

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, May 5, 2004 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Jennifer Magna, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Department; Ms. Susan Erlenwien, Director, Environmental Resources; Undersheriff John Green, Sheriff's Office; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director Human Services; Ms. DeAnn Konkell, Community Liaison Program Manager, Division of Public Safety; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director COMCARE; Mr. Colin McKenney, Director Community Developmental Disability Organization; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Theron Black, Chairman, Sedgwick County Council on Aging
Mr. Harvey Sorenson, Chairman, Community Vision Program
Mr. Michael Kinard, Executive Director, Kansas Minority Business Development Council

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend William Mulford, Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 21, 2004

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2004.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes. What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2004.

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, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 9 – 15, 2004 AS "NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 9th as "National Law Enforcement Memorial Week"; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of this nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our citizens a system of peace and order; and

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WHEREAS, across the country, 1,658 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, with 145 law enforcement officers killed in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of it's Sheriff's Deputies and all law enforcement officers joining with other counties and cities to honor peace officers everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 9-15, 2004 as

“National Law Enforcement Memorial Week”

and call upon citizens to honor and show sincere appreciation for the law enforcement officers of Sedgwick County who make it possible to leave our homes and family in safety each day, with the knowledge that our communities are protected by men and women willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, that’s the proclamation, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn 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 here to accept this proclamation is Undersheriff John Green.”

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Undersheriff John Green, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of Sheriff Steed would like to thank you for this proclamation. To hit on just a few items that is reflective in this proclamation as mentioned, there's 145 law enforcement officers killed in the United States last year, of that one was from Kansas, which was an officer killed in Ford County as a result of a vehicle accident. The good news is Sedgwick County did not have a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty last year. The bad news is from 1915 to the present we have had 25 killed, 6 of those Sedgwick County Sheriff deputies. The loss of one officer, be it by a work related accident or the cowardly act of a criminal is too many. It's too many for the family. It's too many for the other officers. It's too many for the community. We have suffered those losses here too many times in the past and the cost emotionally that it brings to our community is significant and I believe that we are all here aware of that.

Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Memorial committee was started two years ago by Sheriff Gary Steed and Chief Norman Williams. It's composed of the community to establish a law enforcement memorial on the southeast corner, excuse me, I guess it would be the southwest corner of Central and Main Street, between the Sedgwick County courthouse and the City of Wichita building. The fundraising is in progress for that now and I believe it is very much on track and is something we can look forward to in the near future. This is a long overdue tribute for those officers who have given their last for the citizens of our community. This Friday there will be a memorial service for officers at the State Capital, Sedgwick County will be represented. Next Tuesday at noon, there will be the Wichita-Sedgwick County law enforcement officers memorial at the City hall. Again, Sedgwick County will be represented both by the Sheriff's office and by Chairman Winters, who will again read the proclamation. On behalf of the law enforcement community of Sedgwick County, I thank you for your proclamation in memory of the officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, If people haven't had a chance to stop by the memorial, which will be on Tuesday this year at noon, you need to do that. It's a sobering experience to hear the names read of people that have given all for their community and I would urge citizens to stop by. It not only honors those individuals, but it honors their families. The families continue to come back year to year, to mourn the death of their loved ones and it's a great service to be able to do that and honor the families that are still holding on to someone that was very dear to them. So I think it's a pretty sobering experience, but I would urge the community to wrap around that and participate if they so wish. Thanks, John."

Mr. Green said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Again remind folks of the memorial next Tuesday and from all of the Commissioner's we would certainly say to everyone involved in our Sedgwick County Sheriff's department that we appreciate the work they do. We take their jobs very seriously. We know that it's not easy, that it's very difficult, but we appreciate it, the community appreciates it. So again next Tuesday, we'll say that officially, but we were pleased to do this proclamation today, so thank you for being here John."

Mr. Green said, "Thank you."

2. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2004 AS "OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH."**

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a second proclamation for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is home to nearly 64,500 citizens aged 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, older persons are, as citizens and community members, entitled to lives of dignity and independence, free from the fears, myths and misconceptions about aging; and

WHEREAS, as America grows older, each community must strive to understand and address the evolving challenges and needs of our older citizens and the people who care for them; and

WHEREAS, our society depends upon the nurturing, support, and resources shared between generations, and benefits from mutual efforts to meet the needs of America's older persons and those who love them; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's observance is "Aging Well, Living Well," and life is full of options for today's older adults. Whether it's eating right and exercising, staying active, volunteering or taking classes...seniors are finding more ways to stay healthy and enjoy life longer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2004 as

"Older Americans' Month"

in Sedgwick County, and call upon the citizens in Sedgwick County to recognize and honor

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the vast contributions of older adults and those who promote “Aging Well, Living Well” in our community everyday.

Dated May 5, 2004.

Commissioners what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

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, “And here today we have Theron Black who is Chair of the Sedgwick County Advisory Board on Aging, and Theron, we’re very glad to have you here.”

Mr. Theron Back, Chairman, Sedgwick County Council on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I want to thank the Sedgwick County Commissioners on behalf of the Sedgwick County advisory board on aging for this proclamation. And we thank you for the recognition of May as a month to celebrate and to recognize the older Americans living in this community who are living longer, living healthier and are living more productive lives and we also want to highlight some of the contributions that senior citizens are making to the community.

Further I would like to invite the Commissioners to a reception that’s being held this month, May 26 at 2:00 at Larksfield place, 7373 E 29th. At this reception Ruth Bulkin from the Wichita

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State University will present a program on the fiscal activity and aging of the citizens in the community. Also, we will be recognizing the advisory councils of all three of the counties; Harvey, Butler and Sedgwick for their participation in these councils and also recognizing some of the providers that provide the service that we have selected. On this basket over here I also have some gold and silver ribbons that were asking the commissioners and others to wear in recognition like I've got here and so I want to thank you for this presentation."

Chairman Winters said, "Theron, I think we probably have a couple comments, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I have to tell you I made it to that reception last year and it's a wonderful event but truthfully, as we try to provide the services to our community, for me it's about the two groups that are most legitimate are children at risk and our seniors and it seems like we're a society of young people and instant gratification and sometimes we have a tendency to throw away our seniors that have so much knowledge and so much to give to the community once they get to a certain position in their life. And I think it's one of our core values to continue to connect with that part of our community, honor them, make sure they stay healthy and attached to our community. I think we've found that the more seniors can be attached and active and find a place in a community, the more they will live longer and the less services they'll need provided to them, and I will continue to hold that as a mantra in the county, as far as I'm concerned. So we do honor you, thanks for being here today, Theron."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. I like the way Tim said that. Our children do give us promise, but the older Americans provided the opportunity for that promise. We start thinking, 'Oh my gosh, we're having a recession, things are bad, I don't have a job anymore where I'm making \$32.00 an hour, I had to accept this job where I'm only making \$15.00 an hour' and some of the senior's that I know can put me in perspective really quick when they share with me what the Great Depression was all about, when they share with me what rationing was all about in World War II, all of a sudden hey I don't have a problem at all compared to what some of these fellas went through."

The other thing that I find just in awe is when you see a senior, you look at them and he or she, he's got gray hair and maybe some things are sagging and he just looks like a nice old man and then you find out that he led the charge on D-Day or he was something else, but they don't brag

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about it, they just did it, and all they want to do is to continue to live their lives with dignity and be part of the community and they do that through volunteering. If we were to look at all of our advisory boards and all the help that we have, I don't know what's going on with this mike here, it's comprised, the overwhelming majority are retired folks that have decided to continue to give to the community. I'm just beginning to be one of everybody at 62, and I just want to say thanks. That's it."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, I just want to say that I am appreciative of this recognition of the contribution that older Americans make in our society but I also want to say I'm appreciative of your leadership on the aging advisory council and your efforts to provide services to seniors all across the county. I know that that's a very active board and you are trying to bring a higher quality to those folks that are healthy, and alert and are looking for something to do. I spoke to a group of older folks at a luncheon here just recently and their motto was 'livin' longer and lovin' it' and I think your helping provide that for a lot of citizens in Sedgwick County and just want to say thank you to what you do."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. I too just want to say thank you for all you do in a leadership role for our aging advisory board. A few months ago I had a chance to slip in there after one of our meetings and every time I do they have a very active board and it's not a board that just sits around and doesn't provide input, and I think that's very important. These are the kind of people that we need on our board. They actually have an excellent presentation going on about the new Medicare plan and trying to learn about that. So I just want to say thank you to all of you for giving that time and doing what you do to help all of our seniors here in Sedgwick County. Thank you."

Mr. Black said, "On behalf of the advisory board, we want to thank you for the support we get from the Commissioners and we tried to do our best, and we'd like to do a little more, but we realize the fiscal problems didn't start here in Sedgwick County. We thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Theron, we appreciate everything you do. Next item."

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2004 AS "MENTAL HEALTH MONTH."

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Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have one final proclamation for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Mental Health Month has helped improve the health and lives of millions of Americans. This year we want even more people to know that caring for their minds as well as their bodies helps keep them productive, healthy and happy in all aspects of life; at work, at home and at school. So, we need to send our message louder than ever that **"Mental Health Matters In Your Life;"** and

WHEREAS, between 28 and 30 percent of the U.S. population suffer from a mental health disorder, substance abuse disorder or both; and

WHEREAS, the average overall community prevalence rate for mental disorders in children and youth is approximately 15%. Families with children constitute the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population and three million teenagers have considered suicide or attempted suicide in the past year.

WHEREAS, the treatment success rates for such disorders as depression, panic disorders and schizophrenia surpass those of other medical conditions, such as heart disease. Treatment works!

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2004 as

"Mental Health Month"

in Sedgwick County and call upon all Sedgwick County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

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Commissioners, that's the proclamation, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to

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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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And we have Marilyn Cook, Director of COMCARE our mental health agency.”

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “We appreciate this proclamation and the recognition of May as mental health awareness month. Proclamations like this do a lot to help us reduce the stigma that sadly is still tied to individuals with mental illness, despite the fact that more than 54 million Americans have a mental illness in every given year; only about 8 million seek treatment for those conditions. It takes a lot of courage to admit to needing help for any medical condition and the stigma that’s often associated with needing mental health services remains particularly strong.

This is even more profound when we see the research that you mentioned in the proclamation that has demonstrated that treatment does work for a lot of individuals. According to the National Advisory Mental Health Council, treatment improves patient outcomes and that more than 80 percent of individuals treated for bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and panic disorder, even those with very severe episodes at times did report treatment success and the research also found a 60 percent success rate for those treated who have schizophrenia and obsessive compulsive disorders that can be very debilitating in people’s lives.

Last year, President Bush’s new freedom commission issued a report on the status of mental health care in the country and they developed six goals. We did have a member from Kansas, Dr. Jane Adams from the Topeka area, who was part of that commission and they came up with six goals

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that will need to be actualized to be able to transform the national mental health system. And I thought I'd tell you what those six are, because I think it funding is going to be tied to these in the next couple years and certainly increased awareness on your part and on our part as mental health center will also be needed.

The first goal is that Americans understand that mental health is essential to overall health and that we need to establish a health system that treats mental illness with the same urgency that it treats physical illness. Second goal is to ensure that mental health care is consumer and family driven in a consumer-centered recovery oriented system with the burden of care coordination resting on the system and not on the consumers and the families, as often is the case now. The third goal states disparities and mental health services are eliminated, with all Americans sharing equally in the best available services and outcomes regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or geographic location. Goal four states that early mental health screening assessment and referral to services are a common practice. Achieving this goal will involve early detection and links to treatment, early referrals, and supports that help mental health problems from worsening when they are treated and caught early. The fifth goal is excellent mental health care is delivered and research is accelerated. It's taking now about 15-20 years of an evidence based practice to get to a community level and that simply has to be accelerated. Obtaining this goal will involve looking at promising approaches, best practices and evidence based practices, when they become available at the community level, and embracing them when they do.

And finally the sixth goal is that technology is used to access mental health care and information and this will involve increased use of tele-video. We have a very strong televideo system in the mental health system in the state of Kansas, especially in the rural areas, although we have two units here in Sedgwick County as well. And we are taking measures to ensure that privacy of personal health information that is disclosed to a clinician is protected in that process. The theme for this year's mental health awareness month is mental health matters everyday. And I was in Topeka yesterday so I brought you all back a lapel pin that has that on it. They has bumper stickers too, but I didn't think you'd put them your car so, I thought maybe you'd wear the pin.

None of us can dispute it being mentally healthy helps us ensure success and decision making in success and personal and work relationships. I do want to thank you for all the support that you do give COMCARE and our entire mental health system of care in this community. Thank you."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well, since I've been a Commissioner, one of the things that I've seen every year in Topeka is the proactive role that Sedgwick County has taken in trying to bring about mental health awareness and this intervention and decreasing the stigmatism that's tied to it. So often we can help so many people if they realize it's okay to ask for help. And

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this is one area that I believe can save us as taxpayers, as a community, in the long run and overall, if we have dollars that help in these programs. One is, as the proclamation had read about the homeless people. So many of them are homeless. Well, if there homeless than they are not being cared for and there are other costs associated to a community because of that. The other area, Commissioner Unruh and I are sitting on the coordinating council for Juvenile...I've gotta get that..."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Criminal Justice."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and one of the areas we've been talking about has to do with how many people of the population that get into our jail system that actually just have a mental health problem. And so were putting them in maximum security, which is no value or no help to them at all. And so if we would focus on perhaps getting these folks into a different area, a diversion program of some type into the mental health area, those are dollars I think that are spent wisely. There is a cost to it, but if you look at the overall picture in the long run I think it saves us as a community, us as taxpayers a lot of money in the long run. So I just want to say thank you for you and your staff and others that go to Topeka, our community who advocate for the fact that this is a problem, this is an issue we have and we need to educate people on how to get help and family members that it's okay to support this cause and to educate the people at the state, because these are the things that when it comes back to local government, it costs us more if we don't deal with it up front. So thank you for all that you do."

Ms. Cook said, "Actually the research shows that for people who are incarnated it costs \$7.00 to incarcerate for them for every one dollar that we would have spent on treatment instead, so there's already research out there that demonstrates that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Absolutely, all right thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Seven to one, that's an easy number to figure out, it's better to have treatment isn't it? I just wanted to make an comment about one of the lines in the proclamation was treatment works, and I know that the emphasis of your department is on recovery,

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where we can have folks that are afflicted with mental illness either have function in society despite their disability, where they can live full and productive lives or they can even have even full remission of their illness. So despite the economic aspects of our approach to this, is that we're really helping people, and one of the other things that I think this proclamation does it does address the whole issue of stigma, and for us to make progress, I think that's one of the major barriers to a full complete spectrum of dealing with the issue and we just need to understand what stigma is and how negative and how detrimental it is. But it's not an idea, stigma is a cluster of attitudes that affect these people and so these sort of things help us in that. . . I'm not here to make a speech, but I just want to affirm you in what your doing and I'm happy that we're making this proclamation."

Ms. Cook said, "Thank you. I'm very proud of the amount that you've learned about mental health and mental illness in the last couple of years since you've been elected. You've made a big effort to do. The fact that you can articulate what recovery is and what functioning is tells me you've learned that. Thank you."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well you helped me learn that. Thank you."

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

NEW BUSINESS

B. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY VISIONING PROCESS.

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Harvey if you'd come forward."

Mr. Harvey Sorenson, Chair, Community Vision Program, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to tell you a little bit about a community visioning effort which is underway and to ask your financial and active participation in that effort. The Wichita area Chamber of Commerce together with it's funding partners are proposing that the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the south central Kansas area that is impacted by the economics of Sedgwick County participate in a visioning process that will produce a vision for our area and a strategic plan for the implication of that vision.

What we hope to establish is a vision for what our community might be in 20 years and the steps through strategic planning to achieve those goals and those various objectives. We believe it's an important project to do now because our community is in a time of transition. We are in a

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period of upheaval economically and we have an opportunity to establish some direction for the future.

The process that is involved will be a process of community and citizen involvement, through the engagement of a consultant and the direction of volunteers including Tom... Mr. Winters and Mr. Unruh have been active participants so far, we will have a series of community meetings and community information gathering. This will be in the form of private interviews, focus groups, small community meetings, large community meetings, surveys, surveys through the newspaper, surveys through the telephone, surveys over the Internet and a compilation of this information where people can talk to us about what they see for the future of our community. Our consultant will then compile this information and the strategic planning committee of citizens will consider the information, propose a strategic plan, which will be then be given back to the community for it's consideration, again in a series of community meetings and public surveys, public town hall meetings with public television and through the newspaper.

With the feedback that we get from that we will then develop a strategic plan to present to the community for adoption. It is our belief that with the involvement of 5,000-10,000 citizens over a period of several months we will develop a plan that the community understands, that it accepts, that a majority of it's people will support and will then provide an action steps for the organization that participate in implementation, including the County Commission, the City of Wichita to carry out the direction that's established.

The people that will be involved in this will be the citizens of our county and our city and our surrounding areas. There will be opportunities for all citizens to have participation. We encourage participation. We encourage diversity in a program that's designed to get information from every segment of the community, not just from those of the business community for instance or just of government, but from everywhere throughout our community. This process will take place from May 15th to December 31st. As many of you know, we've had a planning committee, which has been interviewing consultants. Mr. Winters and Mr. Unruh and Mr. Buchanan have participated in those meetings. We intend to select a final consultant on May 10th and start the process then immediately, with the goal of being completed by December 31st.

The total budget for this project is \$350,000. We have been blessed with a grant from the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation of \$75,000 with the Wichita Community Foundation of \$75,000, yesterday the City commission, the City of Wichita voted 7-0 to support this effort and contribute \$75,000, I'm asking that the Sedgwick County Commission contribute

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\$75,000 to this effort and we have a grant request in to the Kansas Health Foundation and preliminary indications are that they will make a \$50,000 contribution. This \$350,000 will be spent primarily in the Sedgwick County area. The consultant will cost 35-50 percent of the amount. The balance will be spent for local employment, use of facilities, media, websites and other work generated in Sedgwick County.

There's been a large amount of work done by other organizations to provide a foundation for this effort. Your Commission has been involved in talking to your customers and trying to define what services you wish to provide in the future. We want to use that information to provide a foundation for where we go from here. City of Wichita has done strategic planning for its neighborhoods and for some of its departments. That information will all be gathered and used for as a foundation for what's been done, so that to determine that its consistent with the overall view of the community and to provide a foundation for what we're doing. Thank you very much and I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have, but I do appreciate your support and time this morning."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Harvey, in some of the materials that I have reviewed there is real evidence in some communities that have gone through these kinds of visions of planning for their future, that communities have seen improvements in a number of areas. Can you tell us just about some of the other communities that have done this, and it's kind of like your either on the cutting edge moving forward or you're slipping backwards."

Mr. Sorensen said, "Thank you. There have been, this is not something that was created in Wichita, Kansas, in Sedgwick County, but it has been used widely throughout the country. Probably the granddaddy of them all, Jacksonville, Florida, about 25 years ago, went through a strategic plan and laid a foundation for what has been tremendous growth and success in their community. Memphis, Tennessee, another area that's had phenomenal success based on their visioning process. But it's not just east of the Mississippi. Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Omaha, other cities, Austin recently, other cities in this area in the high plains have gone through this process. I think the people in Oklahoma City really believe that the success that they've enjoyed has been large part built on their community vision. It's been successful before."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you, and I would acknowledge that Bryan Derreberry and Susie Ahlstrand from the Chamber are in the audience if anybody should have a question that looks like it should be answered by them. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm certainly going to be supportive of this. As Chair last year, we started working of visioning and the commissioners really put some effort in that and we really moved out on our own when we saw that maybe the community wasn't rallying to do the visioning process. We saw that we didn't want to wait and we moved ahead at least in the confines of Sedgwick County and what we control. And I applaud the groups, the City of

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Wichita, the Chamber, the Community Foundation for moving this forward because we really all need to be working on the visioning process and not just confine it to the silos that we work in.

It has to be a broad based community kind of visioning and I'm going to be very supportive of that. I've had a chance to be in Memphis, Tennessee and Jacksonville, Florida and Oklahoma City and Tulsa and see what that strategic plans implementation has done to their community, to the facilities, to the downtown areas, and to just the overall feeling of that community and Wichita and Sedgwick County and the surrounding south central area deserves all of that also, and the only way we're going to get there is for all of us to get into the boat together, try to figure out how we row together, and make sure that we have a strategic vision of where we're going when we get in the boat, unfortunately sometimes we all get in the boat and everybody wants to row in a different direction I think the only way were going to get there this time is got us all to grab an oar and row at the same time in the same direction looking toward that grander vision of the community that we can all have. So thanks for being here today, Harvey. And I'm going to be very supportive of this program."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Commissioners, the recommended action on you agenda says receive and file, but I believe we are past the receive and file, as we've become aware of this plan. So our recommended action I would think would be to support the visioning plan and contribute \$75,000 from our contingency fund."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to support the visioning plan and contribute \$75,000 from our contingency fund.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a motion and a second to support the visioning plan and contribute \$75,000 from our contingency fund. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yea, I just need to ask the manager a question, Bill are you supportive of our joining, I would assume you would be, but I'd like to know from your point of view where you stand on this."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the commissioners and said, "Yes sir, I would recommend this resolution.

Chairman Winters said, "Anything else Commissioner? Commissioner McGinn."

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, I’m going to support this. Much of what Commissioner Norton said I agree with. I’ve watched the success in a lot of other cities, but the other thing I think is key and I was glad Harvey talked about this a little bit, and that’s using some of the visioning work that we’ve already started just for Sedgwick County, our core services, how those are important to people, but also why that is so important too is because we have a lot of citizens from Sedgwick County participate and so I think we really got some grass root answers from those people that says this is what we want Sedgwick County to do with the core services that they’re doing. These are some of the new things we’d like to look at and so I’m glad to hear that our work will be folded into this visioning process. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. We have a motion on the floor. Is there any other discussion? Any other discussion? Seeing none, 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, “Harvey, Bryan, Susie thank you very much for being here. Got a lot of work ahead of us.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Yes we do.”

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.

C. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC. TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today we have for your consideration the continuation of an agreement with the Kansas Minority Business Development Council, in the amount of \$35,000. The KMBDC mission is to promote and enhance minority and women owned area enterprises by increasing

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business opportunity and access to mainstream markets. Under our agreement they will perform such functions and programs as workshops, information and counseling directly to businesses, networking opportunities and a new program involving bid matching. Michael Kinard, who is executive director of KMBDC, is here today to talk to you and to answer any questions you may have.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, welcome Michael, come forward.”

Mr. Michael Kinard, Executive Director, Kansas Minority Business Development Council, greeted the commissioners and said, “As Irene has stated, every year we try to add more programs to what we do. When I first got to the Minority Business Council we pretty much focused on minority businesses. Then we continued to expand that to women owned businesses. This year, we have signed a contract with Heartland Ptech to partner with them to add procurement, technical assistance which is a bid matching program, that is...there’s actually 84 Ptech’s across the nation or across the country and Wichita, Kansas has one and that’s with the Kansas Minority Business Development Council.

We’ll be able to help businesses and this is all business, not just minority and women owned businesses with a bid matching program so that they can help identify contracts that are all across the country, not only here locally but all across the country. So they are able to put their particular service or item out on the web and then there’s a web based system that will help them match their service to what they are offering and then they have the opportunity to actually bid on that. It doesn’t guarantee them the contract, but it does access them to a lot more information and we are looking forward to getting this up and running. We’re already on board. I’m still in process of being trained, so we recently won an award in Reno this past spring as the Ptech center of the year so we’re very excited to be a part of heartland and we look forward to providing the service to the Sedgwick County residents. And I am open to questions.”

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, I just would make a comment that I’m very supportive of any program that is helpful to small business and entrepreneurial efforts. You know, the small guys sometimes lack information and they lack resources to access some of these things and so I’m going to be very supportive of it and appreciate what you do.”

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

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. Michael thanks for being here today, and I just had a question. We’ve been working this minorities program for some time and I was curious how

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have you seen your membership grow over that time?"

Mr. Kinard said, "As you know we are located at the Wichita Chamber of Commerce and it is a very good working relationship. When I first got at the Chamber, the Chamber had 42 members that were minority owned. We're well over 80 members now that have joined the Wichita Chamber and my membership is about 110 minority businesses. So, we are still growing in capacity. The biggest thing is helping minority businesses develop. There are a number of businesses out here that just don't know all the resources that are available in this community, and there are many resources. It's just no one is there to point them to the right resources and that is what we try to do."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So, you're seeing success and they're telling others and it's growing from there."

Mr. Kinard, said, "Correct."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Well, Michael, I certainly appreciate you being here. Gonna be very supportive of this. I think this was a good day for you to be here with your other hat, school board member, and to hear Harvey Sorensen's presentation on this visioning, I know my best expectation will be, once we get in there, education will be certainly a component that the community's gonna want to talk about and so I hope that we all can work with you and all those folks with all the school districts within the county, as we work through this visioning. But glad you were here to hear that discussion. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments of Michael or Irene?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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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 Michael, very much. Next item."

D. AGREEMENT WITH FOLEY SUPPLY, LLC FOR LEASE OF ADVERTISING SPACE AT KANSAS COLISEUM.

Ms. Jackie Wedel, Sales, Marketing Director Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have a one year agreement with Foley Supply for \$2,500 for advertising rights in our pavilion, which also includes some display space and also links to our website and some other aggressive pieces of the package. We recommend approval, if there are...unless there are questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners any questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner 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, Jackie. Next item."

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DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

E. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSULTATION SERVICES, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESEARCH SERVICES.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Back in 1998 was when we did juvenile justice reform and here in Sedgwick County we truly embraced that, and I think we’ve all seen the numbers that have shown the success of that. And in 1998 was when we did a resource and needs assessment of our community. Unfortunately that has not been updated since that time and what this item does is put us in the position to do that update, as we know our community has changed quite a bit since that time. There is a contract currently in place with Channing Bee, the Community That Cares group, and they will be looking at the data and putting that together. This contract with Wichita State University is an amendment to the current contract that we have and they will be collecting the data that will be submitted to the group and that will result in us getting that plan back. I’d be glad to answer any questions, and the amount of that amendment is \$7,000.”

Chairman Winters said, “And this \$7,000 will be for additional research to be conducted by Wichita State University?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Yes.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay. Is the whole state still on the Communities That Care plan?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Yes they are.”

Chairman Winters said, “Will we be on that plan forever?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “I don’t know. I know that that is still kind of been the focus.”

Chairman Winters said, “Are we gonna . . . will we go back and do all of that kind of data gathering that we did in ’98?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “I think...”

Chairman Winters said, “With a whole bunch of surveys, interviews that kind of thing?”

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Ms. Donaldson said, “ Well, we’ll be looking at the resources throughout the community, now of course a lot of the data that was looked at was you know that we’ve talked about before have been the school surveys and this separate from that.”

Chairman Winters said, “This is separate from the school surveys?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Right.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay. Commissioners I’m going to be supportive of this, I think we need to keep the ongoing task here of making sure that were currently knowing what’s going on in the community and we keep thinking about our prevention plans and this will be another test of those. So if there’s no other questions or comments, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the amendment 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, “Thank you Debbie. Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

F. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR SENATE BILL 123 OFFENDERS.

Ms. Cook said, “On October 8th we brought a proposal to you, which was our response to the request for proposal on Senate Bill 123 to provide services. Then, in November, we signed an

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agreement with Community Corrections to be one of the many providers in town of that service. This agreement in front of you is an agreement with the Kansas Sentencing Commission and it spells out our need to identify insurance any place we can with people that come to seek treatment from us under Senate Bill 123. To make every effort we can to identify whether or not people have insurance and then there's a whole protocol in this agreement as to what we're to do when we find someone with insurance, which essentially is to make sure that we do the filing in a timely way and reimburse the sentencing commission for anyone that has it. There will be some people of course whose insurance does not cover court ordered treatment so that's not a fail proof system, but we will make every effort to locate folks who have insurance and to file that insurance and that's what this agreement is all about. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have on this."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What percentage of the folks would have insurance?"

Ms. Cook said, "Well, I don't know, I don't know, it's hard to judge, this bill only...to be eligible of this bill you have to have received a drug offense after November 1st of last year and not have any felony charges or previous felony charges. So you're mostly talking about people who are caught using drugs. So I know in our own treatment program there is a small percentage of people who have insurance, but when they have it and the insurance company is willing to pay, we certainly file on that insurance, because it makes a big difference."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, naturally if we could file on their insurance that would be great, but are we obligated though to service them all regardless if they have insurance or not?"

Ms. Cook said, "Right, because the money is coming down from the state for SB123."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But I mean we've always done that and we've always diligently tried to fare it out, whether or not they have insurance. What's different here?"

Ms. Cook said, "The difference is, in this agreement you mean or in the program?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well in the program there's no difference is there?"

Ms. Cook said, "No. No, the agreement is just a formalized way for the state to say to different providers, because there are many of them in town, so all of us are getting this agreement to sign saying, please ensure that you are checking to make sure that people have insurance."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "No pun intended on that one."

Ms. Cook said, "Right. Right, and it's our agreement and they would hold us to that, plus they want payment back if we should bill them for the services and then we get reimbursed from the insurance company, so it's a formalized agreement with them."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, you may have said this already, and I apologize if I wasn't listening. But is one of the keys here in lieu of incarceration?"

Ms. Cook said, "Right."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And if they go to jail we lose the insurance."

Ms. Cook said, "Well, people don't lose their insurance when they go to jail. They lose their medical card coverage when they go to jail."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Ms. Cook said, "But there are people in the jail that if they have Blue Cross Blue Shield, it would pay for medical expenses and mental health expenses."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Ms. Cook said, "But that certainly is a low percentage of people at our jail."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I know that's a tricky area and if we divert we have a better capability."

Ms. Cook said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Plus if they lose their insurance card and they are found not guilty, whatever and they get out they got to reapply and go through that whole process."

Ms. Cook said, "Right."

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Any other questions or comments? If not what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner 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, Marilyn. Next item.”

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – CDDO

- G. ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION (CDDO) STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE REALLOCATION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST POSITION, BAND 219, TO QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR, BAND 321.**

Mr. Colin McKenney, Director Community Developmental Disability Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, “For your consideration this morning of reallocation of a single

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position. This is a position we call the quality assurance coordinator. For approximately two years, it's actually a reallocation of an administrative specialist. We've been watching this position and the number of duties that have been assigned to it for some time during the recent vacancy of our quality assurance director position. It became pretty obvious that we were asking a lot of this position at its previous or at its current range. At that point in time we asked Human Resources to take a look at the position. They came back with a recommendation to reallocate the position from a band 219 to a band 321. I would ask for your approval of this reallocation and would stand for any questions you may have."

Chairman Winters said, "And Colin, you went through all the gymnastics that we go through with Human Resources and Jo and her folks on this?"

Mr. McKenney said, "They now use yoga, yes."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Manager you've reviewed this and you concur with this action?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Any other discussion?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That wasn't a real exciting yes there. He did say yes."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Well, I was going to make some bad joke about Colin not..."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Make a bad joke about Colin."

Mr. Buchanan said, "No I'm not going to do that."

Mr. McKenney said, "It's the day, it's the day to do that."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, were getting off track here."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the adjustment to the CDDO Staffing Table.

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, Colin."

Mr. McKenney said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

H. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING.

Ms. DeAnn Konkel, Community Liaison Program Manger, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you today a continuation of the grant funding for the CERT funding, Community Emergency Response Team. This funding will take us through August 31st of this year for the program and if there are no questions, I ask that you sign the grant award."

Chairman Winters said, "So this is accepting the grant money is what this is?"

Ms. Konkel said, "Right. Continuation of the first set of grant funding that we receive, this is the second set of funding that we're receiving."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there other communities in Kansas that are receiving these funds and doing this project?"

Ms. Konkel said, "Yes there are. Cowley County has received funding. Lyons County has received funding. The city of Emporia has received funding for their county. Johnson County has received funding. There are probably about seven or eight counties throughout the state who have received this funding to put the program in place."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Commissioners what's the will of the board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement; and approve establishment of budget authority.

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, DeAnn. Next item."

**I. AMENDMENT TO THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)
TO INCLUDE INCREASING BM-1 ASPHALT OVERLAY.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Public Works has requested an amendment to extend the life of our existing cold mix roads. As you are very well aware, the highway department is highly skilled at applying cold mix surfaces to existing county owned sand mix roads. Average life of this surface is about five to seven years and it varies. There are a number of factors that influence that, and ideally we follow it

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with a CIP contract, CIP project that would upgrade that road to a rural or even urban standard. Our current inventory is well over 100 miles and that exceeds our capacity to upgrade it through the capital improvement program.

In addition, the highway department, all our departments have been affected by the budget reductions and that's directly impacted the cold mix program, they've submitted it again this year as a supplemental. As a result, we expect it will not have a robust cold mix program this year. Therefore, they've chosen an alternative to help extend the life of the existing cold mix and protect our investment in that effort. And that fix would overlay the most vulnerable portions of the cold mix inventory with either a BM-1 specification, hot mix or something similar, that would seal the roads and we've had good experience with this in a couple areas of the county on a limited basis. They propose to fund this overlay with savings from the two projects to renovate the parking lot at the Zoo. We saved approximately \$727,000 over the budgeted amount and they would propose to use \$675,000 of that to execute this overlay program. Both staff and CIP committee have reviewed this in considerable detail and they recommend approval. If you have any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much, Pete. Commissioners you have questions of Pete and or County Engineer David Spears? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "How many miles will this equate to as we overlay, and is it new miles or is it old miles?"

Mr. David Spears, County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The intent is to go over old miles of cold mix that are deteriorating and we counted them up and we were quite surprised there were about 118 miles out there and if cold mix only lasts, well Pete said five to seven, some of it only lasts three years, depends on the traffic and that sort of thing, so you can figure we're either gonna do BM-1 on it or Nova Chip. Nova Chip is a little more expensive but there's the possibility it will last longer and save it longer.

Now if you go with the BM-1 it's about \$30,000, so you can see that'll be about 22 ½ miles that we could do of old road. So, we won't nearly get to touch all of it, but it'd be a good start. And since the budgets are being cut back and we more than likely will not have cold mix, unless you want to

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increase our budget for 2005, we will ask for it as a supplemental but if we don't do that, then we have no other means to protect these roads and our investment. And so we see this as an opportunity to put a thin overlay on those cold mix roads and protect them, and we have done it as Pete said, in a couple of cases. Commissioner Winters you might remember 183rd St north of US 54, that mile we overlaid cold mix with a BM-1 overlay and there are some other locations we've done it and it appears to work fairly well."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Have we already identified the 20 somethin' miles out of the 100 plus? I mean, have we already ranked those, prioritized them?"

Mr. Spears said, "We are in that process right now. We have . . . I have sent a person out and we have looked at all 118 miles and we are in the process of ranking those now."

Commissioner Norton said, "I mean I think it'd be an interest to the commission to know where that money's gonna be spent. If it all glumps up in one part of the county or if it's spread equally around, I think we'd probably be interested in knowing that."

Mr. Spears said, "We will not, I mean we will just base it upon deterioration of the road, not where it's located. There's not intent to put it in one part of the county or another, but we will just simply look at deterioration of the roads."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Presently how much cold mix work are we doing this year?"

Mr. Spears said, "We will do about five miles with our crews from, that you have allocated for us this year. We used to do 20. In the budget is five miles, plus a one time only thing we had with Brown and Brown that we got the milling material up off of I-135 and I think we'll be able to do another between 10 and 15 miles with that."

Commissioner Norton said, "That will be a plus for this year?"

Mr. Spears said, "That's a plus."

Commissioner Norton said, "But we only budgeted for five miles this year which was a huge decrease in what we normally do?"

Mr. Spears said, "That's right. Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, that's all the questions I have right now."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Any other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the CIP amendment

Chairman Winters 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, Pete. Next item."

J. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION WITH DONDLINGER & SONS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., REQUEST NUMBER THREE AND FINAL, FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 616-17-110, BRIDGE ON 13TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 135TH AND 151ST STREETS WEST. CIP# B-223. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, "Item J is a modification of plans and construction, request number three and final for the Sedgwick County bridge project on 13th Street North, between 135th and 151st Streets West, designated as B-223 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized out. There will be a net decrease of \$1,305.60, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend

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that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments? What’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Spears said, “Mr. Chairman, may I take one minute to make a public service type announcement?”

Chairman Winters said, “Yes, you can.”

Mr. Spears said, “This is something sort of serious. The railroad is going to close down the crossing at 63rd Street South at K-15 next week for one week. As you know we widened out 63rd street, between K-15 and Hydraulic, to four lanes and there’s only a two-lane crossing at the crossing at the track. The railroad has to do this work them self this will take one week it will start next Monday. Derby’s been notified by us and also Boeing has. Boeing is putting the announcement out over the . . . they have a television system that goes to all their employees. They’re going to announce it. It’s somewhat critical, because as you know there’s only a few crossings across the Arkansas River down there: 47th, 63rd, 83rd, so folks will either have to go to 47th or down through Derby at around 83rd Street South. And I wanted to announce that today, so that’s next week Monday through Friday, we will have up various message boards down there from Hydraulic on to the east. You will not be able to go all next week.”

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Chairman Winters said, "So you got those message boards out there now?"

Mr. Spears said, "They should be out there now, yes."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm glad you brought this up. I've had a lot of constituents on the south side ask when were going to finish the overlay and finish that project. I mean, it's been pretty well done as far as curb and gutter and the original base, but the final overlay has been postponed until we get the whole project done and the railroad part. I've explained that to a lot of people and they continue to say 'Well, when is the railroad gonna do their part', so I think people are pretty anxious to see that done and we would let everybody know that once the railroad gets theirs done then we'll go and complete the final paving of the whole project. It didn't make sense to pave half of it and then come back and bring a crew out to do the other half and have all of that equipment not being used as properly as we should. So, I'm glad you brought this up today, because people have been asking about that. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2004.

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the minutes of the April 29th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are five items for your consideration.

1) RUGGEDIZED LAPTOP COMPUTERS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE FUNDING: BYRNE GRANT

Item one, ruggedized laptops for computers for Sheriff's department. Moved to accept the low

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bid meeting specifications from Portable Computer Systems of \$21,683.

**2) DIGITAL DITACTION EQUIPMENT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FUNDING: LLEBG**

Item two, digital dictation equipment for the Sheriff’s Office. Moved to accept the only proposal received from Voice Products, the option two including a trade in, a one year maintenance for a total of \$24,000, option two, including the trade in and one year maintenance for a total of \$24,840.

**3) CHIP SEAL ASHPALT CEMENT – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: AGGREGATE MATERIALS**

Item three, chip seal asphalt cement for Public Works Department. It was moved to accept the only bid received from Wright Asphalt Products for \$41,600.

**4) CHANGE ORDER
UPGRADE HVAC & CONTROL SYSTEMS – FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item four, change order for the upgrade HVAC and control systems for Facility Projects. It was moved to acknowledge the change order with Johnson Controls for \$83,901.

**5) WEED CHEMICALS- NOXIOUS WEEDS
FUNDING: NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Item five, weed chemicals for the Noxious Weed Department. It was moved to accept the low bid on item ones and six for Red River Specialties for a total of \$26,061, the low bid on items two, three and four and one-half of item five to Vegetation <anagement for a total of \$26,136, and one-half of item five to UAP Timberland for \$7,872 for a grand total of \$60,069.

Be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the minutes of Board of Bids and contracts.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Norton.”

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, we were briefed on this in the staff meeting, but I think it’s important to talk about the \$83,901 on Johnson Control. That looks like a pretty big change order, but on a huge project like was done there you’re gonna find some things that once you open up closets and open up units and start working on the controls that you just find some things that maybe you need to fix as you go along. I think it’s covered easily by the extra contingency money, but that is a pretty big amount, but it’s a pretty small amount on the large project. I want to be sure the public understood what that was.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. And I wasn’t privy to that discussion, didn’t hear that but this is the project that once it’s completed is gonna produce significant savings and all of our utility bills and even with the extra charge, I think it’s gonna have a payback. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, that point was made to us very clearly, actually even with this amendment were gonna pay for this directly from the savings monthly that we’re gonna realize from it. And it’s one of those very rare occasions where you can see more that a dollar for dollar return immediately on an investment, I mean this one, this one was a great project, they showed us photos of some of these archaic, I don’t know what they were, down there in the bowels of this building, but steam engines and horns and whistles and it was pretty exciting to see some of the new equipment. Plus, on a personal point of view, we’re all gonna be able to regulate individually have some control on what we want to do. They’ve got things on timers, they know when people are in the office, it’s just... it’s a tremendous system and I agree the magnitude was so great, I’m surprised that it came in at only \$83,000 that means somebody really put a pencil to it when they designed the first original estimate.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, what’s the will of the board regarding Board of Bids and Contracts’?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts, make a finding that the surplus property in item 2 is no longer required, and authorize disposition of same.

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, "Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

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- 1. Two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 634-E-1/2 30, 31, 63rd Street South from Buckner to Rock Road. CIP# R-237. District #5.**
- 2. Notice of Public Hearing May 12, 2004 regarding proposed issuance of not to exceed \$200,000,000 aggregate principle amount of single family mortgage revenue bonds in one or more series of Sedgwick County, Kansas and Shawnee County, Kansas.**
- 3. Applications (four) to Kansas Department of Transportation for loans from the Transportation Revolving Fund to finance County road and bridge projects.**
- 4. Plats.**

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

Goshen Christian Center Addition
Hilltop Acres Estates Addition
- 5. Order dated April 28, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of April 28 – May 4, 2004.**

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner McGinn 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, “That concludes the items listed on the agenda, Commissioner McGinn.”

M. OTHER

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a grant opportunity to take care of, some issues that we’ve been working on in Sedgwick County and if Susan Erlenwein would come up and explain that. Can we do that here?”

Chairman Winters said, “You bet and lets keep ourselves clean. We’ll just make a motion to accept....I make a motion that we take an off agenda item to consider a grant opportunity.”

MOTION

Chairman Winters made a motion that we take an off agenda item to consider a grant opportunity.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Susan Erlenwien, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the commissioners and said, “Sedgwick County has seen population increase of over 18 percent from 1990 through 2002 and some of that growth included urban development and flood plains on potentially sensitive groundwater areas. Because of this Sedgwick County should look at developing policies to protect surface and groundwaters from potential contamination, because one potential source of contamination, the storm water runoff from urban developments.

I’ve discussed this issue with numerous members of state agencies and they have concerns about surface water runoff, specifically into sandpits. If you look at a sandpit, the water you see in there is the groundwater and no studies have been done to determine if runoff into the sandpits causes any contamination. So the state would like to work with the county on determining if this is a problem or not. And fortunately the state does have grant money to help the county with research. The county would look at local geology, they would look at permeability of soil, land uses past and current and other issues, and we’d coordinate with the state to come in later and look at monitoring programs to determine once and for all is this a problem.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment has a \$40,000 LEP Target Grant available and I’d recommend that the county apply for that grant to help us with our part of this project. Thank you and I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. A little over a year ago I, along with the Wichita Area Builders and Groundwater Management District Two, took a proactive approach to how should we develop over the equis beds and sensitive ground water areas. And I think from the builders’ prospective, they just want to know what the guidelines are and they want to make sure they do it right, because they were looking at how the growth is going here in Sedgwick County and if we continue to grow, we want to make sure we do it in a proper way that’s going to protect the environment and just protect a lot of our natural resources.

And so we’ve been working on this process for some time, but at times we go in circles because

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we keep coming back to, we don't know exactly what the impact is on open pits, when it comes to storm water drainage, when it comes to recreation, when it comes to people watering their yards and fertilizing and those kinds of things and so I had been visiting with some of our state agencies who sit on this board. It's been really great that our state agencies from Topeka are even coming down to this meeting and sitting in and trying to help us here in Sedgwick County.

I went to Topeka a week or so ago and we visited about this grant opportunity and they thought that it would be very valuable for us to start this process right here in Sedgwick County and so this LEP grant of \$40,000, no match for Sedgwick County, so its coming straight down from the state, is the beginning process to do some monitoring about sand pits and how they perhaps...whether they don't affect or they adversely affect our community. But it could also, it's not just about that, it's about how we do storm water drainage in those areas and that kind of thing, and so this is really gonna help us get this started.

There also was a Senate Bill 364 that was passed that also related to this and so if we can get the start here, they are directed by the legislature to do some of these studies as well. So if this should happen to grow out of this, we want to make sure that information is coming from our area, because we are very unique in the state.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I'm gonna be very supportive of applying for this grant, I've said often, and one of the first things I worked on as a Commissioner was drainage and water problems and storm water runoff on the south side. I said at that time, were gonna continue to have those problems in Sedgwick County. We're awfully flat. It's gonna spread over into other areas. So, this is just another piece of the puzzle when you talk about storm water runoff, potable water, pollution of the Ark River, sandpits, all of those things that kind of tie together. So, I'm glad that we have the opportunity to go after a grant like this and study just one more segment of water problems that we have. Whatever those water problems are, they all really tie together and this will help us move forward some new agendas that maybe will solve some problems we're trying to deal with when it comes to drainage and storm water runoff and those kind of things, so I'll be very supportive. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner McGinn, I compliment you on being very...Gosh, I compliment Commissioner McGinn, on using the

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pronoun 'we'. You know we did this and we did that, but all of us here on this Commission know that it was because of your persistence of going up to Topeka. It was your browbeating that got them to start thinking in the first place that maybe finally giving Sedgwick County some of its fair share money would be an appropriate thing and I choose to believe that it was because of your lobbying efforts that the state is starting to think of maybe possibly considering rules and regulations to protect all of us in the future. So, maybe their visioning, no pun there, is getting clearer because of some of the actions that you take and we're very fortunate to have you on board, maybe because of your educational background or what have you, your knowledge of this subject and your tireless effort, so I thank you for that."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "I have just one more thing."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino. I think part of the key though here was that we have built a very good relationship with these state agencies and they also are seeing a willingness amongst our building and developer group to want to do it right, and I think that says a lot for Sedgwick County and our business folks that are here. And the other thing I just want to make sure it's clear, is we don't know what the affects are so we're not going out..."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Right, it's not a witch hunt, that's right."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Because we are anticipating that there's going to be problems, but we need to know, and that's why we are doing this. And I think our goal is, as we continue to move upstream, to maybe in Sedgwick County, were actually doing some master planning in watersheds and as our development continues and so we don't wait until we get clear to the top of the watershed and find out we have a problem, we need to find out how to do it before we get there. So, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well, the reason we of course bring this up today is there is a need for speed here to make sure we get into the deadlines, but the Manager has advised that, I mean Legal has not reviewed this, nor has Finance, so I think I hear all the Commissioners saying were very supportive, just need to craft your motion to give them a chance to review it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I have a motion and I think that's very important to include that, but also so that our public knows that there is no match and I think that's very important, I will

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make a motion then.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to authorize chairman to sign application to KDHE for a LEP target grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 to assist the county in developing storm water management policies for urban development activates in the county and especially as related to sensitive groundwater areas, contingent upon the review of finance and legal.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, “Jennifer, does that sound all right to you?”

Ms. Jennifer Magna, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes, to save another further action item, when a contract agreement does come forward, you might want to add to that motion and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents, including the grant agreement.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, okay.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Are you all okay with that?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, sure.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And I will add that wordage.”

Ms. Magna said, “That would be my suggestion.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Second.”

Chairman Winters said, “We have the motion amended to include that language, madam clerk can you get all of ... you got all of that?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Did we have the same making the second, or was that a second?”

Commissioner Norton said, “I will certainly second the amended motion.”

Chairman Winters said, “But the maker and seconder are agreed?”

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Is there any other discussion or comment? Seeing none, 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

Ms. Erlenwien said, "Thank you."

Commissioner McGinn said "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you Susan, thank you Irene. We have concluded all of the items on the agenda plus one now. Is there any other business, community service information that Commissioners would like to share? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I did want to update the community that we had our first meeting for the GWEDC on Monday with all the new partners. Chairman Winters and I sit on that group of 11 and I think we had spirited debate and dialogue and discernment about which directions we're gonna take, as far as economic development is concerned. This has been a work in progress for about a year and half and I personally was pretty excited that when you got the organization and the structure put together and we can start doing the heavy lifting of job creation and job retention and expansion and workforce development in our community, and the good news is all the partners were at the table, everybody was engaged and hopefully we'll take care, custody and control and do good work with the \$6.2 million that was raised through public and private funding. So, the good news, EDC is alive and well and were moving forward on that."

Just a reminder that the Small Cities Association will be meeting Saturday, I think in Sedgwick. Is that correct? And I'm not sure what facilities, the senior?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I think its their...is it their senior or city hall? I didn't look at that. Senior."

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Commissioner Norton said, “Senior center and that’s in Sedgwick and we usually participate that at pretty good levels, so I did want to remind people of that. Several of us will be in Salina, in fact leaving shortly to participate in the Kansas County Commissioners Association meetings.

We have a rigorous agenda that will talk about county government and how we reinvent that, how we change ourselves, how we morph into a product that’s gonna deliver great services, 20, 30 years from now and I think it’s pretty stringent agenda. It’s not as touchy feely, and feel good as it’s been in the past. It’s gonna be down to the nuts and bolts of what counties are gonna look like and how were gonna deliver services in the next 20 years. Hopefully, we’ll come out with some good understandings and debate. I’m really pleased that Commissioner Unruh, Chairman Winters and Commissioner McGinn are all taking on parts of the panels and discussions and moderating those particular items, because that will really add to the flavor of the KCCA meetings. And they’ve taken on some pretty important topics as we move through that.

And the final thing is River Festival starting on Friday, it’s a great event for our community, I would urge people to buy a button, participate in events, enjoy it with your family. It looks like its gonna be great weather for it and it is one of those showcase events that really show off what is so special about Wichita and Sedgwick County and this area, and I would urge people to participate in the River Festival and have a good time and enjoy the weather. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

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

Commissioner McGinn said, “And we are having a Sedgwick County presence at the parade?”

Commissioner Norton said, “We are.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I plan to be there. Well, I’m gonna make the Sedgwick County Association of Cities, early on and then I’m moving on too, for my first time to do the River Run, and I understand sometimes it takes two minutes before you even cross the starting line. No two-mile.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, you’ll make that.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I’m gonna attempt to jog it, we’ll see how it goes, but anyway that’ll be first time, so I’m excited about River Festival and it looks like were gonna have some good weather, going into it. The other think I’d just like to share, is Saturday, I think it was Saturday, yes Saturday at 1:00 at Riverside Park, they had a ribbon cutting, and if you haven’t been through the park. It’s worth the drive through, it’s turned out very nice and one of the themes they had talked about when they did their...they didn’t do a ribbon cutting they turned on

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the fountain actually, they talked about that Riverside Park is everyone's park and they wanted everybody to know that, and it's just a wonderful asset we have in this community, that somebody said, 'We're gonna have a park in the middle of the city and they didn't let that area be developed, and I think about Central Park in New York, how somebody at one time said we are not going to develop this area, and so I'm sure there's been pressures over the years to do that, so here in Wichita, Kansas we have a very nice park in the center of our city too. Anyway, nice event, try to get out and drive through that area.

And then on Sunday I had an opportunity to get out to the Kansas Sampler in Newton, Kansas and I was just very impressed with that event as well. This is my first time to go to a Kansas Sampler and they had the folks in Newton had this thing down pat, you parked your car, you hopped on a school bus, you didn't have to wait long, they took you right over and as I was on the bus I was listening to some other people who had been to every event in other parts of the state and they said that this was very well run and they were very impressed with how that was going. And I guess what they're doing, this started in Inman, Kansas, but now they're moving it around the state. And so Newton will have this again next year. They have it for two years before they rotate it again, but anyway they did a great job and that was a great event to go to and what's so wonderful it had everybody in the state of Kansas could showcase their community and they had it divided out whether your southeast Kansas, south central, northwest and you can go into all those different things and people were selling their communities, lots of good food and other things as well, and music and that kind of thing, so glad I had the opportunity to go out there. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, any other comments? All right, we're adjourned, thank you all very much."

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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