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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim R. Norton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem James B. Skelton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk; Ms. Annette Graham, Executive Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, DIO Technology Services; Mr. Jeremy Biltz, Operations Manager, DIO Technology Services; Mr. Scott Hadley, Director, EMS; Mr. Robert Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Tabitha Lehman, Election Commissioner; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

GUEST

*Ms. Darcee Datteri, Appointee, Physical and Developmental Disabilities Board
Mr. Max Tenbrook, Appointee, Physical and Developmental Disabilities Board*

INVOCATION: Reverend Sherdeill Breathett Sr., St. Mark United Methodist Church

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

A motion was made that this be Roll Call. The motion carried by the following vote:

Present 5 - Chairman Karl Peterjohn, Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Commissioner Jim Skelton, Commissioner Tim Norton and Commissioner Dave Unruh

APPOINTMENTS

A [12-0020](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DARCEE DATTERI (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Items B and C also relate to the same board. With your permission, I would like to announce those, too. They are both Commissioner Unruh's appointments. Item B appoints Max Tenbrook to that same board, and Item C reappoints Andy Schlapp to the same board. Those are all four-year appointments. I would recommend that you approve Items A, B, and C."

Chairman Norton said, "What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the resolutions.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, and I think some of the folks are here to be sworn in."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yes."

Chairman Norton said, "Two are, so if they would come forward we'll have the Clerk swear them in."

Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, so help me God."

Ms. Darcee Datteri, Appointee, Physical and Developmental Disabilities Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Max Tenbrook, Appointee, Physical and Developmental Disabilities Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Ms. Lovelace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank both Darcee and Max for their willingness to serve. It's an important position to serve on our advisory boards, and so we take your service and your input seriously. And I think the [Physical and] Developmental Disabilities Board has special challenges this year, in light of the new Managed Care Initiative from Topeka. We'll look forward to hearing from you, as what you think is the right thing for us to do, but we just want to say we truly appreciate your willingness to serve. So thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "We always offer our appointees a moment to say something, if you would like to step forward, either Max or Darcee, either one. Well, that didn't go anywhere. Thank you for serving. We appreciate all of our people who are willing to serve on advisory boards. Clerk, call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Chairman Peterjohn, that this Appointment(s) be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

B [12-0025](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAX TENBROOK (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Action on Item B was taken with Item A.

C [12-0022](#) RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANDY SCHLAPP (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Action on Item B was taken with Item A.

NEW BUSINESS

D [11-1411](#)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS REGARDING THE MID-KANSAS SENIOR OUTREACH PROJECT.

Presented by: Annette Graham, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging/Sedgwick County Department on Aging.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Ms. Annette Graham, Executive Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas receives a Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration grant for the Mid-Kansas Senior Outreach Project. This project is a gatekeeper program for at-risk seniors experiencing mental health issues, prescription drug misuse and abuse, and other health problems that threaten their ability to live independently and safely in the community. The purpose of this memorandum of understanding between Central Plains Area Agency on Aging (CPAAA) and Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas is to establish a working relationship, a partnership to assist them in maintaining senior wellness and to ensure service delivery to improve the ability of at-risk seniors who live successfully in the community. CPAAA will provide the gatekeeper partner training, will assist in training and recruitment and training of volunteers to provide referral, peer counseling, information, and assistance and volunteer services.

"The agency will also provide support services, will collect referral and project data on a monthly basis to provide to Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas, and for this partnership and this working relationship, they will provide \$7,500 from the SAMSA (Substance Abuse Mental Services Administration) grant to be used for participation as a partner in this program. There is no match required for this. This is a three-year program, and it really will benefit the seniors who are at risk and help provide more outreach and education to both our staff and the partners we work in the community where we're going out very widely and broadly. So I would request that you approve the agreement, authorize the Chairman to sign the memorandum of understanding."

Chairman Norton said, "Annette, before we get more discussion, explain what SAMSA is. That's an acronym that not everyone knows."

Ms. Graham said, "Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. It is a federal level office that provides grant, research and information and education, research data throughout the United States on the issues of substance abuse mental health. And they do have a professional focus in one area, the needs of older adults, because that is a high target population that experiences a significant amount of mental health issues, certainly drug abuse, alcohol abuse, prescription drug abuse, is going to be on the rise as the boomers start hitting age 65 plus, so we're seeing a little bit of special focus there."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. What is the will of the Board? You've heard the presentation."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the agreement.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Annette. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

E [11-1417](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$69,429 FOR- HOSPITAL DISCHARGE MODEL (HDM)/ AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER ENHANCEMENT (ADRC-E) CASE MANAGER GRANT.

Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging/Sedgwick County Department on Aging.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant.

Ms. Graham said, "The Kansas Department on Aging (KDA) has been awarded two related grants from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Through the Hospital Discharge Model (HDM) grant, KDA has partnered with the [Central Plains] Area Agency on Aging, the Independent Living Resource Center [of Kansas], Wesley Hospital, Via Christi Hospitals and community organizations to develop and implement a Hospital Discharge Model that focuses on discharging individuals that are on Medicaid to help them return back to the community and to reduce the rates of nursing home placements outside of the hospitals. This is certainly a big major issue, more and more becomes the focus because of the high dollar cost of that. About five years ago when the Kansas Department on Aging looked statewide, they found that we had a significant number of individuals on Medicaid leaving our local hospitals, going out to nursing homes, at a cost of about \$50 million a year to Medicaid. So they accessed this funding opportunity and worked with us to do a pilot to develop some new models to help increase the ability of people to return back to their homes out of hospital. So those key transition points are very critical times to try to help people get information, get their resources, and make it easier to go back to the community and prevent that nursing home placement, because it is much easier to reduce nursing home placement before you get there than trying to get people out of the nursing home. It is much harder once an individual has been placed in the nursing home.

"The other part of this grant is for the Aging and Disability Resource Center, that, again, is a pilot project. It is designed to increase the efficiency and streamline access for caregivers and individuals in the community to information that they need to appropriately and adequately prepare and plan for their long-term care needs. So this is across aging and populations of individuals with disabilities. It was a partnership at our local level with Central Plains Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Resource Center. So we've been working together to develop a similar intake system, reporting models, working with Kansas Department on Aging to streamline resources, to learn more about each other's systems and resources, so that wherever individuals call between those two places, they will be at the right door. And it will make it easier for the population to access that information and to plan for those long-term care service needs, to look at what they need right now, but also if the future to help start thinking about those long-term care issues.

"This funding is federal dollars, it's \$69,000, up to \$69,429. It funds a case manager position, who works on both of these projects. As you will see, the contract year is July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. There was some changes in administration at the Kansas Department on Aging so there was delay in getting the paperwork and a legal contract and all of this through, that's why this delay happened. We have continued to have that staff person working on these important projects. There is no match required, and I would request that you approve this, authorize the Chair, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "I think we do have some questions. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, Annette, you know how I feel about these federal grants."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, I do."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "But I have a few questions about this. Now, this is designed, however, to reduce our costs to taxpayers at the federal and the state level."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, it is."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "And this is a three-year pilot program. Now, you may not have an answer to this, but do you have any idea how it is going so far, and when do you expect the data, et cetera, to be compiled once this is done?"

Ms. Graham said, "It was a three-year grant. The first year Kansas Department on Aging was a little slow in moving things forward, so there really wasn't much accomplished that year. So this year is really the third year, but it is the second year of actual project activity, so they are just now working with a university to begin gathering the data and reviewing the data. So we don't have the evaluation information currently, that is being worked on with the Kansas Department on Aging. So we're hoping to have that in the near future. But mechanisms are being worked on, there are pretty significant, I guess, movement forward with the hospitals to develop some systems so that they can more easily make referrals from the hospitals when an individual is getting ready to be discharged.

"And that is really critical because in the hospitals, the time of discharge is often there's very little time to make arrangements. So it is really critical that we develop an easier way to make those referrals in a very timely manner. So we are working right now, really, to put in place some pretty significant improvements that I think will really impact that. So we are very hopeful that there will be some things coming, and with the ADRC, the Aging Disability Resource Center, there will be a lot of changes coming with that with the Medicaid reform the state, with their managed care movement. One of the things that they will be doing coming February the State of Kansas will do a request for proposals (RFP) for an Aging and Disability Resource [Center], Options Counseling statewide initiative. So this will be, so that will expand on what this project has done. This project has been for individuals of all income levels, private pay, Medicaid, Medicare, and for individuals across disabilities. What the managed care organization, with that change, this will really step up the efforts related to Aging and Disability Resource Centers to provide that information specifically to the Medicaid population as managed care organizations, as you know, the state is planning to contract with three organizations, then individuals on Medicaid will have a choice about which managed care organization or which service they will be accessing.

"So the state will issue an RFP that will be separate from the managed care organizations that will, they are hoping to give this to a statewide, to one organization or state association to do both that functional eligibility for the long-term care Medicaid programs, and also to do Options Counseling. So there's going to be a lot of changes coming November 2012, is when they see this potential happening. So I think you'll see a lot of information being gathered, and a lot of new data, so it will kind of build on this, and the ADRC concept in the State of Kansas, we've had two pilot projects for the last several years, and that has been the Central Plains of Area Agency on Aging in Hays, Kansas. So I am not sure how all of this will work out, I just want to let you

know, there will be a lot of changes coming, and potential expansion for the ADRC model that we're doing here, because when they look across populations for the aging and disabilities, all disabilities in the Wichita area, we have about 20.59 percent of that population living in this three-county area."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, you know, I'll say that in the past, one of the reasons I've opposed a lot of these federal grants is because I don't think it's fiscally responsible. However, I talk about getting the biggest bang for our buck, the money that we are spending, we want to get the biggest bang for the buck. Certainly keeping people in communities is more cost-effective than nursing facilities. \$69,000, it wouldn't take a whole lot of nursing home patients to make that money up. So unless we're doing everything exactly right, which, you know, I wouldn't be confident that we are, then I don't think it would take long to make this money up. I think you could make an argument that it is actually fiscally responsible to make an effort to reduce costs and be more effective and make sure you are getting the biggest bang for the buck."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant.

Ms. Graham said, "Just to give you some figures, the latest data does show that it costs about one-third of the amount of a nursing home placement to keep somebody in the community. So it is a lot more cost-effective."

Chairman Norton said, "All right, Commissioner Peterjohn wanted to speak, but we have a motion on the floor, and I was waiting for a second before we..."

Commissioner Unruh said, "The motion is to approve?"

Chairman Norton said, "I thought you said to take the recommended action?"

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes, I know I may have surprised you."

Chairman Norton said, "I just want to let you know, Richard, I was listening."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well it caught me off guard."

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, we have a motion and a second. Commissioner Peterjohn has some comments."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Annette, the questions I would like to ask you, since this grant covers a 15-month period that started July 1st of last year, we are already basically through the first half of January of this year. Would all this money be spent in the county's 2012 budget year?"

Ms. Graham said, "It will be expended by this grant period, yes. And as I stated, there was some delay at the state level to get this contract out. We have continued to have our staff person on staff to continue that because they had assured us all along that they would provide that funding that the contract was coming, so we trusted their words, and so the staff person, the trainee, doing the travel, the research, all of that

will be covered by these funds. So, yes, it will be expended by the grant period time."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So it's this year."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Because you kind of segued off into my next question. Since over 80 percent of this money in this grant will be spent for personnel, I was curious in terms of, so it's basically a continuation for a person who is already employed by the county. We would not be adding any new people with this grant."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, that is correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make the comment that I have parents who have been right on the cusp between assisted living and nursing home placement, and my mother was just released from the hospital yesterday, so I'm acutely aware of the relative expenses between nursing home care and assisted living care and when they used to live in their own home. And helping them manage their finances to try to deal with that, I can see the fiscal responsibility and the leverage we get by programs that keep people out of nursing homes and in their own homes. That's why I'm very eager to support the recommendation. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Norton said, "We do have a motion and a second. My comment is that this is a lead-in to some of the managed care kinds of things. Managed care will have a caseworker that meets with people and tries to give them the best information and move into the best scenario for their situation. That's what we're trying to do at the county level right now, make sure that people have the right information to make those tough decisions about where seniors are going to live out their lives, whether it's going to be home placement, with some care, or assisted living, or on to a nursing home, and I think Commissioner Ranzau is right, if we can get upstream and get them into the best scenario for them, but also the most cost-effective scenario, it pays huge dividends, not only for the quality of life of families and the senior, but for the expenditure of moneys to make that happen. So I am going to be very supportive. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just going to add for record in the past we've had grants come up, and I've basically made the comment at the time that for grant funded positions, if the money for the grant goes away, the positions can go away, too, and I wanted to just add that for the record, because if we get in a situation where the grants can't continue, it becomes a challenge for us going forward. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other questions or comments at this time. Madam Clerk, call the item."

MOTION

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Do you have another one, Annette? Okay. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranzau, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Grant Application be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

F [12-0004](#)

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,685 FOR THE RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM .

Presented by: Annette Graham, Executive Director, Sedgwick County Department on Aging.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant and establish related budget authority.

Ms. Graham said, "The Sedgwick County Department on Aging is, this is an application for continuation of the third year of a three-year grant for the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) program. The grant year is from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. Sedgwick County Department on Aging has been a sponsor of this program since 2003. We plan to continue to support and provide quality volunteer opportunities. This program targets individual age 55 and older. This does require a 30 percent match of the total program cost to support the program. Volunteers, as you are all aware, are a highly valued resource in our community. This program provides a link to older adults to local non-profits that need volunteer support. In 2010, the RSVP program, through our volunteers, served over 80,000 hours in the community, and this made an economic impact of \$1.7 million in our community.

"These volunteers provide a variety of services out in our community. Much needed services, I might add. And they target vulnerable populations. Some of the sites which they volunteer include: The American Red Cross Center; the Robert [J.] Dole [VA] Medical Center; the Museums on the River; the Mid-Continent Airport. They serve volunteers, they serve veterans, military families, they provide support for disaster preparedness, and work to support environmental sustainability. They help seniors to remain living independently. With this grant continuation, RSVP will continue to match and provide volunteers age 55 and older with these important and critical needs in our community. We will continue to provide a staff person who will provide, she's a full-time director and program manager.

"This, as I said, is the third year of a three-year grant. The financial consideration is the grant amount is for \$47,390. The grant match amount is \$20,306. That is in the Sedgwick County aging mill levy and that was already approved in last year's budget. I would request that you approve the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and establish related budget authority. We would be happy to answer any questions about this program."

Chairman Norton said, "Annette, tell us again what RSVP stands for, and how long has Sedgwick County had RSVP. It was housed in Senior Services [Inc.] at one time, was it not?"

Ms. Graham said, "We, the Sedgwick County Department on Aging, took the program over in 2003, when the previous sponsor, which was Senior Services, Inc., decided it no longer fit their mission, so it was up and available in the community. So we thought this really fit within our mission to serve older adults, help people remain independent and actively involved in the community.

RSVP used to be referred to as the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. To update it, have now just referred to the RSVP volunteer program, much like AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) changed their name to just AARP, so kind of updating. Before Senior Services had it, United Way of the Plains had this program. So this program has been in the community for many, many years. I think Wichita was one of the early on starters of the program. But, really, it is such a critical program,

because it is a win-win on both sides. It is a win for the seniors that are involved, because we know how important volunteer activity is for individuals. It helps their mental health, their physical health, helps keep them active, involved in the community and really makes use of those valuable resources our older citizens bring to us. The knowledge, the experience, the expertise, the wisdom. And then it helps the community, because it really is for non-profit and government organizations that they can provide the volunteer support. So it is that critical link that helps get them to the right place, it helps provide the support they need, and it targets the special needs and interests of seniors.

“So the other thing that we have been working on the last several years is really targeting the boomers, age 55 to 65, because we know that older adults are significant volunteer population, but it is not like you retire and all of a sudden you start volunteering. We really need to help people ease into that. So targeting them before they get to retirement and start incorporating that into their everyday activities and their mindset. So it’s really targeting them, we’ve also been working with our non-profit organizations in the volunteer sites to help change their perception about what volunteers can bring to them. We are working with a new generation now, who have different mindset, different perceptions, different skills. So these are people that often have been high energy boomers, they’ve been highly competitive, they’ve had very high skill sets, they’ve been professionals. So, when they go in and start doing volunteer work, they want to do something that matches their skills. So working with the non-profits to help them understand, you can have these volunteers come in and set up a website for you, who can come in and set up a marketing plan, who can do targeted high-level activities that a lot of our organizations really need with the cutbacks in funding and the economic situation, they need some highly skilled individuals. So trying to work both sides to make this a better community in the long run for everybody involved.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, we do have some questions. Commissioner Ranzau.”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Annette, I am not going to be able to support this one. I support the program, I think it is worthy. I believe, however, we are putting in some of our own local money, I think this is something that should be fully funded at the local level. I don’t think it is a good idea to borrow from the Chinese or print money to pay for this.

“But there are other reasons, you know, that I oppose these grants, we often just focus on the money. It is also about the dependence that we put our community on to the federal government. We attended a meeting last night, and it was interesting to hear some of what the governor had to say. He talked about what is going on in Europe, and I was struck by just how assertive he was in saying that’s coming here. And he said while the economy is looking better right now, we’re getting more revenue, that we need to get our fiscal house in order, because when it reaches here, this is going to be difficult, and those states and communities that have their fiscal house in order will be better able to weather the trouble that we may face as a result. And I think that’s true for some of the federal grants that we do, things that we should be doing locally. I think the communities that are more independent, less dependent on the federal government will weather any future storms that we may have.

“I think it is quite possible that if we do have some problems in the future with the federal government that some of this funding will be cut off abruptly and make it that much more difficult for us to adapt to, and to meet the needs of our community. I think

it's best to be proactive and try to decrease our dependence on the federal government. I think we can find \$67,000 to do this locally. I would support that. Until we change basically our attitude towards some of these things, I know I will continue to probably be in the minority, but I truly believe that it is in our best long-term interests to reduce our dependence on the federal government. And since Congressman Pompeo was more than willing to introduce legislation that allows us to put this towards our debt, the argument that someone else will spend it really I don't think is there any longer. But beyond that, you know, the money is one issue, but it's also just the dependence that we create within our community on the federal government which may come back and haunt us in the future. I am very concerned about that. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any other comments or lights on, so what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant and establish related budget authority.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Madam...oh, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Annette, this is a renewal of a previous grant we've had for how long?"

Ms. Graham said, "We've had this program since 2003. This current grant period is a three-year grant period. This is the third year in that grant time."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other discussion now. Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Annette. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Skelton, that this Grant Application be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

Aye: 4 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

G [11-1419](#)

RANGE REALLOCATION OF FOUR DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES POSITIONS MOVING TO COUNTY CALL CENTER.

Presented by: Jeremy Biltz, Operations Manager, DIO Technology Services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the range reallocation.

Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, DIO Technology Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In a moment, Jeremy Biltz, who heads up our [Sedgwick] County's Call Center, is going to come and get you up to date on things that are happening in the [Sedgwick County] Call Center, where we started, where we've come, what the impetus for us making a presentation at this time, is these range allocations that are before you right now. In this case, COMCARE has partnered with the County Call Center to move much of their call taking tasks over to the Call Center. In the process, they were able to, through the consolidation they were able to eliminate two positions. This range reallocation is what we do each time when we move staff into the call center, we need to equalize the pay range across for all of our call center specialists and our supervisors. So, I ask that you take the recommended action on this. If you have any questions, specifically about the range reallocations, I can answer those. If you have questions about the call center in general, like I said, Jeremy will be here on the next item to explain that."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Richard. Are there any questions of Richard on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the range reallocation.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Skelton, that this Reclassification be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

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CALL CENTER PRESENTATION.

Presented by: Jeremy Biltz, Operations Manager DIO Technology Services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Jeremy Biltz, Operations Manager, DIO Technology Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let me start the slide show here. Let's see. Okay. Well, Commissioners, just presenting a report about the Sedgwick County Call Center, and where it started and the new additions we've made working with Human Services and COMCARE. The Call Center officially started in 2005. In 2004 we had a long process looking at particularly the Sedgwick County Appraiser and the Treasurer's office. And we thought that we could get higher rates of handled calls, people waiting to get their questions answered more quickly, and be just more flexible and improve customer satisfaction if we consolidated offices together, and all that proved to be true. On February 7, 2005 at 8:00 a.m., we went live with the consolidated Call Center. Started off with staff from the Treasurer, Appraiser and County Counselor, particularly the Delinquent Tax Unit, and originally had eight specialists and one supervisor. Very soon after we started, we added one more position, so we had nine call takers, that was someone from the Elections office, and in the past we have taken calls just during election season, but starting this year fairly soon we will be taking all the incoming phone calls in the Elections office.

"This is just a chart showing the immediate improvements we had. if you will look at the 2004 total column, the calls that came in, how many were answered, abandoned, how many calls were answered or picked up within 20 seconds or less. So you notice it was just at 72.3 percent of all the calls coming into the Appraiser and Treasure actually got to a live person before they hung up. In 2005, the first year of the call center, there was immediately improved to 86.4 percent, which wasn't great, but it was an improvement over what had happened before. And we were able to cut down the wait time by almost a minute, the amount of time people waited in a queue to listen to a message until they got to a live person. And we were able to cut down the average handle time, which is the amount of time each call took.

"Now we've been going since 2005. A couple years ago we passed our millionth person that the call center has assisted. Now it's up over a 1.3 million. Those numbers are a little out of date because we had a couple weeks ago that we put these numbers together. But overall, since 2005, 90.6 percent of the people that have called in have gotten to a live person before they hung up. Average wait is around 47 seconds, sometimes it's higher, sometimes it's lower. The average handle time for call is two minutes and 20 seconds.

"In 2011, Human Services, COMCARE came to us, asking if they could partner with us. We said certainly. We started looking at that. And so we moved forward to create a call center pod within the existing call center to handle Human Services Administration

and COMCARE calls. And we added three specialists and one supervisor, and COMCARE was able to eliminate two full-time positions as a result of this. We went live on December 1, 2011, we kind of had a gradual go live, so we added programs over the course of the week or so. And now we're taking calls for COMCARE, except for Crisis [Intervention], although we do take their administration calls, and addiction to treatment services, we are working towards doing that, but they have other preparation work they need to do before we went live with that. We went very well. They are answering between 800 and a thousand calls a day. The average call lasts less than a minute, and the last step there was the position equalization which you voted on in the previous item.

"In the future, we are looking at doing some cross-training between the current people who answer calls in the tax Call Center and the Human Services Call Center so they can help each other during peak times. We expect that to probably be later on this year, we want to get the COMCARE call center, COMCARE Human Services up and running and working, all the kinks worked out before we start that. We want the departments who think they have incoming phone calls that could be helped by a call center type of environment to contact us and we'll work with them and see if those would be a good fit for what we do. Now I'm open to any questions you have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jeremy, are the hours of operation at the call center just 8:00 [a.m.] to 5:00 [p.m.], Monday through Friday?"

Mr. Biltz said, "Yes, sir, 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday, except for regular county holidays."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And what number accesses the call center? What number do folks..."

Mr. Biltz said, "It's a couple hundred thousand a year. In 2011 we had 183,000 people call in. In 2010, there was 201,000. It varies during election years. It goes up. So it will be higher this year because we'll have between 18 and 20,000 election calls coming in perhaps."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, but what is the telephone number."

Mr. Biltz said, "Oh, I'm sorry. The telephone number [316] 660-9110 for tax, and unfortunately, the new COMCARE, I don't have that number with me, but I'll certainly provide that for you as an oversight on my part."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Is there other improvements to be made? I mean, this is a pretty good progress report."

Mr. Biltz said, "Well, there are improvements to be made, you know, last couple years when the new tax system came out, the amount of time it takes to answer a question has moved up a little bit with some of the learning curve for the staff to learn the new tax call center, and hopefully that will be able to bring that down. But if you can run in the low 90 percent, you're doing well on the volume of calls we have coming in."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, very good. Well, looks like a good report, and a great service for our citizens. Appreciate you all continually working to make good improvements and make the service efficient and helpful to our folks. So appreciate

your hard work."

Mr. Biltz said, "Thank you, sir."

Commissioner Unruh said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jeremy, do you have any quality control put in place to ensure, I mean, I understand you're answering the questions, but are they getting accurate information? That's what I'm looking at."

Mr. Biltz said, "There is the ability in the software we use to listen in on phone calls. We do that sometimes kind of at random times to make sure that the staff are answering calls correctly. We also do on the tax call center, call back surveys, we can run a report on an individual and see, the phone numbers that have called that person in the last 15 minutes, we'll call those people back, ask them how their experience was, if they got their question answered. We haven't quite worked out the quality part on the COMCARE Human Services area yet, because we didn't think the callback service would be appropriate."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Right."

Mr. Biltz said, "But we're still working on that. But we do upwards of a thousand callback surveys a day in the tax area, giving people information and listening to calls to make sure they are answering the questions correctly."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Very good, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Jeremy, on the Human Service side, since we're expanding that, it seems like if it's not going to be answered within Sedgwick County, that maybe some of the things that United Way does through 211 would be a logical connection. Do we have any way to forward a call to all the other services that are out there that maybe Sedgwick County doesn't provide that 2-1-1 [Kansas Online] could hook somebody up to?"

Mr. Biltz said, "Yes. It's very easy with our system to forward calls, and they've got contact numbers for a lot of different areas we might refer people to, and we do track the kind of calls we get, and that's maybe five or six percent of the calls we get, not questions that we would answer ourselves, but would forward on to somebody else. So yes, we do that."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I would think that would also keep the time that you are on the phone with them down, if you realize pretty quickly that's not a service we provide, but there is a service in the community, and 211 or someone else could handle it."

Mr. Biltz said, "Yes, that's exactly right, and we do that quite often."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I don't see any other lights. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to receive and file

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Jeremy. Call the next item."

This matter was Received and Filed

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton,
Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

I [12-0005](#)

LAND PURCHASE FOR EMS POST 9.

Presented by: Scott Hadley, EMS Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract, authorize the Chairman to sign, and authorize the EMS Director signatory authority on the Joint Access Agreement.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Scott Hadley, Director, EMS, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today for consideration, you have a contract for real estate purchase of some property and relocation of EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Post 9. If it please the Commission, I have a brief presentation to inform you and the public of why the need for this, and why we're doing this.

"Some brief history, EMS Post 9 was located at 700 North Webb Road for 20 years. We had a lease agreement there at the end of that term of that lease agreement, we needed to relocate and find another piece of property. At that particular time our best option was to relocate to Sedgwick County Fire Station 38. The Fire District [No. 1] was very hospitable, found us a location there, we've been able to serve the public very well, eastern Wichita and Sedgwick County for about the past eight years. Given some of the nuances of what we're experiencing and the call volume, and I'll show you that in just a minute, we felt a need to analyze where we're currently at and where do we really need to be. So in 2011, the CIP (Capital Improvement Project) project was approved, it's taken us a little while to find a piece of property in the proper location and what was budgeted for at a reasonable price.

"The trends are showing the majority of calls that we respond to are south and west of that particular location. So given that information, we started a search for a piece of property in a particular area, and I'll show you a model of that in a minute. But we were able to determine that on the fringe of an area, and I will show you that in just a second, that we weren't making our agreed-upon response time in a reasonable time and consistently. So we thought the need to move was warranted. The relocation will provide improved coverage and response time, improve our efficiency and effectiveness for call coverage and responding to calls in that particular area. And the property value that we found was a reasonable market value for undeveloped property of similar nature in that particular area. For example, we considered three other areas to locate between Harry and Pawnee and Rock Road and Webb Road. We thought that would meet our needs as far as response time, reliability, making those response times, and delivering service.

"What are the pieces of properties that we looked at, was just a little bit west of Rock Road and Harry, it was on the fringe of where we wanted to be. The price was \$110,000 which exceeded our budget for that piece of property. Second piece of property was just north of Harry, off Rock Road on the east side. Similar, about 30,000 square feet, they wanted \$250,000. Another piece of property that was available was south of Harry on Rock Road, just off Rock Road, was right at an acre, and they wanted \$500,000. We were able to find this other piece of property off Lincoln and Webb Road, and I will show you a picture of that in the orange colored slide for the project site. And it was within our budget, \$90,000, and it's in a good location where we can provide coverage.

"Why do we need to move there? This is slide I know is a little bit busy with the dots and stuff, and I'll try to walk through that and break it down. Our current location, you can see it, [EMS] Post 9, is over there. And that's, again, located at 1010 North 143rd Street East. With the technology we have, with the program called MARVLIS, it has a program called Deployment Planner, we are able to produce what-if scenarios. What if the post were here, what if it were here, what does that look like in relation to call demand? Each of those dots that you see represents a call where we didn't meet the 8:59, 8 minutes, 59 second standard for Delta and Echo level calls, and those are those high acuity calls. Those folks experiencing chest pain, difficulty breathing, or in cardiac arrest. You notice in that colored polygon, that on the fringes, down in the southeast location there where the circle is, there were a lot of calls we didn't meet in that agreed upon 8:59 response time, right on the fringe of an eight-minute drive time. That's given ideal weather conditions and ideal traffic patterns to reach that area and that agreed-upon time.

"And when they are not ideal, depending on time of day, day of the week, we are not making that in a consistent manner. By relocating that post to the Lincoln and Webb Road area, which you saw a little bit ago, it spans our coverage, gives us good response coverage back to the north and lets us cover those particular calls in a reasonable time, relocating to that particular area. We've done an, Environmental Resources has done an evaluation on that piece of property. They have no concerns. KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) has nothing on file as far as underground tanks or any other sources of contaminants that would give them grave concern. We feel that piece of property, like I said, is within fair market value for undeveloped property. It gives us good access to the southeastern part of Sedgwick County and Wichita, and access back to the east off Webb Road and Kellogg. So we believe it improves our coverage of that particular area, it is a good location, and we recommend that you approve that agreement.

"In conjunction with that, with this piece of property and the landowners, the adjacent landowners of that piece of ground, will require the formation of a non-profit association to take care of the joint adjacent, shared easement which is the roadway back to that property. There would be other property owners there, and we would bear 1/6th that cost. And the agreement gives the EMS director signatory authority for that, so we can plan to bear those costs when they become available for snow removal, striping and road improvements. With that, I recommend that you approve the contract, and the joint access agreement, and I will certainly be happy to answer any questions if you have any at this time."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, we do have some questions. I think it is amazing that the metrics and the data analysis that you can put together really leads to the best performance for the service of the people. We know that the service you provide is critical. But, it is even more critical if it's a certain type of performance that needs to go to the citizens. So this keeps you in a fluid process of trying to understand how you deliver that service at the highest level at all times. We know that EMS is a fluid process, that your vehicles and crews are moving around at all times, but stationing in a certain location to help that improvement in quality is so important. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Scott, okay. So we moved out from where we are currently. You have highlighted the calls that we missed, so to speak."

Mr. Hadley said, "Yes."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Well, would we be inverting the missed calls in the fact that now they are southeast, and when we move they will be southwest and now they will be northeast? We are just trading places, in other words?"

Mr. Hadley said, "The majority of our calls, this is just showing the calls that we didn't meet in the agreed-upon time."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Right."

Mr. Hadley said, "Still the preponderance of calls, the majority of calls are south and west of the current location. North of that location, we don't have a lot of call volume. It is not densely populated. We don't get a lot of calls in this particular area up here. Plus, we have a station at Kansas Highway-96 and Hillside that is able to overlap and cover some of that area as well. So I don't believe that we're going to see that tradeoff, if you will, of calls that we are going to miss now in the other location. I think we still have good access back to the north and will be able to meet those in the agreed-upon time."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. So the other station that we are going to have less of an overlap with this move also."

Mr. Hadley said, "Yes."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. That's fine. Okay, now, how many of these calls are related to the fact that you're busy and not, I mean, if you are at the post, it is one thing, and you can't get there. If you're busy and unable to do that..."

Mr. Hadley said, "Right, we didn't separate that out. The what-if this post wasn't in and another area had to come across and do that. That's going to happen, that happens throughout the community when we get really busy in an area. What we do behind the scenes, though, when we notice we're getting busy in the area, we shift resources around to cover that the best that we can, given the scenario at the time. And that happens on a daily basis. We are moving constantly. It is a very fluid and dynamic process now, given the software enabling us to see that in a much more precise and accurate manner and lets us make those adjustments in more real time than we have in the past."

Commissioner Skelton said, "About how many calls a day does this station propose to make?"

Mr. Hadley said, "In a 24-hour period, typically that particular station will make somewhere in the range of about 12 to 15 calls per day in a 24-hour period. "

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, great. And how many of those calls do you make out of the station versus on the fly?"

Mr. Hadley said, "Out of that station, that's about what we make out of that particular station right now."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Doesn't a portion of the calls you receive happen while you are out and about?"

Mr. Hadley said, "Yes. Yes."

Commissioner Skelton said, "What is that amount? How many..."

Mr. Hadley said, "I don't have that number for you. I don't know how many they make, after they go to the hospital, they may get another call after they drop a patient off at the hospital. So, I don't have that number, how many they make away and out of that response area. I can get that for you, but I don't have it today."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Yeah, I'm interested to know how many calls they make out of the station. If they're sitting in the station and they get called, how many times a day out of that 15 approximate times, how many times a day do they leave the station."

Mr. Hadley said, "Okay. I can get you that."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I support this item, of course, Mr. Chairman, and, you know, I do think, I have faith in the public service agencies to provide the best service here."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the contract, authorize the Chairman to sign, and authorize the EMS Director signatory authority on the Joint Access Agreement.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and second. We still have questions. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Scott, I would also second the Chairman's comment about how amazing it is with the new technology and the data that we can track this so precisely, but a question I had, and I think you probably already answered it, is that we have some late response times that are like across the street from the station?"

Mr. Hadley said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Evidently the unit was out on another call?"

Mr. Hadley said, "Yes. That's correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "The other question I had at the new location, and I don't know if you can call that screen back up for us."

Mr. Hadley said, "This one?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yes. We're back off the road far enough, and as that develops, I assume it will develop with commercial development, you are going to make all the appropriate assurances that we have access and we won't have traffic problems and those sort of things getting from that location to Webb Road."

Mr. Hadley said, "That's correct, yes. We looked at the width of the road, and it looks to be right now 39 feet, which is plenty wide for traffic going both ways, for people to

pull over, getting out of that drive onto Webb Road. And we've also discussed the possibility of having a mechanism by which to turn the light green on Webb Road so when the crews go out, that that traffic will be flowing, we won't be at a stoplight not able to get out. We've discussed all those contingencies to be able to do that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, very good, thank you. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Scott, correct me if I'm wrong, but you have been looking for a piece of land to do this for a while. You had the opportunities that would have been much more cost than this one."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "And so I appreciate the fact that you have been patient and diligent, and now we've been able to find a location that fits our needs by location wise, and also cost wise, and I think that's important to get on the public record as well. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "At this point, I don't see any other lights. We do have a motion on the floor. if there's no other discuss, Madam Clerk call the vote."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Scott."

Mr. Hadley said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

J [12-0002](#)

RESOLUTION STATING FINDINGS MADE AFTER POST-ANNEXATION HEARING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2011 REGARDING VALLEY CENTER ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 1126-06.

Presented by: Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Robert Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This was a matter that originally was heard on October 19th, some of the materials in the backup says October 26th. I apologize for that error. That was the date of the Derby post annexation hearing. October 19th we had the hearing for Valley Center. At the close of that hearing you made a finding based on the testimony presented that the city had provided the services, that vote was five to zero. Following the close of the hearing, we found out that there were a couple of landowners who did not get notice by an error provided in the list of names from the abstracter we obtained. We have been in contact with those two sets of landowners. One of the landowners has responded and indicated they don't have any testimony to offer, so they've waived any need to come testify. We've never heard back from the other landowner. So we sent a letter out to everybody in the annexation area that's shown on the map, and particularly to those two landowners to let them know if they wanted to come testify, today was the day. So if you would like to have additional information, I can provide that to you on what the service plan requirements were and what some of the testimony was of the October 19th hearing. But in the alternative I would recommend you just ask if there's anybody here to speak on the item. If there's nobody here to speak on the item, I think you may adopt and approve the resolution that states the finding that you've already made. If there's somebody here to testify, you would want to reopen the hearing and take the appropriate action after that."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. At this point, Bob, we don't have to open up an actual public hearing, we can just ask for additional testimony."

Mr. Parnacott said, "I think that's all you need to do. See if there's anybody here from the public that wants to testify on this."

Chairman Norton said, "At this point, I would ask if there's anybody here in the public that would like to speak to the post annexation hearing regarding the Valley Center annexation Ordinance 1126-06. Is there anyone here from the public that would like to speak to that? I see no one, Bob. So at this point, we need to make a new motion to accept this, or is that..."

Mr. Parnacott said, "I think the motion would be to approve the resolution that states the finding you've made. So just approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bob, I have a concern about this, that we didn't correct notice in accordance with statute. Why didn't we just redo that? Give notice again appropriately to all landowners and have another public hearing?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "That certainly was an option, but in terms of what we are required

to do, we are required to provide those landowners a reasonable opportunity to come testify, and they've been provided that opportunity. The landowners who were notified were able to come to the hearing on October 19th, and offer their testimony then. The two sets of landowners who did not get notice, that did not have that reasonable opportunity, have now been provided that reasonable opportunity, and they have either waived it or have decided not to exercise it by showing up today. So everybody has been provided what is required by law in terms of notice, and an opportunity to be heard, and you heard all the testimony you need to make the finding that you've made already."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "But you say it's been required by law, you say we need to give a reasonable opportunity, is that what the statute says specifically or does it say we have to give notice to every person on such and such days and then have a public hearing?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "Due process is more of a constitutional issue. We call this procedural due process. And the statute only requires, the statute very simply states that notice has to be provided. Doesn't give in any more detail, doesn't say you have to have X number of days, doesn't have to, there's no more detail provided by the statute. So, generally we fall back on the constitutional provision of procedural due process, which is described by the courts as I just said, that people have a reasonable opportunity to be heard, and that concept of procedural due process is somewhat flexible, depending on the nature of the matter. So given the circumstance, again, I believe we made all the, you've met all the requirements of procedural due process."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So there is no statutory requirement to give notice so many days in advance?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "That's correct. We just have..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Do you have a policy to do that?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "We have a policy that we try to provide notice at least 30 days in advance."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "That's not required by statute that just something that..."

Mr. Parnacott said, "We do ourselves, yes."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I'll reluctantly support this. You know, just for me, I think it's best to err on the side of caution. I tried to make this clear. My preference would have been just to re-notice everybody and have another public hearing. I understand that we've done some things, it's just sometimes I think we do things because it's more convenient for government, and I don't think that's the right basis to do things. I think we need to make sure that we're doing the right thing on behalf of our citizens. That's why I have my concerns."

Mr. Parnacott said, "I just would like to note for the record, every landowner in the annexation area received a follow-up letter explaining this matter would be reheard or reconsidered today, and the reason it was going to be placed on today's agenda. So we have given extra notice to everybody."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Right. Well, and I've read the notice, too, and I wasn't

happy with how it was worded. Nevertheless, that's all I have, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me clarify for the record, Bob, we have had a number of these hearings with folks from post annexation hearings with folks who live in the city of Valley Center. I believe when this issue originally came up, we had some folks who were residents in the affected area testify on this issue who were not part of the group who had not received notification, is my memory correct on that?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "We did have some landowners come testify, and I can provide you with kind of a summary of what that testimony was, but we did have two or three landowners that testified that had been notified of course."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was thinking it was a street problem primarily."

Mr. Parnacott said, "There was some mowing of ditches, that was one issue. Another landowner complained that no streetlights had been put in, although the city testified they placed streetlights as per their city policy. And then there was some discussion about street maintenance for some streets that were, there were some private streets involved that were not subject to maintenance by the city. And then there was some streets that were outside of the annexation area, but close by that had switched from being in the county and maintained by the township to now being maintained by the city. So there were some very minor testimony on street maintenance issues as well."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. I find myself largely in agreement with Commissioner Ranzau's comments. You know, I much prefer deferring in terms of having make sure the government dots all the i's and crosses all the t's. It's my experience, then, when the government has said to me, you need to do something, they expect me to dot the i's and cross the t's, and I think it should be a two-way street. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the comments here, but I agree with the attorney that due process and all legal matters has been take be care of. It is my opinion, how many letters did the people get? Three?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "The two landowners who didn't get notice would have gotten two letters. One by certified mail. Everybody else got two letters as well. The initial one and the subsequent one."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I find that totally acceptable. People have not been contacted by anybody, there is nobody here to testify this morning. Okay, all right."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just was also going to add my comment I am quite comfortable and confident that we've done everything, not only that's required by the letter of the law, but by the spirit of the law in trying to get these notices out and give folks the opportunity to come back and present testimony if they so desire. So I have no reservations that we've dotted our i's and crossed our t's, as has been said. Appreciate your effort to make sure that's been done. That's all I have to say, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "We do have a motion before us. My comment for this is, I think we swallowed hard and admitted we missed a couple people, and we did due diligence to try to make sure they had a chance to come and give any testimony. They obviously opted not to do that. As did all the other citizens that got a second chance to come and talk to us. So I'm ready to move forward. So Madam Clerk, please call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Skelton	Aye
Chairman Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Bob."

Mr. Parnacott said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

K [11-1345](#)

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH KDOT AND THE CITY OF WICHITA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER INTERCHANGE BETWEEN I-235 & 13TH ST. NORTH, DISTRICT 3.

Presented by: James E. Weber, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In Item K, we are requesting your approval of a three-party agreement with KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) and the City of Wichita that will provide for the construction of the flyover interchange from I- (Interstate)235 to 13th Street North. Action on this item was deferred at your December 21st meeting so that the Chairman and Chair Pro Tem could have an opportunity to discuss road annexation issues with the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Wichita. It is my understanding that Commissioner Unruh did get in contact with Mayor Brewer and that some agreement has been reached concerning the annexation of roads and the project area. Under the agreement, KDOT will manage construction of the interchange, and Wichita will pay all costs related to the project. Sedgwick County would consent to allow the construction within our road right-of-way and agree to maintain the ground level improvements on 13th Street, after the construction is completed.

"When the ground level improvements on 13th Street are annexed into the City of Wichita, the City would become responsible for maintenance from that point forward. The project includes relocation of the south entrance to Sedgwick County Park to line up with North Shore Boulevard to the south of 13th [Street], and the new intersection would be fully signalized. This agreement is in a form that is typical for KDOT projects involving local units of government. All project costs will be paid by the City of Wichita. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Or we have representatives from the City of Wichita today, if you have any detailed questions. I would recommend approval of the project agreement."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any light, I do now, Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What is the total cost of this?"

Mr. Spears said, "Fifty million dollars."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "To be paid by the City of Wichita."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. And by us doing this, it allows the project to go forward. You know, I have a problem supporting this, because this is the project that Wichita decided to spend money on instead of [Interstate] 235 and Kellogg, which is going to cost this county \$11.7 million which we didn't plan for. So our plan right now is to bond that out and pay interest on it. And keep in mind that a lot of I-235, Kellogg, are projects being paid for by the sales tax money that was raised on everybody in this state to include this area, in an effort to prevent the state from borrowing money, and now indirectly it is going to cause us to borrow some money for a project that should be paid for by the City of Wichita.

"I'll continue to say again I don't think this is a fiscally responsible move to make. I think you need to take care of your current infrastructure, your number one priority in the region before you enter into new projects, and so additionally I have some issues I would like to see some of the annexation of roads being done before we proceed with this. I think the City of Wichita has a habit of dragging their feet on some of these things, and I would like to see them move a little faster in annexing not just this road, but some other roads that we have been talking about. I am not going to support this today. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me ask some questions. Mr. Spears, we have sent letters to a number of municipalities, including the City of Wichita, but not just the City of Wichita, pointing out the fact that state law requires that when a municipality annexes up to the road that they need to annex the road to it. Am I correct in that statement?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. We meet with the City of Wichita about on average once annually, and talk about those roads. And also last year, we sent a letter of the most critical, that we felt were the most critical of those to annex, and I think there was like 12 miles, and I believe they annexed six of those twelve. Something like that."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, the City of Wichita was going to become in full compliance with state law, and annex the roads that are adjacent to the ground that they have annexed, how many miles of road are we talking about?"

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Spears said, "In total, in the whole county, and here's a map that shows that, and the highlighted areas are the roads that should be annexed. There are 39 miles of those, and of those 39 miles, 28 are on county roads and 11, actually 27.5 on county roads, and 11.5 miles are on township roads."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. So..."

Mr. Spears said, "39 total."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The township would lose entirely the tax base when they annex the land up to the roadway. So it is a challenge not just for the county government, is what I hear you saying, am I correct in that, Mr. Spears?"

Mr. Spears said, "Well, especially in these economic times, it is a challenge for all of us, including Wichita, to maintain roads, it's a challenge."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I have a number of concerns that Commissioner Ranzau expressed, and continue to have them. Since we've got the folks from the City of Wichita here, if the project is going to cost approximately \$50 million for the half access coming off of 235 to either 13th or Old Windmill Road, I'm not sure which that is, is it safe to say that each one of those access points is about \$25 million for this project, or is there another factor that I'm missing?"

Mr. Spears said, "There's basically two movements, is the way I understand it. You have one that if you're eastbound on 13th, you can get on the flyover and go southbound on 235, or if you're northbound on 235, you can get off on 13th to go westbound. So there's two basic, major movements."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Was this project part of the highway plan that the state approved last year?"

Mr. Spears said, "Part of the state highway, are you talking the state highway plan?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes. I see one of the gentlemen from the City of Wichita..."

Mr. Spears said, "I don't know if that was one of the priorities. I don't think it was. No."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. So the intersection at I-235 and Kellogg where we're going to divert the county tax funds, \$11.7 million to provide the match, is basically less than a quarter of the cost, total cost for this project that we're looking at today. I share these concerns. I am going to pose a question, not so much to you, Mr. Spears, but to my colleagues. Do we have any sort of an agreement in term of the City of Wichita? This is an ongoing problem. There was a problem, I know I signed a letter when I was Chairman back in 2010 concerning annexation of roads after the property was annexed up to the road. This has been a long-term problem on how many miles that we have an agreement with the city to be able to pick up out of these thirty-some miles that haven't been annexed yet. I throw that out to my colleagues who have been involved in the discussions with the city as much to Mr. Spears. I think that would be helpful for me in this discussion. I will leave it at that and turn the floor back over to the Chairman. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Trying to formulate my thoughts here. It seems to me like we're bringing discussion and arguments into this issue that are really not relevant. This Commission by majority vote decided several months ago that we were going to be involved in the I-235 and Kellogg interchange. That's a done decision, it was majority vote of this Board, and we're going to move forward to it. It is not directly relevant to, that decision is not directly relevant to this decision in my thinking. The City of Wichita and their judgment, and by their elected officials decided they were going to make these access points on 235. We didn't participate in that decision. And it is up to them to get that done in their budget."

"It is a different decision from the I-235, Kellogg interchange. So I don't understand us trying to make comments in a certain way, revisiting a decision that's already made by both councils. The only thing the City of Wichita needs from us is approval to have our right-of-way, and we asked them in light of that request, will you annex these roads that according to state laws, legitimately is your responsibility. I have the word from the mayor on, repeatedly, that they are going to do that, and that was an objection, a concern of this Commission. So we have that question answered, the City said they were going to take those roads. It takes a while to get it done, but we have the word of the mayor that they are going to do it."

"So this is their project, they have done what we've asked them to do. I think that we should be supportive and move forward with it. The roads that, in our judgment, mine included, need to be annexed by municipalities still needs to be addressed, but I think that's separate issue from this particular item. My understanding is that 13th and 21st [Street] was on their list to be annexed, it's just that in our discussions it wasn't elevated to quite as high a priority. So I think that we should approve this request by the City of Wichita so they can go ahead with their project. We would do it for any other municipality in Sedgwick County.

"It is part of being what a good partner is. And I think that no matter what anybody else does we should always propose to be a good partner and the city has repeatedly, in our last two or three weeks of discussion, stated plainly that they are going to take 21st and 13th, and as part of the project, they are going to improve that intersection with Sedgwick County Park there on 13th and North Shore [Boulevard] drive or whatever it is, as part of the project, which is a direct benefit to all citizens of Sedgwick County as they enter Sedgwick County Park, so I am going to be supportive of the request. I think it is the right thing for us to do, both as good policy and good governance for the citizens of Sedgwick County. The projects have already been approved, and we need to do our part to be a good, responsible partner. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I definitely agree with Commissioner Unruh's comments. You know, to introduce issues that are not germane to this topic is nothing but a red herring that engages the type of political wrangling that the public does not appreciate. Okay. That's my opinion. And I'm glad that I'm not going to think that way, okay. Those are my comments. I think that it's appropriate for the county to cooperate with the City of Wichita, and the other cities in this county to engage in projects that benefit everybody, and that are important for this region economically. So I know that the city has been looking at doing this for 15 to 20 years, and to hold something over the city's head, like you should be annexing other roads, is extremely inappropriate. So, those are my comments."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, different Commissions can come up with different decisions, but back in 2010 we sent letters over requesting annexation to the roadways as part of a request for the cities to become in compliance with state law. I realize that sometimes dotting the i's and crossing the t's may not be easy and simple. We certainly have the same budget problems that local governments are facing, whether municipal or county or township levels, that we have tough times in front of us today, and frankly, I think the road ahead may not be a lot smoother. I wish that was not the case. Having said that, I want to say a kind word on behalf of the City of Wichita, because I've seen the plans to improve the intersection that would be created on, I think Commissioner Unruh was correct in terms of North Shore, but as part of this proposal, and I think that is a very good, positive step, and I'm willing to publicly commend the City of Wichita when I think they are correct on things. But also to express concerns, because this is not a new concern that I'm expressing today. Getting the city to step up to their responsibilities under state law is something that at one time all of the members of this Commission were seeking to have done.

"We've got challenges in this regard, where you have a municipality that is annexed up to one side of the road, and then another municipality is annexed to the other side of the road, and the county, or even worse, the township gets stuck in the middle. They've lost the tax base, in the case of the township, they've lost the tax base completely, and you've got a road that kind of becomes almost no-man's land, and I think it is important that we step up to our responsibilities. My vote today is going to be a reflection of the fact that the entire time I've been a County Commissioner, we have had a situation where people have not stepped up to their responsibilities on the municipal level, and I appreciate the comments of my colleagues who are, and the idea that we're going to get some of the roads, we'll get some of the responsibility will occur today.

Well, I don't think it should be some of the loaf, I think it should be all of the loaf. And the only reason we're having this discussion today is because they have to get our approval on this easement before they can, in this agreement, before they can proceed with the project. So, just calling and publically calling and this is not the first time, I mean, it goes back to when I was Chairman in 2010. And I had some private discussions with Commissioners, I think it goes back a lot further than that. This has been a challenge in responsibility that the municipalities need to step up to, and if you're going to annex and grab the assessed value that goes with it, you know, you've got the responsibilities that go with the benefits, and in my vote today will reflect that fact. So thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. I just have a couple comments. Years ago, even back when Commissioner McGinn, Carolyn McGinn was here, we had this conversation about this particular issue of taking roads. And when she went to the state level as a senator, she introduced some legislation that moved us towards taking annexed roads and moving them over to the right jurisdiction. And at that time there was over a hundred miles of roads that were bordering two jurisdictions or were taken over by annexation, and we started on a logical procedural matter to eliminate. Now we're down to, what, 39 miles, is what you're saying, Dave?"

"Now, that changes every year also. It is a fluid process. As small cities and the City of Wichita expands and annexes, new roads drop into the system, we take some off. We've tried to partner pretty well. We can argue all day long, whether it's gone fast enough or too slow, but the truth is, with our partners, not only the City of Wichita, but other small jurisdictions, we tried to work this out so there wasn't a burden on anybody, but that slowly but surely roads were in the right jurisdiction based on annexation and all the procedures. So I don't have a problem with that. It's been a fluid process.

"I would have wished that 13th and 21st would have fallen off earlier, because truthfully, they are not on the edge of the city where we have had new annexations, they have clearly been in the inner city for a long time. I know a lot of people will say, well, you know, 21st Street West at the [Sedgwick County] Zoo is not inner city, but if you look how much growth has gone west, it's closer to the inner city now than it is the outer reaches and the suburbs. But we are going to take care of that. The mayor has already said that he would, in conversation we've had, that he would push that, that would get taken care of. For me, we have to take a macro look at that corridor. But the truth is, we know, if you've been around here very long, that I-235 at Central and Zoo Boulevard, and Kellogg is problematic to the whole infrastructure and movement of our

citizens on the west side.

“And I know the city has worked awfully hard, as Commissioner Skelton said, to try to figure out how to solve that. And one of the solutions is fixing 13th Street. You know, there was the debate about 25th, 13th, Central, and I applaud them for trying to do something to mitigate that traffic movement problem with the [Wichita-]Valley Center Floodway ditch there, the movements off of [Interstate] 235. I am going to be supportive of that. The macro approach to try to solve a huge problem in our county.

“The final thing is, when you talk about 235 and Kellogg, that was a KDOT project ranked very high. KDOT officials came and talked to us at WAMPO (Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization), they talked to us as the county, for us to participate, for us to get local participation. As we tried to figure out how to be partners and put in some county funds, because those were big projects, I think it became pretty apparent to this Board, we voted on it, that we would participate in the Kellogg and 235 project as our portion of help in the local match. We didn't get involved in the east side of Kellogg projects, we haven't gotten involved with some other of the KDOT projects, but we decided that would be ours. Now, that's a macro look of why we did what we did. And I am going to be supportive of this. It does take some, it will give them some easement, it also takes some of our roads and moves them into the city system. So at this point, I see no other lights. I would entertain a motion to approve or disapprove.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Spears said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks, Dave. And thanks, Jim Armour and Mike Jacobs, for being available here, if we did have questions, we appreciate you walking across Central Avenue. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Agreement be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 2 - Chairman Peterjohn and Commissioner Ranzau

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

L [12-0046](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2012.

Presented by Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of January 12th results in four items for your consideration this morning. Item 1;

1. ICE MELT --FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING --VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Masco Inc. and establish contract pricing for one year, with one year option to renew. Item 2;

2. TWIN COMMANDER AIRCRAFT ENGINE VERHAUL/
REPLACEMENT, WING SPAR REPLACEMENT & MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT --FLEET MANAGEMENT & SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FUNDING --DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS,

"The recommendation is to accept the overall low proposal from Valair Aviation, in the amount of \$660,754.33 and establish contract pricing on the Aircraft Hourly Inspection and Maintenance and the Aircraft Lease for two years, with two one-year options to renew. Item 3;

3. MAIL BALLOT AUTOMATED PROCESSING SYSTEM--ELECTIONS
OFFICE
FUNDING --ELECTIONS OFFICE

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Tritex Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$108,500.00 and establish an annual support rate of \$16,275.00 with a two percent escalator each year through the life of the equipment. Item 4;

4. FIREWALL SECURITY MAINTENANCE --DIVISION OF
INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING --NETWORKING AND TELECOM

"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Fishnet Security, in the amount of \$38,296.92.

"I will be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks Joe. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you. Where is Valair Aviation?"

Mr. Thomas said, "It's located in Oklahoma City, sir."

Commissioner Skelton said, "And what kind of response have you had from local aviation companies engaging in this kind of maintenance?"

Mr. Thomas said, "I don't, I'm not sure what response we got from the locals. This is the particular one we've used for the last 14 years."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Okay. So they got an existing relationship."

Mr. Thomas said, "Right. Yes sir."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Maybe you can follow me on the RFP (Request For Proposal) just to do some due diligence on my part."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I find it appropriate and I'll vote to approve it."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and a second. I do have a couple of questions. I think the public needs to know that we've had the [air]plane for quite a few years, the Sheriff has come to us and gave us a complete report on how it's used, how often it's used, what it's used for, what it's available to be used for, and it certainly talks to doing business in an efficient managed way when you consider how many inmates that we move around that country that we have to pick up and bring back to custody. So, I see the Sheriff here, I don't know that he needs to comment unless there are other Commissioners that need information. It is a sum of money, but I think it's something that we have done for many years and has proved to be very efficient and effective in trying to make sure that our criminal justice works as well as it could.

"The second question I have is on Item 3, the bid that we got on the mail ballot automated processing system was significantly less than the other three bids. And I see Tabitha here, our Election Commissioner. I just want to be sure that she feels that even though that's a significantly lower bid it's going to still meet her needs."

Ms. Tabitha Lehman, Election Commissioner, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I believe the reason for the discrepancy in the bid is that the other companies created a mail ballot system that was not as small as what we needed. And they were not able to downsize to the point that we were needing, they are for much large municipalities. The Tritex was able to create one that actually is on wheels so we can move it where we need it to be, where the others took up tons of room to function. I think that's the difference, and yes, I'm completely comfortable with this machine."

Chairman Norton said, "Absolutely. Good. Thanks, Tabitha. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know the Commissioners were briefed by the Sheriff on the use of the aircraft. I wanted to second the Chairman's comments in that regard and I support this motion."

Chairman Norton said, "At this point, I don't see any other questions. We have a motion on the floor. Madam Clerk call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Skelton	Aye
Chairman Norton	Aye

Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Joe. Next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Board of Bids and Contracts be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

CONSENT

- M** [11-1401](#) Memorial donation to COMCARE's Addiction Treatment Services Program.
- N** [11-1414](#) Amendment to Agreement with United Methodist Open Door.
- O** [11-1426](#) Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to enter into certain economic development micro-loan agreements.
- P** [12-0001](#) Alterations to the Division of Human Resources Staffing Table-Transfer of Funds.
- Q** **12-0016** Order dated 01/05/2012 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- R** [11-1278](#) General Bill Check Register.
- S** [12-0023](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2011 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

BLUE MOON ADDITION

T [12-0028](#)

Plat

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2011 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

ELDERSLIE ADDITION

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you, and I would recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and second on the Consent Agenda. I would certainly like to make a comment on Item N, agreement with United Methodist Open Door. We're pretty proud that they're getting pretty close to opening their new one stop center for the homeless victims in our community. Folks that find themselves at distresses door, and they'll serve the community very well in a much more efficient and effective manner for that particular population. I don't see any lights, so Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Skelton, that this Consent be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

OTHER

Chairman Norton said, "Is there anything else before us today under other? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a quick report on the number of folks in the Sedgwick County Jail and related facilities. The Sheriff this morning had 1,412 people, of which there were 1,077 in the main jail facility, and 121 on Work Release, 214 out of county. Broken down by the security classification the Sheriffs provided, there is a maximum security number of 438, medium 580, minimum security 347, and the rest are unclassified. I add in context, although this number is slightly above what some of the numbers we've had recently this year, it's still well below historic numbers, and I think it's a positive sign of some of the efforts that have been underway with our Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and the folks from the City of Wichita as well as Sedgwick County are working on this project trying to keep this community safe at as reasonable a price as possible."

Chairman Norton said, "Anything else to come before us? I have a couple of things. We were in Topeka yesterday for the County Days, which is a chance for county officials from all over the state to meet with legislators. We were honored to have the Governor to speak to us and open up our session. Nick Jordan, the Secretary of Revenue, also spoke, as did Secretary [Dale] Rodman on Ag [Agriculture]. And I think all their presentations, although they were short, were to the point, gave us some good information and some talking points, and I felt pretty good that we at least made some connections with high level officials in the state government and got some of our county issues out on the table. We followed up later with an urban county discussion of the five largest counties, which is Wyandotte, Shawnee, Johnson, Douglas and Sedgwick, and I think we had a very robust discussion about a lot of the issues that are before counties in general but certainly the large urban counties."

"Four of us were there, and entered into that discussion, and I felt like it was time well spent to meet with our colleagues, to understand some of the important issues around the state and that we all are going to be faced with dealing with. And then finally, we had some great discussion about legislative issues and tried to understand what is getting ready to happen during this legislative session, which I feel is going to be, although last year was important this year may be one of the most important legislative sessions of recent pass. Good participation, a good day to be a county official. A long day for many of us, but a good day."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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