

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

REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:18 A.M., on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Division Chief Ron Reavis, Fire Department; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Jim Youngers, President, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Special Meeting, July 27, 2004
Regular Meeting, August 4, 2004
Regular Meeting, September 1, 2004

The Clerk reported that all commissioners were present at the Special Meeting of July 27, 2004 and the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2004 and that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2004.

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Commissioners, you have reviewed these Minutes. What's the will of the Board on the Minutes of July 27th and August 4th?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 27th, 2004 and the Regular Meeting of August 4th, 2004.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1st, 2004.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Abstain
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Madam Clerk, would you call the next item in the Fire District.”

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DONATION

A. DONATION BY SEDGWICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF ONE SET OF SIX AIR LIFT RESCUE BAGS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES, VALUED AT \$6,170, TO BE USED BY FIRE DISTRICT #1.

Chairman Winters said, "All right, would one of you like to talk about this donation some more."

Division Chief Ron Reavis, Fire Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This equipment will allow us to perform our operations better at the scene of a rollover or a farm incident, unfortunate of a person being trapped under a tractor or trapped in some type of farm machinery."

On behalf of the Fire District, I'd like to thank the members and the governing body of the Farm Bureau Association for his donation."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, we have Jim Youngers, President of the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Association. Jim, would you like to make just a couple of comments about what prompted Farm Bureau to make this contribution, but before you do that, would you introduce the other members of your Farm Bureau board that are here with us today."

Mr. Jim Youngers, President, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Okay. Today we have . . . where did Gale run off to? She went a hid. She's taking pictures. We have Troy Lawrenz, Gene Woodard and Virgil Hill with us today. They're all board members on the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Ag Association and we'd like to donate this gift today. We think of it as a way to help out the county, a way to help out the fire department. We sure appreciate everything they do for us and we know that . . . what prompted us I guess to do this is every year in April we have a safety and the fire departments, the police department and everybody comes out to the safety seminar and learns about all kinds of farm accidents and what goes on there."

And in that we were discussing that and we found out that the Sedgwick County Fire Department was short on air jacks around the county and it was something that was kind of needed in several areas, so we looked at the fire districts and we had talked to them and we decided that we would go ahead and donate a set of air jacks to help them out."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, good. Well, we've got a couple of comments up here. Commissioner McGinn."

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Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, I just want to say, farm bureau has certainly been a leader in trying to promote farm safety out on the farm. Just to share a quick little story, I didn’t grow up on a farm and I married a farmer and I just think of two situations, and I don’t know what my husband’s ulterior goals were, but you know the post-hole auger, we were trying to get trees in right away, and it wouldn’t quite go through the ground, so of course we were on top of that thing, trying to push it down and everything else. And then another situation is when you drive a tractor with a loader bucket, you’re always supposed to keep it down and not high.

So I go to a Farm Bureau ladies’ luncheon and they had a film on farm safety, and so I’m watching this film and I’m looking at all the things I should not be doing and . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Jumping on the auger was one of them.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Exactly. And what can happen, as a result, if your shirt gets caught in the shaft. And so of course I went home that day, when my husband got home I asked if he was trying to kill me out on the farm, but since that time, from that day forward, farm safety became very important to me and I also got involved. But every year, the Extension Office provides a farm safety course that kids, if you are not part of the immediate family, you are required to take and we always required our employees to take it and we required our children to take it and at the end of that, after they have three days of classroom work, they go to the Farm Bureau’s farm safety day on a Saturday and they have a very good system set up to where, for instance, the post hole auger, they have a straw body and outfit and everything and they show what happens when that shirt gets caught in there and pretty quick and not much you can do and we know people have lost arms and limbs and their life because of those results, because sometimes it will happen when no one else is around.

And so I certainly want to commend the Farm Bureau for taking the leadership and constantly looking ahead on ways and trying to improve safety, farm safety, not just for farmers but for other people. We have a lot of five-acre farm situations where people are out on the smaller tractors and equipment and drilling holes trying to plant trees and things like that, and you certainly provide a tremendous education source for our community. And thank you very much, also, for this donation. It’s very much needed. When people get pinned under heavy equipment, it’s a very arduous process to get them out. So, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. I think I know what it is you just donated, but I’m going to ask the question. It’s a deflate-able bag, is that right, that you put underneath a vehicle that is turned over and you inflate it and it helps right it? Is that basically what it is?”

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Division Chief Reavis said, "It just lifts, it's a flat bag that works on low-pressure air that we can supply through our same air cylinder that we go inside a building with. Through the hoses and connections and one single bag will lift anywhere between 17 to 20 inches, depending on the size of the bag."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So to get somebody out from a pinned piece of equipment or something."

Division Chief Reavis said, "Like an example would be the fair, the incident at the state fair the other day, it would have been probably a tool of choice."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, I've got it on that one. Now the other question is or comment is that let's just say again, somebody is watching, they just moved out there, they bought ten acres, they think they're going to do a little cultivating, then they are interested in maybe joining your association, how do they get a hold of you to find out what the requires are for membership or something like that?"

Mr. Youngers said, "They can get a hold of us, they can call Gale at the office. The phone number is 773-9851 and she will be glad to let them know everything that they need to do to get involved in this organization."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great. Well thank you again, and as Commissioner McGinn has said, and all of us are feeling, it's really nice when an association like yours wants to be part of the solution and this is going to really help us be more efficient in providing free safety to all the residents out in the rural areas of Sedgwick . . . well not only in the rural areas of Sedgwick County, but all over Sedgwick County, so thank you."

Mr. Youngers said, "Thank you, Ben. Go ahead, Tom."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, well I was just going to echo my thanks to the organization, your organization, and all that you do towards safety. I was out at the April seminar on safety this year and I also want to thank all the county organizations that participate in that with you. I mean, Fire was there, EMS, Sheriff's Department, lots of county folks participated in that and do every year. And so we appreciate the county folks who work in that operation with you."

So any closing comments, Jim?"

Mr. Youngers said, "Just want to thank you and I want to thank the Sedgwick County Fire

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Department for accepting the gift and I think it will be well received and well used. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Jim. All right, we are in the Fire District Meeting. We do have a consent agenda, let’s just go ahead and handle that matter right now. Oh yeah, maybe we need to accept the donation. Do we have a Motion to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Madam Clerk, call the next item in the Fire District.”

CONSENT AGENDA

B. CONSENT AGENDA.

Notice of public hearing for September 29, 2004 regarding proposed adoption of the International Fire Code, 2003 Edition, as amended.

William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, this item needs to be deferred.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer Item B.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “And we do need to, later in the morning, have an Executive Session in the Fire District, so at this time I will recess the Regular Fire District Meeting.”

The Commission recessed from the Regular Meeting of the Fire District at 9:29 a.m. and returned at 11:11 a.m.

C. OTHER

Chairman Winters said, “I’ll call back to order the Regular Meeting of Fire District #1. We do need to have an executive session. Commissioner Unruh.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with legal council on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to legal advice and matters relating to employer/employee negotiations and the Governing Body of Fire District #1 return to this room from executive session no sooner than 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion. The vote was called.

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "We are adjourned into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. and returned at 11:36 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call back to order the Meeting of Fire District #1, September 22nd. Let the record show that there was no binding action taken during Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before this board? Mr. Manager? Mr. Euson? Fire District meeting is adjourned."

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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Fourth District

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Fifth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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