

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 20, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 2:17 p.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 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. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, Ms. Amanda Matthews, Communications Coordinator; and Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Fire District Meeting April 8, 2009  
Fire District Meeting April 15, 2009  
Fire District Meeting April 22, 2009

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the minutes of Fire District Meeting April 8, 2009.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the minutes of Fire District Meeting April 15, 2009, and Fire District Meeting April 22, 2009.

Commissioner Welshimer 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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. AUTHORIZATION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1 TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A CASCADE/COMPRESSOR/ FILL STATION PROJECT. AUTHORIZATION IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR CHIEF CURMODE TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION.**

**Mr. Gary Curmode**, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Because of age and wear and noncompliance with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) regulations we are proposing in the near future to replace our entire self contained breathing apparatus inventory with a system that is compliant with NFPA 1981 standards. We currently operate a 4,500 PSI, which is pounds per square inch, cascade system and newer standards call for 6000 PSI systems.

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**Chief Curmode** continued, “If successfully funded this grant will increase the size of our cascades to four 6,000 PSI bottles thus limiting the amount of time it will take to be refilled by our aging mobile air truck. Additionally, this will enable our department to strategically place one combination unit in the western part of the Fire District; again, so three stations can refill bottles when we do not have the mobile air unit available. Number three; it will also bring our cascade systems into compliance with NFPA standards 29 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) part 19.26 and current NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) recommendations to increase the safety of our personnel.

“Basically the project is \$179,755. The grant states that the Government will pay 80%, or \$143,804 and the Fire District will fund 20% or \$35,951. Basically, the required matching funds we’ve provided by real allocation of the spending authority within our current budget. We’ve identified funds within our administration cost center that can be reallocated to fund the 20% match. We will delay computer replacements for a year, and use those funds in the event the grant is awarded. I stand ready for any questions.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “We certainly want to comply with the NFPA standards, and to that I will make a motion.

### **MOTION**

Chairman Parks moved to grant authorization to submit the application and authorize Chief Curmode to electronically sign the application as the official representative of the organization.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “Chief, when you say the government will pay 80%, are you talking about Washington, or Topeka, or somewhere else?”

**Chief Curmode** said, “This is FEMA Firefighter Safety Grants; these will be paid by the Federal Government.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “Okay. Thank you very much.”

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

- B. AUTHORIZATION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1 TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL TRAINING EQUIPMENT – ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING MANNEQUINS. AUTHORIZATION IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR CHIEF CURMODE TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION.**

**Chief Curmode** said, "Basically, the advanced life support mannequins we're talking about, trying to apply for, will be housed in each of our nine Fire Stations in the near future. They're available for any of our uniformed personnel and also the other agencies in the EMSS (Emergency Medical Service System) over run by Dr. Young. All Sedgwick County Fire Department employees are trained to be the minimum level of EMT (Emergency Medical Technician.) We also have several paramedics, and this will allow them to have actual training there at the stations with advanced life support units that they will be able to continue in the credentialing process that Dr. Young has recommended and has been following for the past four years.

"If successfully funded, this fund will grant, again, in house training. It will allow our certified trainers to certify all personnel to American Heart Association and State of Kansas EMS standards. It will also conduct frequent training to prepare personnel for the voluntary Emergency Medical Service System credentialing, as I stated before, that we are currently participating in. The cost of the project is \$16,290. The Grant, again, states that 80% will be paid by the Federal Government, which is \$13,032. The Fire District will fund 20%, which is \$3,258. Funds have been identified and approved by Finance that we can use these funds in our budget that's already being used at this time. So at this time I'm available for any questions."

**Chairman Parks** said, "And you will be replacing Resusci-Annes or Andys [cardiopulmonary resuscitation training mannequins] and keeping the other units that you would be replacing with those or..."

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**Chief Curmode** said, “Mr. Chairman, we still keep the ‘Resusci Anne’ for doing public training with our citizens in the Fire District. Basically these new mannequins allow advanced life support which will allow, continuing, looking at drug therapy with it, with the mannequins. We’ll also look at using our Lifepak [automated external defibrillator] to be able to read the arrhythmias of the heart, so, those are areas we cannot do today.

**Chairman Parks** said, “Okay, thank you. I know those have advanced and are great tools in your job.”

**MOTION**

Chairman Parks moved to grant authorization to submit the application and authorize Chief Curmode to electronically sign the application as the official representative of the organization.

Commissioner Peterjohn 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

**Chairman Parks** said, “Next item.”

**C. OTHER**

**Chairman Parks** said, “Do we have any other comments for the Fire District? Seeing none, motion to adjourn the Fire Meeting?”

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Welshimer 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

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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

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**KELLY PARKS**, Chairman,  
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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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