

Regular Meeting, Fire District #1, May 29, 2002

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

REGULAR MEETING

May 29, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:44 A.M., on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Lawanda DeShazer, Administrative Officer, Fire District #1 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, April 24, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2002.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes of April 24th. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Fire District #1 April 24, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Tim Norton | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Chairman Ben Sciortino | Aye |

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

A. DECLARATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF FUND FOR 2002.

Ms. Lawanda DeShazer, Administrative Officer, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just to give you a brief overview of the Firefighters Relief Fund, 2% of all fire insurance premiums written in the State of Kansas are directed to the insurance commissioner's office to provide . . . or state firefighters associations. According to state statutes, the money that the associations receive can only be used to provide benefits to commissioned firefighters. The formula for the amount received is based upon populations covered. Sedgwick County Firefighter Relief Fund Association receives approximately \$65,000 a year."

A portion of the money that is given to the State Firefighters Association is to provide training to firefighters. The remaining money is split up among several hundred firefighter relief associations throughout the state to provide other benefits. The benefits may include eyeglasses, disability insurance and life insurance. With this said, I ask that you approve the declaration and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much. Any comments or questions of the presenter? And Chief, I have to say you've done marvelous things with your hair, I'll tell you."

Ms. DeShazer said, "He's on vacation."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Declaration and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Betsy Gwin | Aye |
| Commissioner Tim Norton | Aye |
| Commissioner Thomas Winters | Aye |
| Commissioner Carolyn McGinn | Aye |
| Chairman Ben Sciortino | Aye |

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is there any other business to come before this Board?"

B. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "While we're on firefighters, there is a memorial that is being dedicated for the firefighters June 14th. Is that a Friday?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's a Friday."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm not sure of all the details, but that's coming up and we'd urge the public to stop by and honor the dedication of the firefighters' memorial."

Commissioner Gwin said, "It's the Kansas Fallen Firefighters' Memorial. It's 1300 S. Broadway, in that old City fire station down there, really picturesque one. And our local guys have gone to a lot of time and trouble for that. But the official dedication I think is 10:00 Friday, June 14th. Invite folks to come out."

Commissioner Norton said, "I knew you'd know that, Betsy."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, that's good that you mentioned that. What's happening on the 13th? Isn't there a big convention here in town of firefighters or whatever coming into town on the 13th of June?"

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Commissioner Gwin said, “Don’t ask them.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Why should I ask a firefighter that. They don’t know. Okay. Well, I know there’s something coming in that week.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “You and I will be there. We’ll get our papers on that.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. If there’s nothing else . . .”

Commissioner Winters said, “I guess I do have something else. I’ll ask again what the station number of the Andale Station, I think it’s 31, invited me out just to come out to lunch and visit with them and some of the folks from a couple of other stations were there and they really . . . I had a good visit with them and one of the things that they wanted to visit with me about was the attitude of the guys on the floor about training. And we had a good conversation and I learned quite a bit from them and I was really pleased that they took the time. I know that they’ve invited several of us. I did share with them that this has been a couple of non-stop weeks for Commissioners, with budget hearings every day, so we’ve been very busy. But I do want to thank the guys that put that lunch together out at Station 31 and I did enjoy it very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. If there’s nothing else to come before the Board, this meeting is adjourned.”

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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

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BEN SCIORTINO, Chairman
Fifth District

BETSY GWIN, Chair Pro Tem
First District

TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

CAROLYN MC GINN, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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