

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 18, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Kelly Parks; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Gwen Welshimer; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Tim Millspaugh, Fire Marshall and Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, January 28, 2009

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting, January 28, 2009.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2009.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

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**Chairman Parks** said, "Next item please."

**A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FROM CARGILL CARES WICHITA COUNCIL.**

**Mr. Tim Millspaugh**, Fire Marshall, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're asking that you accept this donation from Cargill Cares in the amount of \$1,000. This is the second year that they have donated to this cause. The cause is for the Kids Fire Camp that we hold in May. This is the second annual camp. It will be May 9th and be at the Kansas Coliseum, Pavilion 2. It's a day that 8th graders come out and learn about professional firefighting. They get to go through the actions, the motions, the things that firefighters do. We're trying to promote and spark interest in the profession of firefighting for our young people that are just going into high school. Hopefully that will spread to other students within their schools as they talk about it. That's the purpose for this donation. Thank you for considering it."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to send a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

**B OTHER**

**Chairman Parks** asked, "Under 'other' I would like to ask Marshall Millspaugh to expand on your burn ban a little bit and talk about why we do this?"

**Mr. Millspaugh** said, "I would be happy to. The burn ban was lifted, I think, on Monday, if I remember right. No, actually, last Friday it was lifted. The burn ban is a very complicated thing to me. We've got to study the future, whether the future moisture in the ground and the vegetation and, of course, weather is hard to predict even for the professionals, much less me.

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But we kind of keep an eye on what's happening in Texas and Oklahoma. That helps us to decide what's going to happen here next because they they're a good precursor of what happens in Central Kansas. When we see the conditions are getting critical enough and going to be consistently critical maybe for the next week or two weeks, that's when a burn ban will usually come in place. And we'll issue that burn ban for the Fire District and then all unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County.

In most part, the cities that are not in the Fire District, they will usually follow suit based on Sedgwick County's burn ban in that sense. Once again, we're looking at maybe re-implementing it, but we'll see what the next few days holds.

**Chairman Parks** said, "I did notice that yesterday some of the humidity around was 14 to 20 percent with the wind. It may not take too long to dry back up."

**Mr. Millspaugh** said, "Yesterday was a very critical day, however, nothing happened, which was really good. We got lucky yesterday."

**Chairman Parks** asked "Any other discussion with the Fire District or have any other items for the Fire District."

**Mr. Millspaugh** said, "I don't have anything for you."

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**KELLY PARKS**, Chairman,  
Fourth District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner,  
Second District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner,  
First District

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**KARL PETERJOHN**, Commissioner,  
Third District

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**GWEN WELSHIMER**, Commissioner,  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Kelly B. Arnold**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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