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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2018 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David T. Dennis, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Michael B. O'Donnell II; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. Thomas Stolz, Deputy County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer; Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Chris Labrum, Director, Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department; Colonel Richard Powell, Undersheriff, Sheriff's Office; Ms. Joan Tammany, Executive Director, COMCARE; Ms. Jennifer Wilson, Program Manager, COMCARE; Ms. Kristen McGovern, Senior Purchasing Agent, Division of Finance; Mr. Will Deer, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Peggy Knudtson, 201 North Post Oak Road, Wichita, Kansas
Mr. Alan Trenary, 1461 North Burns Street, Wichita, Kansas
Lt. Travis Rakestraw, Wichita Police Department, Commander of Exploited and Missing Child Unit*

INVOCATION: Pastor Daniel Syrcle, First Salem Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, Commissioners Ranzau was absent.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. We have two folks signed up to speak today. The first one is Peggy Knudtson. Thank you and welcome to our Commission meeting today, you have three minutes."

Ms. Peggy Knudtson, 201 North Post Oak Road, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am a member of Wichita Oasis. Oasis is a secular organization dedicated to creating community for the good of humanity. Two of our core values are that people are more important than beliefs and that human hands solve human problems.

"I'm here today regarding the invocations at the [Board of County] Commission[ers] meetings. I heard Commissioner Unruh's apology at last week's meeting and I will accept that his intention regarding his comments about atheists was not to offend. However I do wonder if he would be, rather find it easy to be so flippant or sarcastic regarding other of his constituents who have belief systems other than his own.

"My biggest concern however was the first part of his comment, that the purpose of someone giving a secular invocation would be to use the time allotted to try to convince or persuade those in attendance to his or her point of view. It logically follows that Commissioner Unruh's belief is that the purpose the invocation is to proselytize. This should not be tolerated in any invocation given at these meetings.

"I have heard many secular invocations given following the Greece v. Galloway decision of the Supreme Court in 2014. None were used to try to convince or convert those in attendance to a position of non-belief. All were used to solemnize and give weight to the proceedings at hand. They were used to emphasize the common goal of bringing people together to work toward building a better community for all. If invocations are continued at the Commission meetings, they should not be discriminatory but be open to all points of view. A better solution to this issue would be to hold no invocation or move toward a moment of silence which would be inclusive of all of your constituents. Thank you for your time."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, ma'am for being here. I appreciate it. Next we have Alan Trenary. Good morning and welcome."

Mr. Alan Trenary, 1461 North Burns Street, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you so thank you very much. My mother is very heavily into religious science and it embraces all religious persuasions. One of my favorite things that I like to point out is what Gandhi said about it, was that he appreciates Christ, but he worries sometimes about the Christians fail to embrace Christ's teachings of love and inclusion.

"I can't top what was said prior to me, but I wanted to just bring that statement into the arena that, you know the Buddhists, the Hindu's, many, many, many other religions, millions of people practice other religions besides Christianity. I don't think that Christianity should trump any other religion. We need to love our neighbor as we would love ourselves and love our God in the way that God would have us love others. I would appreciate it if we could see this attitude expressed more on a larger scale with everybody, you know, on a day-to-day basis. We need to respect each other. With that, I want to thank you for your time and for your service. God bless you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, sir. Thank you for being here today. Those are the only two that signed up to speak. Is there anyone else in the audience that may wish to speak today that didn't have a chance to sign up? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item."

APPOINTMENTS

- A** [18-221](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK ORR (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD IN AN AT-LARGE POSITION.
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item A is a

resolution appointing Mark Orr to the Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board in the at-large position. This position had been held by Jama Mitchell, but her term expired in February of this year. Mr. Orr is being appointed to a term of two years, which would expire March 22nd of 2020. The paperwork is in order, and I would urge adoption of this resolution. I'm told now that he is not expected to be present to be sworn, but I would urge adoption of this resolution."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Yost."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Absent
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

B [18-196](#)

ISLAND ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF CLEARWATER PURSUANT TO CITY OF CLEARWATER RESOLUTION NO. 7-2018.

Presented by: Justin M. Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Find that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located in Sedgwick County; and therefor approve the resolution.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present an island annexation request by the city of Clearwater. An island annexation request is where the land that's proposed to be annexed is not actually adjoined the city. First if you look at the map on this the screen here. I'm sorry, you will notice the property that's proposed to be annexed is in red. The city limits for the city of Clearwater in blue. The, and then there is a more zoomed in map here showing now.

"The property is in the Prairie Meadow Estate subdivision to the north of Clearwater, several other properties in the subdivision have been annexed through island annexations as well. The city of Clearwater approved this resolution to seek the island annexation, and in this case the property owner has consented to annexation requested

to connect to the city of Clearwater's water services. The Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) completed the staff review of this annexation and recommended that the BoCC (Board of County Commissioners) find the proposed island annexation would not hinder the proper growth and development of the area nor any other city within Sedgwick County.

"State statute lays out requirements under which an island annexation can occur. There's three of those. The first is the land is required to be in the same county as the city, here it is. The second is the owners of the property must petition or consent to the annexation. In this case they have consented to it. Lastly the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) by a two-thirds vote, which would require all of you today, would find that the annexation will not hinder and prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other city within Sedgwick County.

"The recommended action is to make that finding. However, of course, that is a finding that is up to the will of the board. The Clearwater's City Administrator sent his regrets yesterday indicating that he wouldn't be able to attend this meeting, but I would be happy to answer any questions that I can. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I have just a couple questions. We had one just exactly like this about a month ago, correct?"

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

Chairman Dennis said, "In this case, just as the one a month or so ago that we had the applicant actually petition, don't they, to be annexed by the city?"

Mr. Waggoner said, "I think they consented to it, but they petitioned to join on to the city's water, I believe. But in terms of how it operates under the law, it's the same thing."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, so this isn't something that the city of Clearwater is trying to pick up a piece of property that isn't approved by the owner of the property?"

Mr. Waggoner said, "That's correct. The owner of the property has to agree to it."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, so this is kind of a fairly routine thing, and it's come up twice within the last month. Do you see any reason that we need to have this as a regular agenda item, or could we start looking at these because it looks like there's a number of lots that still are going to be annexed, that we could start looking at these on consent item as long as the applicant is petitioning to have this and the city of Clearwater is in agreement with it?"

Mr. Waggoner said, "That's correct, Commissioner Dennis. That could be a consent agenda item."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay. Well, with the other Commissioners agreement why, actually, is there any other questions first? Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "If there are no other questions, I'm ready to make a motion if you are ready."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, could you add that we add this to consent from this

point forward for these properties?"

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yeah, absolutely with our Counselor's approval."

Mr. Yost said, "I think we can always put something on consent. There is, I mean, we can talk to Mr. Waggoner about this, it takes four votes but usually consent goes through with five votes, and so if somebody is unhappy with it, they can pull it off and discuss it."

Chairman Dennis said, "But with any consent item, we can always pull it off if we..."

Mr. Yost said, "Right."

Chairman Dennis said, "...see a need to hear that item."

Mr. Yost said, "So I don't see that consent is limited to just certain types of things, so you can always put these on consent."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "So do we need to make that a part of the motion?"

Mr. Yost said, "I don't think you need to. You can just direct staff that in the future..."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay."

Mr. Yost said, "... you put it on consent."

Chairman Dennis said, "But if we don't need, it just make the regular motion."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I will do it. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

MOTION

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to approve the resolution for island annexation request from City of Clearwater.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Waggoner said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Waggoner."

Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, is it your direction that in the future you would like..."

Chairman Dennis said, "We can put it on consent and if there's something that is unique to it in the future that we need to hear it, why we can always pull it off."

Mr. Yost said, "Very well."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, next item."

Approved

C [18-175](#)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO MABCD DIRECTOR FOR TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF BUILDING AND RELATED PERMIT FEES IN TABLE B OF THE UNIFIED BUILDING AND TRADE CODE NOT TO EXCEED 20% BELOW PUBLISHED FEES.

Presented by: Chris W. Labrum, Director of Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD).

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

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning."

Mr. Chris Labrum, Director, Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department greeted the Commissioners and said, "As stated, presenting a change to our UBTC (Unified Building and Trade Code) Table B for fund management and fund delegation to MABCD (Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department) Director. I believe we had slides. Do I need to pull those up? Thank you Kate, appreciate that. By way of revenue management, so in MABCD, we obviously collect all department related fees for our services and permits. We also collect Public Works and some city revenue under the one-stop shop concept for our customers. That revenue is distributed to those agencies. The MABCD revenue is collected into a county general revenue fund. That fund also is used to feed a special revenue fund, excuse me, on the city side, so that we are able to pay our city personnel and fleet costs and some administrative costs that we have with them.

"Those funds are not directly accessible by my department. We access those through the annual budget cycle and that that is put into our budget. We do, however, manage that fund and it's per agreement with the City resolution, as you see here, R95-560, and with working through WABA (Wichita Area Builders Association) and our local industry boards that become a part of that. Part of the standing agreements that we have with WABA, with the Wichita Area Builders Association, is that that revenue fund will maintain a three to four month department operating reserve. This is designed to cover us in the event of rapid decline in revenue or in permit applications. The staff manages that fund and that we obviously know what that cost is, what the requirement is to keep the department operating for a quarter plus. Then we also coordinate as stated with WABA and other industry affiliated boards to keep them apprised of the status of those funds and their input in any management of those.

"At this point in time, what we are seeking is an addition of paragraph four to our UBTC that delegates authority to the MABCD Director to provide a temporary discount of fees not to exceed 20 percent of those published in the fund in order to manage any surplus

above that four-month reserve that would come into that revenue fund. So as that fund approaches the four-month reserve mark, again, in meetings with mainly the WABA industry board, we look at that surplus and propose a reduction in fees. This would allow me to enact that reduction without having to bring it to resolution to provide those discounts, and then it would also allow us to bring that fee back, either remove a portion of that discount or all the way back to the normally published fees 60 days after we provide notice to the BoCC and to the [Wichita] City Council.

“Given, and as it is with our current fund, we do have a surplus in that at the moment. So if we are to pass or able to get the approval for that delegation, we do intend to enact an immediate permit fee reduction. This would impact the commercial and residential building permits and would be at 10 percent discount across all of those. These are the main groups affiliated with those industry boards, paid through these permits. This is also the bulk of our revenue. So this would create an annual reduction, about \$500,000. We have also in discussion with WABA, we have some vehicle Fleet Management issues from our city to our county fleet that we think by possibly making some purchases now we can save money in the long run. We also have a few building upgrades to conference room and a training room that we would like to do. WABA has authorized us to approach those, they would be approached separately with you all, but they have authorized us to approach the BoCC for permission to use some of those excess funds for that. You would still be talking no more than \$200,000 for those. So with that we recommend approval of the resolution, and I’ll gladly stand for any questions.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. Do I have any questions from the board? This has been coordinated with the Wichita Area Builder’s Association and other agencies that are impacted by this?”

Mr. Labrum said, “Correct sir, and Mr. (Wes) Galyon is here from WABA if you have questions of him.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Okay. No one has seen problems with any of your recommendations, and it actually reduces the fees that they’re charged, right?”

Mr. Labrum said, “To my knowledge that is correct, sir.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Very good.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, “I just want to make a couple of comments. I want to thank Director [Chris] Labrum for making the presentation this morning. In fact I’d like to say you’ve done a tremendous job in your rollover at MABCD and appreciate your leadership. I would say, I don’t know who initiated this proposal, but I know that you’ve been involved in this from the beginning. I want to say thank you to whoever brought this forward, it’s a, I call this smart government. This is a good kind of policy that allows that fee to adjust itself up and down as needed. I would say that to intentionally draw down any surplus revenue fund by charging less, at least initially to sustain this makes sense to me.

"You make adjustments periodically to keep it at a level target. I think that's excellent way to do this, and to give you a reasonable marginal authority to regulate the revenue fund, in my opinion, just keeps this kind of at an arm's length. We don't need to sit there and do this ourselves every few months, but I think giving you that authority just is smart. So I appreciate you bringing this forward. I appreciate the fact that you've engaged the Wichita Area Builder's Association and Wes Gaylon and his involvement on this and knowing this has their support as well. So I think this is a great proposal, and I appreciate the fact that you brought it to us today. Thank you."

Mr. Labrum said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I agree with all the comments that were made, and now I don't see anyone else that wishes to speak. So Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Labrum. I appreciate it. Next item, please."

Approved

D [18-208](#)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE
WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY EXPLOITED AND MISSING CHILD
UNIT (EMCU).

Presented by: Colonel Richard Powell, Undersheriff, Sheriff's Office.

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Colonel Powell."

Colonel Richard Powell, Undersheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have brought before you this morning two different items. One being a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the Exploited and Missing Children's Unit (EMCU) and the key stakeholders in that, and a second item following the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), a contractual document considering part of the funding by one of the stakeholders.

"A little bit of history, the Exploited and Missing Children's Unit is a joint venture with the stakeholders involved being the Wichita Police Department (WPD), the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. Other parties also a part of the agreement are respectively the City of Wichita represented by the Mayor, Sedgwick County represented by the Chairman of the BoCC, the Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center, and the District Attorney (DA) from Sedgwick County.

"Item D that we're discussing right now simply is an Memorandum of Understanding

between the three primary stakeholders. Again, the [Wichita] Police Department, the Sheriff's Office and DCF (Department of Children and Families).

"This is for the calendar year 2018 and provides for funding for the day-to-day operations of that particular EMCU (Exploited and Missing Child Unit) unit and the personnel assigned to it. The EMCU program actually is overseen by an executive committee represented by designees of each of the named stakeholders I earlier mentioned. Then at the operational level by an advisory committee, which is by the individual department heads or their designees on a day-to-day basis. The Sheriff's Office is the budgetary coordination part of the program. We actually administer the budget and keep the stakeholders aware of what their budgetary status is and handle all of the funding agreements.

"The Director of Operations for EMCU, actually I brought with me this morning is Lieutenant Travis Rakestraw from the Wichita Police Department, who oversees as the Commander of that organization the overall day-to-day operations. Then under his command, we have multiple, again, designees or supervisory personnel from the Police Department, the Sheriff's Office and DCF that handle their respective personnel. The Police Department in this operation supplies nine detectives and two officers to EMCU. The Sheriff's Office has two detectives who work within E[M]CU, and then in addition to that, there's a subset or a sub-organization operating under the umbrella of EMCU, which you're all familiar with, which is ICAC, the Internet Crimes Against Children group. They focus exclusively on internet base crimes against children. In that particular group, we see that the Police Department provides five detectives, the Sheriff's Office provides three detectives, then there are also, of course, people from DCF to provide administrative support and then some clerical positions that we provide through the Sheriff's Office.

"The program itself, EMCU, what their primary responsibility is, is that they investigate cases throughout Sedgwick County and the city limits of Wichita and through assistance to other agencies, if so asked for, they look at cases involving allegations of sexual assault where the victim is a person under the age of 16. They also look at cases involving allegations of incest where the victim is under the age of 18. Cases involving allegations related to missing children where the child is under the age of 18 years. Cases involving allegations of physical abuse where the child is under the age of 18 unless there is a death involved. Then cases involving human trafficking where the victim of that trafficking is under the age of 18.

"A very worthy organization, again I think all of you have had some prior knowledge of the organization. Again, the key, the three stakeholders each participate from the standpoint of budgetary funding. They each pay one-third of the expenses. Again, that would be the city, the county and DCF. Those one-third of the expenses are what creates the entire budget authority of that organization. But again, that's actually managed through the Sheriff's Office.

"I did bring Lieutenant Rakestraw with me again today in the event that you have any detailed questions or if he would like to make any comments about this. He is readily available. I would ask for your review and subsequent approval of the MOU that we're presenting under item number D. The following item after this will be, again, a contract which will address the funding mechanism only for DCF, which by their guidelines, they have to have a separate contract. That's what we'll be looking at on the next item. So I would certainly stand for any questions and Lieutenant Rakestraw, any comments?"

Lieutenant Travis Rakestraw, Commander, Exploited and Missing Child Unit, thanked

the Commissioners and said, "I would just like to say that the partnership that we have here in Sedgwick County is something that we should all be proud of. The partnership primarily is between law enforcement, social workers and then the non-profit group being the Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County. Last year I think we saw five-year highs in regards to sexual abuse cases and cases involving physical abuse, endangerment, neglect, things like that. Each and every one of those children that were involved in those cases were offered and many received services through the Child Advocacy Center to help to begin to heal from the trauma inflicted by these crimes that sometimes, you know, the stories are just heartbreaking. So I think it's a very worthy organization, something I'm very proud of. Unfortunately, there's a need for it in our county as well as across the country, and I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Lieutenant. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to say thank you to Colonel Powell and then to Lieutenant Rakestraw for presenting this opportunity this morning. As you just said, I think it's a worthy organization. I've heard that a couple of times already, and I completely agree. I was thankful to sit on the board over there for a year while I was Chairman in 2016, and I learned quite a lot about what you do over there, and I grew to appreciate the organization."

"There's many people in that facility doing a lot of tremendous work, and as you said, I wish that this didn't need to exist, but unfortunately, there's a lot of bad stuff going on in our community, and they do a lot to protect children and to solve those crimes against children, so I appreciate all that they do. So thank you for presenting this opportunity this morning. I have one question on this agreement. I only see the current agreement. I don't see the old one. Is there any actual changes between the previous agreement and this one we're considering today? As I've read this, I don't have any problem with it. I'm just curious if there has been any changes in the agreement language."

Lieutenant Rakestraw said, "No, no changes."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Very good. Well, I'm pleased to support this this morning."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "I just want to express also my appreciation to the folks involved in trying to manage, correct and respond what is really a deplorable situation in our society. I know all of the folks that are involved over there are dedicated to their work, and frankly, they need our continued encouragement."

"I don't know that I could day after day become aware of some of the terrible things that happen to our children, some of the situations that they are faced with and to have to deal with that every day and try to find solutions and bring justice into the situations which seem like quite a psychological burden. So I just want to express my

appreciation to those folks who are in the trenches working hard at this, and Lieutenant Rakestraw, thank you for your leadership.”

Lieutenant Rakestraw said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. I’ve been at the Child Advocacy Center several times, seen the work that you all are doing. It’s critical. The damage to our children is deplorable, and I appreciate what you are doing to try and help those children and I’ll definitely support the motion today. I see no one else that wishes to speak this morning. Did you have anything Mr. Yost?”

Mr. Yost said, “No, I just wanted to clarify that you’re voting on [item] D right now?”

Chairman Dennis said, “We’re just voting on D.”

Mr. Yost said, “Correct.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Very good. Madam Clerk call the roll, please.”

VOTE

Commissioner O’Donnell II	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Absent
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

Chairman Dennis said, “Next item, please.”

Approved

E [18-209](#)

AMENDMENT OF A CONTRACT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO FUND ONE-THIRD OF THE COST OF THE EXPLOITED AND MISSING CHILD UNIT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

Presented by: Colonel Richard Powell, Undersheriff, Sheriff’s Office.

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

Colonel Powell said, “As previously mentioned, this is a separate agreement, contractual agreement between the parties and DCF, Department of Children and Families, regarding their one-third share of the funding for the EMCU organization. Again, it’s for the calendar year 2018, and it simply defines per their necessary policies what their contractual obligations are going to be. In this particular document, it says that their funding for one-third of the cost will be \$46,056 and will not exceed that amount for this particular calendar year. Again, this is by virtue of their own internal policies that require them to have a contract. So if there are no questions for this, I would respectfully ask for your consideration and subsequent approval of this document also.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you, Colonel Powell. Commissioner Howell.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just have one question that is,

I'm pretty sure I know the answer but let me ask it anyway. Is this an expenditure already in our approved budget from our fiscal 2018 budget? We already approved this as a planned expenditure at that time. Is that correct?"

Colonel Powell said, "Yes, sir. That's correct. We, all the funds are pooled together and we actually have a separate fund center set aside for this organization."

Commissioner Howell said, "Let me just say again, I don't know how they get it done. There is a lot going on over there, and I think the partnership is critical. But you know, this is not a lot of money considering what they get done over there. I think, let me just say they do a tremendous amount of work for this small amount of funding. It's quite amazing actually. I really appreciate what they do. Looking at the budget sheet that's in the backup material here, it looks like there is a small increase this year. Am I seeing that correctly?"

Colonel Powell said, "Correct. I believe those were tied to employment costs, sir."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Well, I have no problem with that whatsoever. Again, I appreciate all that they do."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to approve amendment to the Kansas Department for Children and Families to fund one-third of the cost of Exploited and Missing Child Unit for calendar year 2018.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Colonel Powell said, "Thank you, Commissioners. We do appreciate your continued support."

Chairman Dennis said, "Colonel Powell, Lieutenant [Rakestraw] thank you very much for being here today. We appreciate it. Next item, please."

Approved

F [18-219](#)

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,429 FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES (KDADS) FOR COMCARE'S PATH HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM.

Presented by: Joan M. Tammany, LMLP, Executive Director, COMCARE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize to apply, if awarded accept the grant award, and authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign all the necessary documents when they become available.

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Joan."

Ms. Joan Tammany, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Also, here with me today is Jennifer Wilson. She's the Manager of our homeless program and available for any specific questions you might have regarding the program or this grant."

"I come here before you today to ask you to authorize us to apply and accept the award if selected. For almost 20 years, COMCARE has received PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) grants from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and our hope is to continue that with this extra grant. PATH is an acronym that stands for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness."

"So the grant application is for a total of \$118,429 and if awarded would allow COMCARE to continue providing services for people who are homeless and who also have a mental health or a substance abuse issue. This amount is [\$]3,000 about just over \$3,000 more than our previous year and this is tied to the salary increases we incurred in January."

"The population of homelessness is what this grant is targeting. These persons are people who are living in shelters, who are living in their cars, who are living on the street, living in parks in our community. If awarded, the grant will cover salaries and benefits for 2.4 full time equivalents (FTE). This is two outreach workers who actively engage this population out in our community and then a .4 percent of a staff member who collects the data, enters the data, oversees the program. Staff who work in this grant anticipate outreaching to over 300 individuals in this next grant cycle. We achieved that with 319 in the previous year."

"As a result of these efforts we were able to successfully engage approximately 75 percent of these persons into services at COMCARE or into services elsewhere in our community. In addition, housing was obtained for approximately 90 percent of these people. So one celebratory statement for this is that COMCARE has consistently exceeded the expectations and outcome requirements of the State, which is about 58 percent of engagement. So COMCARE will have a match of approximately \$33,000 worth of expenditures for this grant. This match covers portion of the salary for the Manager who oversees this program and also expenses related to things like purchasing ID'S (Identifications) for this population who has been homeless for some time."

"We believe this is a worthwhile investment, and that we've had a significant impact on this population in our community. We've engaged them into primary care, which is a critical need with this group of individuals. We have engaged them into our own mental health and substance abuse services. We've assisted them with getting housing. We

work with them significantly on getting benefits restored and helping them complete that paperwork. We've assisted them with getting employment and then really we also assist with obtaining basic needs such as blankets, socks, shoes, you know, the things we take for granted that they can't purchase on their own.

"So we think that the program has done very well over the years. We have high hopes of continuing. I'm recommending you authorize us to apply and accept the grant if awarded and to authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign any related documents. I'm here to answer any questions and Jen Wilson is also available to respond to specific questions about the program."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well, thank you very much for being here with us today. We sincerely appreciate that. This is just one of a number of programs that COMCARE provides for services to our citizens here in Sedgwick County. It is a grant that you will be applying for, hopefully we do get the grant. Does have a small match that we will have from Sedgwick County, but the impact on our homeless population I think is critical and again it's just one of a lot of things that you do over there. We do appreciate that. Do we have any questions on this issue? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Director Tammany for the presentation this morning, appreciate you bringing this to us again. I wanted to ask you, can you please talk a little bit about how many folks that they have reached in a given year? I know our population continues, I call it a pipeline, I think as you assist someone to get out the homeless situation, there's another one that ends up homeless. So there is a pipeline of folks that need these services, but can you talk about how many people you connect with in a given year and that type of thing?"

Ms. Tammany said, "I can give, Jen's [Wilson] probably got more specific, I can give you estimates. I think you know, over the last three years we've increased from about 274, 284 to about 319 last year that are officially counted."

Ms. Jennifer Wilson, Program Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've had 400 contacts."

Ms. Tammany said, "Yeah."

Ms. Wilson said, "About 300 over 300 (inaudible). Last year they had about 400 total contacts and 319 of those were unduplicated."

Commissioner Howell said, "Awesome. When you say contact, what does that entail?"

Ms. Wilson said, "Them coming into contact on the streets and shelter. Whether or not they come to our program. Just anywhere within our community."

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, anyway I do appreciate the program. I know this is an issue that urban communities seem to have a lot of this going on. I know that Wichita has had quite a few homeless folks. I'm glad we have ways to help them out. Again, so the street outreach, the screening diagnostics treatment, referrals to providers, those are all very critical things. I know ultimately you want to lift them up out of homelessness, and I think that's really important. I want to make a motion that we would authorize COMCARE to apply and if awarded accept the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign."

"But along with that I would also like to make just a note for the public, again once again to let them know this is one of our 77 grants that are currently on our lists. This is a renewal and altogether we accept roughly \$37.7 million in grant dollars from federal and state. Helps us with providing services to our local community. So thank you to the state and the federal government for the grants that they offer to us. I appreciate being able to take them up on this to help our community. So Mr. Chairman, I did make a motion. Thank you for the chance to speak."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to authorize COMCARE to apply and if awarded accept the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Commissioner Howell. Also, just one other question. When I toured your facility, you have people that actually go out under the bridges and find the homeless people and visit with them, seeing what kind of services that they need, seeing what we can do to help. You're not intrusive if they don't want anything, you don't force anything on anyone. But you're there to make sure they know what services are available. Is that not correct?"

Ms. Wilson said, "That's right. They do a fantastic job too."

Chairman Dennis said, "I don't think people realize that we have actually got people working for the county that are going out, seeking out the people that are homeless where they're at. I think it's tremendous. I appreciate it."

Ms. Wilson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Any other discussion? We've got a motion and a second, Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Ms. Wilson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much for being here today. Next item, please."

Approved

G [18-231](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2018.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, what did you do with Joe [Thomas] today?"

Ms. Kristen McGovern, Senior Purchasing Agent, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "He's at a conference today."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, welcome."

Ms. McGovern said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of March 15th results in four items for your consideration and approval."

**1. MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM
(CAC) – EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING – 911 TELEPHONE TAX**

"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation in the amount of \$139,851.25.

**2. 200 WEST MURDOCK OMD REMODEL – PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING – MURDOCK TAG REMODEL**

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Bauer & Son Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$319,500 and establish unit pricing at \$1.85 per square foot for additional roof work as required.

**3. WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT FOR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY –
FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING – JDF MAINTENANCE**

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from South Central Commercial Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$52,530.63 and establish unit pricing for any additional work that may be required at the rates listed.

**4. CHEVROLET EQUINOX CROSSOVER - FLEET MANAGEMENT
METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD)
FUNDING -- CHEVY EQUINOX**

"The recommendation is to utilize the State of Kansas contract #43716 with Ed Bozarth Chevrolet in the amount of \$59,961."

Ms. McGovern said, "I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have, and I recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well, thank you very much. I know that Commissioner O'Donnell and I have been speaking with Dr. Gallagher now for some time, promising him that we would get him moved into a facility that he could do his job. I'm very pleased that we're finally getting to the point where we're going to start the remodel of the old Murdock Tag Office, so that he can get his EMS (Emergency Medical Services) facility moved into that. So this is very good. I know that all four of these items are important, but that's one that Commissioner O'Donnell and I have been working on for some time trying to get accomplished, and I'm very pleased we got to that point. If I see no discussion, Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the good description of what we're talking about this morning.

"But I wanted to ask on item number four, usually when we've purchased vehicles in the past, we normally send that like a RFP (Request For Proposal) out to a number of dealers then we usually see I guess the competition and all of that, but this time we're using a State contract. So I'm curious, is this just a different way to do the same thing? We don't need to send this out to RFP?"

Ms. McGovern said, "Well, there were a couple factors involved and some work that was done prior to making the decision to utilize the State of Kansas contract. Time was a factor and then Penny [Poland] did, spoke to a couple local dealerships, and three of those dealerships had provided quotes for the State of Kansas contract, and they were not low bidder."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."

Ms. McGovern said, "So we did, there was some research that was done prior to deciding whether we were going to utilize the State contract or not."

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, anyway it just seems like a change in process that's why I'm a little surprised by this. In the past when we've purchased vehicles usually we see it sent out to a number of vendor, a number of dealers and then we see the different prices. Usually one of those is selected, but this is just a different way of doing that. But I think this is the first time I've seeing this process so far that I'm aware of."

Ms. McGovern said, "I believe we've utilized the State contract just a few times."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. I think that's my only question. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, any other questions? Seeing none."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts regular meeting on March 15, 2018.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Absent
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

Ms. McGovern said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much for being here today. Next item, please."

Approved

CONSENT

Mr. Tom Stolz, Deputy County Manager, greeted the Commissioners said, "Recommend you approve items H through O."

Chairman Dennis said, "No phonetic alphabet this morning."

Mr. Stolz said, "Henry through Ocean, sir."

Chairman Dennis said, "You would not make it in the military. Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve consent agenda items Hotel (H) through Oscar (O).

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

- H** [18-201](#) Lease agreement between Envision Inc. and Sheriff's Office for space located at 604 N. Main, Suite E, Wichita, Kansas.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- I** [18-203](#) Re-establish budget authority for Sedgwick County Aerial Photography Project.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- J** [18-214](#) Affiliation Agreement with the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- K** [18-215](#) Transitional Housing Services Agreement with Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- L** [18-216](#) Hire an Assistant County Counselor Above the Grade Minimum.
Approved on the Consent Agenda

- M [18-233](#) Plat.
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2017 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:
- ROSS OMO 1ST ADDITION.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- N [18-188](#) Order dated 2/26/2018 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- O [18-130](#) General Bill Check Register for March 14 - March 20, 2018.
Approved on the Consent Agenda

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Chairman Dennis said, "Will [Deer], welcome."

Mr. Will Deer, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Got a couple updates for you. The urban area designation passed out of the Senate committee yesterday. There was one amendment, the amendment made the effective date as published in the Kansas Register as opposed to the Statute book. My understanding from talking to our lobbyist last night is that that keeps the bill conferencable. Not entirely sure what that means. We'll try to talk to him a little bit later today, but the bill's passed the House and now has passed the Senate committee with one very slight amendment, so I think the prognosis is still good for our Urban Area Bill.

"The Election Commissioner Budget Bill, which is House Bill 2509, still has not been worked in the Senate committee. I have a feeling that's probably going to end up in conference committee before the session ends. The ballot, the Envelope Bill, which is Senate Bill 264, that was significantly amended. We had a member that had amended that that would have allowed anyone to apply for lifetime advanced ballots as opposed to just folks that have permanent disabilities or illnesses under current law, and that actually turned that bill into a substitute bill, and I have a feeling it's going to end up in conference committee as well. So kind of our two Elections Bills I think are probably headed towards conference committee."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good."

Mr. Deer said, "I don't have any other update. I'd stand for questions."

Chairman Dennis said, "I don't have any questions. Anyone else have questions about any of those bills? Good, keep us informed on each of those because each of those are important to us here. Thank you."

Mr. Deer said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

OTHER

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Does anyone have anything for 'other' this morning? Well, I have one thing then. If no one else has anything. Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was anxiously waiting for Susan Erlenwein to mention this, but she surprised me by not mentioning the e-waste event is supposed to happen. Again, I know it's the day after our next meeting, so I wanted to have people get advanced notice once again. It's scheduled for April the 5th through the 7th, which is a Thursday through Saturday, and also on April the 12th through the 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 o'clock p.m. at our West Yard. It's on the website. Hopefully people can plan to take advantage of that. It's a tremendous opportunity to get rid of all of those old computers, CRT's (Cathode Ray Tube), printers, VCR's (Video Cassette Recorder), and things like that. I think that's a tremendous opportunity. I wanted to make sure people are planning to take advantage of that."

"I wanted to also say, I appreciated the opportunity last Saturday during the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Tournament, I did take some time to go over to the City of Haysville with Mayor Bruce Armstrong and the American Legion Post 408, and the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) from both Derby and from Haysville. "We got together and we, and also Boy Scout Troop 895. We got together and did a very unusual ceremony, we don't do it very often. They collect flags for the community, if you're not aware of that. If you have a tattered flag that's faded and tattered, they do collect those flags at the VFW American Legion facilities. We had, I don't know how many flags. I'm going to say a few hundred, maybe 300, 400 flags we had there."

"A very solemn ceremony, talked about the importance of the flag and honoring the flag and of course to dispose of a flag, we don't want to put that in a landfill, because it would be, it would desecrate the flag. So they do have a way to dispose of those. It is by incineration. So they had five places set up and Boy Scouts and military members as well as Mayor Armstrong and myself were able to participate and dispose of those flags last Saturday. A very solemn ceremony. I want to say, appreciate Boy Scout Troop 895 out of Haysville, as well as the other military organizations that put that together."

"Then I want to also say that this coming Saturday at 5 O'clock, I will be able to speak at the American Legion's 99th birthday celebration at the Powerhouse in Derby. I will be the key speaker there at that event. So I want to say thank you for the opportunity for that, but if you want to come out and support the American Legion, that's an opportunity for people in District 5 at least, if not the entire community."

"Finally, I don't think I've mentioned this before, but I want to just get it out a little bit to a larger audience that on the first, third, and fourth Friday's of each month, I usually do a thing called Cup of Joe with Jim out in the City of Derby at Riverside Cafe at 7 [a.m.] to 9 a.m. I'm just there to do a meet and greet and talk to people about whatever they want to talk about. Sometimes county issues come up. That's primarily what I'm there for, but I'll talk about anything. So there is lots of topics come up. I usually have you know, four or five, six people that show up on any given Friday. But it's a great opportunity, and I hope people will take advantage of that. Again, that will be this Friday will be my next one 7 [a.m.] to 9 a.m. at the Derby Riverside Cafe. With that, that's all my comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Commissioner Howell. I have a couple of things since I don't see any, oh Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to give a shout out and congratulate Nancy Lawrence and the Delano [Historic] Association for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day parade. I was able to go out there on Saturday and walk in the parade. They estimate between 20 and 25,000 people, which is almost double what they had last year. She gave the factor to good weather, it being on a Saturday, which is actually St. Patrick's Day, and also just a lot of enthusiasm in town for the NCAA Tournament. But Nancy Lawrence and her team really, it was outstanding. It was a very good showing for us. So thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, now I don't see anyone else. I've got a couple comments. First of all, I want to give a shout out to everyone that was involved in March Madness. We had thousands of people downtown, and it came off almost totally flawless. The Intrust Bank Arena was fantastic, everyone working on that venue. I did get to go to one of the games, and so I've seen my first NCAA live rather than on TV (television), and it was fantastic I know that David Spears was very happy because KU (University of Kansas) won. Overall, the City of Wichita, Visit Wichita, the Sports Commission, Sedgwick County all came together and the people mainly that welcomed all of the visitors to this area were fantastic, and I just want to give a shout-out to everyone that was involved in that and tell them congratulation, job well done. I think the NCAA will definitely be looking to come back and see us again in 2021. I'm glad that Commission Howell talked a little bit about the e-waste. A few years ago we did have a collection, and as I recall, we got over a million pounds of e-waste in one collection.

"This time we're going to do it a little differently, so we don't get a million pounds all at once. So we've got a facility, we've got people, we've got everything arranged, so that folks can bring their e-waste and get rid of it and protect our environment, and I appreciate that. The final thing I want to talk about a little bit is the opioid epidemic. We've seen, I know that President Trump is working some of that. When we were back in [Washington,] D.C. here a couple weeks ago, at the NACo (National Association of Counties) Conference, one of the big issues was the opioid epidemic and the impact it's having on counties, because counties are really the organization that faces the biggest brunt of the opioid epidemic. I heard from one Commissioner that was in West Virginia. His entire county was about 65,000 people, and he had between one and two million opioid pills coming into his county in a year. Heard from another Commissioner from Florida, and evidently they have quite a treatment program there. The problem that they're having is that people across the nation are recognizing that they've got tremendous treatment program, and so they're coming in from across the nation to try and get cured, so they're picking up the costs there.

"Our Sheriff here, Sheriff Jeff Easter, has been working with us and is very proactive. Yesterday we had a meeting that Commissioner Unruh and I attended along with the DA (District Attorney), the Sheriff, people from Wichita Police Department, folks from our COMCARE, folks from our Health Department, our forensic scientists, Sedgwick County and Wichita Fire Department, our EMS, these are all agencies that are impacted, and I'm sure I missed some. But these are all agencies that are impacted by this opioid epidemic on trying to help the folks.

"The Sheriff brought back a program called 'A Way Out' as a possible solution. He presented that to everyone. Where that if someone is having a problem with opioids, they can go up to a Police Officer or a Sheriff's Officer and say they want a way out, and if they walk up to them and they've got drugs in their pocket, that's not an offense,

because they're wanting a way out. They'll take the drugs away from them and they won't be charged for having those drugs on them. Now granted, if they've got other outstanding warrants and so forth, they may still be in trouble a little bit, but at least we'll start them on treatment for their addiction.

"So I appreciate the fact that oh, and the other folks, there were a number of other folks in attendance that are local community folks. They're involved from the hospitals, from other agencies, they're working this issue. So it's not just a government, county or city issue. It's across our entire county that are having problems with this opioid issue. So I appreciate the efforts that our Sheriff has got on taking a lead on this. We are definitely supportive of his efforts, so we're going to do what we can.

"I know that Tim Kauffman was there yesterday along with Rusty Leeds from our leadership under our County Manager to see what we can do. I think that we're going to have to do more, unfortunately. We're in the budget cycle right now. We probably need to do some more coordination with outside agencies outside of government to find out what they can do to help us with this epidemic, but we may need to put more resources from the county, unfortunately.

"Well, fortunately for the people that are addicted, unfortunately for our budget cycle. But we're going to have to do more unfortunately to help all those that are addicted to the opioids and see if we can stem the tide. I know last year we joined a class action suit on those that are distributing these, but that's only one step, right now we have a problem right here close to home. Actually, it's not just opioids, its also methamphetamines is a big problem we've got here locally. So we're going to be working, we're going to hear more about this especially as we get into the budget cycle, because we may have to add some personnel to our staffing tables to take a look at what's going on in this area.

"But the folks in COMCARE are doing a tremendous job, folks in our Health Department. Everyone is involved, so we're going to have to figure out what we can do to help the folks that are addicted. With that, that's the only things I wanted to discuss today. Does anyone else have anything before we move on? Okay, I don't believe we have an executive session set today. Does anyone else have anything in the room that we need to discuss?"

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.