

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 27, 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, October 27, 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; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Department; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director COMCARE; Mr. Darryl Fox, Director, Animal Control; Ms. Pam Martin, Director Clinical Services, Health Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Cadet Colonel Harrigan, JROTC program.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Bob Hartman of Sharon Baptist Church, Wichita

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, October 13, 2004

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2004.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners you've had an opportunity to review those minutes. What's the will of the board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of October 13, 2004.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 17 – 23, 2004 AS "WICHITA JROTC LEADERSHIP WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have one proclamation this morning. I'd like to read it for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, JROTC was officially implemented in American high schools in 1916, began in Kansas in 1917 and in Wichita in 1994; and

WHEREAS, cadet Leadership Programs were started in selected middle schools in 1997 making Wichita a leader in the Nation in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the JROTC and Leadership Programs are recognized in Wichita for building citizenship and good character in our youth; and

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WHEREAS, there are now more than 2,300 Wichita youth participating as cadets in seventeen of our public schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 17 – 23, 2004 as

“Wichita JROTC Leadership Week”

in recognition of these fine young men and women who are becoming better leaders and citizens for the future through their involvement in the JROTC and Leadership programs.

Dated October 27, 2004.

Commissioners, that is the proclamation. What is the will of the 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.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And we have with us this morning Cadet Colonel Dunagan, who will accept the proclamation. Welcome to our meeting.”

Cadet Colonel Dunagan said, “On behalf of Colonel Hester, Wichita JROTC, and leadership program, we accept the proclamation.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, can you tell us a little bit about what’s going to happen at the event that’s the event that will take place next week at Century II?”

Cadet Colonel Dunagan said, “We’ll have the 2,800 cadets all in Century II honoring the veterans

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of the past wars of the United States and I hope everybody's there to watch that and enjoy that."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, tell us just a little bit about yourself, what are you about, your educational career and all that?"

Cadet Col. Dunagan said, "I'm Cadet Colonel Dunagan, I'm at Northeast magnet high school, I'm a senior and I hope to go the Air Force Academy at the end of this year."

Chairman Winters said, "How long have you been involved in JROTC?"

Cadet Col. Dunagan said, "This is my seventh year."

Chairman Winters said, "Great, and the event is at Century II is next Wednesday, I believe at 10:00."

Cadet Col. Dunagan said, "Yes sir."

Chairman Winters said, "And that's November 3rd, I guess. And I'd like to encourage anybody that wants to see an amazing group of young people, if you want to stop over at Century II next Wednesday . . . you're right that's the 10th, so it'll be two weeks from next week, so it's November 10th. The first time I attended that it was amazing I mean there are a lot of young people who are engaged in that event and I mean I was just astounded. So, I hope you have a great week honoring leadership and Junior ROTC, JROTC. I think your doing a great program and commend you. Commissioner McGinn, you have a question?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I was just going to reiterate what you said, that that is a fabulous event and I think most of us have participated in that and that I would encourage those out in our community to also participate as well, because I think they'll get a good idea of the leadership in our youth and what's to come in our communities. So, thanks for all you guys have done for stepping up and helping children in our communities."

Cadet Col. Dunagan said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much for being here. Alright Madam Clerk, next item."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

B. CASE NUMBER ZON2004-00047 – ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-

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FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF 37TH STREET NORTH, ¼ MILE WEST OF RIDGE ROAD. DISTRICT #4.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “For this rezoning case the applicant is seeking the change in zoning for this just shy of one acre platted lot on 37th street north. No specific use has been identified for the site at this time.

As you can see from the aerial photo in front of you the tract is located immediately east of the Big Slough North. The property further west is developed with large lot suburban residences that are zoned SF-20. Property to the northwest is being developed as SF-5 zoned development. The property to the north and northeast is currently zoned LC and is located within the Northridge CUP, although that property remains vacant at this time. And the property to the east and south is part of the Ridge Center CUP, and the abutting property is vacant, but there are portions of that CUP where there’s an office building and then a daycare center that have already been built and there are other retail buildings now under construction.

This item was heard by the MAPC at it’s meeting on September 23rd. They voted unanimously to approve it subject to the recommended conditions of a protective overlay that protective overlay is consistent with the approved conditions for the CUP abutting the property to the east, which is the Ridge Center CUP. There were no protesters at the meeting and we have not received anything in writing or by phone since. The recommendation is to approve the request subject to platting within one year and the provisions of protective overlay number 147, which are listed in your backup material. And with that I’d be glad to take any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you, John. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. In driving by that area, it appears that the City of Wichita is working on that road right now and reconstructing that bridge in that area.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “That’s possible.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And I think that’s going to be very important, as we continue to increase the density along that area. So, I have not had any calls on this particular item in protest to this, so . . .”

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Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "John, is that a borrow pit or detention pond or something south of that, it looks like water?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "It's a sandpit. And you've just recently on the, just to the southeast of this along Ridge road you've had two rezoning requests on that sandpit property at your meeting last week. So, it's an area where there is some development activity occurring."

Commissioner Norton said, "And what is due west of the sandpit area that's all south of that piece of property. Is that part of the sandpit property?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "You're talking about this area in here?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Yeah, that's all part of the sandpit property. That's all under the same conditional use."

Commissioner Norton said, "Does it go all the way north to 37th street, that sandpit property?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Yeah, I think it does. I think this is all single ownership up to 37th street."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I was just going to answer that a little bit, as far as you want to go back to the picture John, the aerial? On the east side, what we're seeing is light commercial and then on the other side, to the west what were starting to see, they're cleaning that area out and you're going to start seeing some residential in that little peninsula area."

Commissioner Norton said, "So, it's dug out, it's filled up. The sandpit project's about done?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Yeah, the only purpose of what their doing right now is for residential development."

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Chairman Winters said, “And John, were you done?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Yeah.”

Chairman Winters said, “From staff’s perspective, even if there is going to be high density residential across the road, whatever goes on west of this property, this is still going to be compatible with what’s happening in that area?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Yeah, the request for the LC zoning is compatible. As you can see from this the properties immediately to the north across 37th and to the east are already zoned LC.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, very good. This is not an official public hearing but is there anyone from the general public who would like to speak to the Commission about this? Is there anyone from the public who would like to speak? All right, seeing on one here in our meeting room that wants to speak and in light of the action we did last week of getting property around this sandpit ready to go for some development, Commissioners, I think this is pretty straight forward. Commissioner McGinn.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the zone change subject to platting within one year with the recommended platting conditions and the provisions of Protective Overlay #147; adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; direct staff to prepare an appropriate resolution after the plat has been approved, and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye

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Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, John. Thanks Terry, for being here. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

C. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY OF WICHITA FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE REGIONAL VISIONEERING WICHITA INITIATIVE.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Some time ago, we had discussions regarding our participation and partnership in the visioneering process. At that point we had an informal agreement of our participation. What this agenda item does is formalize what we have promised and what we said we would do and that's enter into a contract with the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Wichita to sponsor the regional visioneering initiative to the tune of \$75,000. You remember also, that we have scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 1:00, where USD 259 and City of Wichita Board . . . City Council, and you will hear from Henry Luke the draft version of the visioneering plan. And that will be the document that will be put forward and we can start then putting some strategies and tactics around those visions. So it would be my recommendation, Commissioners, that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you Bill. Commissioners are there questions or comments about this contract on visioneering? Anybody want to make a comment about visioneering?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yes, I will."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I just want to say that the involvement that we have had in it as Commissioners and our staff not only part of the steering committee, but in the on going activities of visioneering, I think that we've seen how important this has been to our community. I mean, there's been incredible amount of involvement of citizens, and I don't

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know all the numbers off the top of my head but a lot of people have been involved. They've come early in the morning and they've come late at night and people are interested in our community and willing to give input. So I'm glad that Sedgwick County's got a very large and active part in the whole visioning process.

Harvey Sorenson's done a good job as Chair and Henry Luke is pretty amazing in his ability to control a meeting and get people thinking and get people speaking. So, it's been positive and productive and looking forward to the end product, but I think it's been very wise for us to be involved in this."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, and we would make a comment that this is the period now of time when the draft vision is completed and this is in the process of the time of presentations to the community. So, if you are watching out there and you have a group, an organization, a church, a neighborhood association or any other kind of folks that you would like to get together, if you would contact Susie Alstrand at the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce and request a presentation be made to your group, she will follow through with getting someone to come to your group to make a presentation about the draft recommendations that are now in circulation. So we would encourage any of you to take advantage of that. Alright Commissioners is there a motion to approve the agreement?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh 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 Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

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

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

D. CONTRACT WITH STATE OF KANSAS, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND

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REHABILITATION SERVICES, ESTABLISHING COMCARE AS A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is renewal of a contract that we have with SRS that does a number of things. It establishes COMCARE as a participating community health center and the local mental health authority for Sedgwick County. It spells out service requirements that we have under the contract and the performance measures that go along with those services that we provide, including a large section on data reporting. And then it provides many single-space pages of terms and conditions for the receipt of this money and consequences if we don’t perform as we should.

The contract is for \$4,526,541. That’s for a nine month period of time, because you might remember I was here a couple of months ago, saying we were having some trouble coming to an agreement with the State on the contracting so they extended fiscal year 2004. So, this contract is for the remainder of this year going from October through the end of June. So, despite the fact this is \$4.5 million, the total 2005 budget that we get from the State is a little over \$6 million. We’re recommending that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Marilyn. Commissioners are there questions or comments of Marilyn?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent

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Chairman Winters

Aye

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

E. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GARDEN PLAIN, KANSAS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.

Mr. Darryl Fox, Director, Animal Control, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We used to have an agreement with Garden Plain for the last several years where we would go into Garden Plain and patrol their area and pick up nuisance animals of this sort. We no longer are able to go into Garden Plain anymore, because their Council voted that we no longer have that right. They have their own regulations now, because of a cat problem that they had. So the only thing we can do now is go in and pick up animals after they've confined them. So, I'm asking the Board this morning to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the new agreement with Garden Plain."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Is this similar to some other cities what they've gone to?"

Mr. Fox said, "Oh yes, Viola, this is a part-time agreement, where as the only time we allowed in their city, we can no longer set traps or take traps. When they confine the animal we are able to go and pick it up, just like in Haysville."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Sure, sure."

Chairman Winters said, "And just for anyone that would be watching, we're doing this at Garden Plain's request. This was not our request, we'll provide the service under our standard contract where we'll go in and provide everything. But we couldn't be writing different rules for every city, so you either opt-in or you opt-out. And the City Council in Garden Plain has decided that they will do their own work on animal control inside the City limits of Garden Plain, and then we'll assist them after they have confined a nuisance animal."

Mr. Fox said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, very good."

MOTION

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Chairman Winters moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

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

F. DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS – HEALTH DEPT.

1. AGREEMENT WITH TABOR COLLEGE NURSING DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A CLINICAL ROTATION SITE FOR NURSING STUDENTS.

Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County Health Department has furnished a clinical rotation site for nursing students from various colleges. This participation at the Health Department allows the students to observe nurses, patients and to learn procedures at a public health clinic. This agreement would be the first with Tabor College Department of Nursing. We would like to extend this opportunity to Tabor College Nursing students. Our recommended action is to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right Pam, Commissioners are there other questions or comments. We do this with other nursing institutions don’t we?”

Ms. Martin said, “Yes, this has been done with a lot of the Universities.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay. Commissioners, any other questions or comments? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS, INC. FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE DATA COORDINATION FOR THE KANSAS INFERTILITY PREVENTION PROJECT.

Ms. Martin said, "The Kansas Infertility Prevention Project is a part of a national initiative sponsored by CDC to reduce the long term effects caused by Chlamydia infections, primarily infertility. The Kansas Infertility Prevention Project is comprised of representatives from the Family Planning, STD, and Laboratory programs within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Development Systems Incorporated has contracted with the Sedgwick County Health Department to provide data for the Kansas Infertility Project since 1990. Our recommended action is to approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you Pam. Commissioners are there questions or comments about this project? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement and authorize 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 Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

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

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2004.

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the minutes of the October 21st meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and there are three items for your consideration.

**1) SYSTEMS FURNITURE – FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMETN PROJECT**

Item one is systems furniture for the Facility Project Services. It was moved to accept the quote of John A. Marshall for \$36,981.04. That is off a state contract.

**2) 3RD FLOOR MUNGER BUILDING REMODEL – FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING : CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item two is the 3rd floor Munger building remodel facility Project Services. It was moved to accept the low bid of C. Smith and Company for \$31,289.

**3) PASSENGER TRANSIT VAN – FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Item three, passenger transit van for Fleet Management. It was moved to accept the low bid, meeting specifications including the manuals, with Mid America Coach for \$34,914.

I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the minutes of Board of Bids and Contracts.

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Chairman Winters said, “All right, Commissioners, any questions? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Resolutions (three) authorizing destruction of records.

- Finance Accounts Payable, 1999 – 2000
- Purchasing, 1975 – 1998
- County Treasurer Motor Vehicle, fiscal year 2000 and previous

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- 2. Order dated October 20, 2004 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 3. Payroll Check Register of October 22, 2004.**
- 4. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of October 20 – 26, 2004.**

Mr. Buchanan said, “You have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it please.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “That concludes the regular business of our meeting. I’m going to recess the meeting of the regular meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners.

The Regular Meeting was recessed into the Fire District Meeting at 9:32 a.m and returned from recess at 9:35 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “I’ll call back to order the regular meeting of October 27, 2004. Commissioners, is there any community activity or news that you’d like to share? Commissioner Unruh.”

I. OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, “I’d just like to say that yesterday I got to stand in for Commissioner Norton at the Towne West Education Resource Center, which is a corporative agreement between Simon Properties, Simon Youth Foundation and 259. And Communities in

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Schools was very instrumental helping bring this about.

This is our second location in our city and it's an opportunity for those who have dropped out of school and see the value of a high school diploma and want to come back and finish their diploma. It's not a GED, it's a full high school diploma and it was really kind of an inspiring type event because you saw a bunch of kids there who said I need my degree, I want to be a contributing member of our community and a lot of folks who were participating and making this happen, and it was an exciting time.

They've got over a 100 kids there and 100 kids at the Towne East center and Simon Properties has 21 of these locations across the United States so they have a commitment to helping bring this about. It's interesting that most of those kids are probably 17 to 19, but one of the folks who spoke coming back to get his high school degree is 40 years old and he's really had a reasonably successful work life, but it had come to light through his Human Resource department at the company he works with that 'Hey, you don't have a high school degree and your supposed to have one to be in the position'. So, they're working out with him and he's going back, but it's really a valuable asset to our community. And Commissioner Norton, I'm glad you were gone and I had the opportunity to be there.

And then, second item, I had the opportunity to speak to the Southeast Optimist Club this noon and were going to talk to them, you can't guess, about the arena, so looking forward that."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I wanted to echo what Dave was saying about the resource centers. I happened to be part of the opening of the Towne East Resource Center years ago and it has been very successful and it certainly offers great alternatives to young people, that for whatever reason just didn't make it to well in the mainstream type of atmosphere, had dropped out, gone into the workforce and needed a way to finish their degree and not particularly a GED, but a real diploma and this has offered that to them.

It's surprising to hear the numbers. I knew they had 100 at the east center, but I didn't know they were already ramped up to have 100 at the west center. That's a lot of people getting back into the system. The really good thing about this it's kind of a drop in system. You work at your own pace, a lot of it's computer aided completion and people can go at their own pace.

If they're working a full time job and can only do it certain hours a day they can drop in and be instructed and take the tests, if they can go full time they can go a lot faster, it's a pretty neat program. And the locations are wonderful for people that you know need work and can work in an area and can drop in and do their schooling all at the same time.

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The second thing I've got, I was in Topeka yesterday working with several other agencies of the State: Register of Deeds, Clerks, Treasurers, Sheriffs other affiliates, on some things were doing at the KAC to make it better. We had some great dialogue.

We spent a day hammering out some issues that we think are contentious and keep us from doing the best work of government and I'm proud to say that we came to some pretty good conclusions. That everybody played fair, they played nice they brought the best intellectual capital to the table. We agreed to disagree on some issues, but at the end of the day I think we did good government for the State of Kansas and for the 105 counties around the state. So, I did want to report on that a little bit. That's all I've got."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, I just wanted to share with my colleagues and the citizens that the YMCA case brought about this new approach to planning which is watershed approach to planning.

And yesterday the task force that I chair right now has to do with the development around the pits, sandpits and that kind of thing, and storm water runoff and so we updated. We're going to be looking at some specific areas and it's folding in beautifully into what John Schlegel is going to lead, and is this watershed approach to planning.

Also, another thing that were tying into is there's a senate bill that has required the Division of Water Resources to get some information about the storm water drainage and that type of thing. So, just to let you know something that we started, or I've been apart of over a year ago, is now folding into this whole watershed approach to planning. And so just I know a lot of people out there that are interested in this and just wanted to let them know it's moving forward."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much. Well, the only comment I would have is this is the election season and this is what democracy is all about. Next Tuesday, November the 2nd, is election day. There are many very important issues from our National level, State level and even local issues on the ballot this year, and I would encourage everyone your right to exercise your right to participate in our democracy, and next Tuesday I would encourage you all to vote.

Commissioners, is there anything else? Mr. Euson, we do not need an executive session today. Do you have anything else Mr. Euson, Mr. Buchanan? All right, this meeting of October 27th is 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 9:41 a.m.

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

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
Third District

DAVID M. UNRUH, Chair Pro Tem

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First District

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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