Truck event, annual event, we sell out two of the three days, very popular in this marketplace. We had a good turn out with the Harlem Globetrotters. Now the Globetrotters had a good turn-out because they laid off the market for a couple of years. They're not strong . . . we're not that big of a market to sustain a Globetrotter appearance every year. They were off about three years and they had over 5,000 people here. It was a good show.

The National BMX Tournament, now this is another event we have recurring. This is an amateur event with the kids. It's the second largest BMX tournament in the country. We had approximately 12,000 people here from about 17 states. You couldn't get a hotel room, with all the kids and all the families coming in to ride the bicycles.

The Wichita Stealth held some tryouts. They had about 100 people show up. They're a couple of really good players out of that. Not everybody is going to get a chance to make the team. Not everybody has the same skill levels but they had a couple of sleepers show up and they've got a good shot of making the team this year.

We had Linkin Park, number one band in the country, number one album in the country. We were partners, we were promoters and partners with House of Blues Concerts. The show sold out. We had a little challenge with the ice storm that happened that day. However, the only reason that show played this market is because we had the ability to partner with House of Blues to bring that show to us. We were very fortunate with that. It was a good show. The kids had a great, great time with it. We've got a couple of other events and a couple of other announcements that we will be coming to you with. It may be a pretty good concert year. We'll see how that works out.

In the Wichita Thunder, had 22,000 folks attend eight games. We've got two games left this year. Unfortunately, the Thunder's not doing that well in the win-lose column. Hopefully they can regroup and decide to come back next year and take a good run at it. I like the new coach but he's had some challenges with player injuries and some other things. The Thunder is still doing fairly well for us.

That's the end of the report for this January. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see any questions. I have one. When will the Stealth be starting

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there season?"

Mr. Nath said, "Their first game is April 4th. That's going to be an interesting week because we have the Stealth opening up on April 4th, we have the Gaithers on April 5th, Pavoratti April 6th. That's going to be a busy three days for us."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, that will mean a lot of conversions of that floor too, back and forward. Okay, I don't see any comments."

Mr. Nath said, "Football to gospel to opera, that will be kind of interesting."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, just keep spreading the word. If I don't see any comments, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2002.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today are a result of the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of February 21st, 2002.

1) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS

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FUNDING: SALES TAX

“Item one, bridge improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from King Construction of \$664,509.78.

2) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING: SYSTEMS & SECURITY

And item two, software maintenance agreement for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from Computer Associates International of \$50,810.

Be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items today.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Iris. Any comments or questions of Iris? I don’t see any. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. **One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-AA, BB, CC on Rock Road from Derby to Mulvane. CIP# R-243. Districts #2 and #5.**
2. **Agreement with Mortgage Pros, Inc. providing online access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
3. **Order dated February 20, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
4. **Payroll Check Registers of February 15, 2002.**
5. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of February 20 – 26, 2002.**
6. **Sponsorship in the amount of \$26,000 for the 2002 Wichita River Festival "Fireworks Over The Arkansas" event.**

7. **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>
V2020	\$549.00	\$625.00
V2030	\$140.00	\$141.00
V2027	\$214.00	\$180.00
V2029	\$270.00	\$220.00

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V2023	\$208.00	\$173.00
V2032	\$412.00	\$510.00
V9901	\$450.00	\$450.00
V2017	\$620.00	\$539.00
V01055	\$535.00	\$367.00
V010152	\$250.00	\$300.00
V2028	\$146.00	\$90.00
401032	\$94.00	\$230.00
V01083	\$265.00	\$485.00
V20140	\$532.00	\$540.00
V200122	\$206.00	\$595.00

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any other items to come before this Board?”

K. OTHER

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Commissioner Norton said, "I just have a couple. Last Saturday, we had a chance, several of us, to go to an event at the Boat House for the Black Pilots of Kansas and they had a speaker, Gus McCloud who had flown a Stearman plane to the North Pole and, you know, I'd anticipated it would be another one of the things that we're required to go to and kind of sit and . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Tell the truth, you thought it was going to be real dull."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I thought it would be okay but I was wowed. I was wowed. This guy is an American hero of the best kind and has a remarkable life and story to tell and my life was uplifted by having the chance to be there and listen to him, first-hand, tell his story. So, it was a wonderful event. I hope they did some fund-raising for their sponsorship of pilot programs for minority youth and it was a wonderful event."

Yesterday, I had a chance to speak at the I.A.A.O. luncheon. It's the Appraisers Association and I communicated my top ten list of things I thought we would be dealing with and I was very happy to say that I got some very provocative questions from the appraisers. When I talked about annexation and some of the things that I thought we needed to look at there, alternative sewer systems and how that affects appraisals and property values. It was a very interesting meeting and I got some real good feedback from our own employees and associates.

And then last night I was in Haysville for the A.B.W.A. meeting and spoke to some citizens out there. Once again, I used the theme of my top ten list and it was amazing. We probably spent an hour on questions from this group of businesswomen and they're very connected with what's going on in the community and very interested in what the County is doing and once again, asked some great questions. So many times, when I speak, you know they say, 'Is there any questions?' and people are ready to leave and go home and you don't get much but we dialogued for about 45 minutes last night on some pretty important issues and had great questions. That's all I have. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And for the public's input, A.B.W.A. is the American Business Women's Association. Anything else coming before the Board?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just a quick thing. I too, as well as Sciortino, attended the Jayhawk

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Black Pilot . . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “That’s Chairman Sciortino.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Chairman Sciortino, I’m sorry, I’m still having a hard time and we’re almost in March. It was an excellent program and I’ve shared with others that he is the perfect example of a pilot I do not want to fly with. He takes chances. But what I wanted to add to that is his next flight is going to be in the aircraft that Amelia Earhart flew around the Equator and he’s going to go from Pole to Pole. And his documentary that he did with National Geographic to the North Pole was done, well it was done by them and they sold it to MSNBC. So, if people are looking for it, they do play it periodically.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And you’ve got to see it. Even though I shook his hand and told him he was a community hero, the guy is certifiably nuts. I mean, open-cockpit plane at minus 58 degrees and he’s taking his gloves off and his hand’s freezing up and pouring things in his gas tank that should have been . . . I was enthralled by it. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I, last night, attended a reception of the Kansas Children Campaign group out of Topeka and still don’t know everything about that but I think you’re going to hear more about them, as they try to help educate citizens about what candidates and elected officials think about children’s issues and I think we’ve got a real tie-in to this group, with our prevention work. So, you may be hearing more about them but it was an interesting meeting last night.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Anything else to come before the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 50 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “We’re recessed into Executive Session.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. and returned at 11:42a.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, “We’re back from Executive Session. Let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Anything else, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Euson? This Meeting is now adjourned.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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First District

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Fourth District

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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