

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

REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 12:08 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Lucy Burtnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

- A. GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF EIGHT STANDBY POWER GENERATORS FOR FIRE STATIONS, INCLUDING ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES AND INSTALLATION.**

Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are asking for authorization for the Fire District to submit an application to the Firefighter Grant Program. This we'll use to purchase eight standby power generators for our stations, electric accessories and installation of the equipment.

As we are well aware and is fresh in our memories, the ice storm in January hit us very hard all over the county and we had three stations lose power for up to four days and effected our power apparatus and so forth, so we are seeking a way to get some funds advantageously to help the fire district and this would be 80% federal funds and 20% from our own department. I'm available for questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, commissioners. Are there any questions?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "A great way to get money."

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Chairman Unruh said, “Well, I mean, this is just going to provide backup for these.”

Chief Curmode said, “Correct. We interface with several county agencies and also city agencies, the Sheriff, EMS, Wichita Fire Department, so forth that use our facilities and this way, even if the EOC that we plan in the future, if they would have a chance to go down, fire stations could also be used as alternative EOCs, in a smaller complex.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, and this doesn’t have any impact on if we relocate stations or anything.”

Chief Curmode said, “No, we’ve looked at that. We’re working very closely with Facilities to make sure this will work advantageously for the Fire District. They will be a whole unit, set on a concrete slab, bolted in, and at the point we would move to a new location, then at that point we could pick it up on a trailer, move it to that location, fasten it down and it will be ready to go to work.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I mean, the ice storm was a good example, but having gone through . . . once again, gone through disasters, the first call I made as Mayor of Haysville after the tornado was to find a generator, so we’d have . . . because all the power was out in the whole city and you know, our stations are co-located very close to population bases and if there are events, which could be thunderstorms or tornadoes or ice events, when you lose power, you really want your first responders and your emergency folks to still be able to function, so I’m going to be very supportive, but I can tell you, when you find out that you don’t have power and no generator to produce it, it’s a pretty frustrating experience. So, I’m glad that we’re talking care of that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “I know you can’t run an automotive shop without power. Okay Commissioners, any other comments? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the online application; authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Chief. Is there anything else to come before the Fire District? Seeing nothing, we are adjourned."

B. OTHER

C. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Fourth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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