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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James B. Skelton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Richard E. Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Bev Baalman, Marketing Director, COMCARE; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Tim Lytle, Unity Church of Wichita

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [13-0172](#) REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2013; February 6, 2013; February 20, 2013 and March 13, 2013.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "The Chair will entertain a motion for Item C, please."

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

B [13-0178](#) REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item B was taken with Item A.

C [13-0180](#) REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2013.
Commissioner Ranzau was absent.

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2013.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "All right. Chairman will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of March 19th."

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

D [13-0179](#) REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item D was taken with Item A.

E [13-0207](#) REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2013
All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item E was taken with Item A.

F [13-0197](#) REGULAR SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2013.
Commissioner Peterjohn was absent.

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Regular Special Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2013.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. The minutes stand approved. Next item, please."

A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh and Commissioner Norton

Present: 1 - Commissioner Peterjohn

APPOINTMENTS

G [13-0220](#) ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM JANEEN POWERS (APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN JAMES SKELTON) FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Presented by: Richard E. Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

Mr. Richard E. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have received the resignation request and I recommend you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Next item, Madam Clerk."

A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Appointment(s) be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

NEW BUSINESS

- H [13-0215](#) SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 10th ANNUAL LINK 4 LIFE RUN.
Presented by: Bev Baalman, Marketing Director, COMCARE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Bev Baalman, Marketing Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am a member of the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition. We are celebrating our 10th annual Link 4 Life run. It's hard to believe so much time has passed by. That only means one thing for me, is I've gotten older. But some of you have been with me since the very first one, so, anyway, it's going to be a tremendous event again. I think Wichita fully understands what this race is all about, it's about awareness. It's about a healthy morning of getting out and getting some good exercise. And, so it is this Saturday, April 13th, out at [Old] Cowtown [Museum], we start out with a 5K run.

"Last year we started, last year or the year before we started a one mile competitive run, we've got for kids, for youth, we've got some kids who really want to start competing, but they are not quite ready for that 5K run yet. So we started this one mile competitive run for as young as you want to be up to the age of 18, and then of course we have all of our special distance runs for kids from 2 to the age of 18, if you don't want to compete. I think my favorite run, and has always been, is the 50 yard run, walk and crawl. That seems to be one of my most favorite events of the day. So, kind of my run as well these days, start out running, start walking, and crawling to the finish line.

"So anyway, I do want to point out our sponsors who have been with us. Our top sponsors have been with us for a number of years. That is Terry with Papa John's Pizza, he's been with us for 10 years. We brought on a new premiere sponsor last year, the McGinnes Family Foundation, as well. And then, you know, we've had LaMar's Donuts, Holland Dairy [Inc.], Starbucks Coffee, we all need that early in the morning. So we are just real proud of this event.

"If you haven't registered and you still want to register, you certainly can. We are at GoRun [Wichita] on east and west side, we are in Oldtown at First Gear, and then for the first year, we are going to be out at Cowtown on Friday, from 1:00 [p.m.] to 6:00 [p.m.], taking registrations, because we have a lot of folks who wait for the last minute, and so any of you may come out and register. And we also register the day of the event. Right now we're seeing our registrations up over last year at this time, so that's real exciting. So, we'll have a good day, the weather is supposed to be okay. So anyway. Any questions?"

Chairman Skelton said, "Are there questions by Commissioners? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I'll just state for the record, since I have been a Commissioner, I've participated in this event, I both helped start the races, which I plan be to do this year, and even ran it once, and I hope the person in charge of the weather, I'm very glad that this event was not held this morning. But having said that, the reason for the event, which it's always a lot of fun, the purpose of it, in terms of suicide prevention and having a community-wide discussion

about that is important, and I thought maybe you might, Bev, give us an update, in terms of for people, in terms of how big an issue this is for the community, and how we try and get the message out through this run and through the participation and try and reduce the tragedies that often occur here.

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "It is a worldwide problem, not just a problem here in Sedgwick County, in terms of on this issue and what resources we have out there to try and help folks who are struggling at this point in time."

Ms. Baalman said, "Well absolutely. You know, whether it's 1 life or its 65 lives, anytime someone suffers that kind of a tragedy due to depression or substance abuse, it's a sad time in our community. Suicides average anywhere from 50 to 80 every year. If you look at the national level per 100,000 people in a community, we do tend to be a little above that average of the national level. But you all have definitely supported suicide prevention efforts for the last 12 years in this community, and we do what we can to get the message out. And that's one reason we have this event. It not only raises funds for those events throughout the year, but, you know, we believe that if you offer a fun environment, a healthy environment, where people want to come and you put out a little bit of information to them about the warning signs of suicide, or who to call if someone is in trouble, then if you take just a little bit home with you, than what you came in with that day, we believe we have been successful. Thank you, Commissioner."

Chairman Skelton said, "Additional questions? Commissioner Unruh, please."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Bev, I just want to thank and compliment you and your staff at COMCARE to continue to invest time and energy into this. When we are out there on Saturday morning we see lots and lots of folks who are engaged in making sure this is a successful event. I know it takes commitment, and effort, dedication, and after, what is this, the 10th run, just to maintain the consistency and everybody's commitment to this, I think it's commendable.

"So we want you to carry that message back to all your volunteers. This is important for the community. It's part of our culture now. It makes us who we are, and we want everyone to know that we're concerned, we care, and as you described, this is an excellent way for us to carry out the mission of getting families out to have a little fun on Saturday morning and at the same time bring awareness to what is a serious issue in our community. So thanks for what you do, and as we're having fun, we won't forget what the purpose of this is."

Ms. Baalman said, "Thank you. And we do want to point out all those volunteers. They are not just COMCARE, but its community volunteers and this year I think it took about 130 of us for this Saturday to make it very successful. A lot of them tend to be those that continue to return year after year, so, yes, it's important."

Chairman Skelton said, "Tell them thanks."

Ms. Baalman said, "Yes. I sure will."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn, do you have another comment, please?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes, please. Besides the volunteers, I noticed that

there's an awful lot of schools that participate and have kids involved in it. And that's probably one of the most fun parts, at least as far as I'm concerned in this. One thing I don't think we've mentioned, but I think we ought to get on the record, and present here, Sedgwick County has a suicide prevention hot line that's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and I believe that number is 660-7500. Am I correct on that?"

Ms. Baalman said, "Thank you, Commissioner, that's important for us to leave with this morning. It is 660-7500. And that is the Sedgwick County suicide prevention hot line."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I think it's important to get that on the record, and I very much appreciate you coming down and giving us the opportunity to mention that. Would you go through, you mentioned Papa John's [Pizza], LaMar's Donuts, Starbucks [Coffee], a couple other sponsors. I was thinking we had 8 or 10 total sponsors. Do you have the whole list in front of you so we could get those names included in our record please? Got to get you back up by the microphone, please."

Ms. Baalman said, "I will. Let's see. We did mention McGinnes Family Foundation, COMCARE a big sponsor every year...thank you, let's see, we have a couple, actually one of the Medicaid Managed Care organizations, which would be Sunflower State Health Plan, Intrust Bank Arena, City Print [Inc.], FirstWireless [Inc.], Substance Abuse Center of Kansas, Totally Legal Sound and Lighting, and Dan and Carol Reynolds, who are new sponsors to us this year as well. So we do have a lot of sponsors who think a lot about this event and have been with us a long time."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would like to just for the record, glad to have their names included and want to publicly thank them for their support of this important event. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Skelton said, "You bet."

Ms. Baalman said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any other comments? Okay. I'll entertain a motion to receive and file, please."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Next item."

A motion was made by Vice Chair Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Peterjohn, that this Presentation(s) be Received and Filed. The motion carried

by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

I [12-0063](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Buchanan said, "This is the report for the month of February. The average daily population compares February 2012 to 2013, and you can see that the booking average, number of people in booking are down. The average number of people in the detention facility are down. Work release is up just a little bit, and out of county is down. So there's fewer people in the system from 2013 to 2012, it's a 61 people difference. The next slide is those municipal inmates that are held in the adult detention facility, who are there on municipal charges only. And so, that's how we bill for beds in the jail, on an hourly basis. You can see that the inmates being held solely for another municipality are only 11 percent. You can see the preponderance of those are from the City of Wichita, which would be expected.

"Bookings and release, because the number of bookings are down, you can see they are down from 2013 to 2012, fewer people are getting arrested or being placed in the facility. And that would also indicate that the releases are less, because if you have fewer people coming in, you would expect fewer people to be released. The average length of stay, we continue to monitor this, and we continue to see that this is an issue. You can see that the bookings, number of hours in bookings are up. The number of housing days are up, and then the combined days of housing and booking are up. And that's attributed to a number of factors, one of which we need to remind ourselves is we've done a good job of making sure those people who are in jail need to be in jail. So you would expect those folks to be in there a little longer than previous years.

"This trend line is still not particularly relevant. We only have two months of history, but you can see the two months, it doesn't tell us much. This one is really the more meaningful one. This compares month to month over the past several years. You can see that in February of 2012, that was the fourth lowest month of the year, and today's population as of 1:00 [a.m.] this morning, it was 1,379, and by 8:00 [a.m.], or by 7:00 [a.m.] this morning we had one more person come in the facility. So that number, depending on the snapshot, fluctuates. You can see that these are the programs that make sure those numbers continue to drop and that's part of the reasons the numbers are dropping.

"The [Corrections] Day Reporting, we have reconstructed that contract and we expect this number to be a little lower, but people are successfully using the Day Reporting system. [Corrections: Pretrial] Services are down slightly, fewer people are being booked, you would expect that to occur. [Corrections] Adult Intense Supervision [Program] (AISP) is about the same. [Corrections] Adult Residential is about the same, for Department of Corrections. The District Attorneys Diversion program is increased again for this month. They fixed whatever little hiccup they had, and the SCOAP (Sedgwick County Offenders Assessment Program) program is up a little bit. [Sedgwick] County Drug Court remains pretty stable.

"There are other funded groups and other funded usually by the City of Wichita through some grant opportunities. Their [Wichita] Mental Health Court, you can see, is up. And their [Wichita] Drug Court: Diversion is down a little bit. The [Wichita] Drug Court:

Probation is, again, the City of Wichita is using that significantly. Wichita Probation is down slightly, and then the [Wichita] DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Diversion and court, 18th Judicial [District] Court Probation are both down a little bit.

"We have, in the juvenile system, we started tracking this recently, because we know that this has an effect on what happens in the jail later and we also know that this part of our system, and so if we are going to do a review of the system we need to include the juveniles. The [Juvenile] Intake and Assessment Center, again, is less, would indicate the same, the same issue happening with adults is happening with youth, fewer arrests, fewer people taken there. The Juvenile Detention Facility is up a little bit. Juvenile Residential Facility is down by two. And then Home Based Supervision is down a little bit, as is the Weekend Alternative Detention Programs. And, again, because the fewer bookings over the last several months, that's not unexpected.

"Our favorite BICE (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement) holds remain at one percent of the population, and I would remind you that these BICE holds are often in there for some pretty serious crimes. Felony inmates, snapshot, again, is 9.8 percent, pretty much steady, what it has always been, and these are for felony DUI, habitual violators, and felony commitments. And that's the end of the presentation, Commissioners, if there's any questions, Lauren is here to answer them."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, Manager I have a question, when it comes to, you know, the probation programs versus the home supervision, is there, are there tracking devices used here, ankle bracelets? Under what programs are those types of devices used?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "The Adult Intensive Supervision. Sometimes they are used and sometimes they are not."

Chairman Skelton said, "So generally as an operating procedure, we put all our violent people downtown in the maximum security facility, that have a problem maybe with mental issues or so forth, and then we let anybody out on their own recognizance that we feel is not a flight risk or a violent offender."

Mr. Buchanan said, "The judges are the ones who assign folks to either the county facility or one of the programs."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir."

Mr. Buchanan said, "The programs are based on some really hard scientific foundations that are tried and true programs that have been replicated elsewhere, and the judges use our programs with an understanding of who it might work with and who it might not. We use instruments to judge risks, and these instruments, again, are standard throughout the industry. Using those instruments, you can pretty well judge whether this person is a high risk or really high risk or going to be an absolute failure. So depending upon that risk assessment, a judge makes the decision and determination of which program makes sense."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much for that well said answer. And then my other question would be, if, you know, assuming we get a mental health pod developed here, will there be separate categories for reporting that in your report, sir."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I don't know."

Chairman Skelton said, "You don't know? I don't know, either."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I'll see how hard or difficult or easy it might be."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, all right. Thank you. Commissioner Unruh, please."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, there's been a lot of attention focused on Judge Riddel Boys' Ranch (JRBR) as part of our juvenile detention system. We made it pretty clear that we do not have the capability, resources any longer to subsidize the state program. Would you want to make a comment, because we still get an email regularly, at least I do, about folks who are in support of that, and I think the Commission is, but we made it clear we just don't have, do you want to make a comment about that at all, in light of the fact that kind of in midstream at the legislature."

Mr. Buchanan said, "You will notice in this report we don't include Boys Ranch. It is not our program, it is a state program. We're offering the program for the state. We've chosen to offer it in a way that I don't think anybody else does. We also provide the state with information about our success rates and how it goes, and those kind, that kind of data. I don't think anybody else does in the state. And our record shows that this program works, and it saves the state significant amount of money, and we've investigated in that."

"We are at a place in our financial condition last year and this year, and in the future that we have to make some really hard choices about where local tax dollars are going to be spent. Is it going to be spent on local programs or is it going to be spent on state programs. Currently we're asking the state for some significant help if they want to continue to save money, spend a little now, save it later or not. And the ball is clearly in their court. We are most appreciative of the attention that our delegation, the members of our delegation have been helpful to us. We are most appreciative of them."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well thank you. That's the point I want to make. We had some of our representatives working hard in the legislature, trying to find ways to support the program, and we certainly hope they do, because we think it's beneficial to the whole state, so thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes. I concur with those comments. It is with my thanks also that they are working hard to secure that funding. Any other comments, please? Questions for County Manager on criminal justice review? Yes. Please."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was just going to second the comments, in terms of thanking our legislative delegation. I know several members at the delegation meetings, our local [South Central Kansas Legislative] Delegation Chair, Senator Faust-Goudeau and also [South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation] Vice-Chair, Representative Howell, both have made comments, and I know Representative Howell has been working very hard on the authorizing legislation, too. I wanted to ask the Manager a slightly, go off on a slightly different direction here, because looking at the...I occasionally continue to get questions about the jail and the costs and so on about it."

"And have been using figures, we've got a little less, according to my numbers this morning, I think we have about a little less than 200 people out of county, and I've been telling people that \$40 a day is our, roughly our cost for out of county placements at this point, including transportation, as well as the cost of having them out of county. Is that the best figure we've got at the moment, Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I would have to check, it's close, it's awfully close. We've been using \$30 or \$35, and I guess, and I don't know what the number, what the average rental is, and if you throw in transportation, that number, obviously, increases the daily rate. I know the Sheriff has been pretty, the current Sheriff has been very aggressive in trying to figure out how to utilize the out of county housing better, more efficiently. By that I mean, bringing them a little closer than some of the far west counties that we have, used to have people in. It also helps that we have way fewer people in the out of county."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was thinking about that, because if we've got the numbers more under control, that will be a source of savings. And at this time with our budget challenges in front of us, any savings that we can generate is certainly helpful. I am absolutely delighted with this report this morning, Mr. Chairman, and wanted to include that get that, included that on the record, because we have ongoing discussions in the juvenile area, which really separate and distinct from the adult report we have this morning."

Chairman Skelton said, "Great, thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Norton, please."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Bill, other than JRBR, are there any other legislative kinds ever issues in the criminal justice continuum that have us a little twitchy this year? Anything that you can think of that's going to change the dynamic? I mean, we've done a pretty good job locally of getting that number down, but it seems like as we get it down, then they toughen up some rules, they change some legislation and then we're kind of back in the soup again. Anything on the horizon that you see?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "There's nothing that comes to mind currently. Let me check with Marv Duncan and get back to you. There's other issues that we have been watching pretty closely, but none in the criminal justice pop into my head at this time."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. My follow-up question, is there any anything out of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that they are starting to talk about that, I know we've got mental health pod kind of swirling around. Any other evidence-based programs, any other things that's kind of bubbled up? And maybe Commissioner Unruh will want to follow up on that, too, but anything else that's going to change the dynamic of what we're doing or programs that will cost us a little money, but we'll have evidence-based results. Anything you see coming down the pipe?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "There's nothing that they are currently working on, except they are very interested and concerned about the mental health pod. That has more to do with the care of those people in the adult detention facility and less to do with preventing recidivism rates. We have started to talk to Tim Kaufman and others about what do we do, with the idea of this one-stop shop for those who are struggling with mental illness, how do we then get a program, and we're examining currently, how do we get a program going that once the person is released from jail, they then know where to go to get the next help."

“Currently we will release, when the person who has some mental illness is released from jail, they usually don't have any meds with them or wherever they had them before, we don't know. Oftentimes they don't have a place to stay or don't know who to turn to. All those factors would lead to not good situations.

Mr. Buchanan continued, “So the thinking is, if we can address the issue when the person is released, have someone there and take them to the one-stop shop and get the case manager or whoever you need working, that may help. Because the recidivism rate, my understanding, is the recidivism rate of those suffering with mental illness is pretty high.”

Commissioner Norton said, “So at this point creating the multi-disciplinary system is the most important issue not particularly anything else that we see coming down the pike.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Well, the consultants we had several years ago laid out a number of different programs, some of which we haven't implemented. Mainly because we didn't have any money. In talking to Chad VonAhnen I think the committee will take a look at the report again and say what else, is there other systems we need to put in place to make this criminal justice system better. If you recall, the primary goal was to reduce the people in the jail so that we wouldn't have to build another jail. It looks like we're doing okay. We may be delaying that process for a while, but what else could we do to assure that that's not necessary.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That's all I have, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Well, I just wanted to say I think it's important to thank the entire Delegation for all the work that they've done. You know, I know the [Judge Riddel] Boys Ranch is a particular point up in Topeka, a problem that has yet to be solved. It's important that I mention Joe Edwards' name, he talked to him for a few minutes yesterday, and he was very supportive. I would like to give my thanks to Mark Hutton and certainly the sit down discussion I had with Dan Kerschen was valuable in understanding what the charges are with the state regarding the Boys Ranch.

“In addition, I got south side representatives that I stay in contact with. Jim Ward and Brandon Whipple have given their heart and soul in the fight to secure the funding, the \$750,000 minimum that we need for are that Boys Ranch. So the whole team, I think, deserves credit, because if it wasn't for the whole team we probably would be failing in that endeavor. Commissioner Unruh, did you have a comment again?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair, yes. I just want to respond to Commissioner Norton's question about emphasis in the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The Manager mentioned one program at that we have great interest in trying to advance. We have referred to it as a one-stop shop, we now refer to it as a community crisis center.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Okay, thank you.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “We refer to it both ways, but we think having an appropriate nomenclature is important. And we think if we can get that facility in place and operational, we can offload not only pressure, booking and detaining people who don't need to be detained because they simply have medication for a mental health problem, or they just have a substance abuse issue that they just need to be detoxed.

So if we can find appropriate location, it would be helpful to the emergency rooms in our community and also the booking desk, and fundamentally it would be helpful to those folks that we happen to pick up or who are causing a nuisance for the most part.

"The second thing that we've had some emphasis on, it comes, it's been ongoing, but we saw a renewed importance of it when several of the leaders and I attended a criminal justice meeting, justice and public safety meeting of NACo and we heard a report from one of the national experts about how he doesn't understand why counties and local law enforcement will arrest a person and detain them and leave them in detention for 12 days, and then release them on parole. He said that doesn't make a lot of sense. If we can assess those folks on the front end, then we can save 12 days of cost of detention with the appropriate assessment tools.

"So there's been consideration talking about how can we implement appropriate assessment tools that we can help our process and reduce costs and still provide public safety. I mean everything had to kind of be filtered through the decision process of what is evidence-based, what is data-driven, what is accountable and what provides for public safety. Those are a couple things we're thinking of. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to follow up on Commissioner Unruh's remarks, because I know we've devoted resources to training and some law enforcement personnel and others in training need to help recognize and be in a position that we can identify these folks and come up with some alternatives, in terms of just jail as an option. And this Commission has worked to provide some of those options in the past, and I think is continuing down that road, and what do we call this the one-stop shop, the community crisis center, or anything else, I think we are making progress in this effort, and I think the numbers the Manager reported this morning indicated that, and this is a very positive report. "

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, thank you. And Commissioner Unruh, from this point forward, this Manager will call it the community crisis center."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, good."

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item, please."

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Presentation(s) be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

J [13-0239](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2013.

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 April 4th results in 3 items for your consideration this morning. Item 1;

1. 4WD CREW CAB TRUCKS -- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING -- FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Rusty Eck Ford in the amount of \$135,194.00. Item 2;

2. SECURITY GUARD SERVICES -- COMCARE/TREASURER
FUNDING -- COMCARE/TREASURER

"Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Securitas Security Services and establish contract pricing for three years with two one year options to renew. Item 3;

3. ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES - VARIOUS
FUNDING -- VARIOUS

"Recommendation is to utilize State of Kansas Contracts, the first being 12741AA with Western Extralite Company, 12741AC with Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc. and 12741AD with Stanion Wholesale Electric Company, Inc. and these are to expire January 31, 2014 and then offer a one one-year option to renew.

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Is there discussion?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

CONSENT

- K** [13-0205](#) Amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to Relocate Fire Station 34 (Haysville).
- L** [13-0213](#) Virtual Visit Software Usage Agreement between COMCARE and Via Christi Hospital.
- M** [13-0209](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2012 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:
- COWEL ADDITION LI-70

N [12-1028](#) General Bill Check Register.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you. I recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. 'Other', please. Is there any 'Other' today? Yes, Commissioner Peterjohn."

A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Consent be Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

OTHER

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have several items that are noteworthy to present in kind of the 'Other' category this morning, because obviously I was disappointed that the men's basketball team for Wichita State [University] was not victorious last week. I thought there was a really good chance Saturday night things would turn out a little bit differently. But I did notice, I don't know if this was kind of a prediction, but Saturday's [Wichita] Eagle had Coach Marshall with four fingers up. And it is interesting yesterday the coaches poll nationally came in and Wichita State reached its highest ranking for the season at fourth for all the basketball teams. And they've done a tremendous job and made us proud. I also want to add that the Wichita State's women's bowling team is also going to be playing for national championship later on this month up in Nebraska, so I want to wish them well at this point in time, too.

"I also want to take note of a fact that Bishop Jackels, given the invocation in our Commission meetings in the past has received a promotion to becoming the archbishop in Dubuque, Iowa and will be leaving Wichita. I want to publicly thank him for his eight years of service here, and also obviously his work here in Sedgwick County, and throughout the diocese here in this part of the state. I would also like to point out the fact that this week we lost a major figure who has had a huge impact throughout the 20th century. Specifically that person is British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. I mention her in a personal note because 10 years ago, many folks here know I was in Siberia, involved in adopting my children, and I have a picture here with former President Gorbachev.

"If it hadn't been for Gorbachev, Reagan, John Paul II and I would say Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the peaceful end to the Cold War that occurred was a seminal event in my lifetime, I don't think it would have taken place, and her departure, I think, she will end up being one of the two major prime ministers that history records as truly being great for the 20th century and the United Kingdom and Great Britain. So I wanted to make a positive comment to her in light of her passing, and provide hopefully a little bit broader context, in terms of the world we live in today, Mr. Chairman. So thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn. And, you know, the end of the Cold War was remarkable also in my eyes. I have a high degree of respect for Margaret Thatcher and sorry to see her pass. You know, when the wall came down, I tell you, I was over there in Germany and it is an event in my life that I will also never forget. The people in office at the time, I too will give credit also. Okay, is there any other 'Other' today? Mr. Attorney, do we have an Executive Session this morning?"

Mr. Euson said, "No, sir."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Is there any other business to come before the council [sic]? Seeing none, this meeting will be adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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APPROVED:
