

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

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2000

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 10:49 a.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2000, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin;

Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Works; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Hancock was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DECLARE FIRE TENDER APPARATUS SURPLUS AND PRESENT TO SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Board of County Commissioners approved purchase of three water tenders, approximately two years ago, for the Fire District. That enabled us to declare as surplus this reserve tender for assignment to Sedgwick County Emergency Management division. This will be able to be used in support by Emergency Management in large emergencies and will be able to keep that water available in the County. One other water tender, you earlier had allowed us to give that to Viola Fire Department, and then our third one went to reserve status for Sedgwick County Fire. I would recommend at this time that we declare the apparatus surplus and present it to Emergency Management."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Chief. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chief, is it your opinion that giving it to

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Emergency Management is the best use of that? Did you look at other departments, to see whether or not they had a need?"

Chief Curmode said, "Yes, Commissioner Gwin, we did. We looked at all the agencies that we probably work and respond to over the last several years. On anything of any dimension, Emergency Management is there with us, as a true partner. The other one that has been with us, since the '50s, has been the Viola Fire Department. So those were our top priorities. As we have more apparatus to go to reserve status, we will look at other departments in our County."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I just want to make sure this is the best place for this. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Chief, where will this apparatus be housed?"

Chief Curmode said, "It will be kept at Tyler and University, at the reserve station."

Chairman Winters said, "In a situation like this when it is needed to be used, who would be the operator? Who would be called to come and get that piece of apparatus and take it and put it into action?"

Chief Curmode said, "The fire officials that are in charge, at that scene, would request through 911 to request Emergency Management respond with a water tender. Again, we recommend, at that time, that they come regular traffic because it does bring a lot of water, 1,750 gallons of water. It will bring it out to the scene and it will be deployed under the direction of the fire commander at the scene."

Chairman Winters said, "So it would be taken to the scene by a reserve officer?"

Chief Curmode said, "That's correct. All those drivers, with the Emergency Management reserve fire fighter department, they were all put through a driver course and they are all certified and our safety training division assists with that."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Are there other questions or comments? Commissioners, if not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to declare apparatus surplus and present to Emergency Management.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Gary. Is there other business to come before this Board? Seeing none, 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 10:52 a.m.

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ATTEST:

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James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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