

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 18, 2005**

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 18, 2005 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Lucy Burtnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service. Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Marilyn Cook, ComCare; Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories; Mr. Ron Paschal, Chief Attorney, Juvenile Division; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Ms. Terry Cassady, City Manager's Office  
Mr. Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel  
Mr. David MacGillivray, Springsted, Inc., Financial Advisor

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Darryl Fox, Calvary Baptist Church

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, May 4, 2005

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Norton was absent at the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2005.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review those Minutes. What is the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**PROCLAMATION**

**A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 15 – 21, 2005 AS “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, I have a Proclamation for your consideration.”

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical service is a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick County community benefits from a comprehensive “24/7 Sedgwick County Response Team,” which includes Sedgwick County EMS, with the primary focus on the health and safety of ALL Sedgwick County citizens; and

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**WHEREAS**, the members of Sedgwick County EMS engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Sedgwick County EMS is celebrating 30 years of service to the citizens of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2005 as

**“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”**

and encourage the community to recognize 30 years of excellent emergency medical care provided by Sedgwick County EMS to ALL citizens of Sedgwick County.

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, you’ve heard the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Receiving the proclamation is Tom Pollan who is the Director of our EMS and I notice you have several members of your staff here with you this morning.”

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**Mr. Tom Pollan**, Director, Emergency Medical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do sir. I appreciate and accept this award simply for all of those who provide and I want to emphasize the word ‘team.’ As we watch team sports on TV, or we participate in team sports, we understand that whether you are the point guard or you are the center, you have a responsibility and you have a responsibility to work when you don’t have the ball as well as when you have the ball, or you work on defense. We have an excellent team here and it is made up of dispatchers, fire first responders, or paramedics, transport services that we provide. Also, behind that comes the emergency room, comes the trauma centers, comes the hospital and the rehabilitation of patients. That is what gets people back to work, back in our community, back to as normal life as they possibly have. Without this system and everybody doing their part, whether they are on the bench coaching or in the game, it would not work as well as it does. It is excellent. Those folks are on the front, but I want you also to turn around and say thanks to yourself, because without your support, financially and managerially, it would not be possible either. We are all in this together. I believe that we produce an excellent team. We got some things to work on and we’re working on them. We will produce even better services in the future. I appreciate you honoring us with this proclamation and it is for those who are out on the frontline, meeting our citizen’s everyday. Thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well Tom, I just want to say we are very proud of our EMS service and the service you provide our community and we continually hear reports and any little comments of the great service that you offer and how much it is appreciated by our citizens. So, congratulations on 30 years and I want all the members of your team to know how much we respect what they do. Tom, before you get away, I’m always kind of interested in numbers and statistics. How many calls do you all respond to in a year’s time?”

**Mr. Pollan** said, “This year we are on target to do about 43,000 calls. That’s up significantly from last year, but we did a little under 42,000 last year. So, we are seeing about a 7, almost 8% increase in our calls this year. We are seeing an increase. Some of that’s due to the aging population and some of that is due to people simply having trust that if they call and need services, they will get it and will get it on a timely basis.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “About 120 calls a day or thereabouts. So you are busy busy busy. Well, we appreciate your work. We have another comment. Commissioner Norton.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “It will be short. As much as we hear the anecdote of good things over and over and over, it is interesting to me that I’ve been a commissioner for over four years and in the one area that I don’t get complaints on is EMS. I don’t know that I’ve taken one complaint call in four years. You are talking 40,000 plus events and times you could have, less than desirable service or outcomes and for myself as a commissioner and to hear virtually nothing from the.....based on how many times you’ve done your job, I think that is pretty amazing. We certainly hear some good. Probably not as many people that are happy will take the time to call us, but I think it is amazing that with that many incidents, I get no complaints at all. So, once again, awesome job.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Just to sort of echo what Tim is saying, people are usually very slow to compliment and very quick to complain. But I will say that the calls I get are more complimentary calls on EMS than any other department. Certainly we get complimentary calls on all the departments, but EMS proportionally seems that we receive more ‘thank you very much, let me share with you what happened’ and they kind of reiterated what have you. But zero complaint calls in the time that I’ve been on this commission also. Your people are to be complimented on the hard work, providing these very needed public safety service.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you very much. I again, just want to echo what the other commissioners have said. I think you are all doing an excellent job, but I was wondering if you could introduce the other members of your team that are in the meeting room this morning?”

**Mr. Pollan** said, “There is several members of the team. Let me start with the new addition that we have this last year, Dr. Young who is our Medical Director, she is here. I would also introduce the Deputy Fire Chief, Mike Rudd, he is here. We got Dave Poland, he basically does our service and maintenance work and keeps our supplies flowing. Major Bill Auchterlonie, he is in charge of training and quality assurance for our organization. Captain Mike Owen, training and quality assurance, Major Greg Schuessler, he is with our scort services; he keeps our vehicles and all of our supplies ordered and keeps us in it, because if we don’t have them, we can’t provide them to the community. Then we have one of our new employees, Paul Gibson. He works with Dave and Gregg in keeping our services going. Captain Dalene Deck, who is our one of quality assurance personnel. I’m sorry, Jon Friesen, is not really with EMS anymore. He is with the EMSS, but he is the training coordinator for the EMSS. The other person that’s really involved and over there shaking his head, Bob Lamkey, Director of Public Safety as well.”

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you very much and congratulations on a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we appreciate what you do for our county."

**Mr. Pollan** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE CITY OF WICHITA HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLAN PREPARED FOR ANNEXATION NO. 99-19, KELLOGG AND 143<sup>RD</sup> STREET EAST.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Mr. Parnacott, before you get started I have one comment here from Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Commissioners, I'm going to have to excuse myself voting on this item. I live in the area that is in question and I took a very active role in making comments at the public hearing when the city was considering annexation and I just don't feel comfortable in voting on this. I don't think I could vote with a total unbiased mind as we are suppose to. So, I'm going to remove myself from the bench and I'll return after this item is over."

**Mr. Robert Parnacott**, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a map up on the screen that shows the area involved."

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

"It is a fairly large area that was annexed back in 1999. Both south and north of Kellogg and then running from 143<sup>rd</sup>, a little bit west of 143<sup>rd</sup> all the way over to the county line. The purposes of this hearing is to follow-up on an annexation service plan that the city prepared five years ago that indicated what services they were going to provide to the area. That list of services is set out in a schedule that's on page 37 of your backup. As per the State Statue, we provided notice to all the landowner's in the area and gave them an opportunity to either call in or write in with comments and also they have an opportunity to come in and speak today at the public hearing if they so wish. So we did receive a number of comments, probably not really more than we usually receive. A number was probably higher just because this was twice the size of any previous annexation we did, had to look at, I believe. The bulk of the comments were streetlights, which really isn't relevant to what your decision is today because what you're called upon to do is to determine if the city has provided the services that they said they were going to provide as set out in the service plan.

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As far as streetlights were going, they did not commit to providing streetlights unless requested. What we received in terms of the streetlight comments were principally people who were wanting to look into maybe getting streetlights put into their neighborhood. The city has prepared a report that I distributed this morning that has indicated how they responded to those persons that called in, both on that issue and some other issues. Did get some street maintenance complaints, but again, given the size of the area involved, the number of complaints and the category complaints, really doesn't indicate any kind of severe problem providing services. I think there was just some isolated streets that people were unhappy with. A couple of the areas actually turned out to be within county control and responsibility. There was some complaints about ditch and culvert cleaning. Again, the city's response that they will get into more in the public hearing probably, is that they respond in a as needed or as complaint basis.

So, that pretty much sums up the real issues. At this point I would recommend you open the public hearing, receive any public comments from any of the landowner's that want to speak, hear what the city wants to say or answer any questions. At that point you can close the public hearing and make the necessary finding based on the evidence you receive."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Before we open the public hearing, Commissioners is there any comments directly to Mr. Parnacott? Seeing none, I will open the public hearing at this time. We are open to accept public comment from landowners, homeowners, interested parties from the area. Is there anyone who wishes to speak? Last chance. Well at this time, let me ask Terry Cassady to speak for the City of Wichita."

**Ms. Terry Cassady**, City Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The city does believe that it is in compliance with the requirements of the service plan as set out in the service plan and also that the report that Mr. Parnacott has provided to you in advance of the meeting. We would like that entered into permanent public record of this hearing. Also, I have a number of representatives of various service delivery departments with me today. Any one of them would be happy to respond to specific questions that you might have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Terry. Questions? Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Terry we did have here a sheet of the responses and comments received and it appears to be like twelve people that you all have responded to. Your organization is the one that did respond, right?"

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**Ms. Cassady** said, "Yes, that is correct. The way this works is Mr. Parnacott receives the citizen inquiries question complaints and I route those to the appropriate staff member for their response and for follow-up with the citizens. So, I can assure you that the citizens that have asked questions, have lodge complaints, any of those sorts of things, we have had personal contact with those individuals. I know that Larry Henry has gone out and visited a number of areas where people have called and say 'Hey, I've got this situation,' and he has gone out and met with them personally and to resolve the issue. It was very ironic that there was the number of calls on streetlights. That is highly unusual. Streetlights are an easy thing for us. If people want them, we put them in. If they don't, we don't. It looks to me like it is pretty much a situation in these particular neighborhoods of the property owners coming to some agreement about whether or not they want streetlights. If they do we are certainly happy to start that process for them."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Yea, you probably have the easier part. The harder part is the homeowner's associations or the neighborhood coming to some kind of conclusion. We are having a bit of that discussion in my neighborhood."

**Ms. Cassady** said, "Yea. That is absolutely rights, Mr. Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well I'm pleased that we have this response. This doesn't indicate that everybody is extremely happy, but I think it indicates that each one of these citizen's have at least been addressed. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well I would agree. If we are not receiving comment this morning from the public and I haven't received any from the area that is in my district one way or the other. Commissioners, are there any other questions for the City of Wichita. Okay. I will close the public hearing and ask Commissioners if there are any more comment or questions of Mr. Parnacott, or how you would desire to proceed. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just a quick comment. I'll be supportive of this having seen no citizens show up to address us today, with any emotional issues or any problems that haven't been resolved. I continue to worry about annexations as we look around the county and make sure that annexations are done prudently and with the idea of services when needed will be provided for those individuals."

One of the problems we continue to have, not only with Wichita, but in the small cities, is that areas get annexed and the taxpayer doesn't see any additional value to paying the extra taxes. I think it is very important that all of us continue to watch annexations and make sure that we due diligence to make sure these provisions are made to supply the extra services when needed and when appropriate.



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Sometimes the citizens don't particularly want those extra services like streetlights, they kind of argue over it, but when it is time to do that, increase police protection or to pave the street or whatever, we need to make sure you taxpayers, brought into the city limits of any of the cities get the value that they expected. I think they are getting that here it looks like. I think that is the reason why we occasionally have that debate about annexation and don't take my property and I don't want to be in a city limit because I don't think many taxpayers don't see the extra value of being part of the bigger picture. Just a comment"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you. Well, the only comments I have received indirectly are primarily relative to streetlights and if they ask, you'll deliver. That seems like that issue is very well resolved. Commissioners, any other comment, or what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to make a finding that the City of Wichita extended services provided for the service plan, the properties annexed as described.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Absent at vote
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you. Thank you all for coming. Appreciate the city staff coming over to support the issue. No hard questions, but thank you for being here. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**C. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).**

- 1. CASE NUMBER DR2003-016 – AMENDMENTS TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. ALL DISTRICTS.**

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**Mr. John Schlegel**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present to you amendments that the Metropolitan Area Planning Commissioner (MAPC) has adopted to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. You recall, many of you, the last major update to this comprehensive plan was done back in years 2000, 2001, with adoption by this Board and by the City Council in January of 2002. These amendments before you today came about as a result of our efforts at revising a long- range transportation plan. For that effort we had to revise the population and employment projections that we do on a periodic basis. We thought it would be a good idea to go back and review some aspects of the comprehensive plan in light of the new projections that we were doing. The major changes are reflected in these amendments.

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

First of all, this map, which is the Wichita Land Use Guide from 2002 and what the planning commission is recommending is a new 2030 Wichita Functional Land Use Guide which is what is up on the screen before you now. What this does is expands Wichita's urban growth area to reflect their current thinking and planning for the extension of their municipal services beyond their current boundaries. It introduces a new land use category which is shown in kind of the orange color, in the urban growth area for Wichita which is called the urban development mix. What this does is it eliminates the perception that new growth areas are all low density residential which is what was shown....if you go back to the previous one, it was all primarily shown as low density residential and it created the idea in many peoples mind that's what was going to occur, but as you know much of this new growth is a real mix of different types of land uses, at different intensity of use. So we wanted to have that reflected in the new comprehensive plan. It also allows for a more flexible interpretation of the land use guide as we review zoning cases that come before you and the city council. It acknowledges the fact that most of the development in these areas is market driven rather than being plan driven.

We've also shown on this new Wichita Functional Land Use Guide all the neighborhood plans which have been done within the City of Wichita. Just to keep people that refer to this map informed about these more detail plans for specific areas within the City of Wichita. The second major change that is reflected in these amendments is to this Sedgwick County Development Guide from the existing plan. And as you know, you have been following this very closely, the small city growth areas are not well defined on this map. As I've already stated Wichita's growth area does not reflect their current thinking on how they want to extend municipal services in the future. So, after much effort, I think you've all been following very closely, we have come up with this Wichita and small cities 2030 urban growth areas.

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In this one you can see the new expanded growth boundary for both Wichita and many of the small cities and in this particular map all of the individual cities are shown with their own individual urban growth areas. Now I must say that this map does not reflect an agreement with everyone of those cities with the growth boundaries that are shown on that map. I think we have made a good effort and I'll describe a little bit more in detail in a minute. Some of that effort that went into putting this map together, but we were not able to achieve 100% consensus on this. There is still some cities that disagree with what is reflected on this map.

Now in addition to the maps, we've proposed some changes in the strategies and objectives of the comprehensive plan to encourage regional collaborated approaches to some of the big regional issues that we as a metropolitan area are facing namely long term municipal water supply, flood plain management and economic development. And as you know our efforts in amending the comprehensive plan ran parallel with the Visioneering Wichita. We tried, as much as we were able to keep the recommendations that are reflected in these amendments consistent with the recommendations that came out of Visioneering Wichita. I think they are in the area of the infrastructure and economic development. Both efforts reflect a new thinking within our region that these types of efforts require more regional collaborated approach. As I mentioned, we did quite a bit of public and community feedback, outreach efforts throughout 2004. The MAPD staff meet with all of the cities in Sedgwick County to discuss with them their plans for their growth and their future and we made our best effort to try to reflect those growth plans on the map that is before you now. We also held three planning summits and many of you was very much involved in those planning summits and you know what we were trying to do and having the cities work out their growth boundaries with their neighbors. Since the planning summits, we've continued to meet periodically with the Sedgwick County Association of Cities in order to keep them informed about the progress we were making and developing this new urban growth area map. Remember more recently in the current calendar year we held a number of public information meetings and public hearings in order to allow interested parties, the individual cities, whomever was interested to make comment on these proposed amendments. So with that the planning commission has adopted these plan amendments and our recommendation to you is to follow the adoption by the planning commission of these amendments and adopt them. I'll be glad to take any questions.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you John. We do have some questions. Commissioner Burtnett."

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**Commissioner Burtnett** said, "It is really not a question, it is more of a comment. Even though I haven't been on the Commission that long I've been to quite a few of the meetings and seen how you had to deal with the different cities and I think you have done a great job. I think communication is the biggest positive thing that has come out of this. I appreciate all the background material that you've given us. I just want to say thank you for working so hard and I think this is going to be a continuing effort to work with the small cities and try to get everything straightened out. Thank you very much."

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "You're welcome."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "John, I also want to compliment you on the hard work trying to get twenty cities to work together is an impossible task, but you keep trying. I think, unfortunately it is important for the public to know that while we may adopt a comprehensive plan, might adopt the amendments to it, this is just a guideline and there is no real teeth in this that we can't force a city to do what is being recommended. Although, with our professional planners and what have you, we are saying this is the most logical direction we should go in the next number of years we have there.

But that we have no real remedy should an individual city just decide to kind of turn their nose up to the plans and say 'we'll do whatever we want to do,' and I think that it's important. Because occasionally I've gotten a couple calls in, well they aren't complying with the comprehensive plan and I have to say, 'I'm sorry, we have no remedy to force them,' and we don't know if we have the right to, but right now we have no control over that. I just thought it was interesting and important to mention that."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "John is there anything we can do to help facilitate some of these issues between cities. I know we've done, Chairman Unruh, tried to start that the first year he was here, but I think we have a continuing role of trying to work with the small cities and Wichita and among themselves to facilitate what is good planning. Is there things we can do to help reciprocate that?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Well just continue to be supportive in the way that you have been in the past in trying to get the cities to work together. Encourage them also as you've been doing to do good planning for these areas. As they plan to annex an area that they plan for the extension of their services into those areas. I couldn't ask for more. You've been very supportive throughout this.

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, we know in some cases, the horse is already out of the barn. I

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mean there isn't anything we can do to go back and fix some of the boundaries that have been set, but there is still a lot of future ahead of us when it comes to annexations and growth areas and service provision and boundaries. I want to be sure that you know that we're very ready and capable of helping with that facilitation if needed. Please call on us."

**Chairman Unruh said**, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters said**, "John, talking about the processes here for a moment, is this then the final amendments, or the updating of the plan that will suffice for the next four or five years or is there still more to do?"

**Mr. Schlegel said**, "No. These are the amendments we are proposing at this time. Next major update will occur, we don't have a definite time schedule for that, but probably in the next three to four years we'll go back and do a major update."

**Commissioner Winters said**, "Then how does this coordinate to....I know there are federal regulations concerning the transportation plan that we have to make sure that we're planning.....that's a separate process then this plan, is that correct?"

**Mr. Schlegel said**, "That is correct. Right. We are going through that long- range transportation plan, update process, that's required that we do that every five years. We're slightly behind schedule on that, but we will have that done by August and be caught up at that time."

**Commissioner Winters said**, "So we will be talking about another comprehensive plan in effect, but it will have to do with transportation issues and how we move out into the future coordinating with federal government, state government and hopefully local governments."

**Mr. Schlegel said**, "That's correct."

**Commissioner Winters said**, "Thank you very much. That's all I have Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Unruh said**, " Well John, I would just like to echo much of what's been said. I appreciate your efforts and trying to bring some analysis and cohesive solution to this whole issue of boundaries in Sedgwick County and I don't envy your job of having to try and get this kind of competing elements to agree. But I appreciate your effort and I think that the planning summits we had were helpful, although they probably not definitive and we actually have a meeting tonight that helps in this whole process of good relationships. We have a leadership night with all the mayors of the communities in Sedgwick County and you know being able to communicate and building relationships is really a big part of the solution with these types of problems.

It is a great effort and I'm glad you kind of mapped out where we're going, if you don't know

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where you're going you'll end up somewhere else. At least maybe this gets us on the right track. Anyway, good effort Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "These last two maps, we have kind of a black and white version. I assume that as soon as we pass this, we'll eventually be receiving some of these good color renditions of these two maps that will now be in place."

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Yes. Definitely."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "And has the City of Wichita, have they acted on this?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Yes. They acted yesterday on the City Council meeting. They adopted."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay. Thank you. That was the only two things I had."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Well Commissioners, is there any other comment?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the Resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan, as recommended by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commissioner.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**2. CASE NUMBER ZON2005-00003 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE**

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**FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND “RR” RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO “LI” LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH, ONE-FOURTH MILE WEST OF 127<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST. DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “In this particular zoning case you can see where it’s located. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 80 acre parcel in from the corner of 29<sup>th</sup> Street North and 127<sup>th</sup> East.

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

As you can see from that graphic, it is currently, partially zones RR and also SF20. The applicant would like the zoning change to Limited Industrial (LI) for purposes of developing industrial and warehousing uses. It is really extension of zoning, which they have on property immediately to the west of this property. They have prospects for that being developed in the near future and are interested in making this particular parcel available for development. As you can see from the aerial photo surrounding property to the east and to the north is either agricultural use or in large estate type housing. There is a high voltage Westar transmission line that runs along the western edge of this property. To the south you can see that there is inactive residential development in SF20 and that is under active development at this time. Because of that a number of conditions were recommended by staff and also by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) as a protective overlay in order to make this limited industrial area more compatible with that residential development. At the MAPC meeting on Aprils 14<sup>th</sup>, one of the property owners that live there along, you can see the residential properties along 127<sup>th</sup> Street, one of those property owners was present and asked questions about what the intention was for the development of this property. Expressing concerns about traffic impacts on 127<sup>th</sup>, and just generally about the spread of the industrial uses into what they felt was a more residential and agriculture rural area. The MAPC partly in response to that did add in an additional conditions to those that were recommended by the staff. There additional condition was that on the southern 250 feet of this property, that all structures be limited to no more than 45 feet in height. The MAPC voted unanimously to approve the re-zoning request subject of the conditions that are listed in your agenda back-up report as protective overlay #155. That’s the recommendation that is before you now.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you, John. Where will the primary entrance to that be? Will that be off of 29<sup>th</sup>. Are there plans for other .....?”

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “Yes. They didn’t submit a site plan, but I think from the conversations we’ve had with them, there intention is to bring the primary entrances in all of 29<sup>th</sup>.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay. Well this is in my district and I haven’t received any contact from

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citizens, developers or neighbors to that, with protest and it is a nice piece of property. No objection that I've received. Are there any other questions Commissioners? Is there anyone in our chambers that want to speak to this? I don't see anyone. Well, this is in my district, no other discussion, no one to speak to it."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the zone change, subject to platting with in one year and subject to provision of Protective Overlay #155; 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 Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you John. Before we go to the next agenda item, I would like to take an off agenda item please."

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to take an Off-Agenda Item.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**



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Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Next item please.

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your help and assistance in leadership in this process of making sure that the bases in Kansas, particularly McConnell in Sedgwick County did not get on the list. This is a list that no one wants to be on and it assures, at least for the moment that those bases will be secure unless something terribly unexpected happens. You know failure is an orphan and success has a thousand parents and I think you need to take pride in that. You are certainly one of those parents. Sedgwick County was one of the first local government to sign on with the governor and the lieutenant governor in their effort to make sure this occurred. It was because of our efforts, the lieutenant governor and governor got other communities around the state to contribute to this million dollar effort. We are into this project for \$50,000. along with the City of Wichita and the City of Derby contributed \$15,000. and so Sedgwick County community really stepped up to the plate. Andy Schlapp did a yeoman’s work, first of all he was appointed by the governor for a committee for this effort. He is in Topeka now serving on that committee for this mornings meeting and his job, because of your leadership and help, made sure this community stayed focus on the goal and not focused who was going to get credit. So, I want to thank you and Andy for a job well done.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you Mr. Buchanan. Is there any comment for the Manager before he leaves the podium? Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Just a brief comment Commissioners. There was a lot of work done and often times it looked like a duck. On the surface it looked like nothing was happening, but underneath the water those legs were paddling like crazy and I echo your comments about Andy

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Schlapp and a couple of the other people here. They did a lot of the just, day to day, let's make sure all the I's are dotted, the T's are crossed. All the work that went into McConnell Air Force Base being absent from that list and as I understand it, not only was it absent from the list, but the end result is if everything plays out according to the way it was presented here a few days ago, McConnell is going to see an increase in personnel and an increase in some assignments for that base. That was done.....we have always been diligent in making sure that development didn't encroach upon McConnell. Regardless of the fact that development could of occurred here because of the mission that presently McConnell has, it wouldn't bother it. We made sure that we didn't restrict any new missions that base could be used for. I think that played very well in the Pentagon looking at, what can we use for bases, what can't we do and the fact that we have provided a pretty big ring around McConnell that we don't approve development, allow the flexibility of McConnell to be used for many other missions, not only the ones that are being used now. I think the communities, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Derby, Haysville, have been very supportive of the base personnel. That is something else they look at. How are the airmen treated when they come into a base. And we welcome them, we make them feel part of the family. They reciprocate by helping the community and again, I think that is a subjective thing, but I think that played into which bases should be closed, which bases should be shrunk. So the entire community should really pat themselves on the back. It wasn't just the elected officials in Washington, or here or county staff or city staff, that worked on it. It was the entire community that said we appreciate McConnell, we appreciate the men and women at McConnell and we want you to stay."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Well I just would also like to add a comment that this was not just an incidental effort. This is importance of the highest degree to our area. You know I'm just proud of the fact that this area plays a significant part in the security of our nation with a base here. I also been made aware of, you have, the economic impact that McConnell has on our area, approximately six hundred and thirty some million dollars a year. That is a significant economic impact. Beyond that, I'm just proud of the fact that the men and women of McConnell Air Force Base are good citizens. They get involved in all aspects of our society from little league and boy scouts, church activities and school activites. So it is a valuable asset to our community. I'm just proud of our effort to keep it here and proud of the men and women at McConnell that we can keep it in our community. Good effort. Thanks to Andy Schlapp and all the others who worked on this effort. Thank you very much Bill."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to file and receive the Manager's report.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. The next item on our agenda is Item D. I would like to defer this item until later in the meeting until our Finance folks have a chance to open up for some bids and we can act on it appropriately. That being the case, would you please continue with Item E.”

- E. RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 250-2003 OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, WHICH DETERMINED THE ADVISABILITY OF, AND AUTHORIZED THE CREATION OF, A ROAD IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY; MADE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING THERETO; AND AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (PRAIRIE CROSSING ADDITION).**

**Mr. Joe Norton**, Gilmore and Bell, County’s Bond Counsel, greeted the Commissioners and said, “For your consideration this morning is a resolution which would modify one you adopted in 2003 with respect to this Prairie Crossing Addition which is now being replatted into a Prairie Crossing 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition and that’s the reason why we are here today. That area is located south of Central, just east of 167<sup>th</sup> West as depicted upon the map on the screen before you.

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

The reason for the change is this particular area has been replatted into thirteen parcels. There were a lot more of these in this experiment of a pod system at the time the petition was received and

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approved by the commission. Now they have gone back for more traditional lot sizes for this area and 100% of the area owners have requested that the resolution be modified to reflect this particular new plat and that the assessments be spread equally among all property. That is the only change. The estimated cost of the project has not changed from the time you adopted in 2003 which relates to approximately \$17,217. per lot for assessments and 100% of this cost will be assessed against those property owners. Mr. Weber is here to answer any questions that I may not be able to, or I'll try also. But the only change is that they are replatting this particular project. So if there are no questions, we'd recommend you adopt this resolution."

**Chairman Unruh said,** "Okay. Thank you. Commissioners are there any questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Thank you. Next item please.

**F. AGREEMENT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROVIDING SHARING OF PROCEEDS FROM ASSET FORFEITURES SEIZED IN FEDERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS WITH WHICH THE AGENCY ASSISTS**

**Mr. Dave Thompson**, Executive Officer, Sheriff Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The U.S. Department of Justice has a program where all federal law enforcement agencies share any proceeds from asset forfeitures on federal cases. They do require a sharing agreement that last for three years. Ours runs through September, but I got a note that it needed to be submitted by June

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because that's how long it takes to get through the postal service in Washington, D.C. now. We have had one continually since I've been the Executive Officer and I looked up in the last four years we received about \$71,000. in Federal Asset Funds. If there is no questions, I would ask the Board to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Okay. Thank you Dave. Commissioners, any questions?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Thank you. Next item please.

**G. KANSAS COLISEUM.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF KANSAS, INC. FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT KANSAS COLISEUM.**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Waste Management Company has been a sponsor, a marketing partner of ours for the last three years and this is a renewal of that agreement for the next three years. It has been very beneficial to both parties. I would recommend approval."

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Okay. Thank you. Any comments or questions?"

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Burtnett 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

### 2. MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Nath said, "Report today on the operations of the coliseum for the month of April. We had a good month. Had over 81,000 people through the doors. Nineteen events, thirty five individual performances. Our net revenues between the coliseum operations and select-a-seat were in excess of \$263,000. Recurring events; again we had one of the largest dog shows in the country, the Sunflower Cluster. And we had 21,000 people through the doors for that event. The Shrine Circus returned again. A merely 27,000 people for all seven performances of that event. We had the Texas Hold-um Championship. We had over 5,000 people and of course one lucky fellow won a \$10,000. buy into the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. Wichita Aviators, inaugural season, first game had nearly 2,000 people at that event. They play again this Saturday. We had the Park City Blue Grass Festival, nearly 1,300 folks in attendance and these people really have a good time. They camp out and they pick and grin all night long. They just have a wonderful time out there. Motley Crue in concert. One of the 70's largest band has regrouped and they are doing a farewell tour. Did very well. Nearly 6,300 people in attendance for that show. We also had seven Thunder Hockey games. Most of those were play offs. We had nearly 22,000, a little bit over 22,000 people in attendance for those and in the sport zone again and the Aviators had one game and had almost 2,000 people in attendance. Coming up, we got football again this Saturday. We've got the Kansas Arabian Horse Show May 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Aviators are back in action again on the 28<sup>th</sup>. U S Weapons returns for their early summer, night show on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of June. Aviator's are back in action on the 11<sup>th</sup> and we do the Mid America Flea Market on the 12<sup>th</sup>. That is the conclusion of my report for April. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer those at this time."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Well I don’t see any questions John, but it sounds like you had a successful month and I assume you are having success in filling our calendar during this time when we thought we might not be in operation. Is that going well?”

**Mr. Nath** said, “We’ve continued to burn up the phone lines and talk to people. There is some things out there, unfortunately the concert industry is really in a down slope right now. So there isn’t a lot of touring shows. We are looking at a few things to try to get to the end of summer, but right now it is pretty bleak. So it is going to be a pretty quiet summertime. We will really kick it up in the fall, back with the Thunder again and of course basketball starts in November. We have Veggie Tales coming at the end of August, which is another family show. We’ve got something happening.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay. Very good. Any comment, questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file the report..

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Next item please.

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE**

**H. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH SECURITY TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS.**

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**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, ComCare, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is an amendment to our contract with Security Transport to increase the contract cap by \$13,000. The amendment then would make a total contract cap become \$43,200. The increases, we’ve had a number of increases for demand in this service in transporting people safely. We’ve had a number of patients that have required the more secure transportation. We’ve had a slight increase in the number of children that are being transported to the state hospital by this mechanism rather than by their parents. Then I think probably the most profound reason for it is that the Osawatomie State Hospital census has been extremely high for a number of months. Almost eight months now. And now the length of stay is shorter and we are making a number of more trips. We are recommending that you approve this amendment and I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay, Commissioners, any questions. Thank you Marilyn.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the amendment to the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Next item please.

**I. REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.**

- 1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR USE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD FUNDS TO COVER A PORTION OF FORENSIC ANALYSES**



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**COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.**

**Dr. Timothy Rohrig**, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you today you have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County for us to receive some federal grant funds. The Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded the City of Wichita Police Department a grant for the purpose of investigating a series of homicides and assaults that occurred in the 1970’s and 1980’s. These cases have been linked through a variety of evidence. The Wichita Police Department has allocated a portion of these funds to outside agencies participating in the investigation. The Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center is one such agency. The amount of funds have been allocated to the Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center in the amount of \$15,000. These grant funds shall be utilized to cover the cost or at least a portion of the cost of the forensic analysis associated with such investigation. I would like to recommend you approve the MOU and authorize the Chairman to sign. And I stand ready to answer any questions you may have.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay. Thank you Dr. Rohrig. Are there any questions Commissioners?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. Next item please.

- 2. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FOR A PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT.**

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**Dr. Rohrig** said, “This is a request to allow us to submit an on-line grant application to the Federal Government for what is commonly know as Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Laboratory grant. The amount that we are requesting would be \$58,000. There is no match for this grant. It would be utilized to buy scientific equipment for the forensic laboratories. I’d recommend you approve the grant application and allow the Chair or his designee to submit the on-line submission.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the on-line application; accept the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Madam Clerk call the next item please.

**J. ADJUSTMENT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE ONE GRANT-FUNDED TRUANCY DIRECTOR POSITION, B323. .**

**Mr. Ron Paschal**, Chief Attorney, Juvenile Division, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are asking you today to add the grant funded Truancy Director position to the District Attorney staffing

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table. Just a little background. This position has been approved in the budget financial back on November 17<sup>th</sup> of 2004 in the amount of \$57,363. So we are asking for that action.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay. Thank you. We are just kind of doing the detailed work here, second half of this approval.”

**Mr. Paschal** said, “That is correct.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay. Commissioners, any questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the adjustment to the District Attorney Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Next item please.

**K. ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE THREE ANALYST POSITIONS, B429.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have an addenda item for you this morning adding three people to the ERP staffing table. We talked about

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it in the last week or so, this enterprise process improvement.

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

You see the little narrow arrow's, those arrows are where the bottle necks of this process gets clogged up. We identify opportunities to improve and then we can configure ERP system. But when we start to do better business practices, and then move back we have some problems. So, what this proposal before you today is to improve those processes. What will the added capacity do. Well, it will improve HR (Human Resources) and it will improve the finance process and it will build a foundation for our intelligent system. Improve the HR and finance system, we can buy directly from the market. We currently have purchasing contracts and if I need to purchase an item, a larger item, rather than go through the company directly, I go through Purchasing and a purchasing requisition is formulated and purchasing folks do whatever they do and I receive those materials. Under this process, we will have contracts in place and departments, once those contracts are in place using the system can cut out the middle man, if you will and reduce our number of time and materials.....it will take less time to get the material and certainly take us less time in delivering those services. The timely personnel reports; and Jo Templin is here in case there is some detailed questions on this, we have a grievance tracking process. It is important for this organization because of the 2700 employees to know what the trends are in grievance tracking. To know what's occurring, is there a particular department, is there a particular manager that is causing more grievances to occur more than others. That would be important for us to know.

We have an exit interview process, but we don't have a formal way of understanding those results. We don't have a way in which to make sure we can track trends in those results. We can make sure we need the ability to understand that. Sick leave patterns, which departments are.....which work units, or which cost centers, or having more sick time than others. All things that would help us in managing this organization in a more efficient and effective way. You can see off hours, related injuries is certainly one way. Improvements in our payroll, HR and finance is evaluating pay employees based on performances where we are headed and those items we just talked about may help us do that. It will also help us in where the evaluations are in the process. Are certain managers late, or are they consistently behind, what does that message send to employees when evaluations aren't done on time. Public works in a financial process, can track and manage road maintenance, bridge constructions and mowing costs by project and by commission district on-line.

You get some of those reports, but this would eliminate a lot of manual things that are occurring in Public Works Department currently. I think we are all pretty excited about the ability in gaining that information. Eliminate current manual process of record keeping and report of construction. So, it is going to eliminate those systems. Improvements again in HR and finance to improve accuracy and revenue data; we talked a little bit about the revenue data that Chris Chronis receives on a routine and regular basis and this will improve accuracy by systematic writing off fee for

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services that are uncollectible. A big part of our EMS business, a big part of our Health Department, a big part of our ComCare is the fees that we charge and be able to deal with those in a much more business like fashion. Quarterly financial reports will be quick to come. We talked a little bit about dashboards and we did not have an opportunity yesterday, they show you a little video about the importance of dashboards, but just as an example again, for EMS, that every morning we could come in or every morning the manager's of EMS, or Bob Lamkey or myself could examine the call volume, compare that month today, a year today, compared to what was going on last year. What was the response time? Was there a reason why that response time maybe lower for a Tuesday evening rather than a Thursday. Hours each unit spent responding. You can read those kinds of information that can pop up on the dashboard on a routine and regular basis. We can take action if the indicators fall short of our expectations and certainly we can forecast key indicators for the next report period.

In our business intelligence and you know that's a fancy and high tech word for gathering a whole bunch of data and storing it in places you can manipulate it to do the things that you want. We can integrate all department dashboards to allow decision makers to know how well and by whom county services are being provided and how they will be provided. You'll have an opportunity to see that on a routine and regular basis as will our citizens. We can use that information so that we can make timely actions and be responsive to this changing public need. So, Commissioners, with that information, if there are any questions, there are lots of experts in the room and we'll be happy to try and answer any questions. I would recommend that you approve this request for three positions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Commissioners, are there any questions or comments? Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "It's really a general comment and I passed it on to Chairman Unruh, but I would urge all of my fellow Commissioners to read the article in Governing Magazine that talked about ERP Planning and what some of the pitfalls have been in other government agencies around the country, where they have had successes, where they've had failures. I think we should certainly be pretty proud that we continue to charge ahead on enterprise resource planning. But it is a hard system to integrate into a large organization. It can be very expensive and there are some huge pitfalls and we have taken it slowly.

We're trying to understand the business before we take the actions, but just a general comment, I would urge all my fellow commissioners to read that article because it really does set the tone for what we are trying to achieve, but it also describes what some other governments have had to do to make it really efficient and well worth the money in their jurisdictions. Just a general comment."

**Chairman Unruh** said, " Okay. Thank you. Mr. Manager do you want to comment?"

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I would encourage you to read it to because there are clearly some issues brought out about places we were familiar with and places we've learned from. Fortunately, this was an article about how the system doesn't work or the pitfalls or difficulties and our name did not appear in that article. The article that our name will appear will soon to be published, is a magazine, I think it is called Digital World about the success of implementing this system in a government and so we are going to get some well deserved credit for our team that has done a good job. I know it seems cumbersome and difficult and it has been, but we are going at the pace and the appropriate way in which we need to accomplish this and we will do a superb job in making sure you understand and the public understands the value that they are going to get from this system."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. I think that our success has come from this incremental implementation to where we are doing things as we can keep track of them, control them and very determined and a analytical approach to it. So I think that is part of our success. I had one question. As we implement this program, in one of your presentations, one of the things you mentioned was that you can have direct access to purchasing. That doesn't imply that there is some loss of checks and balances in that process."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Absolutely not. Under that system it will only be in place when we have an approved contract with a vendor to provide us services. All that that will do is eliminate several steps going through Purchasing. There will still be the person entering the request, we'll still have to have approval from their supervisor and the payment process will be the same checks and balances. So, we're trying to make this a lot more smooth and trying to empower departments who are making those decisions to get the materials in a timely fashion they need. Our purchasing will still require low bid, open process to go through for those products."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Very good. Another question. All this wealth of information and immediate access to information is that going to be available to Commissioners, or certain way that you got to go through to find that or.....you'll teach me."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "It is so easy you won't even need to be taught."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well that's pretty simple. I'm glad about that. I have another comment. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just one final comment. For so many years that I've been in government I continue to hear people say, 'why don't you run this like a business?' There are parts of government that just can't be run like a business. It is for providing services that aren't going to be particularly cost efficient sometimes, but truthfully, the ERP model is a business practice that many large cooperation's and smaller organizations are using to improve their

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business and this is an application of an extremely good business practice to government. We are going to have to break some eggs to make this really good omelet, but I think we are well on our way to doing that and I think the public would be happy to know that we are trying to apply some good business principals to the workings of government. It will give us better information to make our decisions on and probably will make us smarter Commissioners at the end of the day because we can dig down into the organization and really understand the nuts and bolts of it. It is a business practice being applied to government.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Any other comments Commissioners or questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the adjustment to ERP Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. I think we should go back now and pick up the agenda item that we deferred. So Madam Clerk would you please call agenda Item D.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$14,515,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2005, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND**

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### **AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH. .**

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The action before you today is to award the sale of \$14,500,000 worth of bonds which you have previously authorized in several actions and you also have before you a bond resolution that sets the rules under which those bonds will be administered. We are going to do a tag team presentation for you today. Dave MacGillivray from Springstead and Company who as you know is our financial advisor is going to start out and give you an overview of what we have heard from the credit rating agencies and how these bonds stand in relation to the market and then I’m going to spend a few minutes talking about the structure of this deal and tell you what we propose to use the bond proceeds for and finally Joe Norton our Bond Counsel from Gilmore and Bell will talk to you about the resolution that’s before you and make sure that you understand the legalities contained in that resolution. This deal could not have been completed successfully with out the support of a lot of other people in the audience we also have Robin Busenitz from Gilmore and Bell who is the person who does all the work for Joe and we have Troy Bruun and Shawn Henning and Ginger Radley from finance and as you now they do all the work that I get to take credit for, so with that I’ll have Dave come up and begin the presentation.”

**Mr. Dave MacGillivray**, Chairman, Springstead, Inc., Financial Advisor to Sedgwick County, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’d like to go to comments on the County’s credit rating in this transaction we had an assessment by each of the three major credit rating agencies, Fitch, Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s and so the summary statement is the County has maintained exceptionally, exceptionally high credit ratings Fitch has a triple A rating.

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

There’re approximately 100 local governments nationally out of tens of thousands that have a triple A rating. Moody’s with a AA1 and S&P with a AA+ are the next step below that. They are the highest category with in AA sector.

When we look at a rating exercise they predominately look at four areas; they look at certainly the debt position, of both the County and underlying entities, they look at the Financial Operations mostly the general fund and fund balance levels; they look at the social economics which is employment, income levels, growth etcetera, and they look at the management, and the management as reflected in the quality of decision making the governing body and the professional staff you’ve retained to provide you with information to make those decisions. So taking some excerpts from those rating reports that we’ve received in the last day or so, Fitch talks about, these are all quotes, ‘County management practices are superior, extensive financial plan and trend monitoring systems promote consistent financial performance, low direct debt levels’ and direct debt are your own debt obligations as compared to the total debt burden which is brought to you in



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underlying entities, school districts, municipalities. Moody's solid financial management, financial operations characterized by healthy reserve levels. I have to stop here because we work in a lot of different states and a lot of different states have had budget problems which have quickly become the local government budget problems so, they've been very careful in monitoring budgeting, the level of reserve levels, how you've dealt with your budget issues over time. Recent efforts diversify the economic base to provide economic employment growth in the future. Here again, over the years a lot of people naturally focus on the aircraft industry and the counties ability to diversify beyond that I think has been the key. Above average debt due to underlying entities I think I've addressed that. A diverse regional economy, centered in the aircraft manufacturing, strong management evidenced by strong financial performance, despite economic cycles and I think that goes to the budget discussion I just provided. High debt service due to rapid principal amortization. In that I think should be viewed as overall a plus because they don't like you paying things off to fast. They generally like you to pay it off faster rather than longer. Through the county's policy, debt management policy, I think it is 60% within 10 years. You've got solid policies. When you have policies like that it provides evidence of both the management as well as the debt situation. So here again, exceptionally high credit ratings and everybody at the county should be commended for that. With that I think I'll go to a little bit on the market.

This is a graph of the bond buyers general obligation. It indexes like the Dow Jones Industrial. It takes a package of municipal bonds and tracks them over time and this graph goes back over ten years and generally like the direction from 2000 it has been going down. The market....you know everybody for at least six months has been waiting for a massive upward movement in interest rates and actually in April we had some of that. That's why you see that little blip near the right hand side. But fundamentally things have come down significantly. We have a current level of 4.35 which though, there is a couple here that are lower than that. Not often in the last 10 or 20 are to be seen. Municipal interest rates at this level, so very low levels and everybody thinks they are going to go up, but for your sale today they have been really attractive. I'd be glad to take any questions or I'll turn it over to Chris.

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Point out what those dots are."

**Mr. MacGillivray** said, "Those dots are other bond sale dates where the county has issued bonds in the past. So you can see in a relative pattern where your interest rates have track."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Excuse me just a minute David, we do have a question. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Could you please go back to the previous chart, the one right before this one. This is for my edification and probably my colleagues here fully understand it, but

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what does average debt burden do to underlying entities mean in just Kansas kitchen English?

**Mr. MacGillivray** said, “The county, the cities, the school districts issue debt. That’s a primary source of repayment, or ultimately property taxes. And the total amount of that debt are all the taxpayers in the county.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Got it. Does that mean our debt level is low, but the debt level for the entire area is above average?”

**Mr. Macgillivray** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “All right. Thanks.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Anything else Commissioners. Thank you David.”

**Mr. Chronis** said, “The bond issue that is before you is a general obligation of the county and as such you are making a full faith in credit pledge of the counties revenues and you are legally obligating yourself to raise property taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the bonds to the extent that special assessments that have already been levied and other revenues, principally 911 telephone surcharges that we plan to use to repay these bonds are insufficient to cover the entire debt repayment. The date of these bonds will be June 1<sup>st</sup> and that is approximately the date that we expect to close this transaction and receive the proceeds.

As I explained to you in previous presentations, these bonds have a final maturity date of twenty years out for the capital projects and there are two projects that I’ll describe briefly in just a minute and a final maturity date of fifteen years out for the six or seven special assessment projects that are included in this issue. We do have an optional redemption period for these bonds that is ten years out in 2016, we can redeem bonds that are callable after August 1, 2015 and we can do that at their par value. There is no premium we’ll have to pay for that. Dave has already explained the ratings to you and so I will move on to sources and uses.

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

This bond issue is \$14,515,000. and those proceeds as I explained will be used to fund a variety of

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county projects which you see listed at the bottom of the page. There is a courthouse improvement. The Public Safety Center, the new facility that will be used for the Emergency Communications and Emergency Operation Center. That project is \$10,285,000. We also are funding a road improvement, the widening of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South. That is a \$15.3 million dollar project. The special assessment projects that I previously mentioned, a little over \$1.5 million dollars. In addition to those projects, of course there are some cost of doing this transaction. The underwriters will make about \$174,000. on the deal and we will spend about \$100,000. on other various issuance costs associated with the deal. So when you put all that together, this total program is almost \$27.4 million dollars. Only \$14,515,000. of that is coming from bond proceeds, the balance of the \$27,000,000. is coming from the sources that you see on the top part of the chart. We have some sales tax that we are using for the road project, we also have a KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) grant and a payment from the City of Derby for a portion of the road improvement. We have previously collected 911 surcharges that we are using to pay for a portion of the Public Safety Facility, and we have already levied the special assessments and a few people elected to pre-pay their special assessments rather than pay in annual installments over the next fifteen years. So we have about \$71,000. that will be used to pay for a portion of these special assessment projects.

Now the good news, we received a total of seven bids in this competitive sale. The winning bid, the low bid is UBS Financial Services, a New York Bank and you see here their true interest cost is 3.9099%. This bid is awarded on the basis of true interest costs. There is a series of different kinds of calculations that are done for these transactions and we've elected to use TIC (True Interest Cost) as the basis for the bid. You can see the spread bids ranging from 3.90% on the low end to a high of 4.02% from JP Morgan Securities as the seventh bid. So a fairly narrow spread, but when you start looking at the interest that is required as a result of those differences, it adds up quickly. We would pay approximately five and a half million dollars of interest to UBS or to the purchaser of the bonds that are sold by UBS Financial Services. The difference between that and the high bid would have resulted in an additional two hundred thousand dollars of interest for the county. There is some serious money at stake here. Any questions about any of that before I turn the podium over to Joe who will walk you through the bond resolution that is before you."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, any questions. I see none.”

**Mr. Joe Norton**, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As Chris indicated your formal action is to adopt the resolution which would authorize the awarding of the bids to UBS Financial Services and set forth the terms, details and conditions of the bonds. As Chris indicated these are General Obligations Bond (GOB) of the County and I know you are planning your financial staff, is planning to apply other sources of revenue besides property taxes to re-pay a portion of this debt, but ultimately that is the security for the bonds and that’s the basis of the credit ratings Dave discussed. He indicated the high level of credit ratings, and you can see the ten basis points there between high and low was about \$200,000. in this size of an issue. So making those credit rating agencies evaluate your credit and give you the highest levels is significant dollars and the effort and management you provided and staff has provided, in essence has saved the taxpayer that amount of money on this particular sale from a ten basis point spread, which isn’t very much in the market. The resolution will confirm the re-payment schedule, the interest rate bid by UBS redemption features that Chris summarized, but also establishes the various funds and accounts and provides for administration of the expenditure of proceeds through your normal process of paying bills, establishes as a customary State Treasurer as the paying agent for your bond. You’ll make payments to the State Treasurer, they will make sure the bond owners get their money. Various covenants with respect to providing and maintaining for the tax exempt status of this bond issue through its life and to comply with the SEC rules and regulations with respect to continuing disclosure. I’m sure you are aware some of those covenants provide that you have to timely provide the market place with updated financial information where we have to have the CAFR done in a timely fashion, your audit, get that back in the market place to satisfy those regulations that you covenant to provide as well as provide certain material met notices that are required by Federal Law.

So we have developed this format with the County Counselor’s Office over the years and market place and pretty much this is the same type of resolution you’ve adopted over the years issuing these types of bonds. Be able to answer any detailed questions you may have. I assume you don’t want to go through this page by page. It is about sixty pages. If there aren’t any questions we would recommend that you do award the bid to the lower bidder, UBS firm and pass the resolution.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay Commissioners, any questions. I know that we have been involved in decisions to support these projects all along the way and we just kind of been waiting for this final action to occur and so we are pretty well up to speed on what’s been happening. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Not a question exactly Mr. Chairman but a request to Chris. I

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don't have to have it explained to me today, but I would really love for somebody to explain it to me. I thought I heard that the rating companies kind of give you a little gig if you're paying off your long term obligations to rapidly and if that's what I'm hearing, I've got to have that explained to me, that it's a penalty if you get out of debt quicker and we would prefer you to be in debt longer. That doesn't make logical sense to me and if somebody would just come to me and explain to me why that isn't a good thing. I'd appreciate it."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "It has something to do with whether you are the lender or the borrower, I suppose."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to award the sale of the Bonds to the best bidder and adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you Joe, Chris and David, Troy, Shawn and Robyn and all you folks that made them look good. Appreciate it. Okay, Madam Clerk I believe we are ready for Item L."

**L. PUBLIC WORKS.**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY (UPR) AND SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CROSSING AT 101<sup>ST</sup> STREET NORTH, SOUTHWEST OF FURLEY AND THE UPR TRACKS. DISTRICT #1.**

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**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item L.1 is a three party agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad, Sedgwick County and the Secretary of Transportation for the State of Kansas regarding the construction and maintenance of the highway crossing signals at 101<sup>st</sup> Street North, southwest of Furley and the Union Pacific tracks. The project will consist of flashing light crossing signals and gates. Sedgwick County will be responsible for the continued maintenance of the advance warning signs and pavement markings. The railroad crossings in the State are prioritized by KDOT and selected accordingly. The total cost of the project is \$157,512 and will be 100% federally funded. I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay David, the initial cost is paid for and we pay for the maintenance. The ongoing.”

**Mr. Spears** said, “That’s right. It is just on the road maintenance for the signs that warn you about the crossing and any pavement markings. The railroad takes care of the signals themselves.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ And presently at that intersection there are not gates. Is that right?”

**Mr. Spears** said, “That’s right.”

### **MOTION**

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

Commissioner Norton

Aye

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Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Next item please.

**2. PROPOSED EQUIPMENT CLASS CHANGE TO INCREASE THE CLASS SIZE OF A FRONT-END LOADER SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT THIS SUMMER.**

**Mr. Spears** said, “Item L2 is requesting your approval to increase the size of a front-end loader scheduled for replacement this summer. This loader will be used at our west yard where the handling of materials has gone from 158,000 tons in 2003 to 188,000 tons in 2003. A 19% increase. These materials are things such as river sand, AS1 rock, chat millings, 18 inch rip-rap, 3x5 rip-rap, salt and salt/sand mixture. We’ve also used it for the tire program where citizens brought in tires. That was about 150,000 of those and more recently for the tree limbs from the ice storm. We had an average of 250 cars per day for about four weeks. The bigger loader will allow the same operator to move the increased volume of material more efficiently. Due to the larger bucket capacity, it is estimated 23,000 fewer bucket operations will be required annually. The new loader will be purchased with equipment set aside funds. It is estimated that the larger loader will cost approximately \$60,000. more than the smaller loader. Set aside charged to the department, that’s us, will increase by \$4,800. per year. I recommend that you approve the equipment class change. Here today is Jorge Delatorre, our Foreman from the west yard if you have any detailed questions and Marv Duncan is also here from Fleet Management.

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay. Thank you David. That’s 23,000 bucket a year?”

**Mr. Spears** said, “Yes.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Seems like an awful lot of.....I mean I believe you.”

**Mr. Spears** said, “Jorge figured it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the equipment class change.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you David. Next item please.

**M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2005.**

**Mr. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup> results in five items for consideration today.

**1) A&E FOR FIRE STATION RELOCATION – FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES FUNDING – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Item one is Architectural & Engineering Services for Fire Station Relocation project for Facility Project Services. Recommendation is the proposal from Richard Kraybill Architect and execute a contract for a not to exceed cost of \$350,000.

**2) NOVA CHIP OVERLAYS – PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING – PUBLIC WORKS**

Item two Nova Chip overlays for Public Works. Recommendation is the low bid from Apac Kansas in the amount of \$900,152.95.

**3) AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE – FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING – FLEET AIRPLANE**

Item three, Aircraft maintenance for Fleet Management. Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Servicenter and establishment a contract for one year with two one year options to renew for an estimated annual cost of \$125,600.



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**4) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – COMCARE  
FUNDING – COMCARE ADMIN**

Item four, a membership renewal for ComCare. Recommendation is to accept the expenditure with the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc for a total of \$35,863.86.

**5) CUSTODIAL SERVICES – CORRECTIONS  
FUNDING – PRE-TRAIL PROGRAM/ADULT INTENSIVE SUPERVISION**

Item five, custodial services for Corrections. Recommendation is the low proposal from M & G Janitorial Services and establish a contract for one year with two one year options to renew for an estimated annual cost of \$15,000.

Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Commissioners, any questions for Iris? I see some lights.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Just for clarification and I think we’ve been through this before, but since I haven’t gone through a lot of these, please bear with me. On item one, the funding for the Fire Station relocation. I noticed we’re not going with the low bid and through reading the information it seems like they have the Kraybill’s have a better understanding of the building that you are needing, is that why we’re going with that bid?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct. They have more extensive experience in fire stations. They had very recent experience in fire stations and the review committee; those considerations tell us that these architects understand the business. They understand the current building market, constraints and issues that are out there and they are going to help us do a good job of estimating and getting the right product, getting the right building materials, getting economic and efficient fire station.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Iris, whenever we select a bid with that sort of rationale, do we communicate with the bidder that was low, to say ‘you didn’t get yours why, ‘do we touch that base?’”

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**Ms. Baker** said, “Correct and we do that right after the bid board meeting. When we receive proposals, we only acknowledge receipt and who we received them from and then once the evaluation process is done, all the clarifications are done, any negotiating is done. Bid board is the first open record of pricing and at that point we notify the low and then after award is made, we notify all the vendors, the successful as well as those who didn’t get the award who participated.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well first of all on item 1, I wasn’t going to make a comment there, but two things, I think it is important we do communicate because as you look at different companies that bid, these are all well respected firms in our community and they’ve done business for us before and we want to be sure that we keep that good relationship going and then they’ll continue to bid on other projects. Many times there are other mitigating issues of other than just the low bid for why we give a contract. I think this is one of those cases and I want to be sure that we always continue to communicate well with our partners in the community because we may change what we did this time, but the next time that we need those same people in the mix, keep a good competitive edge and to get the best that we have in our community bidding on projects.

The second thing is I would urge us as we look at the architectural and engineering design of our fire stations, to understand the new technologies that create buildings that withstand tornados, and can be used as safe rooms. I continue to advocate for that and I think we have to be the leaders in that kind of new construction technology to be sure that we’re building buildings that will hold up to those kinds of weather and disaster kind of recovery things. They can also become safe havens for people out in the outline areas when we have really bad weather. We really need to be thinking about in the engineering and construction design. Just one of my thoughts, I would urge us to consider that.

The second question on item four, what did we spend last year on this. We had a discussion last year on how much we spent to be a member of this community, Health Association. Seems like it is pretty pricy. What did we spend last year?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “This amount.”

**Commissioner Norton** asked, “This is exact same amount again?”

**Ms. Baker** said, “Yes. The fees are based on the number of members and the size of the jurisdiction in essence. Sedgwick County is the largest entity, the largest number of members. The value was the same.”

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. Well I know last year we had some conversation about this and Marilyn Cook gave us kind of a briefing on what we get for our money here. It does seem it is money well spent, but it is still a large chunk of money to give for association dues. I just wanted to be sure we had some conversation about that.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Any other comments?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters 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 Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Next item please.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- N. CONSENT AGENDA.** Presented by William P. Buchanan, County Manager.
- 1. Agreement with McPherson County for use of Sedgwick County’s on-line Motor Vehicle Tax Estimator.**
  - 2. Amendment to the 2005 Capital Improvement Program to include courthouse complex site planning.**
  - 3. Eight Easements for Right-of-Way, two Easements for Drainage and three Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36; widening of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South between Rock Road and the Butler**

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**County line. CIP# R-275. District #5.**

**4. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V05012	\$355.00	5	Oakview at the Park
V05013	\$262.00	Butler	Sharp Rentals
V05014	\$127.00	4	Valley View Apartments
V05015	\$286.00	3	Joann Linnell
V05016	\$264.00	3	Larsen Apartments
V05017	\$279.00	4	Valley Lodge Apartments
V05019	\$188.00	4	Valley View Apartments
V05020	\$171.00	Butler	Brookside Cottages
V05021	\$94.00	Butler	Brookside Cottages
V05022	\$235.00	Butler	Brookside Cottages
V05023	\$213.00	Butler	Brookside Cottages
V05024	\$214.00	4	Valley Lodge Apartments
V03046-R	\$345.00	5	Springcreek Apartments
V03048-R	\$311.00	5	Mulvane Housing Association

**5. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V020030	\$241.00	\$260.00
V03050	\$180.00	\$169.00
V03045	\$221.00	\$252.00
V2038	\$203.00	\$186.00
V04039	\$312.00	\$299.00
V03046	\$358.00	\$345.00
V03048	\$312.00	\$311.00
V99036	\$223.00	\$224.00
V1096	\$495.00	\$495.00
V01094	\$525.00	\$525.00

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V020035	\$214.00	\$190.00
V03043	\$90.00	\$82.00
V99035	\$177.00	\$178.00
V01098	\$350.00	\$409.00
V04040	\$149.00	\$149.00
V04042	\$242.00	\$299.00
V04037	\$615.00	\$615.00
V03078	\$217.00	\$303.00
V05007	\$465.00	\$240.00
V04050	\$350.00	\$245.00
V04054	\$575.00	\$689.00
V03061	\$385.00	\$385.00
V03063	\$98.00	\$83.00
V03093	\$452.00	\$320.00
V04044	\$100.00	\$425.00
V04053	\$253.00	\$550.00
V020081	\$617.00	\$700.00
V020052	\$322.00	\$337.00
V04093	\$285.00	\$237.00
V04072	\$189.00	\$17.00
V04077	\$157.00	\$475.00
V04071	\$88.00	\$68.00

**6. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
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John F. Richards	DJR Golf, Inc.
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**7. Order dated May 11, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

**8. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 4 – 11, 2005.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I recommend your approval.”

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 10:56 a.m.**

**O. OTHER**

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Just a very simple comment. Last Saturday had a chance to be out, it was a busy busy weekend, culminated with the River Festival which we had good attendance at and it was a great evening at the River Festival, but starting out Saturday morning over at the extension office with the Farmers Market big crowd of folks that....I think is a tremendous asset to see that entire Farmers Market Arts & Crafts stuff taking place. At the same time there was a fancy bird show going on inside and people were out looking at the Arboretum that is developed there at the Extension Service. It was a great time. We left there and drove through Sedgwick County Park and what an amazing place that is on a good weather Saturday morning. Walkers and joggers were solid on the walking path. There were a lot of families out fishing and there was a lot of fishing taking place, picnicking, the model sailboat folks were out there. I mean that park was busy from one end to the other. So, a couple of county facilities that are getting a lot of use by a lot of citizens.

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Now did you drive through or did you walk through?”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “I drove through. So, a lot going on in north west Wichita, Wichita and Sedgwick County.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Burtnett.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “I just wanted to thank all the Sedgwick County employees that helped at the River Festival. We had a great time. Had a lot of people stop by even though it was drizzly that evening on Friday. We had a lot of people come and register for prizes which most of you should have been called or all of you should have been called by now and I think some have already picked up their prizes. So, I want to thank everyone for their participation and the county employees who helped out.

Then I also want to remind people that in central Riverside Park again, this Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, there are going to be another couple bands coming in. So they are trying to get those concerts in the park going. So Riverside Citizens Association hopes you’ll stop by.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay. Thank you. I would just comment that several of us were in Topeka the latter part of last week at the Kansas County Commissioners Association which is a great opportunity for sharing information and kind of having educational opportunity and also an opportunity to develop a relationship with other county commissioners and you have a sense of cooperation among the various county governments in Kansas.

Also, want to mention again, I mentioned earlier, that we have leadership night tonight where Sedgwick County hosts a dinner for the mayors of the cities in Sedgwick County, another opportunity to develop relationships. Looking forward to that. And then this Friday there is an event that we are going to recognize those folks who were awarded ‘Excellence in Public Service’ Awards. Which is an award that is provided by the Devore Foundation and our winner this year, our recipient this year is Anne Smarsh out of Human Resources. We are very proud of her and the service that she gives to Sedgwick County.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “She is in the Finance Department.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ That’s probably what I meant to say. Thank you for the correction.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “We started to box up her stuff.”

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “ We want her to stay right there. She is doing a great job. Anyway, it is going to be fun to give Anne that award this Friday. That’s all I have.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with level counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to potential litigation and legal advice and that this Board of County Commissioners return to the room from executive session no sooner than 11:20 a.m.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 11:00 a.m. and returned at 11:22 a.m.**

**Chairman Unruh said,** “No binding action. Anything else Mr. Euson, Commissioners. We are adjourned.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**



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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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