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Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve had opportunity to review those Minutes. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 3 and March 10, 2004

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2004 AS “CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, I have a proclamation I’d like to read for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community,

WHEREAS, approximately 7,764 child abuse and neglect cases are reported in Sedgwick County each year; and

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WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by the whole community, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and becoming involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

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

‘Child Abuse Prevention Month’

in Sedgwick County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Dated March 31, 2004.

Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What’s the will of this Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And we have with us Vickie McArthur with Kansas Children’s Service League. And Vickie, I see that there are others in the audience too, so you might introduce them also, but welcome to our meeting.”

Ms. Vickie McArthur, Kansas Children’s Service League, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you. Nancy Billing from Home Services and Sarah Garrison from Rainbows United. I want to thank you very much for the signing of the proclamation. Hopefully, some day we won’t have to ask for this as a proclamation in the month of April.

In Kansas alone, there were 42,686 reports of child abuse and neglect last year, which is an increase of 5%. In Sedgwick County the increase was at 7%. What we do know that we’re doing well is that of those, only 1,284 children were removed from the home. We’re doing a much better job of supporting families and promoting the health of families and children. But we really want to call to the recognition of child abuse and prevention and continues . . . child abuse and neglect that continues in our county.

On April 1st at 6:30 at O.J. Watson Park there will be a Light of Hope that KOSA, Kansas Children’s Service League and many other organizations in Sedgwick County are coming together to give a Light of Hope, prayer vigil and candlelight vigil for the prevention of child abuse.

What I would ask is that the Commissioners take a blue ribbon for the month of April, share them, I have a package, share them with your friends, colleagues, relatives and just promote the child abuse awareness.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. And we have a couple of comments. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I’ll pass those on real quick. Well, my history with Child Abuse

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Prevention Council goes back to 1981, when they originally had a Wichita kind of group and Sherry Butenbach and Helen Cochran and Judge Burgess were founders of that. I served on it for several years, before the emphasis shifted to a state wide kind of emphasis with the Kansas Children's Service League. So, you do great work. We continue to understand that child abuse and neglect is something that we've got to work really hard on here. In fact, yesterday we spent some time in a prevention meeting on juvenile justice and we find, more and more, that very early beginnings in the family, with child abuse and neglect, is what ends up putting kids in our juvenile delinquency centers and everything. So it's something that we have to get well upstream to try to fix and you do great work to do that and I'm very supportive. Hopefully, you're right, we don't have to wear blue ribbons next year at this time, but thank you very much. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. For those that are watching today and know of a child that's potentially neglected or abused, or maybe it's in their own home and they don't know where to turn, what would you suggest or who would you tell them to call to get some first-hand help?"

Ms. McArthur said, "Kansas Children's Service League has a parent help line that's a 24/7 telephone hotline that people can call. Certainly if there's a suspicion of child abuse or neglect that is occurring, we would certainly encourage people to call the State of Kansas, who is authorized to look into that and help protect the child."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So if they didn't want to . . . I guess, they were just really trying to look for some kind of prevention or some help, that Kansas Children's Service League would be a place to call."

Ms. McArthur said, "Certainly. We are referral and information and can really connect people with the difficulties that they're having with different programs throughout the county, not just with Kansas Children's Service League."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well, Commissioners, this Thursday evening, with the Light of Hope at O.J. Watson Park which I believe begins at 7:00, I will be there and again read and deliver the proclamation and participate with that group. And so, Sarah Garrison from Rainbows United extended that invitation to us and I have accepted and will be out there. So, we hope you have a good event Thursday evening and continue to . . . and we'll continue to be supportive in raising awareness of this very critical issue. Thank you all for being here today. Next item."

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2004 AS “FAIR HOUSING MONTH.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, I have a second proclamation I’d like to read for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our County that can and should be achieved

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

‘Fair Housing Month’

and express the hope that this year’s observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the County.

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Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And we have Brad Snapp, with Sedgwick County’s Department of Housing here. Brad.”

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Commissioners. I appreciate you recognizing the Fair Housing Act with that proclamation. This is the 36th anniversary of the act and because of it, people have access to housing, equal access to housing regardless of their religion, race, color, nation origin, sex, familial status, or disability. It’s one of the foundations of the housing industry. It affects all of us in the housing industry and because of it, it is unlawful to: refuse or receive or transmit offers . . . refuse to receive or transmit all offers for purchase, make reasonable modifications to rental property, refuse to sell, rent, lease or exchange property, deny any service relating to real property transactions, deny families with children the opportunities to lease or buy property and take hold of a listing when you know that the seller has the intent to discriminate or discriminate on the terms or conditions of the sale or resale.

Now, after 36 years people would think this would be common sense but violations still occur. And I’d like to recognize Randy Phelps with the Wichita Urban League. They are a HUD funded organization to conduct fair housing education and outreach in the Wichita metro area. Again, we appreciate this proclamation. If you have any questions, I’ll try to answer them.”

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Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you, Brad. I don't see any questions at this time, but again, I think it is important for everyone to know and understand that as far as Sedgwick County is concerned and any of the actions that we do pertaining to housing will be done in the most fair manner possible. We do have a question or comment. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a comment, Brad. Not to embarrass you, but I just want to compliment you on all the hard work you've been doing in community housing. I got to see first hand the joy of that young couple in Oaklawn when they were able to finally buy a home and I think that your group is really doing something that you probably don't get a lot of accolades on, but please keep up the very hard, good work. There's a lot of people that are literally sleeping better tonight because of the efforts that you have done to make sure that where they're sleeping is safe and accommodations are proper. It's just . . . you're doing good work is what I'm trying to say."

Mr. Snapp said, "Thank you. In relation to Oaklawn, I'll just take a second, June Bailey is here someplace . . . but their item is next with Chris Chronis going to go on their board. I'm sure you'll talk more about that. They're certainly a key player for Oaklawn."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I was going to compliment him but it has Chris Chronis' name on it, and I don't like complimenting our finance guy very much."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you Brad. Next item."

APPOINTMENT

B. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRIS CHRONIS TO THE COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we've prepared a resolution that would reappoint Chris Chronis to this board for a one-year term and I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much. And Chris is here and Don Brace, County Clerk, will swear Chris into this position.”

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, “Raise your right hand.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Community Housing Services Wichita/ Sedgwick County Board of Directors, so help me God.”

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, said, “I do.”

Mr. Brace said, “Congratulations.”

Mr. Chronis said, “I’m not going to pass up an opportunity at the mic. It’s an honor for me to serve on Community Housing Services, as the County’s representative. We do have in the room the director of Community Housing Services, June Bailey and the administrative officer, Mayrov Maxwell sitting in the far back corner behind the camera.”

Chairman Winters said, “Would you both stand and just give a wave there so we . . . thank you.”

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Mr. Chronis said, “These people, and the rest of the staff of CHS, do amazing work for this community. I think the philosophy of the organization is that community development best takes place, most effectively takes place one neighborhood at a time. In the past year, the organization has constructed two new houses in Oaklawn, and has a waiting list for the third house that is about to be started. They are beginning to construct houses in the Fairmount community in Wichita. They’re doing some good work throughout the community. And I think one of the most impressive things that the organization does is build capacity in the neighborhoods. The membership of the Board of Community Housing Services is predominately made up of neighborhood residents in the neighborhoods that are served by CHS and those residents are very active and are very instrumental in leading their communities to a better place. It’s an honor for me to serve with them.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much Chris. And we do feel pleased that you do represent us on that board and to you folks that are on that board, we certainly appreciate the work that you do and we’re glad that you were here today to be involved in Chris’ swearing in, so thank you both very much. Commissioners, is there any other discussion or comments about this item? If not, Madam Clerk call the next item.”

RETIREMENT

C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO THOMAS F. LIES, EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 1, PUBLIC WORKS.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are pleased today to honor and recognize a very hard working and long-term county employee, Thomas Lies from Public Works who will retire April 1, after 32 years of service.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right Tom, we’ve got a certificate for you this morning. Turn around, so the TV camera can get a good shot of you. And it looks like your family is here. Is that your wife?”

Mr. Thomas F. Lies, Equipment Operator 1, Bureau of Public Works, said, “That’s my mom and my brother.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, very good. Well, we’ve got a certificate for you that we would like to present to you and then we also have a clock that we would like to present to you. Tom has been at the Andale yard for 32 years. That’s a long time and we appreciate very much the work that you, and all of the road maintenance crews do. It’s an important job, we appreciate it a lot and we just want to give you this clock as a token of appreciation from the Board of County Commissioners. So, would you like to say anything else?”

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Mr. Lies said, “Well, I don’t know. I’ve met the Commissioners, off and on, you know during the years I’ve been there and everything and I want to tell everybody hello and tell everybody at all the yards hello too.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Well, we’ve going to miss you very much Tom and good luck in the future.”

Chair Pro Tem Unruh said, “Well, congratulations to Tom. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please.”

CITIZEN INQUIRY

D. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE WICHITA THUNDER HOCKEY TEAM.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, Mr. Holt is not here but I think the Chairman wanted to address that issue.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. I did have a chance to visit with David Holt late yesterday and he was not able to be at today’s meeting but I did want to share that we did have some continued negotiations with the Thunder last week and I think we made some good progress but I still do not think it’s time to really negotiate this contract in the media or on the television and so I’d like to say more, but I don’t think I’m going to at this time. And I would just think that it would be wise that we could let our staffs work and go about their jobs and I think that we’re very close to coming to a successful arrangement with the Thunder.

And we will continue working on that and I believe the County has really made sincere efforts and the issue is a bit in their court. Unless there are other comments or questions, I’m going to move that we defer this item indefinitely.”

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, before we call the next item, as I was out in the audience I was informed that we may not have taken a vote on the appointment of Chris Chronis for that. Madam Clerk, do you have that we did take a vote?”

Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk, said, “I have that you did vote.”

Chairman Winters said, “We did vote. Okay, as long as the record reflects that, we’ll be fine. All right, next item please.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- E. CASE NUMBER ZON2002-00004 (ASSOCIATED WITH CON2002-00019) – EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE PLATTING REQUIRED FOR A ZONE CHANGE TO “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL AND A CONDITIONAL USE FOR OUTDOOR DISPLAY AND STORAGE, GENERALLY LOCATED ON 31ST STREET SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND WEBB ROAD AT 8825 AND 8904 EAST 31ST STREET SOUTH. DISTRICT #5.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a relatively routine request for extension of time. In June 2002, you as a Board had approved a zone change to Limited Commercial for these properties, as well as a Conditional Use for outdoor display and storage for the landscaping business that operates off these properties. The zone change and conditional use approvals were subjects to a requirement that they plat within a year. They have received one six-month extension already and are requesting a second six-month extension. They are in the process of doing survey work that will lead up to the submittal of the plat and need some additional time to complete that work and get the plat submitted.”

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They would like to modify the request from what was recommended in the backup report, to have the extension applied six months from today's date, which would take it out to September 31 instead of June. Staff recommends that you grant them this six month extension."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you John. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you and this is in my district and I'm going to be very supportive of it. Just a couple of housekeeping things. I believe the Clerk indicated it was 39th Street and it was 31st Street, just for clarification. And also, John, on our backup we only show the first lot north of 31st Street. Yours is showing the two lots north of 31st. I assume this slide is correct."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Yeah, the slide is correct. When it was originally submitted, that's the map that's in the backup report shows what was originally submitted and then as we went through and processed the application, we found that they weren't showing the entire property."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, just wanted to have a clarification. So that's all I had, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. I do notice that Kim Edgington, the applicant's agent, is in the audience. Commissioners, Commissioner Sciortino has indicated support, but if anybody has any questions, it appears the applicant's agent is here. Seeing none, Commissioner?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I don't see that there's any questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the six-month extension of time to complete platting.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

NEW BUSINESS

F. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING COUNTY APPRAISER.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, as you know with the passing of Gerald Frantz a few weeks ago, it is our responsibility to make sure that we have someone in the position as County Appraiser. So at this time we do need to make that appointment.

We are extremely fortunate that we have a department that has six or seven employees who are qualified to be a county appraiser any place in the State of Kansas. And I think with a department like that in place, we can be assured that we will have a well functioning, good organization going about the appraisal business here in Sedgwick County until a final search can be completed to make sure that we have the long-term right person in place as the County Appraiser.

Because of this and as we have discussed before, I think it would be appropriate that we appoint Michael Borchard as acting County Appraiser. Michael has been a 17-year employee of Sedgwick County working in the Appraiser's Office. He has been Deputy County Appraiser and he has had responsibility for the commercial department for several years.

So with that, we do need to take some action and I'm certainly open to discussion. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'll make the Motion to approve the appointment, but I do have a comment that one of the legacies that Jerry Frantz did leave us was people that can fill in. I think prior to his coming here, there was so much disarray and some of the training hadn't been done and people weren't totally qualified to move into these positions, and your comments are very true, Chairman, that now we have seven and many more people on the ramp now moving towards those kind of certifications and I think that's part of Jerry's legacy that he has left to the County."

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the appointment.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "I have a Motion and a second to approve the appointment of Michael Borchard as acting County Appraiser. Is there any other discussion?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just as a comment, this is an indefinite period of time, allowing us to search for a permanent . . .?"

Chairman Winters said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there any other comments or questions? Seeing none, Madam Clerk call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Michael is here in the audience today and Mike I would just like to ask if you'd like to make a couple of comments, but I do want to share publicly that the Board of County Commissioners has a great deal of confidence in you and the staff that work in the Appraiser's Office. I think our appraisers are in the modern day and age, and much of it has to do with the training and continued education that the people in your department go through and we just want to say that congratulations on this appointment and we're here to help and support you however we can."

Mr. Michael Borchard, Interim County Appraiser, said, "Thank you. It is an honor for me, I want to say that, and I'm looking forward to working with the Commissioners and the management team and I want to assure you that we do have a very qualified staff and that we'll continue the mission of providing quality public service."

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Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much Mike and we appreciate the hard work you’ll be doing in the next few months. Thanks. All right, Madam Clerk call the next item.”

G. PRESENTATION OF 2003 REPORT ON E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager and CIO, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I heard the delightful, inspiring groan of ‘I’m ready for this presentation’ there, Commissioner. I’m encouraged by that.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Anything to do with that computer I’m all for, boy.”

Ms. Sexton said, “We have, for a couple of years now, given you an annual update on the status of our e-government services and efforts. As you know, that’s a huge commitment by this organization, not just by the technical staff certainly, but by the commitment and by the time and effort of all the departments that have really gone onboard with this.

This past . . . and let me define first e-government certainly is simply our effort to take government services to the people, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using the county website. We all know this is a much more modern way of getting services and it’s a much more convenient way for people and so we appreciate your alls support on that and have continued to work to improve our customer service, using our e-government efforts.

We have, in 2003, served 1.6 million people using this website and the services provided on that. That’s 30% more usage than the previous year, just phenomenal growth. We are connecting with people, as we provide county government services. This chart just simply shows you that each year’s growth and call your attention to the red line on top, that being the 2003 numbers and you can just compare that to the light blue line, and how much growth we saw from the previous year and then of course from 2001 as well.

Typically, we get around 5,000 visitors each and every day during the week to our website. Most people visit on Tuesdays and our least active day is Saturdays. We combine the count for the whole weekend, Saturday and Sunday, and get about 6,200 people on the weekend. So it’s a big service to those folks but certainly the daily visits are important to both home users and business users, you can see here.

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What kinds of business is conducted on our website? One example is job applications. We collected 17,000 applications for jobs on this website, either for our jobs or for jobs with our 20 different partners in 2003. We also, please note, had serious growth in this program in 2003. We added 10 partners, whether they be Wichita State University or various other cities and counties throughout Kansas.

Other business conducted, completed 1,260 property renditions on-line, this is for the appraisal department. That is a 34% increase over the previous year and they had great usage of this the prior year, so to continue to get that kind of growth is phenomenal.

Personal car tags from the County Treasurer's Office, you can renew your tags and get information about tags on-line, but one of our features that we provide on our site is to reserve your vanity plates, the name or the actual sequence of letters and numbers you put on your site, you have to look that up and see if it's already taken, if your idea is already taken or if it's available and these were also up this past year.

The parks, Lake Afton Park and Sedgwick County Park, we did implement a program the prior year for shelter reservations and look at the increase on that one this past year, 85% and even the first few months of this year, 2004, we've seen wonderful growth as well. So that is much more convenient for people than making phone calls and much more efficient for the County staff as well.

Zoo memberships are another shining star for us. We have seen a 58% increase in this usage, and again, the numbers so far to date this year are even outpacing this growth.

2,975 people paid their 2002 property taxes on-line, yielding 2.4 million dollars to the County, and then as far as 2003 taxes, we had 2,600 people so far, so that number will continue to go up. We like to show you two years worth on that one because of the overlap in payment schedules.

You might be thinking 'What were the new things that we did on the site, the brand new systems that we did implement?' Well, we had the on-line public hearings or forums. We had created that the prior year, but look at the four significant hearings that you held, on-line, and you listened to people's comments on the Kansas Coliseum renovation, the Solid Waste Management Plan, the changes to that plan later on, and then the 2004 recommended budget, so we had several hearings this past year.

New interactive services provided for various departments on-line include the District Attorney's Office forms. They have various forms that they were using paper for victim and restitution information, paper, mail, time, time, postage cost, the whole thing. Now, just go on line, get your form, fill it out. It's very simple.

Sheriff's Internet mug viewing system, we have had for some years a system whereby the mug

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shots, when you get booked into the jail, are kept in a big system. And when people from say Haysville Police Department or some of the other departments needed to use that, they could, but what did they have to do? They had to drive downtown and they had to park here and they had to find a place and get into the building. Now they can look that up on the Internet.

The County gift shop, where you can buy County logo pins, ink pens, lapel pins, all kinds of items for gifts for our speakers and our people who donate their time to the County, that type of thing and certainly the public can buy those items as well. We also made a significant enhancement to the real property appraisal tax information and added the emergency road closure information page.

I don't need to remind you that the benefits of e-government are that we improve service to people and we hear those comments and those thank yous all the time from people who use this Internet website. We reach more people using this methodology. We reduce our paper waste, our postage and handling costs, and I would be remiss if I did not recognize both you, the county commission, and the County Manager for your support of this program and to all the County departments that have really put their effort in and there are still some out there that we will continue to give you reports each year where we will have more growth and more updates each year on our site, but many of the departments have been very active in e-government efforts.

Our Communications Office with Kristi Zukovich and Angie Duntz, especially Jeff Piper and the Internet services team and I think some of the guys are here and they can kind of give a wave. Roger is here and Richard and Kristi are all here. Thank you all very much. It was not a one-person show and we appreciate the team effort.

And just a reminder to the public, we are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, your government, Sedgwick County, at sedgwickcounty.org, o-r-g. I'm available for any questions or if you might have anything. Otherwise, I recommend you receive and file."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much Kathy. That was an excellent report and I think we can clearly see that the general public is coming to the Internet more and more to find out information. I mean, it can oftentimes be very rapid fire in an easy way. We just need to continue to make sure that we have good and valid information out there for people when they come to get it, because that's one of the issues that, as people travel about and say 'Well, I read it on the Internet', well we always sometimes wonder exactly what they were reading. But I think it's very important that . . . and it appears to me that we are keeping our information updated and current and it is a huge asset to the community. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just a quick comment. Now that we've seen e-video, which has been added and you look at what's happening with e-government, we are reaching a lot of folks and I

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would just almost bet that next year, when you look at the numbers, it's going to be well over 2,000,000 that we reach, because I've already had a lot of people say, 'You know, I wanted to know what you did at the county commission meeting and boy, was it nice to be able to click on, go to the agenda item I wanted, watch it and move on'. And I think that's going to add a huge density of people coming to the e-government site, so great work and let's see what the numbers look like next year. Pretty exciting. That's all I had Mr. Chair."

Ms. Sexton said, "Thank you, Commissioner, appreciate it."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, do we have a Motion to receive and file Kathy's report?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Kathy, good job. Next item."

H. PRESENTATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF CUSTOMER SERVICE.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning, we request your approval of the Sedgwick County customer service guiding principles. These guiding principles have been established as standards for defining and building customer service programs across the organization that reflect the organization's values and mission. The customer service project began in the fall of 2003 by engaging external stakeholders in several events across the county. Internal stakeholders participated in focus groups. The data collected was utilized to draft the guiding principles. A refining process occurred by taking comments on the drafted principles from leadership and the management team.

Once the principles are approved, the second phase of this process will begin. We will devise a curriculum and will implement an in-house training program based on these principles. The 2004 training Request For Proposal with Career Development budgeted funds included a request for a vendor to write curriculum and hold train the trainer sessions for our customer service training. In-house trainers will then be deployed throughout the organization to teach the curriculum to all of our workforce. We are working now with departments for scheduling and logistics and hope to train many of our workforce on our Columbus Day in-service event.

I'd like to just read the five principles. As you'll notice, with the help of Communications, Kristi Zukovich and Tony Guilliano, we have laid these out in the same format as our mission and goals and our values and pleased to present them today. Our five guiding principles for customer service are:

Own your attitude, we take the responsibility to engage each customer in a positive and helpful demeanor, choosing daily to be friendly, personable and empathetic in our responses. Our actions define the perception of county government.

Practice open communication, we strive to be sincere, candid and honest with all of our communications. We listen to identify customer needs and expectations, adapting to meet them as promptly and fully as possible

Focus your efforts. We balance the demands for day-to-day efficiency with customer service by always being present and attentive to them. We understand that excellent public service demands competency in our work to

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assure quality results.

Collaborate to deliver solutions. We share information, cooperating within and across divisions to supply the resources, education and services necessary to satisfy our customers.

Act with integrity. We respect the county values, the needs of one another and of each customer. We honor the diversity of our populations, keep our commitments and act for the good of the communities we serve.

Sedgwick County, working for you.

Commissioners, I would just request your approval of these guiding principles and will answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. We do have a couple of questions or comments. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. Jo, this is fantastic and if I understood you right, we were going to outsource training the trainers, but then we were going to do all this training in-house. Is that correct?”

Ms. Templin said, “Correct.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Have we at least offered maybe some collaboration with the City of Wichita? I know they’ve been struggling a little bit with figuring out how to train their employees. This, to me, seems like just a perfect way of consolidating this effort and saving taxpayers money. I would assume these types of things would be identical in any business or governmental entity. Have we done any exploring with them to see if they would like to join with us in this effort?”

Ms. Templin said, “Yes sir, very good idea. I think the door has been opened and we’re waiting to see if there’s something they want to take part in and just leaving the opportunity for that training partnership to continue when they’re ready.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, okay great. Thanks.”

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

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I have to tell you Jo, having been in the service business for most of my corporate career, they’ve done just a tremendous job in capsulizing what customer service is all about and particularly in the public service realm.

And I really have to comment on two things that I think are two of my core values and one of them is practicing open communication. I think it is critical. I think constituents demand it. I think we deserve it within our own organization and having that as a core value of customer service is so important. Open communication solves most of the problems in life, and certainly most of the problems in an organization, so I think it’s critically important that that be practiced every day and be one of our core values.

And then finally, acting with integrity. You know, I think in today’s age when you look at ethics and values and belief systems, organizations have to be strong in maintaining their own integrity, not only as individual people but as an organization. And that is a founding principle that I think we all need to take to heart, as county employees, and make sure that we act with integrity and ethics and practice that in an open manner. I think it is the day and age of that for government and bureaucracies and these principles not only will provide good customer service, but also show that we’re doing good government, working for the people of Sedgwick County. Thank you, Mr. Chair.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Jo, I just want to commend you for taking leadership in this and seeing this thing through. You know, if you look out in the business world, it’s real important that businesses follow these sorts of principles in delivering their services. It doesn’t happen all the time, but it’s encouraging to see that we’re taking a proactive position on this, trying to get this sort of attitude throughout the county organization.

The one line in here that struck me particularly, under attitude, is ‘Our actions define the perception of county government’ and I think what we say and what we do and how we present ourselves, from the commission throughout the organization, does define what people think of our government. So I really appreciate this effort to take us up to the next level.”

Ms. Templin said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, you’ve heard Jo’s recommendation and we do need to take action on this. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to Approve Sedgwick County's Guiding Principles of Customer Service.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

I. PRESENTATION REGARDING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT REGULATION.

Mr. Euson said, "In a moment, Karen Duranleau will be presenting some specifics regarding the adult entertainment amendments that are before you in your agenda backup, but prior to that time, if you would indulge me, I'd like to make just a few comments.

The material that's in front of you is proposed amendments to the regulations which were last adopted in June of 2000, with a couple of minor amendments since then. And I might emphasize that these do cover the unincorporated area of the county and the unincorporated area only.

Some of the proposals before you will strengthen some of the provisions from June of 2000 and some will relax some of those, and the major changes that are before you are to grandfather two locations that have unique characteristics in this county and to permit adult entertainment and drinking establishments to coexist within 1,000 feet of each other.

Now adult entertainment establishments would continue to be licensed under this proposal and they would continue to be separated, at least 1,000 feet, from residence clusters, parks, schools and churches and Karen will explain that more in detail in just a moment.

As a point of reference to how we got to the 2000 amendments, we first started licensing adult establishments in 1997 and at that time we did permit drinking establishments and adult establishments to coexist. In 2000, we separated those and provided for amortization provisions to require them to fully separate by June of 2004.

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The current regulations are based upon secondary effects that have occurred locally and nationally and they were also in response to a petition that was presented to you in April of 2000 by residents in the Oaklawn area and that petition, as I recall, contained more than 1,400 signatures.

I have provided to each of you prior to today's date, a notebook of secondary effects. The notebook, and this is somewhat voluminous, the notebook that I provided to you contains some of the same secondary effects that were present in June of 2000 and then they contain some new secondary effects since that time. Some are the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County. Some are the City of Wichita and some are from other jurisdictions around the country.

You can still achieve your goal of reducing secondary effects by adopting the resolution and the provisions that are before you today. By adopting this resolution, you will be making a finding that the secondary effects do occur and that you are making an effort to reduce or eliminate those secondary effects.

Finally, I guess I'd like to say that the county certainly has struggled in the past with how to regulate adult establishments, but certainly all communities struggle with that across the country. You could certainly ask John Schlegel if you wanted to about the struggles that they had in his jurisdiction at the time that he was in Las Vegas. They had a lot of difficulties there, believe it or not, and we do all over the country and part of that's because there are a lot of options in dealing with these. Part of it is because of the difficulty in defining the activities to be regulated and much of it has to do with the fact that these are Constitutionally protected activities that you are somewhat limited in regulating.

So, there is difficulty in doing this and we believe though that the provisions that are before you do strike some kind of a balance between the various interests that are involved in this community. So having said that, I would like to ask Karen to present to you the specific provisions that form the regulations that are in front of you today."

Ms. Karen Duranleau, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Rich Euson mentioned, you have the proposed amendments in front of you and I will be explaining those provisions. You know, first of all I guess remember that this is within the framework of what we are maintaining and what we are changing. We have many regulations in place right now and many of those would not change with these amendments.

First, you have to remember that we currently require new adult establishments to be located outside of 1,000 foot buffer zone from those churches, schools, parks, residential dwellings or other adult establishments and I call those particular land uses sensitive land uses, which makes it easier to say rather than all those.

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The proposed amendments would essentially extend the grandfathering provisions to existing establishments, but they must meet certain requirements. They must be . . . and they may remain at the locations they are currently at if they meet certain requirements, such as the first one, if they are separated from those sensitive land uses by a snow emergency route or a floodway. They must apply for it within 30 days and receive a license within 60 days for adult establishment activity. They must maintain their license, continuously, from the date of adoption of the resolution.

And I just wanted to call to your attention that the use of the snow emergency route or floodway is intended to recognize that maybe those establishment that are located near those particular areas may not have as much of affect on the surrounding sensitive uses, so a snow emergency route is going to have heavier traffic and it's more of an arterial street, so there will be less effect on the community for those businesses that are separated by these things. And then I'd also like to remind you that the current regulations that you have in place do make a provision for the . . . businesses can locate within that 1,000 foot buffer zone if there is a U.S. highway that separates them, so this is essentially an extension of that particular grandfathering idea.

And as I mentioned, there will be certain requirements in maintaining that grandfathering. The grandfathering would be lost if the establishments discontinues operation for more than 90 days. There is an exception for remodeling type activity that goes on there but it would have to be operating continuously and not closed for more than 90 days. They would lose their grandfathering if there is nuisance activity on the licensed premises and those nuisance activities would include things like prostitution, drug use or gambling activities. And once again, the establishment would lose it if it becomes unlicensed for any reason. And we do regulate those establishments and have certain provisions that they have to follow. If they were to mess up and violate some of those provisions, they could lose their license and therefore lose their grandfathering.

And another restriction on the grant of grandfathering provisions would be that only the licensee that existed on the adult establishment license in June of 2000 would be allowed the benefit of that grandfathering.

Another change is elimination of the 1,000 foot buffer zone requirement between an adult establishment and a drinking or cereal malt beverage establishment. We would allow them to coexist and have licenses for both activities at the same location. Another thing that we wanted to strengthen the judicial review provisions based on certain cases that have come out recently and we refined the definition of an administrative hearing officer, so that those cases would be met . . . the requirements of those cases would be met appropriately. And once again, the notation that we could revoke their license if they engage in nuisance activity.

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The other changes, we changed some physical layout and behavior restrictions which were imposed on the adult cabarets. We extended the closing time to 2 a.m., which comports with the alcohol and beverage control hours, allow clubs to be open until 2. Previously, we had a 12:00 closing time. We extended the waiting period for . . . there's a waiting period between the time of a conviction under the adult entertainment code and the time for a license . . . a person to be eligible for a license. And the code, as it is currently, it is a three year waiting period and under these amendments it would be reduced to six months.

And I just . . . I wanted to clarify something. There was a slight inaccuracy in the media this week and I wanted to just make sure you understand that this does not apply to all adult establishments which are located within the . . . or separated by those sensitive uses by a snow emergency route or a floodway. It only applies to those existing establishments and extends the grandfathering provisions to those.

The portions of the adult entertainment code which are found in chapter 17 and then the drinking establishment provisions are found in chapter four of the provisions that we didn't change and these amendments would remain the same. If you decide to adopt these amendments, then we would need to make similar changes to the Unified Zoning Code to make that comply. In 2000, we had those same provisions enacted in the zoning code, so we would need to make changes if you do adopt these amendments to the zoning code.

There's a slight change in the backup material you have and we have an additional paragraph which is found in section 15 and I'll go ahead and read that to you so that you're aware of what that states. It's essentially, it's a safeguard provision so that if any provisions of the current resolution are found unconstitutional, a specific provision, it's the amortization provision, if it's found unconstitutional then the 2000 code provision would substitute and I'll read that for you.

In the event that Section 17-607s or a portion thereof as enacted here and is adjudicated to be invalid for any reason, such adjudication shall operate as an automatic revival of Section 17-607u, as enacted in Resolution 121-00.

So that particular section has been added in the current revision and we'll get you that.

And I have nothing more, but I'll stand by for questions, for whatever questions you have."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much Karen. Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah. I think I have . . . if I understand it right, there’s only two businesses that are deemed to be unique and that would be doing this modified grandfathering thing. Is that correct?”

Ms. Duranleau said, “That’s correct, commissioner.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Just two existing businesses. Okay. Commissioners, I think that maybe I need to tell you where my position is. I was the one that took the lead on this, back in 2000 when we received a petition of 1,400 or so people in the Oaklawn area that really, truly had a serious concern about the secondary affects these types of businesses there in Oaklawn, or business I guess it is, was having. I went to the County Counselor and me, being a little naïve, I was wondering if we could make some kind of a law that would just allow us to eliminate the grandfathering provision just for that one business in Oaklawn and I was told that I could do that. That whatever we do here at the Board has to be countywide.

And subsequent to that, it had . . . well, I had some calls from other businesses outside of the Oaklawn area that felt that they were being caught in this net and it really wasn’t something that was intended for them and again, I went to the County Counselor and I asked them if it was possible to relax some of these regulations in order to strike a balance between the owner’s business interests at these unique locations and the county’s need to continue to combat secondary affects produced by all adult businesses and this is the culmination of that effort and I will be supporting this effort, but I needed to explain why I’ve been dealing in adult entertainment for four years. It really wasn’t because I have . . . that I really enjoy doing it, but it was left for me to do it because my constituents asked me to work on this on their behalf. So, that’s all I had.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, I’m going to vote for these amendments. In doing so, I believe we still have more restrictive requirements in place than we had prior to 2000. I believe we’ve helped Commissioner Sciortino solve a problem in Oaklawn. I think that we have fewer of these establishments in the community and I think this amendment is going to allow grandfathering in two businesses that have been in the community for some time.

I think these amendments clearly put them on notice that if there’s any violations of nuisance regulations or felonies that they’re in serious jeopardy. And so, to me, I think this is a workable plan. Commissioners, is there other comments or thought and if not, I’m prepared for a Motion. Commissioner Unruh.”

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a Second. Is there discussion? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I just wanted to make a comment that . . . kind of process my thinking on this issue. In trying to boil it down to what's reasonable and what's the correct action for the commission to take, I just note that in the County Counselor's comments he remarked that this is a constitutionally protected activity. Secondly, he thinks that this particular resolution will help us achieve the goal of reducing secondary affects, so we haven't lost ground in that respect. It does include provisions for enhanced judicial review, which should bring some strength to it.

I think that, as it's been described, the grandfathered locations are unique in their characteristics in relations to the rest of the community. And as you said Mr. Chairman, there has been since this whole issue was opened up, there's been some definite progress I think in the number of these establishments and so there's been an improvement in that regard.

So I'm going to be supportive of the resolution. However, appropriate or not I guess, I'll make another comment and my suggestion is that nobody visit these places. Nobody spend your money there. I have a personal bias that says I don't think they're a good thing, but I think the resolution will accomplish what needs to be done for Sedgwick County government."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm not going to be supportive of the amendment. As I've talked around the community and try to understand my constituent's views, the one thing I've understood is the community standards and values of the community and I probably will not vote for it. I think there's some unintended consequences still in the language that I don't agree with. Certainly, as we move forward, it's not consistent with what's already been done in the largest population base of the county, which is the City of Wichita. Certainly our actions will only control the unincorporated areas and will allow small cities, or the City of Wichita, to do whatever they would like to do because we don't control that. So at this point, I'm not going to be supportive of

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any action today.”

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

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too am not going to support this change. I think the things that we put on the books a couple of years ago are probably good. I don’t agree that a snow emergency route is a good barrier between these types of activities, between schools and churches and public parks. And I think there were a few other changes that I also don’t agree with and then I do have a question for Mr. Euson if he’s still here.

One of the things is criteria that they have a license and keep it in effect to stay grandfathered in and I think that was under our 2000 code. Correct? To have a license in place to be operating.”

Mr. Euson said, “I believe that’s correct, yes.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And do we have, of those that we seem to have concerns or problems with, do they have a license right now?”

Mr. Euson said, “One of them has a license, two of them don’t.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “So they could be shut down right now and not even grandfathered in because they don’t have a license.”

Mr. Euson said, “They could be if it was the will of the Commission to do that, yes.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well I agree with all the commissioners here. I think our attempt here is to decrease the secondary affects of these types of activities. I think I guess we just disagree on how we have our amendments and regulations in place. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. I guess my final comment would be that again work of government is a work in process and continues on and if it is brought to our attention some changed circumstances, I’ll certainly be one who will consider something else in the future if it is evidently needed and we need to discuss it again.

Commissioners, the motion on the floor is to approve these recommendations as Karen has presented them and we have a second. Is there any other discussion or comments? Seeing none, call the roll please.”

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	No
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	No
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Karen and Rich. Next item.”

J. RESOLUTION REVISING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CLERK TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE PERMITS.

Mr. Andy Schlapp, Director, Community Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I’m in front of you to talk about licensing of funeral escorts as emergency vehicles. It’s been a discussion that’s gone on for quite a few years. Through Kansas statute, the Board of County Commissioners does have the authority to license emergency vehicles and you have done so in the past and you’ve gotten much heat from local law enforcement who felt that funeral escorts didn’t drive appropriately, did some dangerous things and would continually ask you to stop that process.

So at some time in the past, you implemented a plan that you had asked for signatures from the law enforcement agencies to get their approval before it came to you to be approved to stop that process, and that works well with all emergency vehicles except again for funeral escorts. And what would happen is the City of Wichita, for many years, has refused to sign that and because they refused to sign that the Sheriff, out of respect to the office in the City of Wichita, does not sign the release and then the Clerk has to deny it and then it comes in front of you. And as you’ve done every time it’s come to you, you’ve overturned that decision to deny emergency vehicles.

So we’ve looked at a way to make the process better, simpler and work for everybody and make everyone happy. One of the things that the City of Wichita had asked us to do is to stop permitting funeral escorts as emergency vehicles and looking at the laws, we discovered that we could do that in Sedgwick County but they could go to Butler County or Harper County and get their emergency vehicle status and that give them the right to operation any where in the state and that would not be affective.

So the City has taken the . . . I can’t find the word. The City has gone forward with a new ordinance to particularly look at funeral escorts and to put certain restrictions on those. And to do

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that, they've worked with us, they've worked with the Sheriff, they've worked with our legal staff and their legal staff and we've come together with a plan that works.

They'll have a new ordinance that they have not put in place yet, but when they do, that will mirror into the new ordinance that I'm bringing to you today. And the new ordinance will do certain things. One, the Clerk will be responsible for giving out the permits for emergency vehicles. He currently does that now. The only time it comes to you is when it's being denied. In the future, the appeals, if there is a denial there's going to be a panel that's going to set up and hear those appeals and not the Board of County Commissioners.

There's also some criteria that have been changed. One, all emergency vehicles that are going to be funeral escorts are going to be asked to show proof of insurance. They're going to need to comply with any city licensing when that is put in place and they need to not have certain driving violations in the past three years, which would be reckless driving, driving under the influence, fleeing or attempting to allude police officers and driving while the license is cancelled. So that would be automatic denial and for any reason they are not able to get a City of Wichita license, then they would notify us and that would be instant revocation also of their emergency vehicle status.

So again, it's a process I think that will make the system work better. It will do what we need it to do, to license those vehicles that need to be licensed to be emergency vehicles and not have as much bureaucratic red tape for those folks to have to go through and yet have a safe community. So today I would ask that you adopt this resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Andy, if the City should change their ordinance of if they would perhaps do something like ban funeral possessions [sic], then we could, I mean, follow along with that and revise our stance if need be. Because I mean, if a city is going to say they're not going to allow them, then I'd think we'd want to accommodate that if possible."

Mr. Schlapp said, "And this resolution, as it's written currently, does that. Whatever they . . . if they outlaw funeral escorts, they can be an emergency vehicle. They can't be an emergency vehicle within the City of Wichita as a funeral escort because that has been outlawed. So that's what we tried to do. As the City changes what that ordinance may be, to create a resolution that would allow whatever their changes be to fit into what we currently have, so yes, that would do that."

Chairman Winters said, "So there would be some flexibility there, if they would decide to take one action or another."

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

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Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

Commissioner Sciortino left at 10:23 a.m.

K. GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FOR FUNDING OF BULLETPROOF VESTS.

Lieutenant Terrilee Jones, Sheriff’s Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is the sixth year that the Sheriff’s Office has participated in the Bureau of Justice Assistance program to assist us in acquiring bulletproof vests for our deputies. The program will reimburse us up to 50% of the cost of procuring the vests. As in the past years, we plan to use donated funds to make the purchases.

We plan to purchase 56 vests this year, at an estimated cost of \$29,960. If we receive the grant, our

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costs for the vest will be \$14,980. I'd ask you to approve the grant application."

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman or his designee to complete the on-line registration process.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Well, I was expecting some real tough questions, Lieutenant but it's good to have you here this morning."

Commissioner McGinn said, "It's your first time? Wait a minute, I've got some questions."

Chairman Winters said, "We do have some questions. All right, well we appreciate your being here very much in place of Sheriff Steed and hope we're successful with this grant application. Thank you. Next item."

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

L. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – CDDO

1. AGREEMENT WITH THE RIGHT THING, INC. TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES.

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Mr. Colin McKenney, Director, CDDO, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The first agreement we have this morning is with The Right Thing Incorporated to provide identified developmental disability support services within the bounds of Sedgwick County. We separated out this agreement because it’s actually the result of a corporate split from one of our current affiliated service providers. The Right Thing Incorporated will begin providing all services previously provided by TSS Incorporated. Effective at some point during this contract year, we wanted to have this agreement in place to allow them to bill as soon as that corporate separation is final. I recommend your approval of this affiliation agreement and would stand for any questions you may have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Colin. And I guess The Right Thing Incorporated is a new entity to me and we’ve done our due diligence to think and believe that these are a reputable organization and good folks to deal with?”

Mr. McKenney said, “We currently work with a number of the people who will become The Right Thing Incorporated. The Secretary of State lists them as a corporation in good standing and this agreement has previously been reviewed by your Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.”

Chairman Winters said, “So from your knowledge of the people in the organization, you believe this is a good thing?”

Mr. McKenney said, “I believe so.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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.

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Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

Commissioner Sciortino returned at 10:26 a.m.

2. AGREEMENT WITH MOSAIC TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES.

Mr. McKenney said, "Mosaic is currently an affiliate of the Community Developmental Disability Organization. This agreement would allow them to continue to provide services through August 31 of this year and bill for those services and receive direct payment from Sedgwick County for case management services provided here. We have also included an additional service, in the event that they become licensed for day services, this agreement would allow them to provide those in Sedgwick County as well. I would also recommend that you approve this agreement and would stand for any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Colin, the August 31st date, that's kind of curious, the August 31st date. Why is it . . . I don't understand that date."

Mr. McKenney said, "It's based on pragmatism. Every year, we enter into contract negotiations with the State of Kansas which are not completed on July 1 and that delays my ability to come to all of you and seek continuation of affiliation agreement and so we just simply extended that an additional two months, kind of created our own affiliation year with providers, so that when the new year begins on September 1, we will already have an agreement with the State of Kansas and can move forward 12 months and not have these extensions that you've come to rely on from me."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Are there other questions or comments? Seeing none . . . no, we need a Motion."

Commissioner McGinn left at 10:27 a.m.

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES, INCREASING MEDICAID WAIVER FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION FUNDING.

Mr. McKenney said, "For once I get to bring an addendum to you for a particularly good reason. Within the current FY 2004 contract year we received an additional allocation to provide services to persons who have been listed on our waiting lists. In this case, that amount was \$527,834 to purchase those additional services. This agreement also includes 2.4% or \$6,570 to cover some of

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the additional administrative costs incurred by the Community Developmental Disability Organization. I would recommend your approval of this addendum and would stand for any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. This is a good thing. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Approve the Addendum to 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 David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

Commissioner McGinn returned at 10:30 a.m.

M. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING

1. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS WITH WICHITA TRANSIT FOR GROUP TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WICHITA HOUSING INITIATIVE FOR SERVICE COORDINATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

Ms. Monica Cissell, Program Manager, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County Department on Aging is the contract administrator for the Wichita Housing Initiative for service coordination and transportation, funded by the Resident Opportunity

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and Self-Sufficiency grant, ROSS grant, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Wichita Housing Authority.

Aging staff are responsible for obtaining transportation for the older adults who are served by this grant and the Aging staff have identified that the Wichita Transit is best suited to provide these services. To do so, the Wichita Transit requires a brief contract to be signed for each event. I recommend approval of the form of contract and authorize staff to sign the same, upon compliance with all of County resolution and policy requirements and I'll be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you Monica. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the contract form and authorize staff to sign upon compliance with all other County resolutions and policy requirements.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. ADJUSTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE ONE INFORMATION OUTREACH SPECIALIST POSITION, BAND 219, GRANT FUNDED.

Ms. Cissell said, "In fiscal year 2003, Senior Services Incorporated decided to turn down \$25,000 in 3-B Older Americans Act funding under 2004 fiscal year. In light of these changes, we decided to redirect these 3-B funds and some 3-E caregiver funds to allow the CPAAA and Sedgwick County Department on Aging to increase our outreach efforts in the community.

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Also due to changes in Medicare and the increase in caregiver requests, the demand for community education and presentations have increased. This new information outreach specialist position will continue to provide information and assistance by phone, e-mail and one-on-one, but will also have a greater focus on community outreach and education. I recommend approval of the addition of the grant-funded position to the fiscal year 2004 staffing table. Be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. And I would assume that the person that is hired on grant-funded position is well aware of the fact that those grant funds are no longer available but that could be shorter than a longer-term position.”

Ms. Cissell said, “That’s right, with grant funds that’s definitely what we always indicate.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the adjustment to the Department on Aging Staffing Table.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

N. GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR CONTINUATION OF A GRANT FUNDING THE HEALTHY BABIES, INC. PROGRAM.

Mr. Ted Jobst, Director, Integrated Family Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Bringing before you this morning a grant, continuation grant, which is the fourth year of a four-year funding cycle. This grant for \$550,000 funds eight positions, which is almost half of our Healthy Babies program. And that Healthy Babies program in the last quarter of 2003 provided about 1,500 home visits to 467 families, 168 of the women that we provided services to in that fourth quarter were under the age of 20. If you have any questions or can address any concerns, would be glad to do that.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right Commissioners, questions or comments of Ted? This is a program I think that we’re all familiar with and again, as we continue to talk about prevention and we get in that continuum and see that it is more important that we start earlier and earlier and earlier in a child’s life and this is one of those that starts at the very earliest part of a child’s life in trying to prevent affects that will not be good for the community later on. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments? Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. I just wanted to make one comment that indicates the success and the viability of this program. In our backup material there’s a whole list of statistics about how successful you’ve been, how many visits that you’ve made and the percentages of contacts that you’ve made and I won’t read through all of them except to say that they’re pretty impressive statistics and this is a very good, working program. So, I’m going to be very supportive of it.”

Chairman Winters said, “And I think it is also important to know I know we have made some minor adjustments in our program, but even yesterday as we listened to Dr. Delbert Elliot from the University of Colorado talk about measuring prevention and determining which programs work or not, the Healthy Babies concept of early, early childhood interventions are one of the programs that have been extremely successful over the course of their development over in all of the United States. So this appears to be one that we can be fairly confident that we’re hanging our hat on a good project. And Ted, we hope you continue to share that with the staff that are out there in the field making this happen. Again, just the fact that the commissioners do believe this is one of the real winners.”

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Mr. Jobst said, "I will do that. We really appreciate the support that you have given to this program. I mean, it's meant a lot to us. I attended a Knight Foundation meeting just yesterday, and the consultant that came in from the Knight Foundation to review what we're doing here, what we're going to be doing here for the next five years with that was very impressed with the fact that there is a cooperative effort between USD 259, Health and Wellness and the County. Was also impress by the fact that the County was taking this position of intervening in a preventive manner, rather than as this consultant mentioned, a lot of locations across the United States are dealing with the intervention at a much later time, that is trying to prevent youth that are already in a juvenile justice system from getting into a worse circumstance but years after the problems have already had a chance to start and develop. So our intervention this way, we think, is one of the most effective ways to go and we certainly appreciate your support."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Unruh, did you have other questions? Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

O. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The month of February, the shortest months of the year, traditionally it’s one of our busiest months and absolutely this year was no exception. We had 16 events, 38 individual performances, nearly 90,000 people through the doors, net revenues were in the \$300,000. So it was not a bad month for us at all.

Highlights for the month, this is a pretty good, popular event that’s really coming on, this is the Wichita Dog Club Agility Trials. It’s like the puppy Olympics. We do that in the arena building, and you can tell the dogs just have an absolute ball when they’re performing there.

We had an annual Model A Parts Swap swap meet with over 25,000 people in attendance this year.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “You say Model A?”

Mr. Nath said, “Model A. Don’t have a picture of a Model A. In fact, we only had one Model A on the property I think but we did sell a lot of cars and a lot of parts. It’s the Wichita As, which is the club.

Went into Sesame Street, another annually occurring event. We had over 8,000 people at this year’s event. The 50th anniversary of the Boat, Sport and Travel Show, over 15,000 people in attendance over the week that it was here. The Equi-fest of Kansas, which is the largest equestrian event in the state. We are bulging at the seams at this one. They fill up both pavilions, the arena building and we actually have some outside display areas.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And how long are those people here in the community?”

Mr. Nath said, “Those people are here for three days, three solid days of everything you wanted to know about horses, were afraid to ask and it’s a great event. We had almost 10,000 people in attendance at that event.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “What I wanted to know was how many people come in from outside this community.”

Mr. Nath said, “Between the vendors and the participants, there’s about 700 people that come in for that event, three days.

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At the annual State High School Wrestling Tournament, nearly 12,000 people this year. The Royal Lippizan Stallions were here for two performances, over 2,500 folks. And in the sports zone, nearly 13,000 people attended four regular season Thunder Hockey games.

Coming up we have Alan Jackson and Martina McBride, sold out concert this Friday. Wichita Stealth season opener versus Peoria on Saturday. The Stealth will play Lorado on April 10th. Shrine Circus returns 16th through the 18th. Cattlemen's Ball on April 17th. We have our own Extreme Weather Fair in Pavilion II on April 24th and then the Thunder has made the playoffs for the first time in four years. They got through the first round and we're looking for more playoff action, we just don't know when because we don't know who the opponent is going to be here in the second round. But if there's any questions, I'll be happy to answer them at this time."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Will the Thunder playoff be at the Coliseum?"

Mr. Nath said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, good, okay."

Mr. Nath said, "We just don't know, because we don't know who they're going to play yet."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. Commissioners, any other questions? If not, is there a Motion to receive and file?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh Aye

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

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

P. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CORRIDOR ALIGNMENT FOR THE NORTHWEST BYPASS.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item P-1 is a resolution which supports the preferred alignment of the Northwest Bypass recommended by the Kansas Department of Transportation. After seven years of planning, preliminary engineering, numerous public informational meetings, and the examination of over fifteen different alignments, KDOT has settled on a final corridor alignment for the Northwest Bypass. A major investment study was concluded in 1999 and recommends the need to preserve a right-of-way corridor for the Northwest Bypass. KDOT's preferred alignment is shown on the screen.

The construction of this new freeway will accommodate increased growth and development in this quadrant of the County. It will also improve access to businesses and residential developments served by U.S. 54 and K-96. The City of Wichita approved a similar resolution on March 22nd. I recommend that you adopt the resolution. Be glad to answer any questions that you may have."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, questions or comments? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
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Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision, in accordance with County standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, 'Leo Circle' located in the Marie's Meadow Addition, will become the responsibility of Illinois Township. The Illinois Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the County Commission agenda by letter, dated March 17. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

Q. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING

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OF MARCH 25, 2004.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of the 25th resulted in eight items for consideration today.

**1) FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The first item is a fire suppression system for Facility Project Services. Recommend the low bid from Kansas Fire Equipment Company, option one, for a total of \$63,950.

**2) SYSTEM FURNITURE- FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item two, systems furniture for Facility Project Services. Recommend the quote from John A. Marshall in the amount of \$35,420.89.

**3) HEAVY DUTY ¾ TON CREW CAB TRUCK- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item three, heavy duty ¾ ton crew cab truck for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trade-in and manuals, from Haven Ford in the amount of \$8,127.

**4) ½ TON 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item four, ½ ton 4-wheel drive trucks for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid, including trade-in and manuals, from Rusty Eck Ford in the amount of \$17,190.

**5) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item five, bridge improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Dondlinger and Sons in the amount of \$221,588.80.

**6) CISCO EQUIPMENT- CORRECTIONS
FUNDING: ADULT INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM GRANT**

Item six, Cisco equipment for Corrections. Recommend the low bid from SBC in the amount of \$29,118.70.

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7) TENDER- FIRE DISTRICT
FUNDING: FIRE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Item seven, tender for the Fire District. Recommend the quote from Pierce Manufacturing for \$204,444.59.

8) WASTE TIRE REMOVAL- ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
FUNDING: ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

And item eight, waste tire removal for Environmental Resources. Recommend the low proposal from Resource Management for \$77.80 per scaled ton.

The recommended action is to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts, make the finding that surplus property for Items 3 and 4 are no longer required and authorize disposition of the same. Be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Iris. Commissioners, are there questions or comments about any of the Bid Board actions? Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Just a couple, one is item seven, the tender for Fire District. That’s a big purchase and just need to make sure that everyone knows that we’ve kind of gone over and crunched the numbers and looked at it and analyzed it and we’ve tried to be very judicious I think, over the last year, with spending those big amounts of money but one place that, at least I feel that we should continue to update our equipment is in the public safety realm, and this is one of those. So, it’s a big number, it’s pretty scary when you’re trying to tighten up budgets, but I think it is money well spent.

And the other one is the Resource Management, that’s the waste tire removal bid. That’s coming up in April and we’ll be getting some dates out to the public on how that will be handled, but this is the first leg of that coming up real soon. That’s all.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Any other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts, make a finding that the surplus property in items 3 and 4 are no longer

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required and authorize disposition of the same.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

R. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 618-36, widening of Central to four lanes between 143rd and 159th Streets East. CIP# R-252. District #1.
- b. Two Easements for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Bridge Project 799-F-549, bridge on 167th Street West between 77th and 85th Streets North. CIP# B-348. District #3.

2. Resolutions (three) formalizing findings made by the Board of County Commissioners related to annexation public hearings held February 25, March 3 and March 17, 2004.

3. Agreement with Breakthrough Club providing on-line access to Sedgwick County’s electronic data.

4. Plat.

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Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2003 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Crestview Country Club Estates Overbrook Fifth Addition
Westar Addition

5. **Order dated March 17, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **Payroll Check Register of March 26, 2004.**
7. **General Bills Check Registers for weeks of March 17- 30, 2004.**
8. **Budget Adjustment Request.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have the consent agenda before you and I'd recommend you approve it."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Euson, it is my understanding we do not need to have an executive session today. Is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "That is correct."

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Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well let's take up other business. We do need to have a Fire District meeting and it will be relatively short, but let's do other business. If there's any other discussion or topics that Commissioners would like to discuss today. Commissioner Norton."

S. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chair, I was not there but I understand we had a planning summit on Saturday and maybe somebody would like to comment on that. I didn't have the chance to be there."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Unruh, would you like to give a report about the Planning Summit?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "We did hold our Planning Summit #3 last Saturday morning and the attendance, as far as the number of cities that came Saturday, there was not as many cities in the County but those that are particularly involved in current, ongoing issues were there. I thought the dialogue was very good and helpful and it continued to be progressive and moving us on to the end that we're going to hopefully have these cities sitting down and talking to one another and come to resolution of their particular issues."

We did move the administration of these planning issues over towards the Sedgwick County Association of Cities, so that as a Board of County Commissioners we're not sitting there trying to micro-manage every issue, but give them an opportunity to come to that resolution before we get involved and I think that's appropriate, it was a good move and acceptable to all of them.

And as just kind of a side note, last night Commissioner McGinn and I were at a meeting between Kechi and Park City where they are beginning some dialogue to where they can get to know one another and get their issues out on the table and make some progress, and I thought that was also a very good meeting."

Chairman Winters said, "I would say Commissioner McGinn and myself were also at the Saturday meeting and at the end of the conclusion of the meeting there were just many positive comments about the whole process and their wanting to say thanks for the Commissioners to bringing that group together. Commissioner Unruh, did you have any other comments?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Not about that meeting, but I've got some more comments, whenever it's my turn."

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Chairman Winters said, “Okay, it’s your turn. Tim, are you finished?”

Commissioner Norton said, Yeah, I’m done.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. Well, I was going to make a comment during this portion of our meeting is to say that I have been getting a lot of really favorable comments about having our County Commission meeting on-line and folks being able to just pull it up and select what issue that they had a particular interest in and be able to view that without sitting through the whole meeting, and so once again, I think compliments and kudos go to our Communications Department for getting that set up and we just need to allow more people to be aware of it that they can access our meetings that way.

Also just mention that I had the opportunity to speak about that and carry the message of the County out to a few groups over the last couple of weeks. I spoke to a group of folks called the Air Capital Active People. There was about 177 people there and we had a great time and I told them what was going on in the County, along with another time a luncheon with some folks down at Sharon Baptist Church that were interested in what we were doing and so that was a good time. Also got to speak at the Detention Officers graduation. So, had an opportunity to represent the Commissioners and carry the County message.

I would also say, just as a matter of information, as your representative on the Board of Trustees of the Wichita Area Technical College, they just got approved by the Kansas Board of Regents for a mechanical engineering technology degree and it will be a degree in Associate of Applied Science. So that’s some good news for the tech college now, as they’ve been going through some very difficult times. But those items of information and that’s all I have right now.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I just wanted to make a comment, we all attended that prevention seminar yesterday and I thought that speaker was terrific. Now he used words that I had to keep . . . you know we have to apply it with fidelity and I needed to know his definition of fidelity, etcetera. But I went over there a little bit cynical, thinking I was going to get a lot of academic rhetoric and flowery things, but they’ve done a lot of work in this area and they’re willing to say, ‘This program works, we’ve got empirical data, this program doesn’t work’ and to get an academician to start getting that accountable for their comments I found to be very impressive and I think it’s going to do nothing but help us when we’re trying to use limited resources in this area to start making sure that we’re putting it in areas that are going to be accountable and that will actually show some benefit, so I thought it was a tremendous seminar and

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I was very glad I attended. That's all I had, thanks."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, just to kind of dovetail on that, I think as we move forward on our prevention funds and we continue to try to look at evidence based programs, I thought it was enlightening for him to say, 'Hey, here are some evidence based programs, they've been studied, they've quantified what the results are and these work and these don't'. And I think it was pretty dramatic for us to hear that, as we try to look at programs that are touchy and feely and people say that they work but maybe there's no data that confirms that. I think it's pretty nice to know that somebody's really doing some hard work, giving us some information on things that really do work and have been proven, over and over again over a 20-year period, and not as just something that somebody dreams up and wants to put some money into that really doesn't have too good of results. Just a comment on what Ben was talking about. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. And just kind of one other follow-up, it appeared that Dr. Elliot was very knowledgeable but came out of the research background and then became very interested in prevention. I don't think he had a vested interest in anybody. He was just looking at numbers and seeing who was getting results and who doesn't get results. So I thought it was a helpful meeting. And we do appreciate Mark Masterson and his group for getting that all pulled together and then inviting others in the community. I went back in the afternoon, after the smaller group in the morning, and there was . . . I'm not sure but I'd guess 130 or 140 people there in the afternoon from the community that got an opportunity to hear Dr. Elliot. So we just say thanks to our Corrections people, Mark Masterson and his crew, for getting that all put together."

All right, anything else in the 'Other' column before we adjourn the Regular meeting. If not, we'll adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

T. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
Third District

DAVID M. UNRUH, Chair Pro Tem
First District

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TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District

CAROLYN McGINN, Commissioner
Fourth District

BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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