

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**November 14, 2007**

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, November 14, 2007 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Carol Cole, Executive Secretary, County Commissioner's Office; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. Roderick Harris, Director, Center for Health Equity, Health Department; Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Dave Rush, Interim Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Director, County Engineer, Public Works; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Larry Turner, Chairman, Extension Education Foundation, Inc.  
Ms. Bev Dunning, Extension Education Foundation, Inc.  
Ms. Sandra Gaskill, Youthville.  
Ms. Sarah Garrison, Representative, American Cancer Society.  
Ms. Jennifer Kelly, Representative, American Cancer Society.  
Ms. Mary Corrigan, Speaker, National Family Caregivers Month.  
Mr. Roger Lemmons, Member, Greater Wichita Kiwanis Club.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Steve Slack of West Link Christian Church, Wichita.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, before we get into the Regular Agenda of the regular meeting, I would like to recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

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**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 meeting at 9:08 a.m. and returned 9:24 a.m.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, “At this time, I will call to order the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, as we are back from recess and Madam Clerk, would you please call the next item.”

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS.**

**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 17, 2007 AS “NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY.”**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 118,000 children in the United States’ foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 1,000 children in Kansas are waiting for permanent families and 40 percent of those children from the Wichita area in Youthville’s care; and

**WHEREAS**, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, the local courts of Wichita will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 17, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

**WHEREAS**, this effort, along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2007 as

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**‘National Adoption Day’**

and in so doing, urge all citizens of Sedgwick County to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption from foster care.

Commissioners, you’ve heard the proclamation. What’s the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And we have some representatives from Youthville, and I think is it Sandra that’s going to speak?”

**Ms. Sandra Gaskill**, Youthville, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I just want to thank you on behalf of Youthville and the 1,200 children from Sedgwick County that are in the foster care system for making this proclamation. And I just want everyone to know that this past year Youthville, in partnership with the Sedgwick County District Courts, have been successful in finalizing over 250 adoptions from children within the foster care system. And that is the highest in the state, so we are very blessed to be working with the Sedgwick County Courts.

I also want to remind everyone that in addition to finalizing adoptions on November 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a fundraiser featuring our youth’s artwork. We have what’s called a ‘Walk a Mile in My Shoes’ art exhibit that features the children’s artwork and illustrates the stories of their life in foster care and that will be held at the City Arts at 334 North Mead and if you want to attend, you can visit our website, it’s youthville.org, for more details but we certainly would love to have you there.”

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well thank you for that invitation and also thank you for the very important work that you do for these youngsters in . . . well, not only in our community but throughout the state. We appreciate and I know the benefit of this is not just for the kids, but it also is a blessing to those families who are willing to take that challenge. But we know that this is an important part of our community and who we are, so we appreciate your efforts.”

**Ms. Gaskill** said, “Thank you to all of you, I appreciate it.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item.”

**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 17, 2007 AS “DORIS KERR LARKINS’ DAY.”**

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas African American Museum was established in 1974 under the name of the ‘First National Black Historical Society’; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris Kerr Larkins led the initiative to establish the museum and save the church in which the museum was housed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Doris Kerr Larkins Heritage luncheon is named in honor of the museum’s founder and traditionally recognizes community persons for their life-long commitment to the development of our community, and to celebrate the rich heritage and artistic excellence of people of African descent; and

**WHEREAS**, this year the Doris Kerr Larkins heritage event will be held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the future site of the Kansas African American Museum, located in the museum district, along the Arkansas River at 801 West Central, and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s event also will serve as the kickoff for the capital campaign to raise public awareness and support to make this dream a reality.

**THEREFORE** I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2007 as

**‘Doris Kerr Larkins Day’**

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in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to participate in the Doris Kerr Larkins Heritage event and capital campaign kickoff.

Commissioners, you've heard the proclamation. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Parks moved to Adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "And accepting the proclamation is Carol Cole, who is chairman of the Board, is that your title?"

**Ms. Carol Cole**, President, Kansas African American Museum Board of Directors, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the board and the staff of the Kansas African American Museum, I would like to thank you for this proclamation proclaiming Saturday, November the 17<sup>th</sup> as Doris Kerr Larkins' Day.

We are extremely excited to be holding an event on the site of our future museum, where we plan to kickoff our capital campaign. We extend this invitation to the community and would hope that you, if you are available, would join us in celebrating this day. If you do plan to join us on that day I ask that you contact our museum at 262-7651 to RSVP."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay Carol, well thank you very much for that announcement and we're very pleased to make this proclamation. We've been a partner with the Kansas African American Museum for some time, and we are ambitious for its success as you are and we hope that our

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citizens will take an active part in this challenge that you've given to yourselves to raise the money and make a new home for the museum. We do have some more comments here though. Here's from Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "This year is especially special for the Doris Kerr Larkins' Day in that it's the kickoff for the capital campaign for the museum and I would encourage and invite everybody from private and public sectors, the leaders in our community not only locally, but throughout the state, to attend this because it is the Kansas African American Museum. Any leaders and philanthropist that want to come out and join to see just what are, we're going to have some pictures there showing the plans for the museum and I'm proud to serve on that board also."

**Ms. Cole** said, "Thank you commissioner."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you commissioner. Carol, thank you very much for being here and as I said we're very pleased to participate with you in this proclamation."

**Ms. Cole** said, "Thank you sir."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Madam Clerk, next item."

### 3. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 15, 2007 AS "GREATAMERICAN SMOKEOUT DAY."**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration."

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Surgeon General has said that smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, for thirty-one years, millions of smokers have participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, a day on which they give up cigarettes for 24 hours, in the hope they may quit permanently; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of those who gave up cigarettes for the day were able to give up the tobacco addiction entirely; and

**WHEREAS**, this demonstration of success suggests that the Great American Smokeout has

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potential for improving the health of the citizens of Sedgwick County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 15 as the

**‘2007 Annual Great American Smokeout’**

in Sedgwick County, Kansas in so doing urge all cigarette smokers and smokeless tobacco users in Sedgwick County to demonstrate to themselves and to their friends that they can quit for the day.

Commissioners, you’ve heard the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And receiving the proclamation is Sarah Garrison and Jennifer Kelly I believe.”

**Ms. Sarah Garrison**, American Cancer Society Representative, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the Wichita Tobacco-Free Wichita Coalition and the American Cancer Society, we thank you for declaring November 15<sup>th</sup> the Great American Smokeout. The Great American Smokeout places a spotlight on health dangers associated with tobacco use and encourages individuals who are interested in quitting smoking to quit for the day on November 15<sup>th</sup>.”

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Anyone who is interested in quitting, we encourage you to call the Kansas Statewide Quit Line. It is 866-KANSTOP and that line is a free phone counseling service that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to individuals who are interested in quitting smoking and it connects them with trained specialists who can really assist them in their journey.

Roughly one in four adults and one in five teenagers in the United States are smokers. Approximately 213,380 individuals will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year. That's a huge, huge number. And 1,870 cases will be in Kansas and 1,530 individuals will pass away due to lung cancer, so this is something that can be prevented, so protect the health of you and your family, consider stopping smoking for the Great American Smokeout. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. This also has an emphasis on smokeless tobacco. You're encouraging those folks to stop for a day also."

**Ms. Garrison** said, "Absolutely, all forms of tobacco on the Great American Smokeout."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "And do you have quite a bit of usage on the helpline that you mentioned? I mean, there are a lot of people."

**Ms. Jennifer Kelly**, American Cancer Society Representative, said, "Yes, we do have. I don't have the specific numbers as to what the quit line numbers are within Sedgwick County, but it is a highly used number. We can get that information for you if you would like to see it."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, well no, it's just a question to know are people using the service and is it helpful to our citizens."

**Ms. Kelly** said, "Yes they are, yes."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, good, that's all I needed to know. Well we thank you very much for being here and we hope that our citizens will pay attention and have a day without smoking. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, next item please."

#### **4. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2007 AS "NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH."**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration.

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, during this season of thanksgiving, as we pause to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as individuals and as a county, we are especially grateful for the love of our families and friends. One of the most profound ways in which that love is expressed is through the generous support provided by family caregivers to loved ones who are chronically ill, elderly or disabled. Caregivers reflect family and community life at its best. They are among Sedgwick County's most important natural resources.

**WHEREAS**, the need for family caregivers is growing, we are blessed to live in a time when medicine and technology have helped us live longer. As a result, persons with disabilities are living longer and people over 85 are the fastest growing segment of our population. Family caregivers can be found in every city and town in America. It is likely that we all know at least one family caregiver.

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers deserve our lasting gratitude and respect, this month, as we honor the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of our national life, let us resolve to work through our community, religious, social, business and other organizations to offer programs and services that will provide caregivers the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County Department on Aging, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging and other human service agencies encourage family caregivers to believe in yourself, protect your health, reach out for help and speak up for your rights.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November, 2007 as

**'National Family Caregivers Month'**

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to honor the family members, friends and neighbors who shoulder care-giving responsibilities.

Commissioners, you've heard the proclamation. What's the will of the Board?

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Welshimer 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 Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And Mary Corrigan is here to receive the proclamation.”

**Ms. Mary Corrigan**, speaker, National Family Caregivers Month, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I thank you and the commission today for honoring caregivers in this way. I’m just curious, how many of you here in the room today spend some time, whether it’s just occasionally or on a daily basis, visiting with an older relative or perhaps even an older neighbor or friend? Probably about half of the hands are popping up. You’re in good company. There are actually over 44,000,000 adults in this country who are providing family care-giving at no cost.

If these individuals were paid even a minimum wage for what they do, it would be in excess of \$50,000,000,000 each year. Most of these individuals are married. Most of these caregivers are also trying to balance this responsibility with a full-time job.

Now one thing that I think is kind of sad, in a survey that was done a couple of years ago, nationally about 37% of all caregivers said they felt they had absolutely no where or no one that they could turn to that would support them in the role that they were providing.

And whereas those statistics are well and good, I thought I might just really briefly just share with you my own journey as a caregiver that started back in the summer of 2006, when my mother fell and very badly broke her leg and I volunteered to move in with her and kind of help her, through rehabilitation, and hopefully get her independent again, which we were successful in doing.

Now I may be a teacher out at the university in the gerontology program and I’ve read lots of books on care-giving, trust me on that. I want to tell you, the books just do not capture the reality of care-giving. I found it to be the most rewarding thing I have done in my life, and I found it to be the scariest and the most stressful thing that I have done in my life at the same time.

I want to absolutely guarantee all of you today that there is no book, pamphlet or Internet site that

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can properly tell you how to put on T.E.D. Hose, which was my big challenge and there's a few chuckles, so some of you have either worn though blasted devices or you've had to try to put them on yourself.

I was lucky because I was not one of those roughly one-third of caregivers who felt they had no where to turn. I had a lot of support from my mom's healthcare providers and I had a lot of support from my friends and colleagues with the Sedgwick County Department on Aging. They were there to laugh with me when I needed a laugh and sometimes I think maybe even laughed at me, but that's okay, I can handle that.

So my plea I guess today is to anyone in this room that's a caregiver that feels that they are alone or anyone who may be watching this broadcast that's a caregiver that feels that they're all alone, you don't need to feel that way. Give the Sedgwick County Department on Aging a call. Their helpline number is 660-5120 and I think that you'll find that you don't have to be alone in this role. So again county commissioners, I thank you all for the proclamation honoring our caregivers in Sedgwick County."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well Mary, thank you for being here and thank you for giving us the opportunity to make that recognition to caregivers. As you indicated, most of us have been in the role at some time, and many of us are going to be in the role again, as our different families go through that process. But I know about T.E.D. Hose. I know about depression. I know about rewards also, but appreciate your being here and we're very pleased to make this proclamation. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

### **5. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 16 – 23, 2007 AS "FARM-CITY WEEK."**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, I have another proclamation to read for your consideration.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the prosperity and well-being of this community and area are dependent upon cooperation between two great elements of our society; farmers and urban people; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of better mutual understanding of the divergence and complexities of their individual activities and needs will be of mutual benefit to all area citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Wichita Area Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled opportunity for farm and city people to become reacquainted and to recognize Arnold Busenits of Valley Center, Kansas as the outstanding farm family of Sedgwick County for 2007;

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 16-23, 2007 as

**‘FARM-CITY WEEK’**

and call upon all citizens of this community to participate to the limit of their capabilities in the project and programs in conjunction with a successful Farm-City Week in the Wichita area.

Commissioners, you’ve heard the proclamation. What’s the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to Adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And sir, are you Mr. Lemmon? Welcome and thank you for being here to receive the proclamation.”

**Mr. Roger Lemmon**, Downtown Kiwanis Club member, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a program that’s been going on, as some of you are probably aware, for over 50 years now, in an effort to recognize as you mentioned the interaction between the urban and rural communities and the various industries involved. The Downtown Kiwanis Club sponsors this and as you may know, the major goal of Kiwanis is to help children grow into responsible citizens. So when we look at the farm family situation, we’re not only looking for a family that’s been successful in their agricultural business, but also represent the quality of life that we like to see in a family and

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certainly we see that in the Busenits family.

As Commissioner Winters well knows, I've not been actively involved in farming for quite a few years, but I still live on the family farm, near Viola, Kansas. I now work in downtown Wichita, so I've seen both sides of the rural and urban life. And it does require that we interact and share each other and I think the last comment that I'm going to make, I think it's an interesting follow-up to the proclamation you made just before this one, in addition to everything else that the Busenits family is doing, they've raised six children, have quite a bit of grandchildren, I would estimate them to be in their early 60s and they are providing care for Mr. Busenits' mother in an apartment in their farm home and I respect them for doing that and again, thank you very much."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you for being here and we have a comment from Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well thank you very much. I just certainly wanted to comment that Roger and I have known each other since we were much younger, young boys in Viola, Kansas and Roger certainly exemplifies that blend of the rural life and being a banker here now in Wichita and firmly entrenched in the Kiwanis Club and all of the good work that we do.

Now it's my understanding that there is a luncheon this Friday and I believe a number of commissioners have made reservations to attend, so Roger, we plan on participating with you on Friday."

**Mr. Lemmon** said, "Thank you, yes, and that is at the First United Methodist Church, noon on Friday and thank you very much Tom."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Well thank you again for being here and we're happy to make this recognition of the necessity for the rural and urban people to get along. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."

### **DONATION**

- B. DONATIONS TO THE EXTENSION EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000 FOR AN LED SIGN AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED AT 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND RIDGE ROAD.**

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**Mr. Larry Turner**, Chairman, Extension Education Foundation, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, “Bev Dunning and myself, I’m Larry Turner, are here this morning representing the Sedgwick County Extension. Bev, as you know, is the Sedgwick County Director of Extension, and I am the current board chairman.

We’re here on a happy note this morning because we are offering a donation and we want to talk a little about that. We are also here to acknowledge our appreciation for the commission’s support, not only in developing programs through extension, but the continuation of supporting our effort to bring the university educational programs to the community.

Some time ago, an initiative was developed to offset, and I will tell you that the Extension education office is used as it should be used. It is constantly packed on a daily basis with ongoing activities, which is a great thing. But we have had an issue evolve because of that, that many of the clients or the educators that want to put on programs there have needed to advertise what they’re doing, and so for those of you that drive by or have been to Extension on a regular basis, you have noticed that over the past months and years, we’ve had an onset of portable signs that have been brought along to support the activities to the point that it has become very cluttered. And so the initiative that was developed some time ago was to offset that and it has reached fruition and I’m going to let Bev Dunning, or ask her to walk you through the initiative of putting the new sign out at 21<sup>st</sup> and Ridge which has also eliminated the portable signs, so it’s a great improvement and Bev, if you would like to walk the commissioners through the initiative.”

### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Bev Dunning**, Director, Sedgwick County Extension, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well the education foundation decided they would collect dollars and those dollars are not tax dollars, but gifts, donations to the foundation for the purpose of a sign that would look nice there. I have on your screen what I call clutter at the corner, and you can see the signs that . . . I would run over and take pictures from time to time, because this was one thing that bothered me a great deal. And even in the lower right-hand corner, you’ll see that the wind blew over one sign and damaged a tree and we have a great arboretum out there, and we take not lightly when a tree is damaged, because those trees too have been donated to the county, for the county arboretum.

And so I just show you this picture to show you the before of what was happening. Back up one here, this is what we received from the sign company, in terms of the picture that we were showing that we hoped to put out there and that sign is now in place, and I think some of you have been by to see that. And now then it looks like this. This was not a real good picture, but we wanted to show it to you. The sun wasn’t quite right, but it says ‘thank you to master gardeners’. This year they celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and as you know, they’re all volunteers that work out there on the grounds and do things for us.

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If you drive by at night, the top part of this sign that has the Sedgwick County insignia on it, glows in the dark, and one of my concerns was that a bulb might go out and I'd have to change light bulbs, but this is a product of some type that just glows in the dark from the sunshine in the daytime and so will not have to have any upkeep on the top of that sign. But we have received many nice comments, both by telephone and people who come in and as of November 1 you'll no longer see the portable signs at the corner. And so we wanted to give this to you, from the foundation, because it's on county property and I think you'll be proud to see it."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you very much and we're very pleased to receive this donation and I mean, just from the pictures, it definitely is a tremendous improvement, and you know, it makes us look more professional and so we're very proud to have it, but we do have a couple of comments. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well thank you. Bev and Larry, I certainly want to say thank you for the work. Bev, I know you've shared with me early on the plans to begin this project and we've visited about it and I certainly appreciate all the work that both of you have done, the Extension Council, all the volunteers that have helped and of course all of those who have made contributions to the sign. It was a good project. You're doing good work out there and I appreciate it, as I'm sure all the commissioners appreciate the appearance that this is going to bring to that corner. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you commissioner. Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I would just like to thank Bev Dunning and the staff at the facility. It seems like they were always friendly and ready to serve and they really served myself and my neighbors well in the rural farming community and I would like to say that this shows that the collective donations from many people, the spirit of volunteerism is not dead. The master gardeners proved that and we've proved that with this sign project also. And I'd like to reiterate that that was not done with tax dollars and I look forward to doing other things such as that in helping with those. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well Bev and Larry, thank you for being here and once again thanks to our donors and thank you for taking the initiative to make Sedgwick County better in every way we can. Thanks again."

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Accept the donation.

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**AWARDS**

**C. PRESENTATION OF THANK YOU AWARDS TO LOCAL GROUPS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HEALTH OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Ms. Claudia Blackburn**, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On November 19<sup>th</sup> marks the third annual National Public Health Thank You Day and as we approach the Thanksgiving season, we at the Health Department wanted to take advantage of this time and this day to recognize and thank five of our public health partners in the community who have done significant activities this past year to improve the health of the residents of Sedgwick County.

The first reward recipient is the Wichita Public School District, USD 259. In February, the Wichita Public Schools adopted a policy that prohibited tobacco use by students, staff and visitors on all grounds, including athletic facilities. This policy not only protects the health of the public by limiting exposure to dangerous second-hand smoke, it also provides exemplary role modeling for students, as they will not see adults who are smoking or using tobacco products on the school grounds at any time. In addition, the Wichita Public Schools has provided leadership to other school districts in Kansas who are following their efforts in adopting tobacco-free policies. So we'd like to thank USD 259 for their work in public health and I believe Kathy Hubka the School Health Services Coordinator is here to receive this award.

Next is the City of Derby. The Sedgwick County Health Department would like to recognize the City of Derby for their continued efforts to protect the health of the community. Not only has the City of Derby recently passed a clean indoor air ordinance to help protect their residents but also continues to promote community involvement in all areas.

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The progressive City of Derby also recognizes the importance of youth empowerment and has recently created a youth advisory board to provide youth an opportunity to provide incite on important issues in the community and here to receive this award is Mayor Avello.

The Derby Community Coalition Promoting Healthy Choices is the third award recipient. We would like to recognize the Derby Community Coalition Promoting Healthy Choices for their continued efforts in educating and engaging the community in public health efforts. The Derby Community Coalition gave numerous hours of volunteer time to educate the community and city leaders on the impact of second-hand smoke and tobacco use and helped to . . . helped support the clean indoor air ordinance. Becky Robinson from the Derby Community Coalition Promoting Healthy Choices is here to receive this award. Thank you.

Wichita State University Health is the next award recipient. We would like to recognize the W.S.U. Health students for protecting the health and safety of students and staff by encouraging a tobacco-free housing policy on the W.S.U. campus. This policy will serve as a catalyst to encourage more students and staff to adopt a healthier lifestyle and further policy development to ensure the health of the public is protected on the W.S.U. campus. Thank you for leading efforts to create a healthier community. This is Hillary Miester is here to receive this award. Thank you.

And lastly we have Sam Ofadu. He is here with the Wichita State University's Residential Housing Association for protecting the health and safety of students and staff by passing a tobacco free housing policy on the Wichita State University campus. This policy will encourage healthier lifestyle choices and will also help promote safer housing by reducing the risk of housing fires. So we thank you for protecting the student's health and keep up the good work. Thank you very much. Thank you commissioners."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you Claudia and thank you for leading us in this effort to thank these folks who are interested in changing lifestyles and changing habits, establishing policies that will make us a healthier community. So we do express our sincere gratitude and this thank you and probably a small token, but in the long run, it's going to be a healthier community and that's the reward for your efforts, so we thank you all very much. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item please."

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

**1. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH ACCESS PROJECT.**

**Mr. Roderick Harris**, Director, Center for Health Equity, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning I’m here to share with you some activities and some hard work that has been underway for our health access project.

First I’d like to thank the Board of Commissioners for the support from the county with this effort, as well as Commissioner Norton for spearheading this along the way and for the tenure of the project. Also the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund has provided \$19,000 in a grant that also helps with this effort and helps with our funding for W.S.U.’s involvement.

We have W.S.U., the Sedgwick County Health Department, and numerous volunteers that are putting forth their hard time and effort to help with their passion, energy and their expertise with addressing health access for the residents of Sedgwick County.

So up to this point, the Health Access Project has been building on a foundation that initially started with the Sedgwick County Assembly, which was under the title ‘The Prescription for Healthy Citizens’. This allowed us to have a better understanding of the citizens . . . understanding of their own healthcare needs as well as what they thought their priorities were to address the health access issue here in Sedgwick County and those were around increasing . . . improving the health system here in Wichita, as well as improving the health status of the residents.

The focus of the Sedgwick County Assembly was to look at prevention programs, as well as promoting wellness among the citizens of Sedgwick County, looking at data collection and sharing for the healthcare system itself, and serving the vulnerable populations of Sedgwick County. These were primarily the emerging themes that had taken place through the dialogues at the Assembly.

Now we’re focusing on efforts that had taken place in June of 2007, with the Health Access Summit. This was the groundwork that was established by the 2004 Assembly and Commissioner Norton again helped get this effort underway. And this was to really look at providing access to a primary care medical home for the residents of Sedgwick County and this is versus choosing the emergency room as an option for receiving monitoring for ongoing conditions or even receiving

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information, support and advocacy that they could really receive from a primary care physician.

From the summit three main barriers emerged. We have one being coverage, and that's looking at the limited health insurance that are available for low-income persons, whether this is public assistance or private insurance options. We're looking at coordination among the healthcare providers that addressed the needs of the underinsured and uninsured population and really leveraging those resources. We also have the barrier or navigation and the limited understanding that residents have for the primary care options that are available.

A majority of the participants, there were 90-some participants again with the Health Access Summit, decided that they really wanted to continue on with this effort. And so three working groups emerged and those working groups will address those three barriers, which were again: coordination, coverage and navigation.

And this is how the project is structured at this point. We do have a steering committee, which is led by Commissioner Norton and then the implementation team, which is county staff, which includes myself, Claudia Blackburn, Charlene Stevens. We also have Hugo Wall School who are consultants. Also Adrienne Byrne-Lutz is also working from the county health department as well with the project and then we have the vice-chairs and chairs for the working groups and we'll get into who those individuals are, but that's our implementation team and so we meet monthly to really talk about the ongoing efforts and to recap the working group activities for the past month.

We have the three working groups and then those groups are broken into six or seven subcommittees as they decide what their targeted initiatives are going to be and we'll go into those in the next few slides.

As for navigation, if you go back to the Health Access Summit that had taken place in June, these were some of the main points that they wanted to address under the navigation issue that was to establish a one-stop shop for the information that we could provide around healthcare. Also to look at the health literacy and that's primarily around medical terms, whether its insurance terms or whether it's just understanding their physicians when they're speaking with their primary care doctors. We're also looking at developing a marketing plan for the available services, so our safety net clinics that are out there really trying to market so everyone knows where they can go to seek healthcare. Also an educational campaign to really get out the information to the residents of what their options are around insurance plans, whether those are public options or private options.

For coordination, initially they wanted to establish a 24-7 model for health access. Recently, the

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working groups have been meeting and they decided to more or less look at what the primary hours of access should be for improving the access. Certain times may not be ideal, so they are now focusing on what those ideal times would be to maximize the capacity of the safety net clinics, as well as maximize the reach to the residents.

They also want to develop a transportation plan to assist with accessing the care and then also look at the shared information data sources that are available through the clinics that actually serve the underinsured and uninsured.

For coverage, they want to analyze the information, primarily the demographic information around the residents who are without insurance; also look at coverage programs that are available. Also look at what's locally available for insurance options, whether that's public or private; identify why these coverage programs aren't being used and what new programs could emerge to meet the needs of these residents.

Some of the anticipated outputs from these working groups and I'll break them down by working group, first we have navigation and this is who the chair and vice-chair are for this group we have Dr. Adrian Walling and Rosa Molina, they're leading this effort and for the first strategy, we have to enhance the publicity and capacity of the 2-1-1 system through United Way and this is a logical possibility for really linking people to the resources in the community and so by enhancing that system, we wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel as far as an information source. Number two, an educational campaign to really provide lay language to all the numerous terminologies out there for understanding the health plans and the benefits.

For the coverage group the chair is Brian Rose and the vice chair is Hoyt Hillman and what they want to do with their subcommittee, number one is to analyze again the demographic information and look at who are these residents, who falls into this gap of the uninsured/ underinsured so we're looking at individuals that have insurance and individuals who have public assistance but those individuals that do not qualify for those, how can we meet those needs. Also for the subcommittee number two, we're looking at creating a matrix of available options for low income individuals who may fall into that gap.

They were also looking at doing a capacity study, which I'm really leading at the Health Department to look at the safety net clinics and find out what is their capacity to meet the needs of the underinsured and uninsured whether or not we should actually promote that they go to the safety net clinics or should we kind of upgrade some of the resources that they have to make sure that they

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can take on the capacities that may come from these efforts.

Coordination, the chair for coordination is Dr. Jon Rosell and vice-chair is Dr. Betty Smith-Campbell. They have three sub-committees for this group, the first they wanted to look at the transportation needs of the safety net clinics, as well as the patients. They also wanted to make recommendations that could meet the transportation needs. The second subcommittee, they're going to focus on the feasibility of actually having a shared information system, how much will it cost to get these safety net clinics together to have a shared medical record, etcetera. The third committee will look at examining the trends of the patient flow in the emergency rooms and finding out what are some of the behaviors around emergency room usage for the uninsured and underinsured so that way we can really find out where the coordination needs are for improving the system as a whole.

To make sure that we maintain a task-oriented project here, we do have the following reporting structure in place and I guess I have not been going through these and I do apologize. The reporting timeline, we'll have monthly updates from the summit participants and that will take place throughout October 2007 through September 2008. These will be posted on the website that we have for the health access project and we did share that link with all the Health Access Summit participants, including county staff.

There will be quarterly progress reports from the working groups. The first one will be in December and the subsequent ones will be in March and June of 2008 and then I will also come to the Board of Commissioners' meetings and also provide you an update on what our progress is with the health access project.

In September 2008 we will have another Health Access Summit meeting, where we will talk about the implementation of this health access project and talk about our achievements and all the good news that we hope to have from the working groups and their hard work over the past year.

I want to conclude by going over again the goal for this project and that's to increase the access and availability of a primary care medical home for the residents of Sedgwick County for those who lack insurance coverage, whether it's private or public insurance. We also want to look at improving coordination of existing services, enhancing options for medical coverage, improving education on these options so they know what is available and also improving the education on the value of actually using a primary medical home, versus going to an emergency room for your ongoing medical needs. I would like to entertain any questions that you may have at this point."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well Roderick, thank you for that report. It looks like you all have taken

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on a very big task and you've tried or organize it in bite-size pieces and it looks like you're well on your way, so we'll look forward to, as you said, good news at your report. But I know that Commissioner Norton has had a great deal to do with this, so we're very appreciative of his involvement and initiative in getting this rolling, because it does look like it would be a great benefit for our citizens. We do have some other comments though, first of all Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well thank you. Just very briefly, I want to say to Roderick and to Commissioner Norton and all the others involved, this is a result that came out of an Assembly process that is continuing to work. I mean, it's got a plan of action and you've outlined the plan of action. I've been around when we've had some other Assemblies and they did good work but I'm not sure that it's not still sitting on the shelf some place and that's still . . . that's good stuff because I do go back and refer to some of those items, but this Assembly has resulted in an action plan and so Commissioner Norton, I appreciate all of your leadership on this and for all of those others that are working on it, and putting it to work, thank you for your work."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, as I go to more and more meetings, not just on health access, but many other topics in our community, homelessness, workforce development, a lot of things are inter-reactive. We talk about transportation in one of our groups, and we've broken off and we're working on transportation, but the truth is, that's spurred conversation on a broader topic of how do you get the services to the homeless folks that don't have transportation and people that are trying to go into the workforce and go to training and don't drive a car, don't have a job to afford a car, how do we get transportation for them. And if the need health access to a safety net clinic but they don't drive, they need public transportation. So we've inter-related so many of the things that are happening in our community with some of these topics.

If you talk about homelessness, generally one of the first things that pushes you into homelessness is some kind of a financial condition that makes you move out of your home, and many times that is a health condition that is very expensive and you lose your home because you can't pay all of your bills, so a lot of these things are very related.

I very proud of the three groups that are working. I make it to the table at most of the work groups and there are some very smart, dedicated people in our community that keep showing up and whacking at this, I call it a national crisis, it's not just about Wichita and Sedgwick County. It is huge issue in our United States and I'm very proud of this group for continuing to hammer out the details, to agree to disagree, to try to put their biases and their business values that they may bring to the table off to the side to try to create the best possible solution. And the good news is that it's not all about throwing government money at it. It's about getting smart people together and

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figuring out the best ways to coordinate what we've already got, to use the coverage that are already out there, to refine what we're already doing.

It was interesting, the transportation subcommittee started talking about, you know, we've got a bus route that goes three blocks from the safety net clinic. Why doesn't it go . . . shift and go right by the safety net clinic that's moved. It's pretty simple. Nobody had every asked, but now that's all in the works, so a lot of great solutions are coming out of it. I think the groups are very driven. They've got great leaders that are not county employees, they're folks from the community that understand coverage and navigation and coordination and have a great sense of what we're trying to accomplish. And it's interesting, we've had some of the meetings on Friday afternoon at 4:00 and had twenty volunteers show up and stayed and worked hard until almost 6:00 trying to come up with some more solutions, deciding on where we should go with it. So I feel really good about where we're going. It is not an easy process to go through and the issue we're dealing with is so complicated. There's so many moving parts to it, but I think we've got the right people at the table and I guarantee you, I'll continue to be dedicated until we put out the work product that solves this issue in our community, at least for the lion's share of people that aren't getting good medical care because they don't have a primary care home."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you commissioner and once again, thank you for your initiative and effort in making this happen and Roderick, thank you for your presentation, appreciate it. Commissioners, we need a motion to receive and file."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye

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Chairman Unruh

Aye

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

2. **GRANT AWARD FROM THE KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION THROUGH THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR FUNDING OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

**Ms. Blackburn** said, "For the last twelve years, the Health Department has been privileged to receive an annual award from the Kansas Health Foundation, through the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments for \$10,000. And this special funding is for the purposes of staff development and continuing education and specially focuses on public health topics within the state of Kansas. We're also able to use some of this money for memberships of Kansas Public Health Organizations and a couple of national public health organizations.

The total amount is \$10,000 for July 1<sup>st</sup>, '07 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, '08 and there is no match requirement. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I do recommend that you approve this agreement."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, thank you Claudia. This is . . . we're very grateful to have a grant like this, no match requirement. We can use it to help develop our services, so that's great. Commissioners, do you have any comment or question?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the Award and authorize the Chairman to sign the amended document containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the initial Award; and approve establishment of budget authority.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton

Aye

Commissioner Winters

Aye

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Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item."

**E. GRANT APPLICATION RENEW**

- 3. AMENDMENT TO THE 2007-2008 AID-TO-LOCAL GRANT FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING OF \$10,388 FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES.**

**Ms. Blackburn** said, "Commissioners, before you is an amendment to the Health Department's 2007 and 2008 Aid to Local agreement that allows us to receive an additional \$10,388 for maternal and child health services and this money is used for three of our programs, the prenatal program, the children's dental clinic, and the Healthy Babies program. And periodically, towards the end of the fiscal year or during the fiscal year, if the state has extra money, they do look to Wichita and Sedgwick County and we appreciate that and they send it to us."

The original maternal and child health award was for \$570,929 and this will bring it to \$581,317. We will use this money to defray costs of a registered dietician. We will not be buying anything new with this money. And there is a match requirement, but we meet that match with our indirect costs and there is no new local funding being requested for this agreement. So I recommend that you approve this amendment and authorize the Chair to sign and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you again. Commissioners, are there any comments or questions about this amendment? What's the will of the board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the Award and authorize the Chairman to sign the amended document containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the initial

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Award; and approve establishment of budget authority.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**E. GRANT APPLICATION RENEWAL FOR FEDERAL S.T.O.P./VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FISCAL 2008 YEAR FUNDING.**

**Ms. Sheri Boeken**, Office Administration, District Attorney, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Requesting approval of the grant application for the renewal and continued funding of the federal S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women grant. This grant we have had on staff for several years and it funds currently one case coordinator who works solely with victims of crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and it also funds a part-time investigator. I’m available for questions.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions about this grant application?”

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Parks moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the Grant Award Agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the Grant Award documents are executed.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**F. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager said, "Commissioners, you have that resolution before you, but the Chief Financial Officer is not here and he is the one that can detail that information for you and I would suggest we just skip it until he gets here."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. We will skip then agenda item F and Madam Clerk, please call agenda Item G. All right, we see that we have the resources here, so we will continue with Agenda Item F. Mr. Chronis, you are ready."

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Operator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sorry, I apologize for the delay in arriving. The item that's before you is a resolution to revise the county's investment policy. Currently, the county has an investment portfolio of \$334,000,000 and that, as

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you know, that amount changes as we move through the year and collect taxes and spend money. In about a month from now it will rise to the highest point it reaches at any time in the year, after we've collected the first installment of property taxes and at that time we expect the investment portfolio to be something in excess of \$500,000,000.

Our management of that portfolio is guided by state law and in addition by a policy that the county first adopted in 1999 and then amended in the year 2000. The county's investment policy addresses investment goals. It establishes procedures and reporting requirements for staff to follow, it establishes parameters that guide the performance of staff and that set minimum expectations for the people with whom we invest the county's money, all of which is intended to avoid any over concentration of risk by the county in what has become a fairly sizable piece of business for us.

The policy changes that are before you are the result of an annual review that we undertake with the policy and each of these changes which are enumerated in a two-page supplement to the agenda item summary that you have before you. Each of these changes is intended to increase the level of safety that the county has from its investment of county funds and from the performance of the county staff that's managing those funds and the people with whom we're investing the money and I'd like to spend just a minute summarizing what those changes are for you.

First, there is a change that adds explicit language to the affect that the policy is not to be used to generate investment income for the purpose of accomplishing particular budget goals. That is, we don't ever want the county to be counting on investment income of any particular amount in order to balance the county's budget or to fund particular projects. We don't want to be dependent on county investments to produce that revenue stream because that could create a situation which the staff that's managing those investments might have an incentive to take risks that we don't really want them to take.

Secondly, the policy changes provide a clearer statement of accountability than has been there. Always, the CFO has been responsible for the county's investment and the policy provides for certain actions to be performed by subordinates of the County's Chief Financial Officer. This policy change makes it clear that the CFO is the person who is on the hook for any performance under this policy, so if anything goes south, I'm the guy that you look to and the policy clearly establishes that I'm the person who is accountable for that performance.

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Third, the policy changes establish minimum goals . . . I'm sorry, establish minimum qualifications for financial institutions with whom we chose to invest our money. There have been standards by which those institutions have had to report to us their ability to receive county investments. What we're doing with this policy is beefing up those standards. Specifically, we're establishing a minimum capital requirement for financial institutions of \$10,000,000 and a minimum time in the business of five years. That is all intended to preclude brokers, as sometimes happens, from hanging up a shingle and saying 'I'm not an investment broker, give me some of your public funds'.

The general state law makes public investments available to a broad spectrum of people who are in the investment business. We are wanting to have competition for county investments but we want to make sure that competition is limited to people who truly have a track record and have adequate capital to assure that they're going to remain in business for the duration of our investment with them.

We have a policy change which establishes a limit on call-up securities and that limit now will be 25% of the value of U.S. agencies in which we invest. Callable securities are securities that have a stated yield to security and that is what we invest for, but they also have a call date. That is the person who has issued the security has the ability to call those security, to redeem them before the final maturity date. That call date changes the investment yield from what had been planned and having too many callable security in the portfolio can create an environment in which the investment managers feel a need to take some chances in order to secure a safe and predictable investment return that we don't want those people to take and so we're establishing that minimum threshold.

The policy changes add a limit on the portfolio concentration by issuer. With this change, we will not be allowed to invest more than 60% of the portfolio with any single issuer and that also is intended to avoid any sort of over-concentration of risk with a particular issuer. There is an exception in this policy change by the way with the U.S. Treasury, which is the ultimate safe issuance, safe investment.

And finally, there is a change of the structure of the investment portfolio. Up till now, our policy has called for us to maintain two investment portfolios, a long-term portfolio that is invested for yield and that consists of funds that we have certainty that we will not need to use within a year and a short-term portfolio that is managed for ongoing cash needs, that is needs within a year. We have found over the four or five years since that change was implemented that it really serves no real purpose and so what we're doing with this policy change is going back to a single portfolio that will be invested for the county's cash-flow needs and for yield, with the ultimate goal of being safety of the county's principle.

There are a couple of other changes that are related to that structural change as well. We are

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altering the provision concerning average waited maturity, so that the portfolio would be managed so that the average waited maturity of investments is no more than 18 months and we are establishing a new, single benchmark for the portfolio now that we will only have one portfolio. That's a pretty arcane description of the changes, but it is pretty serious business. Again, we currently have \$334,000,000 of public funds that are invested by Sedgwick County. That will grow to something slightly over a half a billion within the next 30 to 60 days and so we want to pay pretty close attention to this policy and to the changes that we are proposing.

The county's investment policy is one of a handful in the state of Kansas that have been approved by the state government under a procedure that's established in state law. That approval gives the county expanded investment opportunities and those expanded opportunities actually serve to improve the safety of the county's investments because it allows us to diversify our portfolio more than the basic state law permits local governments to do. We think that this policy changes, because they are increasing safety, they are increasing the controls over staff, will certainly pass muster with the state. This new policy will be submitted for state approval and we expect to receive that once you have taken action.

If you have any questions about these policy changes, I'll be happy to try and answer them. If you have no questions, then I would recommend that you adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign it."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you Chris. We do have some comment or questions. We'll begin with Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Chris, having reviewed these and visited with you a little bit about them, these seem to be to me pretty prudent changes and will allow for some better management of funds. To a casual observer, sometimes when we say this is . . . there are expanded opportunities for investment, one would think that that could be expansion into a more risky, less safe kind of environment, but I think you answered this question right at the end of your presentation, but I'd like for you to just say it again. With some of these expanded opportunities or different ways of doing business, in your opinion is this in any way a less safe investment strategy?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "No, in fact it's more safe. The basic state law essentially limits the investment of public funds to the state's municipal investment pool or to certificates of deposit that have been issued by local banks. In effect, the state's basic policy requires an over-concentration of funds with local banks or with the state's investment pool. What we can do by diversifying into a broader array of security with the expanded statute and with our approved policy is invest in federal agencies and a variety of other very safe security that serves to diversify the portfolio. That diversification provides safety and it provides greater assurance that any single investment doesn't represent too much of a share of the total portfolio and thus represent too high of a risk of loss if

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that issuer goes into the toilet and that's a technical finance term."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, well kind of a long answer, but I guess in my words then, the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens should believe that this is an improved policy, giving us some additional flexibility for improved investment returns, but still a very safe policy."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Yes."

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "In using your own terms, Mr. Chronis, beefing up the standards, will this beefing up the standards for the financial institutions result in us not doing business with somebody we're doing now, a local financial institution?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "No, the policy that we have now requires institutions who wish to do business with the county to pre-qualify and there have been standards that have been established for that prequalification process. What we're doing with the specific change that I mentioned is putting that standard, that specific standard in the policy. It's been something that we've been implementing administratively and we think that it's a good idea to have it embedded in the policy itself."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. I don't see any other questions, Chris and I think you've explained it well. This in some respects gets the policy to reflect some of the attitudes that we already have towards our investment structure, in that we haven't been risky before and this just gives us some flexibility and makes these guidelines clearly reflect what we're doing."

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right. Commissioners, any other comment or question?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Unruh 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 Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Chris. Now Madam Clerk, we're ready for agenda item G I believe."

**G. RESOLUTION OPPOSING CREATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF MAIZE (MAIZE TOWN CENTER PROJECT).**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioner Parks."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to table Item G until we can gather more information from the City of Maize.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "We will move then to Agenda Item H."

**H. DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT.**

- 1. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE; ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2006 EDITION, CHAPTERS ONE THROUGH TEN, AS THE RESIDENTIAL ONE-AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE WITH CERTAIN PROVISIONS DECLARED TO BE OMITTED, CHANGED OR ADDED TO; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND PROSECUTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, IMPROVEMENT, REMOVAL, DEMOLITION, CONVERSION, OCCUPANCY, EQUIPMENT, USE, HEIGHT, AREA AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL ONE-AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; ESTABLISHING BUILDING CONTRACTORS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**
- 2. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE; ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION, AS THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODE WITH CERTAIN PROVISIONS DECLARED TO BE OMITTED, CHANGED OR ADDED TO; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND PROSECUTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, IMPROVEMENT, REMOVAL, DEMOLITION, CONVERSION, OCCUPANCY, EQUIPMENT, USE, HEIGHT, AREA AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; AND ESTABLISHING BUILDING CONTRACTORS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**
- 3. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "STANDARD CODE," AS REFERRED**

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**TO HEREIN IS THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, AND AS AMENDED HEREIN; THE STANDARD CODE SHALL INCLUDE ALL AMENDMENTS AND CODIFIED SUPPLEMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 2006 EDITION; THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2006 EDITION, CHAPTERS 12 THROUGH 24 INCLUSIVE; AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2006 EDITION; THE STANDARD CODES AND THEIR AMENDMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 6-102 ARE HEREBY ADOPTED AS THE MECHANICAL CODE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY, AND ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN AS IF FULLY SET OUT IN THIS SECTION.**

**Mr. Buchanan** greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we have a technical problem with Items H-1, 2 and 3. These require a public hearing and we didn't put a notice of public hearing in the paper, so we need to defer those and have a public hearing and adopt these at a later date."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to defer Items H-1, H-2 and H-3 until all the proper notices have been completed.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

### I. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2007.

**Mr. Dave Rush**, Interim Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Last month we had 60,397 people through the doors and we had 11 events, 24 individual performances and the revenues were \$242,878. Ben E. Keith Food Show was in the main building. We had a nice turnout of the local restaurateurs and so forth come in for that show. Chisholm Trail Gun Show and the Paint Horse Congress, which used all the facilities including the main building for their show and they had a very good turnout and very happy with it. Larry the Cable Guy and Thunder Hockey had their opener this month. We had the flea market and then Ringling Brothers Circus was in and their performance did real well, they're real happy with the results of the circus. Poppin' Johnnies, they were out in the Pavilion II and that's the antique tractors, and the Poppin' Johnnies comes back from the old model single-cylinder John Deere tractor that made the popping sound, that's where that comes from and that's what they named their unit and they have that. Then we had the Thunder Hockey again for the end of the month.

Coming up, this next near future, tomorrow the third Friday, we've got the opening of Bull-nanza, which is the PBRA, the rodeo, Bull Riders Association and they're going to do two events and they'll be Friday and Saturday both. Then we've got the flea market this weekend. Thunder Hockey on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and then U.S. Weapons on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. If there's any questions, I'd be glad to answer them."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you. We do have a comment from Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "The Wild Football season will start when?"

**Mr. Rush** said, "March 6<sup>th</sup> I think. We're just finalizing the dates and I think that was the date. It's in early March, maybe 8<sup>th</sup>. I don't have that. I'll get it for you, but we're just working, finalizing the contract and the dates this week."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I knew that the contract dates were up this week and that's why I asked that. The Wild will be in a new league, per se this year and are there any problems or foreseeable things that are coming up with that? One of the things I had in particular mind was the

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turf that was out there for the Wild, is that owned by the Wild or is that owned by the county?"

**Mr. Rush** said, "We have possession of it. I can't answer for sure on ownership."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Okay."

**Mr. Rush** said, "It was back and forth through the old Topeka league and I'd have to research to say actually who owns it. I think the county probably has got ownership because we have it."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "We can certainly get that later. Thank you."

**Mr. Rush** said, "Yeah, we've stored it for a long time anyway."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Dave, talk a little bit about the Painted Horse Show. That's the second year it's been in the Britt Brown also, using pavilions and the Britt Brown Arena. As we move forward and have dialogues in the next year about use of the Britt Brown, it's become pretty apparent that big horse shows can maybe not fill the arena, but have a logical place inside that arena, so that it's going to have a usage as an equestrian center. Now maybe that's just part of the conversation we need to have about it, but we need to start having that dialogue so talk a little bit about that."

**Mr. Rush** said, "Yes sir, the use of the Britt Brown Arena as an equestrian center, with the new modifications to the pavilions, and new exercise arena, it puts us in a real good position to do a big equestrian event such as this national show here, and the Arabians and the different breed associations have expressed interest in using the building. But the cost of moving dirt in and out and those associated with that become prohibitive to them. If it was being utilized for several weeks at a time with dirt in there, for those type of events, it would enhance our ability to get a lot of the bigger shows and fill the pavilions more. So it is a plus for the equestrian events and also some of the other livestock events if that was the end results that Britt Brown stay there for that purpose."

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**Commissioner Norton** said, “Okay. Well I just think it’s part of the dialogue that we’ll need to start having and if you can have an event that at one time was in the pavilions and now is in the Britt Brown and it’s an equestrian event and it looks like the crowds are growing. They’re actually seating quite a few people in the Paint Horse Congress that weren’t there before.”

**Mr. Rush** said, “That’s correct. The equestrian events, for the most part, will not draw a lot of outside people. Even the dog shows and so forth would like to have that building to be utilized for them also and their events. But all of these events, unless you are a participant, do not draw large numbers of people from outside their event.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “But it does enhance to have seating for those that come . . . the more participants you have, the more they’re going to be sitting on the sidelines in nicer seating than in the pavilions.”

**Mr. Rush** said, “Yes sir.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Just thought we’d have some conversation about that while Dave was here. That’s all I have.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. Well Dave, it looks like you’ve had a busy month in October with 24 events and so we appreciate your efforts to make our Kansas Coliseum active and useful to our citizens, so appreciate that. Commissioners, we need a motion to receive and file.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**J. PUBLIC WORKS.**

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS OF TOWNSHIP ROADS WITHIN MINNEHATOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.**

**Mr. Mark Borst**, P.E., Director, County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have three resolutions to present to you this morning for your consideration and these are brought to you due to the involvement of township boards requesting public works to perform traffic studies at the respective locations. It's our policy to provide assistance and guidance to these townships at their request whenever possible. Township concurrence was obtained for all of these potential actions that I will present to you.

Item J-1 is a resolution authorizing the establishing of stop signs on Berwick Drive on its intersection with St. Andrews and on Troon at its intersection with St. Andrews. These two intersections are between Central and the entrance to the Pinnacle at Crestview Subdivision. St. Andrews is the collector street in the area and Berwick Drive and Troon are local streets that feed traffic to St. Andrews.

Sight obstructions exist at both of these intersection to the extent that leaving the intersections open or using yield control are not reasonable or feasible. This leaves stop control as the best control for both intersections and I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Mark. This was asked by . . . requested by the township board."

**Mr. Borst** said, "Yes, Charles Wiggins, the trustee, I had multiple conversations and e-mails and all with him on that."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right. And these intersections showed that reasons, site restrictions, traffic counts to justify the installation of these?"

**Mr. Borst** said, "The site obstructions are the main reason for the control, because especially as you come and look back north toward Pinnacle, Troon in particular had some obstructions . . . well, and Troon is close enough to the entrance to the Pinnacle that with the way the entrance of Pinnacle is

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set up, you don't see the cars leaving the Pinnacle in a reasonable amount of time to appropriately do it, to do anything less than a stop, and then we have some trees and what not at Berwick Drive, the south one of the two.

The problem with using yield signs, which I've always been a fan of using the yield sign whenever possible, but the manual of uniform traffic control devices changed back at the turn of the century, that sounds like a long time ago, but back about 2000 to where we have to . . . you have to be able to enter the intersection at the prevailing speed, which in this case will be 30 miles an hour, to be able to use yield. It used to be as long as you could enter it up to 15, at 15 or faster you could do. Well now with 30 mile an hour, you can't do that coming off of Berwick Drive or Troon to be able to adjust if you suddenly see something coming along St. Andrews so that dictates the use of a stop control in these two cases."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well I know the intersections and I think that people already have a tendency to yield there, I mean they've got to slow down, but the stop signs probably will enhance the safety. So we have other comment. Commissioner Welshimer."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "How many signs are they putting up in this area?"

**Mr. Borst** said, "This will be two stop signs. Both intersections are 'T's with both Berwick Drive and Troon going east off of St. Andrews only, so it will just be a total of two signs."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Township pays for that."

**Mr. Borst** said, "Township pays for that."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "And we enforce the law on stop signs."

**Mr. Borst** said, "The Sheriff's road patrol will be the ones doing that, yes."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Is this all in the Crestview area?"

**Mr. Borst** said, "These two intersections are in the Crestview area, yes. They're just north of Central, in between 127<sup>th</sup> and 143<sup>rd</sup>."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Is this the total of what they're asking us for or there's more, right? You've got more?"

**Mr. Borst** said, "This is the only stop related one that Minneha Township is asking for, yes."

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**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Okay. Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you commissioner. Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "I'm certainly going to be supportive of this and I appreciate your report, and on a personal note, your tie is very appropriate for the topic today. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, any other comment?"

**MOTION**

Chairman Unruh 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 Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item."

- 2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF A SPEED LIMIT ON ALL STREETS IN THE PINNACLE AT CRESTVIEW SUBDIVISION IN MINNEHA TOWNSHIP, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**Mr. Borst** said, "Commissioners, Item J-2 is a resolution establishing a 20-mile-an-hour speed limit

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on all streets in the Pinnacle at Crestivew Subdivision. The homeowners' association has installed a non-standard, non-reflective sign designating a 20-mile-an-hour speed limit immediately outside the entrance to the subdivision, and Charles Wiggins, the Minneha Township Trustee contacted me concerning this matter and requested that the county review the streets for appropriate speed limit.

Our review found that most of the curves in the subdivision cannot be taken or driven safely above 20-miles-per-hour so the 20-mile-per-hour speed limit is reasonable for this area. The other option would be to leave the speed limit at the statutory 30 for an urban or residential district and sign all the curves that need it to be driven with the warning signs with 20-mile-an-hour advisories. This was not acceptable to the homeowners or the township, so I would recommend that you adopt the resolution for 20 miles per hour."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item."

- 3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS OF TOWNSHIP ROADS WITHIN AFTON TOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.**

**Mr. Borst** said, "Commissioners, we'll move west across the county for this one. This resolution

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authorizes a two-way stop at the intersection of 31<sup>st</sup> Street South and 231<sup>st</sup> Street West. This will control the 31<sup>st</sup> Street South approaches. We've reviewed this intersection at the request of Richard Flauharty, the Afton Township Trustee and we found site obstructions to the extent that stop control was our only option, based on the requirements as I've talked previously in the MUTCD. I'd recommend that you adopt the resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "We do have a comment or question. Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Were the obstructions crops that are harvested during the year, or were there other obstructions?"

**Mr. Borst** said, "No, the obstructions basically were trees, scrubs in or just behind the fence, so they're on private property."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "That's all I had."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Any other comment or question? Madam Clerk, call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**4. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN ROADS TO THE TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #1.**

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**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director, County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item J-4, it is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision in accordance with our county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, ‘Killarney Circle and Killarney Court’ both located in the subdivision of Crestview County Club Estates Overbrook 4<sup>th</sup> Addition will become the responsibility of Minneha Township. The Minneha Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the county commission agenda by letter, dated October 5<sup>th</sup> and I recommend that you adopt the resolution.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2007.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup> results in four items for consideration today.

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- 1) **BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: B-428 RIDGE BETWEEN 61<sup>ST</sup> AND 69<sup>TH</sup> STREETS NORTH/ B-445 53<sup>RD</sup> ST NORTH BETWEEN BROADWAY AND ARKANSAS**

First item, bridge improvements for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Wildcat Construction in the amount of \$463,510.34.

- 2) **SAND SPREADERS WITH HYDRAULIC LIQUID APPLICATION SYSTEMS- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT AND BRIDGE BUILDING FUND**

Item two, sand spreaders with hydraulic liquid application systems for Public Works. Recommendation is to accept the bid from Truck Parts and Equipment in the amount of \$50,730.

- 3) **REMODEL JAIL STORAGE ROOM- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**FUNDING: REMODEL ADULT DETENTION SUPPLY**

Item three, remodel of the jail storage room for Facilities Department. And the recommendation is to accept the low bid from Van Asdale Construction in the amount of \$49,000.

- 4) **RENTAL UNIFORMS- VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**  
**FUNDING: VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

And item four, rental uniforms for various county departments and that recommendation is to accept the overall low bid from AmeriPride Uniform Services and establish contract prices for one year, with two one-year options to renew. Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you Iris. Commissioners, are there any question or comment on items on the bid board? Seeing none, what is the will of the board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**L. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Three Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 811-J, n 1/2 K; widening of Ridge Road between K-96 and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North. CIP# R-282. District #4.**
- 2. Two Temporary Construction Easements and one Right-of-Way Easement for Sedgwick County Project 614-e, 1/2 34, 35, 36; Widen 21<sup>st</sup> Street North between K-96 Bypass and 159<sup>th</sup> Street East. CIP# R-256. District #1.**
- 3. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36; Widen 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South between Rock Road and the Butler County line. CIP# R-275. District #5.**
- 4. Donation of \$100,000 to The Sunrise Rotary Club to be used to develop the "Sunrise Boundless Playscape" at the Sedgwick County Park.**
- 5. Applications for Cereal Malt Beverage License.**

**Applicant Names**  
James W. Peters  
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**Business Name**  
Jeymanco Inc.  
DBA Shulte Country Store

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**John F. and Debra R. Richards DJR Golf, Inc.**

- 6. Establish additional budget authority in the Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund (18001-216).**
- 7. Compensation Adjustment for District Attorney Nola Foulston retroactive to June 24, 2007.**
- 8. Order dated November 7, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 9. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of November 7 – November 13, 2007.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it and remind you that there’s only 47 more days until the sales tax expires.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you and thank you for the reminder about 47 days. Commissioners, are there any comments or questions about the consent agenda?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, we've come to the end of our agenda and so now is an appropriate time, if there are other comments that you'd like to make and I think Commissioner Winters was first."

### M. OTHER

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. I just, very briefly, wanted to mention that several of our commissioners attended a luncheon yesterday that was held by the Agri Business Council and it was a presentation by Dr. John Leatherman of K-State talking about the economic impact of agriculture in Sedgwick County. And you know economist and accountants can do a lot with numbers and I'm not sure I understood all the numbers yesterday but one that I did understand clearly was that there were about 10,000 jobs in Sedgwick County that are agriculture related or sustained by agriculture and that's a pretty powerful number, as we think about what all the economic activity is in Sedgwick County from both industrial and service and the agricultural business, so again, very interesting luncheon yesterday. I think they appreciated the county commissioners' attendance and I think this agri-business council is trying to do some good work in Sedgwick County, but thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "One last thing. Again, the Kansas Association of Counties is holding its annual meeting beginning this Sunday at the Hyatt Hotel here in Wichita. It will be taking place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday so we welcome all of those county commissioners and other county officials from all over the state of Kansas who will be in Wichita Sunday and the first part of next week with their annual association meeting. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Parks."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "And with that KAC meeting, information from Commissioner Winters, the commissioners that watch us in the other areas, I hope that they can continue to do that and we're working with Cox to provide that regional service out there to those other areas of the state. When we go to these KAC meetings, we do have the other county commissioners tell us they do watch us on TV, so good report on the luncheon. I won't belabor that point."

I did notice this last week that the City of Wichita did spread some kind of liquid, some kind of

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presumptive ice, liquid on their bridges and I just had talked with the engineer a little bit about that and I wanted to ask him that the county doesn't use that, do we, on our bridges, the liquid that they spray on?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "No sir, that's salt brine. I think the City of Wichita uses that and KDOT uses it, but we do not. We use a mixture of salt sand and liquid calcium chloride on ours so that it works down in temperatures into the teens, well below freezing."

**Commissioner Parks** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Is that all? All right, thank you commissioner. Well I would just want to remark that I was able to attend a 100-year anniversary celebration with the folks at the Hebrew congregation on North Woodlawn last Friday evening and want to congratulate them on their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and there are a lot of excited people to come in from all over the United States who have been part of that congregation and came back. It was an interesting evening for my wife and I.

Also would want to comment that last week we recognized the Junior ROTC activities and USD 259 and I was able to represent the county commission at their Veterans' Day celebration and it is quite a site to see 2,200 kids marching in formation and there's some little bitty guys and then there's some guys that are regular high school guys, but they all look sharp and you know, you can't help but kind of get emotionally involved when you hear the Stars and Stripes being played and see the flags going by and see these kids who are really learning discipline and other very valuable character qualities as they go through that program. But that's been part of my activity and commissioners, if there's not anything else to come before the commission, this meeting is adjourned."

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Chairman  
First District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**KELLY PARKS**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**GWEN WELSHIMER**, Commissioner,  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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