

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 13, 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, March 13, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Director, Housing Office; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE) Clinical Operations; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Dr. Charles Magruder, M.D., Director, Community Health Department; Sheriff Gary Steed; Mr. Pete Giroux, Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Mark Schrofe, Superintendent of Parks; Mr. Mark Sroufe, Park Superintendent; Mr. David Spears, County Engineer/ Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. John Milsap, Director, Reducing Anger in Preschool.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Ashok Aurora of the Hindu Temple of Greater Wichita.

Mr. Aurora said, "I would just like to say a couple of words at this time and that is that the Hindu community after many, many years has finally been able to put up a temple of their own in the City of Wichita and we are very proud of that. The official opening ceremony and the dedication is on the Memorial Day weekend, which is 24th, 25th and 26th of May. The delay was because the idols were two weeks late in shipping from India. I would like to take this opportunity to invite the Commissioners and the members of the community here to please come and partake in our opening ceremonies, which is a three-day event. Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Before we do the pledge of allegiance . . . well, why don't you stay with us and right after we do the pledge of allegiance, I have a question."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Mr. Aurora, could you share with us where . . . the address of the temple? Where it's located?"

Mr. Aurora said, "Yes, I can. The temple is located on East Central. It's beyond Greenwich Road, about three blocks beyond Greenwich Road, on the south side of the road. It's about, I would say about 200 yards off the road and there's a dirt road going into the temple. I mean, you can't miss it. You'll see the dome of the temple there. Actually, we're trying to acquire that small, two and a half acre piece of land so we can have that for a community center later on. We're trying to raise funds for that. And the landlord of that property has been extremely nice. He has donated \$15,000 towards the purchase of his land. We were very thankful to him for that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is there a phone number, if anyone listening would like to have some more information?"

Mr. Aurora said, "Well, they can call me and my phone number is 722-9126 and you can also e-mail me at Ashok28@juno.com. I would actually be very happy to help."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And we'll see if we can't get some participation in your grand opening ceremony."

Mr. Aurora said, "Thank you very much, Commissioners."

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

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, February 20, 2002

The Clerk reported the Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2002.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20th. What's is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

A. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Director, Housing Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This public hearing is the first step in what we hope to be a very successful year in our single-family mortgage revenue bond program, not to exceed \$200,000,000. We've received a year-end application of ninety-four and a half million dollars, so we're well on our way to this. I expect to bring a proposal of a bond issue, our first one of the year, in probably six to eight weeks but today is the public hearing."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Maybe prior to having the public hearing, Brad, could you explain what this is, maybe what is hoped to accomplish and kind of elaborate a little bit on it."

Mr. Snapp said, "Okay. This is a state-wide program that Sedgwick and Shawnee Counties co-issue. It's for first-time homebuyers, except in target areas and there's several target areas around the state. In Wichita, it's almost the core area of the city, including Hilltop and Planeview. We'd like to include other areas but we can't just yet.

Buyers get 4% cash grant for down payment and closing costs, 4% of their mortgage amount.

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There are particular lenders involved. There's an invitation document sent out before every issue that lenders can respond to and then put up a commitment fee that is, essentially, motivation to use the money that they receive for allocation."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now, as I understand it, I understand the program where it assists people with the down payment and I know, often times, people can maybe afford the monthly payment but saving for the down payment is an obstacle to ownership. But isn't there something that if they live in a home a certain period of years then that loan would be forgiven as an incentive to not just buy homes and turn them into rental properties or something?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Yeah, right. I think it's eight years. If they live in a home eight years . . . ten years. If they live in a home ten years, they don't have to pay that money back."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Okay. I see Commissioner McGinn, you have a question?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Chairman Sciortino. This is for the . . . it says in here the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County but it also says, as you indicated, certain corporate limits. Last time we talked about this you had a map that showed they do it by zip code, don't they?"

Mr. Snapp said, "No. Actually with the bond program, how this works is counties have to sign a participating agreement and then cities within that county also sign a participating agreement."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So, the program goes through them in the city. Okay."

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Mr. Snapp said, "Right. It's the unincorporated areas of the counties but also the cities who would like to participate as well."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think this is another example of a county-wide service without any boundaries. It doesn't matter if you're within an incorporated city or without. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I was just inquiring about the size, \$200,000,000. Am I . . . it seems like I didn't know it had been that much in the past."

Mr. Snapp said, "It hasn't been that much in the past. Well, this is for the year, actually. And usually our issues were between \$45,000,000 and \$67,000,000. We have three years to use the allocation we receive. With this one, the current one . . . I mean, the first one we have coming up will probably be around \$60,000,000."

Commissioner Winters said, "So does this not to exceed \$200,000,000 that this could proceed on past one year, could be for multiple years."

Mr. Snapp said, "This \$200,000,000 will be for this year, because we'll also have the draw-down program. You know, that's the program where as people pay off their mortgages or refinance, those monies go into a different pool. And sometimes those are added to the issue at hand, or the current issue. The bond cap has been increased for state, so there's a lot more money available now."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Mr. Manager."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This resolution authorizes us to do the program and so it may come in a couple of different stages. We only have to have this public hearing one time and that's the purpose. So that whatever the state grants us the first time round, if it's 40 or 60 or 80, that's fine and then if they grant some more at the end of the year or some other things occur, they do another round, this allows us to continue to proceed with only having one hearing and one process."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioners, at this time is there any further questions or comments of Brad? Okay, I'd like to now open the public hearing portion of this item. And ask is

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there anyone in the audience that would like to address this item, either for or against? Okay, I see no inquiries from the public, so I will close the public hearing and limit comments to the Bench. Is there any further discussion on this item at this time? I don't see any, so I'll entertain a Motion on this item. I'm sorry, there's no recommended . . . okay, I'm sorry. Then, we'll just close the public hearing. Thank you. I'm sorry. Next item. Thanks, Brad."

NEW BUSINESS

B. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

- 1. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ROADS IN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a resolution that authorizes the sale of bonds and declares our intent to reimburse expenditures that we incur prior to that sale from those bond proceeds for three projects. The projects are the widening of Rock Road from 87th Street South to K-15, the railroad grade separation in Haysville and the widening of Hoover Road from 31st Street South to Harry.

As you know, two of those projects are in our adopted CIP and are to be funded with bonds that we anticipate will be sold this year. The third project, the widening of Hoover, is one that has been placed on the table fairly recently as a result of the discussions with Cessna about the location of a new service center near the airport and that project will be done in conjunction with the City of Wichita and they will actually manage the project. We'll provide a large share of the funding for the project.

The resolution is subject to a protest period and that protest period will begin upon advertisement of the resolution, once it's adopted, if you adopt it today. The bonds that we anticipate selling, we expect to sell later on this summer but we would not be required to sell them at any particular time with this authorization. We simply have the ability to time the sale of bonds according to market conditions or project requirements, as the case may be. If there are no questions, I recommend your approval of this resolution."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Chris. Is there any questions of Chris on this item here? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Really, just a comment. I'm really excited about all three projects.

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Obviously, all three of them would have been in my district if we hadn't reapportioned a little bit and one of them will fall all in Ben's district. But these are three really wonderful projects. They're large projects. I think they're really going to test us on some new protocols, particularly the Haysville railroad project. I think that's going to be a huge project but also the widening of Rock Road from Derby to Mulvane is going to create a nice corridor in that southeast part of the county. And then, as far as economic development, the widening of Hoover and the work that's going to go on there is going to be a huge boon to that area and Cessna and all that goes on in that corridor. So, three great projects and I'd like to compliment Dave for understanding that I wanted some projects in my district and he really came through for me. So, that's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Do I take it that you're going to be, in general, supportive of this item?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I've been languishing over which way I should vote but I think I'll be supportive, yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. Thank you. Any further comments? What's the will of the Board on Item B-1 please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

- 2. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTIONS OF KELLOGG AND TYLER, AND KELLOGG AND MAIZE; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE**

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OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioners, this is a similar resolution addressing the single project. This project is in our 2003 CIP. It also, as is the case with the Hoover Road project, is to be done in conjunction with the City of Wichita and is to be managed by them. The total project cost is estimated to be \$80,000,000. Our share of funding on the project is \$10,000,000. That’s what is in our CIP. The city has requested that we provide our share of the funding this year, rather than next year, once the project is let for construction in the next couple of months. A decision to expedite the bond sale has not been made and won’t be made until we’ve had further discussions with you. Within the next month or so, I’ll be coming around and visiting you, as I do every year about this time, to discuss our debt capacity and our debt issuance plans and we’ll be doing some presentations on that topic and, after that presentation, I think it will be appropriate to consider whether or not we want to move this project up in our bond issuance cycle. But the resolution that’s before you today will authorize the sale of the bonds whenever we decide to sell them and it declares our intent to reimburse any expenditures that we might make and we don’t anticipate any from bond proceeds, once that sale is done.

The resolution also is subject to a protest period and that protest period will begin upon advertisement, once the resolution is adopted.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Chris. Commissioners, any questions? I have a question from Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Not a question, just a comment. As I did during the CIP, I expect to vote no on this matter. During the CIP adoption, I voted no on these projects because they delayed projects for which we are solely responsible and challenge our debt policy. I’m going to remain firm on my opposition to these projects.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Any further comments? I have one question, Rich, just to reiterate. Are you agreeing with what Chris has said, by adopting this resolution we are in no way, at this point in the juncture, agreeing to the request that the City has asked of us about accelerating when these funds get transferred over?”

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, said, “Yes, I do agree.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	No
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

- 3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS FOR WHICH IT IS ANTICIPATED BONDS OF THE COUNTY OR ITS PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION WILL BE ISSUED AT A FUTURE DATE TO PERMANENTLY FINANCE SUCH COSTS.**

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioners, this resolution does not authorize the sale of bonds. It merely

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authorizes, or declares our intent to reimburse expenditures on certain projects from future bond proceeds that we anticipate. The projects in question are a variety of improvements to this building, the Munger Building, the Historic Courthouse and the tag office and additionally too, the juvenile justice complex, the new JDF building. Those projects all are in the CIP to be completed over about a three-year period, starting this year and ending in 2004. Our financing plans have called for us to sell bonds to finance all of those improvements in 2003.

Under federal law, under the regulations that govern municipal debt, we have the ability to incur expenditures prior to the bond sale, provided that we do a declaration, which is what is before you today. And then, once the bonds are sold, we have a certain period of time to spend those bond proceeds on the project improvements before we start incurring arbitrage penalties and so the timing of the bond sale has been structured in a way that allows us to complete all of the projects within the three years, with a minimum number of bond issues.

The bonds, some of the bonds will be General Obligation Bonds to be sold by the County. Others, we expect, will be sold by the Public Building Commission, through lease agreements with the County and you're familiar with that process. If there are no questions, I recommend your approval of this resolution."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Chris. Any questions of Chris on this item? I see one from Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. In all of these items here, Chris, we're just allowing the sale of bonds and, as you said, you're going to come by and we're going to look at our debt and those types of things and so, we haven't committed all the way to every one of these projects by going ahead with the bonds."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct. You haven't committed all the way on the first two resolutions, the two that have already been adopted. You have authorized the sale of the bonds and on the basis of that authorization, we'll begin putting together the documents and initiating the sale actions at the appropriate times. On this last item, you are not authorizing the sale of the bonds. You are merely declaring your intent to reimburse expenditures from bonds proceeds and you expect to sell those bonds in the future, but you haven't yet authorized it. Before we'll be able to work on that bond issue, we'll have to come back to you for authorization to sell those bonds."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any other questions of Chris at this time?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one. Those two estimated costs on this particular one are just that. These aren't the firm, final costs. They're still in negotiations. We may add to or subtract from those estimated costs to come up with the actual bond amount."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes. Those are the costs that are identified in the adopted CIP. As I said, those projects are expected to be completed over a three-year period. We'll do three more CIPs before we complete the last of those projects. So, the numbers may very well change."

Commissioner Norton said, "Are those the hard numbers that are included in the current CIP, or have these been adjusted any at all?"

Mr. Chronis said, "No, I believe these are what appears in the CIP."

Commissioner Norton said, "Because I think we already know that a couple of these projects have already . . . we're already looking at adjusting them upward, so that would change this estimated amount, if we elect to do the adjusted part of the project. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, any further questions or comments? Thank you, Chris."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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

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Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

C. CHARTER RESOLUTION AMENDING CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. 34, WHICH EXEMPTS SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 19-1510 RELATING TO FINANCING OF COURTHOUSE ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This proposed charter resolution would modify a Kansas statute, K.S.A. 19-1510, which you previously modified in charter resolution number 34. The original statute was adopted in 1923 and gives authority for the county to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to make improvements to the county courthouse.

Obviously, in 1923 the county courthouse was contemplated to mean a single building, which we're been operating under for a long time. The proposed charter resolution would expand the definition of the county courthouse to include this structure as well as county owned and operated buildings within a three-block area. Over time, you know, the county has acquired various structures, including the old courthouse, the Munger Building, some of the other structures around, that to me, in current time, makes sense to be called the courthouse complex and that's what this charter resolution would do, would expand that definition to give you the authorization to finance those as if you would improve this actual structure.

As with the other documents you previously approved this morning, this charter resolution is subject to a 60-day protest period at and upon publication. Once that publication [sic] period expires, then that becomes law in Sedgwick County, if there's no protest. If there's a protest, you decide either to abandon this procedure or to go to a referendum. And that's the basic substance of the charter resolution. Other provisions of the state statutes previously modified remain the same."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Joe. Any questions of Joe on this item? I don't see any so I'll just ask what the will of the Board is on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any further comment? I don't see any."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one I thought of."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You have a switch over there."

Commissioner Norton said, "Yeah, but I'm used to you not using it. Now, I'm going to have to relearn it myself. Why did we pick three blocks, or whatever? I mean, is there some rationale there? Why would we not pick all of Sedgwick County or whatever, where we might have facilities?"

Mr. Norton said, "We've had some discussions about that. The statute that authorizes us to do charter resolutions says that we can modify existing statutes and make alternate provisions on the, quote, same subject matter. And so, the question is, the statute that was adopted by the legislature give us authority to finance improvements to the courthouse. The question is how far do you get without violating the original substance of the bill as to 'courthouse' and we've had various discussions and discussed this and I feel comfortable that the three-block area still contemplates a courthouse complex. If we were to say, 'finance improvements to the county buildings located west of Haysville', I'm not sure that was in the original contemplation of the legislation as to what the courthouse is on the same subject matter. Whether it's two and a half blocks, three and a half blocks, it kind of becomes one of those things you, in essence, put down a stack that you feel comfortable with. We've gotten beyond that, I start to get uncomfortable that it's the same subject matter and we kind of compromised with three blocks in discussion."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is it your opinion, professionally, that maybe this is an antiquated statute that maybe needs to be looked at, legislatively? I mean, 1923 is . . . things have changed. The little core downtown areas with the courthouse in the middle is different. I mean, we have facilities all over a county that's expanding and it doesn't make sense to me that you have to limit it to a courthouse that now is . . . facilities are expanding and you try to serve the whole county and you have different, unattached facilities, where it all used to be in the central courthouse and the downtown area."

Mr. Norton said, "Correct. That's the beauty of the charter resolution process. You can make new law to govern your actions in Sedgwick County, as long as it doesn't violate the original intent of the legislative statute. There are other statutes on the book that deal with county public buildings that are not, quote unquote 'the courthouse'. We've used those statutes in the past. We've also utilized, again through charter procedures, the Public Building Commission, which also deals with

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the same types of structures that are located outside the courthouse complex. So, we have other vehicles that we can utilize to finance those, as Chris indicated with the prior resolution, on some of the other public buildings. We may very well go to the Public Building Commission and do that. So, we have this constraint of the same subject matter in what is a courthouse and what's a courthouse complex versus county public buildings and there's an arbitrary three block decision that I feel comfortable with. We get beyond that, I start getting concerned."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. I don't see any other requests for comments. So, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

Commissioner Winters said, "We have a Motion already."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the roll please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thanks, Joe. Next item please."

D. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL THERAPY TO COMCARE CLIENTS.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE) Clinical Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've had a number of increases in the requests for services in our out-patient program since September 11th and the attacks there and the subsequent lay-offs in our community. In fact, the volume of that program has grown 27% since September the 11th. To complicate this just a little bit, the state has also put some new requirements in for access standards for us, so we were having a difficult time in that particular program getting to clients in a timely manner."

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So, as a result of that we have put together this agreement with Catholic Charities to provide services one day a week to out-patient clients who are approaching us for service. The individual that we have we're very, very pleased with. She schedules eight individuals a day. There are some days that not all those clients show up but she's done a pretty remarkable job working with us and we're very, very pleased with the arrangement. She documents in our medical record and then COMCARE bills for those services and get to keep the revenue for that.

So, we are requesting that you approve this agreement, so that we can continue this until the volume slows down a little bit."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Doctor [sic]. Do we have any comments or questions of Dr. Cook? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Agreement 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 Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

2. CONTRACT WITH EAP PLUS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Ms. Cook said, "This contract is a renewal of previous contracts we've been renewing with Mr. Casey for a number of years at this point and are also very pleased with the services that he provides to Sedgwick County. The contract covers full-time and part-time employees and their

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immediate family members. The services provided include counseling and that's both individual and marital counseling and some substance abuse counseling, consultation to county supervisors and managers when they have an employee that might be problematic and they want some advice and some guidance, case-management and monitoring of employees who have been asked to seek some additional care and to make sure that they are following through with that and being compliant. He also does supervisory training and employee education.

There is no increase in the fee for this contract, nor has there been for a number of years. We're also pleased with that. Mr. Casey contacts our Financial Department or HR Department, actually, once a month and finds out the number of employees and then we have a rate, per employee, per month and that is how the contract is paid. We are requesting that you approve the agreement."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Doctor [sic], just for my edification, what does EAP stand for?"

Ms. Cook said, "Employee Assistance Program."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, any questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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3. AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS, INC. PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF 2002 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT FUNDS.

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The 2002 prevention grant will fund the Reducing Anger in Preschool program. This is a new program to the prevention fund for 2002. It’s designed to intervene and identify problem behaviors early in preschool children by teaching effective problem-solving skills. It will serve 150 kids, ages three to five, in 2002. The intent behind the program is to prevent future behavioral problems.

The program uses a nationally renowned curriculum called I Can Problem Solve. I do have a program representative here that would like to give just a brief overview.”

Mr. John Milsap, Director, Reducing Anger in Preschool, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have recently started ‘I Can Solve’ program, the curriculum for I Can Problem Solve and we’ve been talking to preschools throughout the county. Right now, we’re doing one, we just started one at a place called Little Pals and we have an agreement to do two more in Haysville, Krayola Korner and Kiddie Kollege, so we intend to be servicing preschools throughout the county area. We’re working with three to five-year-olds on learning problem-solving skills and also to teach the staff of preschools how to do this program in the future. We’ll see the kids for 59 times during the semester. We’ll go five days a week for approximately four months. And at some time during that four month period we will pull out and transition the program over to the staff of the preschool and then go on to the next preschool. We are hopeful that this will result in fewer behavioral problems as the child grows older. Questions?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Yes, we do have some. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “John, how do you identify the preschools? How do you . . . do you select them or do they select you?”

Mr. Milsap said, “No, ma’am. It was mainly a matter of going out and just start going to different preschool and telling them about our program and explaining the potential benefits for their clients and getting an agreement with them to let us come in and try it. It’s a new thing and we have to

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have the agreement of the preschool, along with a signed parental consent for all the children that are going to be attending.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Is there a cost to the preschools?”

Mr. Milsap said, “No, there is not.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “If there are folks out there whose children are in preschools who might think that that school or they, as parents, would be interested in the program. Is there a contact number where they can reach you?”

Mr. Milsap said, “Certainly. They can contact me, John Milsap, I’m the Director, at 685-1821, extension 248. And we still have some openings left later on in the year.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, I appreciate that, John. You know, there might be some that think that seems a little early but some of those really good lessons are in fact taught when kids are little. And I’m hopeful that you’ll hear from some folks and be able to continue to make the connections to take this program out to the community. I appreciate your hard work so far. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “How do you evaluate individual children? Are they referred by the owners/ operators of the individual child care units?”

Mr. Milsap said, “We left it open to the operators of the preschool, those that would attend, along with the parents that allow them to attend. We work up, with them . . . it would be something like an Individual Educational Plan for the children on what we’re going to be trying to resolve. For example, some of the children might be behavioral problems. Other ones it might be lack of social skills. So, we try to come up with some goals and objectives for each of the children that we’re going to be working with. We do a pre-test to see what level they’re functioning at when we get there and then we do a post-test before we leave to see what gains have been made. We also use this process for quality-assurance and ongoing change in the program.”

Commissioner Norton said, “So it won’t cover everyone at that particular daycare unit? It will only be those that may, through testing, show that they’ve got something they need to work on. Is that correct?”

Mr. Milsap said, “It’s open to everyone.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "Right. But it will be only for those evaluated that need the help. Is that correct?"

Mr. Milsap said, "No, sir. It's open for everyone at the center whose parents are willing to let them attend. We expect to get a significant number of high-risk, problem children with low resiliency skills, but the national model indicates that the program tends to be designed for and work the best when you have a mixture of kids. You have some higher functioning kids that help pull the other kids up."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. What about corporate child care? The three you've talked about are kind of locally owned. What's been the reaction of Kindercare and some of the ones that are corporately owned and have a large organization and structure?"

Mr. Milsap said, "Head Start, Early Head Start have indicated an interest and we're talking with them. We've also talked with W.S.U., their childcare center. They have an interest in it. That's about the extent . . . well, La Petite, we've talked to some of their branches and we're also talking with the regional director for La Petite and they're undecided if they're going to participate at this time."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is that a local decision that will be made or is that a group decision, a corporate decision that will be made?"

Mr. Milsap said, "Through La Petite?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yeah."

Mr. Milsap said, "It's up to their regional director."

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I have just a couple of questions of you. Is there a fee that the individual child will be assessed, that the parents would have to pay for receiving these services?"

Mr. Milsap said, "No, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So this is just something that this grant . . ."

Mr. Milsap said, "It's covered by the grant."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "It's covered by the grant. Now, are these one-on-one sessions with these children?"

Mr. Milsap said, "No, sir. We're addressing the whole class."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, what happens now . . . because I'm going to get probably a few phone calls, if a parent wants their child to be opted out of the program, what does that child do while you're having a class?"

Mr. Milsap said, "There will be alternative activities with the staff of the preschool available in a separate area of the preschool."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. All right. That's all I have. I don't think we have any other questions. I think, Commissioner Winters, you had a comment."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just had a comment, not a question, of John. You know, as we've started down this road of juvenile justice reform and I know, Commissioners, you've all heard this before. Perhaps there may be someone in the audience or someone listening, in the late '90s we did develop a strategy in our community program to focus our prevention on three areas. One is the family management issue problems, where we see a number of kids in foster care were higher than they should be. Commitments to school and education was the second one and we're committed to work in the school and the third was to work on anti-social behavior in the very young and that is exemplified by it's amazing how many kids in the second, third grade are getting expelled from public school. And I think, I don't know enough about this program, but I think the committee has looked at this program and these young children in preschool, if we can get them on the track where they stay in school and aren't acting out in school and getting themselves sent home, it is fulfilling one of the objectives of our community plan. So, John, we hope you're successful. We'll be interested to hear more about your activities at the end of the year and we hope that your program is successful."

Mr. Milsap said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And, Jeannette, just . . . we don't need a comment right now but do you have a mechanism in place to find out whether or not, after we review it for a year, the program has been successful? Is there any outcomes that we're going to try to reach with this program?"

Ms. Livingston said, "Yes, and I'm sorry. You should have gotten a handout that had a description

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of the program and the outcomes. I apologize if you did not get that. Yeah, the curriculum itself comes with a set of outcomes that it has been . . . Help me if I'm saying it right, John, that it comes with kind of a standard set of outcomes that you can expect if you use this curriculum and we looked at how we were going to apply it in Sedgwick County and develop those outcomes. They will report on those quarterly."

Commissioner Winters said, "Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, may I? So this is a tested program where outcomes have been tested in other parts of the country? It's not something you all just dreamed up in your back room? I mean, it's a tried and true, proven program and that's, again, one of the things that we want these providers to be using."

Ms. Livingston said, "Correct. It's a set, national curriculum that has some research base to it."

Mr. Milsap said, "It's been going on for about 20 years now."

Commissioner Norton said, "I do have one more question now. Tom has kind of spurred me on to other questions. I'm very tickled that the two major providers in Haysville have signed on but what is the capacity throughout the county? I mean, there are a lot of childcare facilities. How many do you think you'll reach in the first year and what will your capacity be for the next two or three years to touch that many childcare units?"

Mr. Milsap said, "Well, we had applied, originally, for a larger amount in our grant and were going to serve 300 children. We were able to only receive half that amount, so we've adjusted our goal and our staff accordingly. I suspect we're going to be able to visit with six to eight preschools to see the 150 children. What we're also going to be doing is compiling a waiting list, if you will, of other programs that want to come onboard with a number of children there and we'll adjust our request next year accordingly."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, okay. Now, you just spurred another question from me. Are you actively applying for other grants, or are you looking for the county solely to be your only source of revenue?"

Mr. Milsap said, "We are continuing to explore other grants but it's a new one that we've just started so I haven't applied for anywhere else yet."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, because maybe some of the incorporated cities in which you're

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working might have funds for this program that you might want to consider so that you're not just solely dependent on Sedgwick County because that, in years to come, might be difficult. You know, I'm just trying to protect you so it can be an ongoing thing and encourage you to look for alternate sources of revenue too."

Mr. Milsap said, "Yes, sir. I've got another program, Pathways, that's been going on for about 10 years and we've got funding through the county, through the liquor tax, through the state, through United Way. We'll try to make this one more diversified if we can."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, great. Okay, I don't see any further questions. What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much and good luck to you. Next item please."

4. FISCAL YEAR 2002 AGING MILL LEVY CONTRACTS (TWO) AND NOTIFICATION OF MILL LEVY AWARD.

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- **CITY OF WICHITA – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR MINOR HOME REPAIR: NOT TO EXCEED 5% OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**
- **OAKLAWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW AREA SENIOR CENTER: \$13,513**
- **CITY OF MAIZE – MAIZE SENIOR CLUB: \$3,034**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I bring before you three issues. One, Aging Mill Levy contracts for fiscal year 2002 funding and one is for administrative services for a minor home repair program. This is a contract with the City of Wichita, which provides for services when we work with them and we have services that are provided within the City of Wichita that they don’t have, that they’re not using matching funds for because they don’t fall within the target area but they assist us by going out and doing a determination of what the needs are and identifying those.

Then we have . . . the individual gets to choose from a list of vendors and then the city goes out and does a post-inspection and they, in the contract, have the authority and ability to charge up to a 5% administrative fee for their services on those cases. I think, in the last two years, this has been in the contract. To my knowledge, they have not opted to use that option to charge for that administrative fee.

The other two contracts are for the City of Maize and the Oaklawn Improvement District and that is for the senior centers in those areas. The agreements are standard agreements and for this Oaklawn Improvement District that is \$13,513 for the 2002 mill levy funding amount and the City of Maize is \$3,034 and both of those amounts have been previously approved in the mill levy budget for 2002. So we bring before you today the contracts and agreements and request that the Board authorize the Chair to sign and approve the agreements.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Annette, just for budgeting purposes so Chris Chronis doesn’t go crazy on us, do you have a fee of what the 5% of the administrative services fee would be? I would assume that you’re holding that in some account, just in case they do ask for it.”

Ms. Graham said, “That would be by the job, so we don’t really have an amount budgeted for that. We have a maximum of \$2,500 per job that we do. So that’s the maximum amount a service could be under this program. We have a certain amount of money, we have \$100,000 in our mill levy budget to fund those kind of services.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, that's what I was trying to get to, that you have a finite pool that you're drawing from."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes we do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Any other comments or questions of Annette? Yes, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "The only question I have is that these are just a couple of the senior contracts that we'll sign. Are there not others for other small towns that maybe haven't come before us yet?"

Ms. Graham said, "I think the majority have already come before you."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. I knew some of them had. Are there any left to still come before us, or is this the last of them?"

Ms. Graham said, "This will be it."

Commissioner Norton said, "This cleans it up. Okay, thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any other questions or comments? Clerk, call the roll on this item please."

Commissioner Winters said, "We need a Motion."

Chairman Sciortino said, "How about a Motion on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Contracts and Notification of Mill Levy Award 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

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Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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

5. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR FUNDS TO PROVIDE A “SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL PRIORITIES” PROGRAM.

Ms. Graham said, “What I bring before you is a grant application for funding to assist us in providing transportation in our community. Medical transportation for Medicaid recipients of the state-funded waiver programs for the home and community based services for the frail, elderly and the physically disabled was reduced by 50%, due to some changes effective January 1st of this year. This drastically decreased the individual’s access to needed medical care for this next year and we’re anticipating that that’s going to impact approximately 350 elderly individuals and persons with disabilities that are currently being served by the brokerage.

So, our grant team put together a grant application for the Kansas Health Foundation for a total of \$15,531. This will fund approximately 1,200 one-way rides from June 1st through May 31st of 2003. The Sedgwick County Comprehensive Community Developmental Disabilities Organization has committed \$1,725 in cash support to go along with this grant application for medical transportation for their clients. Sedgwick County Department on Aging has committed \$2,557 in personnel and fringe benefits as in-kind support for match.

The total project budget would then be \$19,813. So, we bring before you this grant application and request that you authorize us to submit this.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Annette. I think we have at least one question or comment. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Annette, does this restore the services to the 350 people that will be

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underserved or does this just get back part of it?”

Ms. Graham said, “It would not totally restore it. No, it would just be some additional access to medical transportation to try to address some of that deficit.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. So it won’t cover near what the need is. That’s all I have. Thanks, Annette.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Annette, have you had conversation with the Kansas Health Foundation? Does this seem to be the kind of request that they would look favorably on or is this just . . .?”

Ms. Graham said, “I don’t think we’ve had much conversation with them. We received the grant application process and the information and it looked like it would fit within their mission for providing health services and help to access health services.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Annette, is there any safeguards so that people don’t abuse this service? For example, is there are certain requirements that a senior citizen would have to fit in, in order to avail themselves of it or could it be a situation where, just because of their age they qualify?”

Ms. Graham said, “There are, as with our current program, eligibility criteria and so age and income is all looked at and ability to access, you know can they drive, do they have other accessible transportation. And it’s also looked at what kind of appointment they’re going to. So it has to be a medically related transportation need before they could access that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “But where I was getting at is that my mother’s needing a ride and she calls me and asks me to give her a ride and I don’t want to be bothered and I say, ‘Why don’t you just call a cab and file it with the county, they’ll pay for it’ type thing. We have some protection that that type . . . I would call that an abuse but I mean we have some protection against that type of an abuse. Is that correct?”

Ms. Graham said, “Everybody that uses the brokerage has to have an intake to determine do they meet the eligibility and do they have a need for that service.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, all right. That was just the point is that you know we have limited resources and we’re trying to satisfy unlimited needs and we have to kind of protect the taxpayer dollars a little bit. But it seems like we’re doing that. Okay. Commissioner Norton.”

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Commissioner Norton said, “Just a comment. This is just a good example of when decisions made at another level of government trickle down and affect us at the local level where services go away and we have to make tough decisions to try to provide, on the firing line, for people that are underserved and need the help. And this is, I think, just the tip of the iceberg of what we may see, based on what we see out of the federal government, the state government of the kinds of decisions we’re going to have to do and the grant writing that we’re going to have to do to continue the level of service that we’ve provided for the underserved in this community for a long time.

And I think the public needs to know this is a good example of 350 elderly that weren’t going to make it to their medical appointments or be able to take care of their healthcare needs because of lack of transportation and we’re trying to get back to that level, but it’s pretty tough when funding goes away. Just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Annette, now this is a service that it doesn’t matter where you live in Sedgwick County. I mean, if isn’t just limited to the unincorporated Sedgwick County. This is inside all the 20 cities or outside. It’s just wherever you live in Sedgwick County. Is that correct?”

Ms. Graham said, “Sedgwick County.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, so this is another kind of service without boundaries that we’re providing. Okay, thanks. Great. What’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the Grant Award Agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Application.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Thomas Winters Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino Aye

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

6. ADDITION OF ONE 12-PASSENGER VAN TO THE COUNTY FLEET.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Here today to request your approval to add one twelve-passenger van to the fleet of the Department of Corrections. Funds for this van were provided by the State Department of Corrections. The van is for use at our Adult Residential program to transport clients to work when the buses aren't running, to community service projects and for staff to pick up client meals and supplies. I ask for you to approve the request."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mark. Any questions of Mark on this item?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess I have a quick question, I guess. This is state funds, Mark?"

Mr. Masterson said, "State Department of Corrections funds."

Commissioner Winters said, "You still go through a county process of demonstrating to county folks the need or the requirement for having this van?"

Mr. Masterson said, "I believe we do, yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. I just needed to become familiar with that process of requesting and what you needed to show the fleet folks you were going to do. But I'll figure that out other places I think. That's the only question I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It's a good question. Any further comments? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to approve the addition to the County fleet.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thanks, Mark. Next item please.”

E. PRE-APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Due to the recent downturn in the local economy, Sedgwick County is eligible to apply for a public works project funded under the federal Economic Development Administration. The project we’re proposing is the Hoover Road expansion that was discussed earlier, which upgrades two and a half miles of road. S.C.K.E.D.D., the South Central Economic Development District, help put this application together. It’s been submitted to the Economic Development Administration and, so far, has received favorable review.

The way they do these is that they ask for a pre-application that contains all the necessary detail and, if they approve it, they reserve the money and then ask us to write a formal, final application, which has all the awful paperwork to it. So, we’re asking for your permission to submit the pre-application and then, if we’re awarded the funds, to go ahead and complete the formal application. I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thanks, Irene. Any questions of Irene on this item? Commissioner Norton.”

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Commissioner Norton said, “Just a comment. I think this is a good way for us to parlay some grant money coming down from another government entity and maybe supplant some of the load on our bond leveling that we just talked about today. So, I’ll be very supportive and hopefully, just the idea that we got to apply for the grant and we got the information from them is very encouraging. So, I think it’s a great project and hopefully the grant will go through.”

Ms. Hart said, “And we should know in the next couple of weeks.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Great. That’s pretty quick. Any further comments? I don’t see any.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Pre-application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the final application and any award documents containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Pre-application.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR FUNDING OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS.

Dr. Charles Magruder, M.D., Director, Community Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The grants that you see before you represent the routine applications that we send forth to K.D.H.E. each year. Most of these grants have been in place for several years. I’ll go through, very briefly, and give you a thumbnail sketch of each of these if you desire. Or if you would prefer, I would just recommend that we approve each of these and send them forth.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “You said that word briefly. That meant it would be brief?”

Dr. Magruder said, “It will be as brief as you desire, sir.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Why don’t you just give us a little bit of an outline on what we’re going to be doing here.”

Dr. Magruder said, “Okay. The first item you see, the state formula grant, this is flexible funding that is sent to health departments across the state. This is one of Secretary Graber’s top priorities and this is one of the things that he has protected from any cuts. This is one of the two grants that we have that involves actual state funds.

The second item, primary care, this is money that funds our evening pediatric primary care clinic. This is the second grant that involves state funds. Here we are facing the prospect of a slight cut of 4 to 5%, based on the information that we have at this time but this should not have any significant harm on our ability to continue that service. This grant also involves a contractual agreement with the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Maternal and child health for \$723,000 involves a large number of programs. This money partially funds the Nurse/ Family Partnership, the Omaha model, which is our other home-visiting model and then our third home-visiting model, state Healthy Start program is funded by this. In addition, these funds are used to support our pediatric dental program and also fund the maternal and infant clinic, which provides OB care, obstetrical care to clients who meet certain income criteria. This grant also involves contractual agreements with the Department of OB/GYN at the University of Kansas Medical Center and, once again, with the Department of Pediatrics at K.U. Medical Center.

The family planning grant is just that. It provides the funding that we have to provide family planning services to people in our community who are in need, although we provide those services to others as well, if they want to come to the health department. The school-linked services, this is the money that is used to fund our teen health station. This is the clinic that resides by North High School that, as the name implies, focuses almost entirely upon provision of specific services for teens, a wide variety of different services are available in that regard.

Towards the bottom of the page you see a series of items that contain HIV/ AIDS, STD. These are grants that primarily support our open clinic that operates out of the main health department for the provision of care for people with sexually transmitted diseases and also for HIV and AIDS counseling. In addition, funding from some of these sources goes to our community education section for HIV and AIDS prevention services through education and other efforts.

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And then finally, you see the item there that's call I.A.P. This is the Immunization Action Program. This is funding that allows one individual to be hired to monitor immunization status of clients that come to the health department. We recently won an award through K.D.H.E. for the degree to which we've increased the immunization rates that are up to date. I should emphasize that this is just our clients within the health department. This level of funding does not constitute an ability to coordinate increasing immunization rates for the entire community but at least we are able to do that within the population that is served by the health department. I'll be happy to answer any additional questions you have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you Doctor. Are there any questions of the Doctor on this item? I don't see any."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the Grant Award Agreements containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Applications.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Doctor, just briefly. Is there anything significant about that tie that you wish to disclose to us or is it just a regular tie?"

Dr. Magruder said, "This is simply artwork, sir. One of the Ralph Marlin of different types of art."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Well, you always inspire us with your style in neckware. Thank you very much."

Dr. Magruder said, "I think you're the only person to ever say that, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Bear in mind, my initials are B.S. so you might want to take that into consideration."

Dr. Magruder said, "I do appreciate the sentiment."

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

G. ADDITION OF ONE GRANT-FUNDED DETECTIVE POSITION, RANGE 22, TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.

Sheriff Gary Steed, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we've obtained a grant to add a couple of detectives to our Exploited and Missing Children's Unit that we operate along with S.R.S. and the Wichita Police Department. The grant would include one detective to be added by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department. And the purpose of that detective would be to investigate Internet crimes against children, primarily the traveler cases and the cases where child pornography and items such as that are posted on the Internet. We've received the grant and I'm here today to ask that the position be added to our staffing charts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Thank you Sheriff. Any questions or comments of Sheriff Steed?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I just have one. Is this a one-year, two-year, three-year?"

Sheriff Steed said, "One-year grant."

Commissioner Norton said, "One-year grant."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all, Commissioner Norton? Okay. What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the addition to the Sheriff's Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. AMENDMENT TO THE 2002 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO ADD REMODEL OF THE SUNFLOWER SHELTER AT SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In last year's budget, you authorized a project to use special park and recreation funds to remodel the Sunflower Shelter at Sedgwick County Park, make it suitable for year around use by adding air conditioning and assure it meets code. Sunflower Shelter is located on the southern end of the park, near the 13th Street entrance. It has a 30 by 60 interior space and accommodates about 150 guests. Here's a picture of the facility. It was not originally a CIP project, as it was under the \$25,000 threshold.

However, as the project progressed staff determined that if they were going to do it right, they needed to make some changes. There was more termite damage than anticipated. The electrical service needed additional capacity and rather than encroach on the interior space, they chose to add an extension to the end of the building, to protect that 30 by 60 space.

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You can see where they've done the repairs. They've been working since February on the facility and cut out a rather extensive termite damage. You can see a new ceramic floor and this is the end of the facility that will be extended to 16 feet. Again, that will accommodate the kitchen, the unisex accessible bathroom, as well as the HVAC system.

Now, here's something we like to hear in finance and I'm sure you also like to hear it. They were able to fund the increase in costs from within their own resources and we've outlined those costs there on the slide.

If approved, we would expect the project to be complete by the 1st of May. Staff recommends approval of the project. Do you have any questions? We've got Mark Sroufe, the Park Superintendent available."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We do have our termite expert here that has a question. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. I didn't know I was a termite expert but I guess I am. Because we're adding on to this now, does that increase the capacity of the usage of the building to more than 153 people?"

Mr. Giroux said, "The interior capacity will remain the same. We didn't reduce it."

Mr. Mark Sroufe, Superintendent of Parks, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The addition is going to house the kitchen, the restroom and the mechanical room for the furnace and air conditioning. The original size of the building will stay the same, so the number of people will not increase or decrease."

Commissioner Norton said, "Was there kitchen facilities and restrooms not in that other part of that building?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "No."

Commissioner Norton said, "So, not only are we cleaning up the building but now we're adding to it, over and above what we originally were going to do with new facility?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "Yes."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And blaming it all on termites."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm kind of getting to that, which is, I think is okay with me

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but we're actually adding more than would have been done if we hadn't found termites."

Mr. Sroufe said, "That's correct. What we're doing, we're adding the kitchen that the public has asked . . . when people call, they want to know if there's a kitchen or if there's an air conditioner, if there's restroom facilities in these buildings. At the current time, there's no buildings at Sedgwick County Park that have those facilities. This will be the first one."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Describe the usage of this facility as it is now, per year. I mean, how often is it rented, is it large parties, small parties? Do you have that information?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "It's a multi-use building. There's weddings, family reunions. There's Boy Scout troops rent this. It's a multi-functional building. We average renting two days a week, on average. Of course, this will increase now because it will be available year-round. So, we're going to estimate it's going to be rented 104 times a year, based on two days a week throughout the year."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. What are we doing to rental fees, the permit fee for usage of it and will it create some kind of revenue stream that will offset the additional monies we're putting into it?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "The current fee is \$90 per day. That will increase to \$150, which puts us in line with the same buildings out at Lake Afton, which have the same facilities in them."

Commissioner Norton said, "Because this is an inner-city park, how will you communicate that to the west side citizens that live in Wichita that would want to use that for weddings, because now it becomes a great facility that's pretty close in, it's not out at Lake Afton, for barbeques. Now it could be used for nicer things in the inner-city. How will you communicate that?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "We'll advertise this on the County's website. You have the shelter reservation, where they can go in there and they can look at these buildings. And also, with the new signs we put at the entrance of the park last year, we'll advertise it there as well."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay."

Mr. Giroux said, "We could advertise it today, if we can go to the screen, reference the website, sedgwickcounty.org. The link is at the lower right corner of the page or you can simply call the park at 943-0192."

Commissioner Norton said, "Is this facility non-alcoholic? I mean, is alcohol allowed in the facility for wedding receptions or whatever?"

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Mr. Sroufe said, "It falls under the park rules and regulations, as far as alcoholic liquor goes, 3.2 is allowed in the park, no beer kegs of any kind, it has to be cans, no bottles."

Commissioner Norton said, "Wine, champagne?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "As long as it's not over the 3.2."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That eliminates wine and champagne."

Mr. Sroufe said, "I might make one more comment on this termite damage. Every building that is located at Sedgwick County Park has some sort of termite damage. There's been walls replaced in two or the other buildings so far and the next two years we're going to go into Sunflower and plumb and do a similar renovation but we're going to run into the same thing on all those buildings as well."

Commissioner Norton said, "Which would lead me too, do we have some kind of preventative measures to take care of termites? Because they stay in the ground and will find the new buildings."

Mr. Sroufe said, "We will have a termite contract to put the CetraCon system in to try to keep those under control."

Commissioner Norton said, "We have not done that yet."

Mr. Sroufe said, "Not in any of the buildings except the bait shop. It does have it in place now."

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

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Mark, is this the shelter at the . . . just along 13th Street?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And is it the one . . . didn't it have an existing fireplace?"

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Mr. Sroufe said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And it still does?"

Mr. Sroufe said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And so . . . I hadn't remembered that it didn't have a bathroom and it didn't have a kitchen. It was just a big room with a fireplace in it, wasn't it."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, I like expanding them. I mean, I think that park gets an amazing usage anyway as you've just come to find out. But any way to enhance those shelters to make them even more usable and to make them even better facilities for year-round usage I'm going to support. I agree with Mr. Norton though. We sure want to make sure . . . certainly want to make sure that whatever you and your folks go to the trouble of improving and building is protected over time. So, do whatever you have to do to make sure those places are protected. So, thanks for the hard work. I know it's a labor of love but we appreciate what you do for us. Thanks. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thanks, Betsy. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just a follow-up on Commissioner Norton's comments requesting use. About four weeks ago I inquired of Mark if there was any enclosed shelter on a couple of weekends in June available and there is no enclosed shelter available in west Sedgwick County Park or Lake Afton in June. So, I think the usage is clearly out there, whether we got the dollars right. But it's still one of those things that you can't overcharge or you're defeating the part of the service you're giving to someone if you make it so expensive they can't afford to rent a shelter. That's not necessarily a good sign either, but those enclosed shelters are very desirable and they're used a lot. That's the only comment I had. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that we have any other comments. So, what is the will of the Board on Item H please?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thanks, Pete. Next item please.”

I. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. ESTIMATE FOR GAS LINE RELOCATION IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 789-G-3960; BRIDGE ON 247TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 69TH AND 77TH STREETS NORTH. CIP# B-423. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item I-1 is the approval of an estimate from Peoples Natural Gas for the relocation of a four inch gas line in connection with the bridge project on 247th Street West, between 69th and 77th Streets North, designated as B-423 in the Capital Improvement Program. The cost of the relocation will be \$22,500. The gas line is located in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the estimate.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the estimate.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

- 2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH CENTRAL PAVING, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – 2001 BM-1 OVERLAYS. CIP# R-175. ALL DISTRICTS.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item I-2 is a modification of plans and construction for the 2001 BM-1 Overlay project designated as R-175 in the Capital Improvement Program. We overlaid 33 miles of roads last year. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized. There will be a net decrease of \$96,125.45 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much David. Now would you like to go to I-3.”

3. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH APAC KANSAS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – ZOO PARKING LOT. CIP# R-249. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, “This item is similar to the previous item. It is a modification of plans and construction for the Sedgwick County Zoo parking lot project designated as R-249 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has also been constructed and is ready to be finalized out. There will be a net decrease of \$363.70 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, David. Is there any questions of David on this Item? I don’t see any. So, what’s the will of the Board on Item I-3 please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thanks, David. Next item please.”

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. Order dated March 6, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 3. Payroll Check Registers (two) of February 28 and March 1, 2002.**
- 4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of March 6 – March 12, 2002.**

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I’d recommend that you approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn Aye

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Chairman Ben Sciortino

Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Anything else to come before this Board?"

K. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "I only have one thing. I was out scoping out beaches for Lake Afton last week and I had to go all the way to Fort Walton to see what white sand looked like for the beach at Lake Afton and I'd like to report to you that we could probably do that for a minimal price."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Does that include pralines?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I was checking out some Old Town kinds of settings too. So, I was doing the good work of government last week while I was gone."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I was trying to figure out how those pralines that you brought us can be construed as part of our diet. There must be some health benefits to devouring one of those."

Commissioner McGinn said, "The nuts have some nutrients."

Commissioner Norton said, "There's a lot of protein."

Chairman Sciortino said, "The peanuts have fiber. Okay, that's great. Any other real business to come before us?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well that's real business. He was doing the work. Just a note that the American Zoo and Aquarium conference, region conference is in town this week and Mark Reed and his fine staff at our zoo are hosting folks from all over this part of the country. We welcome them and wish them well. I'm sure that their time spent at the Sedgwick County Zoo will impress them and, hopefully, encourage them to go back to their communities and try to keep up."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. Anything else to report from your district, Commissioner McGinn? Commissioner Winters?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, the only thing, I am going to fill in for Commissioner McGinn, this coming Saturday at the Farm Bureau, Kansas Farm Bureau group is going to meet out at Cheney and I'm going to be out there bringing greetings from Sedgwick County. So, look

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forward to spending some time with Farm Bureau folks out at Cheney.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “It’s like County Ag Day or something.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Oh, wait a minute now. Is there going to be food?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Yes, there is a lunch involved.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “You’re all invited.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, I mean I can’t be bought but I can be borrowed for an hour for one of those sandwiches that the Farm Bureau puts out. They put out pretty good food. I might have to come out there and say hi to you.

Any other real business now.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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 legal advice and personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:53 a.m.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:23 a.m. and returned at 11:10a.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Do we need the attorney here or anybody else, Madam Clerk? Okay. For the record, let it be known that no binding action was taken in Executive Session. Anything else to come before this Board? Okay. This meeting is adjourned.”

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

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