

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

REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, November 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. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; and Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. HIRE A FIRE MECHANIC AT \$42,157, WHICH IS ABOVE THE NORMAL ENTRY LEVEL SALARY.

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You saw me briefly, about three or four weeks ago, again bringing this same issue up and you approved it. The mechanic, at the last minute, after discussion with his family, they were a little scared of the economic crisis, and he decided not to accept this position, so we went back out to seek job applicants, had eight applicants interviewed. Our top candidate came in, very qualified, complete ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) qualified and is getting ready to start his EVT, which is emergency vehicle training. I'm available for any questions, and I would recommend that you would approve this."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve policy 4.2001.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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Chairman Parks said, “We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion on this? I hadn’t been totally briefed on this but that’s due to me being out of the office at KAC, I imagine. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

B. OTHER

Chairman Parks said, “Are you getting prepared for the December 1st meeting of the unincorporated meeting of fireworks?”

Chief Curmode said, “Yes, Mr. Chairman. We are working real close with our public information office, Amanda Mathews, and we’re trying to make sure we take up every avenue to inform our public, to make sure they have that opportunity to come in and comment.”

Chairman Parks said, “If I have an opportunity, I may forward some e-mails that I have received, and some phone calls recently, to you. Probably not later on today, but in regards to some questions about the fireworks.”

Chief Curmode said, “I’ll be glad to review them.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you.”

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

KARL PETERJOHN, Chairman
Third District

DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner
First District

TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District

KELLY PARKS, Commissioner
Fourth District

GWEN WELSHIMER, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:

February 3, 2010