

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

REGULAR MEETING

April 22, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 1:08 p.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 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. David Spears, Director, Public Works; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; and Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk.

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to open the meeting of Fire District #1.

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Did we just have a roll call on the Fire District, I didn’t have a Fire District...”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “It’s behind the blue page.”

Chairman Parks said, “Yeah, it’s...”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “It’s buried in there?”

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Chairman Parks said, "Yes, it should have a second blue page in there."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, well I missed that, sorry. Well, behind my blue page is a grant summary."

Commissioner Norton said, "There's two blue pages, it's in the middle of the two. It's hard to see."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Oh, okay."

Chairman Parks said, "We are going to have to have a roll call as well as that motion now."

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

- A. TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION SIGN THE FORM THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR "DECLARATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIREFIGHTER RELIEF FUND FOR 2009". THIS FORM IS SIGNED ANNUALLY BY THE CHAIRMAN.**

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "To delineate what this is about, two percent of all our fire insurance premiums written in the State of Kansas are directed to the Insurance Commissioner's Office to provide funding for the 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 population covered. The Sedgwick County Firefighters Relief 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 the several hundred Firefighter Relief Associations throughout the State to provide other benefits. 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 Parks said, "Okay, the only comment I would have on that, has there ever been any thought about doing this by reference, instead of having a council action each time?"

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Chief Curmode said, “Not that I know of, sir. It’s been this way for the past 15 years and then I noticed that when I was in the City, they also had the same format they had to accomplish then.”

Chairman Parks said, “This is once a year?”

Chief Curmode said, “Yes, this is once a year.”

Chairman Parks said, “Time flies, I guess. It certainly could be done by reference, but I guess if it’s only once a year we can have that put out to the homeowners so they’ll know where two percent of their policy is going to, so is there any other discussion on this? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to sign the participation form.

Chairman Parks 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

Chief Curmode said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Parks said, “Any other business to come before the Board? Seeing, no other business to come before the Board, do we have a motion to adjourn the Fire District 1?”

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

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Second District

DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner,
First District

KARL PETERJOHN, Commissioner,
Third District

GWEN WELSHIMER, Commissioner,
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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