

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT #1**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 23, 1996**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, Sitting as the Governing Body of Fire District #1, was called to order at 10:12 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 1996, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Melody C. Miller; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, Acting County Counselor; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Fred Ervin, Public Affairs Officer; and Ms. Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**Budget Adjustment Request.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
960653	Fire District #1	Supplemental Appropriation

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

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, “We have a Motion and a second, is there additional discussion? Commissioner Gwin.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Mr. Manager, it talks about funds being transferred to Building Maintenance for the installation of a emissions systems in the fire stations. Can you tell me a little bit more about that?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “No, but the Fire Chief is here and he is willing to talk to you.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Mr. Gary Curmode**, Sedgwick County Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We had talked about this in budgetary procedures and it wasn’t an area that passed last year. We were looking for private donation funds that we could use. We set up a 501C account that was approved by the Board of County Commissioners during 1996 and we have some privatized funds that have been donated that we’re going to use to do a pilot study on diesel emissions in the fire station apparatus floor location.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “So this is just a study at this point, not implementation.”

**Chief Curmode** said, “We’re going to do a study. We looked at a lot of systems in the United States. We looked at McConnell Air Force Base and we’ve been working with them. They have an ultramodern system that is used in all the new Air Force fire stations in the United States and the world it is being put it. With Chief Hudson, we got some specs on it. We talked to some private people. We’re exploring those avenues and hopefully we’ll have some recommendations after a study of what we can do. We tried to find funds that weren’t from current monies that are in our budget.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “All right, thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioner Schroeder.”

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**Commissioner Schroeder** said, “Mr. Chairman. Chief, you said those were donations, the funds that you’re using for this?”

**Chief Curmode** said, “Okay, we have some donations that have come in. We’re doing some fund raising for Christmas time in what we call Toy Alarm. The funds are averaging about \$12.95 on donations. So there weren’t any large donations over \$100 and I think that’s what we’ve kind of used as criteria to give recognition to corporations or private organizations that give large sums of money of \$100 or more. We’ve had donations that have come in the area of \$12.95 and that type of money that has come in. Hopefully, in the next year, to increase the opportunity for citizens who are interested in fire service innovation and creativity, hope to do a letter type of campaign similar to something like the Friends of Fire Station 6, that’s on South Broadway. Something not as big as the Zoobalee, of course, that elaborate, but something on a smaller scale that can get us some areas of funding that can help us in bringing in innovative training, sending people out to seek innovative management training that is being given out that we can’t buy under current funds. So that’s why we adopted this thing. There is very few user fees in the fire service. We’re exploring those avenues now, but there’s not a lot of those. So we’re looking at ways with individuals who are pretty interested in fire service development and professionalism that we can talk to and see if they would support us in efforts to try new avenues and explore new projects.”

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, “But the funding we’re talking about here today, \$8,000, is any amount of that the donations you are referring to?”

**Chief Curmode** said, “That donation is above and beyond. We have more than that. What we’re doing is separating the funds that come in and what we do is separate the funds and we take the specific funds that are used for toys for children, the homeless, for the pediatrics and even teenagers that do not have any type of Christmas giving. We use that format and then that is set aside right off the front and then the merchandising, the marketing company that is handling it, that’s all taken care of. Then the expenditure left over is used for research and development.”

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, “Okay, but any sizable donations like we get from time to time are accepted by the Board of County Commissioners, brought to us. These are the smaller ones like you were talking about.”

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**Chief Curmode** said, "Right. We're averaging, I think this week it was \$13.95 for donations. What we hope to do Commissioners in the future if a letter campaign does come to summation here, we're going to have a wall of flame and for those corporations or individuals that donate a large sum of money of \$100 or more, we'll give them some trivia from the fire service and have their name and a name plate at the fire station listed X company gave this money for this and give them some recognition once a year."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "That's nice. I just wasn't tracking with you at first."

**Chief Curmode** said, "Okay."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, we have a Motion before us to approve the Consent Agenda, is there any further discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Is there other business to come before this Board? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned."

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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ATTEST:

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**Susan E. Crockett-Spoon**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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