

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

REGULAR MEETING

August 24, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:14 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 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; Fire Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1; Lieutenant Patricia Peterson, 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.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 3, 2005

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 3rd, 2005.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes of that meeting. Is there any correction or addition?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3rd, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett 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, "Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

A. GRANT APPLICATION TO LATTNER FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF A FIRE SAFETY HOUSE.

Fire Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's exciting today to be here to apply to . . . get permission to apply for a grant that will be 100% funded through a grant for a fire safety house and with me today I have Lieutenant Patty Peterson and Fire Marshal Tim Millspaugh to explain what our purpose is for the fire safety house."

Lieutenant Patricia Peterson, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a fire safety house currently and unfortunately it's 16 years old and is really starting to show its age. In fact, we question the safety of towing the vehicle to some of the areas of the county, and because of that, we would really like to apply for a grant so that we can get the new model, which would be equipped with a lot more equipment and more usable for us."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, so you're telling us that our fire safety house is unsafe."

Lieutenant Peterson said, "Well, we question that. I personally don't tow it. Usually it's Chief Millspaugh that does the towing and he's the one that has some concerns, because of its age."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Can you describe the fire safety house, some of its characteristics?"

Lieutenant Peterson said, "It's basically an all-inclusive unit that would allow us to take children and adults into the home, where we teach them various fire safety behaviors, how to get out of a home in case of a fire. The house that we're applying for actually has a special package that we can use where it actually simulates a tornado, and so we're hoping that emergency preparedness will be working with us to also use this vehicle to spread that safety message throughout the county as well."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. We have another question. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I didn't realize it simulated a tornado. Does that mean that it has a porch for the man to stand out on and watch? No, okay. Well, I'm going to be supportive of this. I mean, truthfully . . . you liked that, huh? I've seen this in action, at the Haysville Fall Festival and a lot of other places and the kids love it and it's good for the parents and I can see why it's worn out, because volumes of children and their parents go through this and, you know, the smoke goes in it and they know how to crawl out a window or out a door and everything, so it's gotten a lot of use over those 16 years and I think it is probably ready to be updated."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Any other questions or comments, Commissioners?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, I do just have one, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What is the total cost. I'm trying to make sense out of the backup material. What's the total cost of the house?"

Chief Curmode said, "The total cost for the grant is about \$49,000."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is that the cost of the house? I mean, are we asking for 100% of the cost?"

Chief Curmode said, "Yes. They would fund it 100%, no matching funds needed."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And what was the reasoning for the budget information agency and the salary of the fire chief? Why is that in our backup for this?"

Chief Curmode said, "Basically, that's information just to give information how we have in the past funded . . . originally, when we got the fire safety house, we had labor and materials that were donated to us from the community and then our firefighters built it, and basically now it's just accompanying information that was required in the grant to the Lattner Foundation. These are the questions specifically we had to answer. Yes, that's why."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I also got a chance to see it, I think in Derby, at one event, and very interesting. You know, how to touch . . . what areas of the door to touch for heat and etcetera, and it was getting a little dog-eared, so I don't know if it's an unsafe safe house, but it's time for a more modern safe house, that's safer."

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Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Any other questions, commissioners? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Fire Chief 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 Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you all for being here, Chief and Lieutenant Peterson and Fire Marshal Millsbaugh. Thank you all for being here. Is there anything else to come before the Commissioners sitting as the governing body of Fire District #1? Seeing nothing, I will adjourn the meeting of the Fire District.”

B. OTHER

C. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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