

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 15, 1998**

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 10:07 a.m., Wednesday, July 15, 1998, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Pro Tem Paul W. Hancock with the following present: Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; 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 Services; Mr. Fred Ervin, Public Affairs Officer; and Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

**GUESTS**

Mr. George Fulp, 14220 Donegal, Wichita, Ks, Member Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Chairman Schroeder was absent.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, June 24, 1998

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Gwin was absent at the Regular Meeting of June 24, 1998.

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, "Commissioners, you've received a copy of those Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Minutes of June 24, 1998.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Abstain
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Absent

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 1999 FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 BUDGET.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the budget before you as it was presented last week. This is the Fire District Budget 1999 as proposed at an expenditure rate of \$9,630,651. It would require a 1.36 mill levy increase, which would raise the mills to 14.01 mills for the Fire District."

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, "Thank you, Mr. Manager? Any questions? If not, I'll open the public hearing for comment on the 1999 Fire District #1 Budget."

**Mr. George Fulp** said, "I was going to bring you a tape recording this morning but I guess my batteries ran down. Since we're having a slight mill levy increase for the Fire District, I'm asking if we could possibly add one little thing. Every morning, seven days a week, 365 days a year, between 7:20 and 7:35, the fire department changes shifts. As part of that shift change they test the fire truck. Picture this, Saturday morning, trying to sleep in a little bit, maybe Sunday morning before you get up to go to church and you hear this wap, beep, whistle. The fire station is about 300 yards away. I would swear they're right outside my bedroom window. I just thought if I could make a simple request. Could we find a little electronic device so they could check to see if the truck sounds this way? Thank you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, George."

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, "Are there any other comments relative to the Fire District #1

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1999 Budget? If not, we'll close the hearing. Thank you for your comments, George. We'll do something about that. Next item, please."

**DONATION**

**B. DONATION OF CALIBRATION GAS FROM MID-CONTINENT SAFETY.**

**Mr. Gary E. Curmode**, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We will try to deal with that siren issue, starting tomorrow. What I'd like to do is, Item B goes along real closely with Item C. We had applied for a grant and this was primarily spearheaded by Deputy Chief Curtis Wilson, our Chief of Operations for the past year and a half. In Item C, we're going to be talking about a carbon monoxide monitor grant that we received from the state in an award. Item B is a donation of calibration equipment for those monitors. This has been so graciously offered by Mid-Continent Fire and the gentleman may be here today, I'm not sure. Mr. Bob Dool, he's the President of Mid-Continent Safety, and also Mr. Pete Williams, Sales Manager. They weren't able to make it. They were going to try. Again, what I'd recommend is that we accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to send a letter of appreciation for this donation."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Absent

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, "We will be very happy to do that. Next item, please."

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**C. GRANT FUNDS FROM KANSAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL, TO BE USED TO PURCHASE 15 CO MONITORS.**

**Chief Curmode** said, “Basically, what we did about a year ago, we applied for a grant through the State of Kansas through the State Fire Marshall’s Office. I received a check in the mail about two weeks ago for \$5,250. Again, it had been a year and a half since we applied for it, so I forgot what this was for. Reading the attached letter, we were one of the city and county organizations in the State of Kansas granted a grant to purchase 15 carbon monoxide monitors in our operations in Fire District #1, we get numerous phone calls for carbon monoxide requests to check at a house. Right now, we go out and we do limited checking. We call the gas service company to come out here and again, we use our gas snifter and check it and so forth. We can’t do as thorough an analysis as we’d like to. With this grant, we’re going to be able to have this on every station. Also, our safety officers will be able to respond with it with our division chiefs, we’ll be able to check ourselves to make it safer for our citizens in Sedgwick County. Again, I would recommend that we receive these grant funds and be allowed to purchase these 15 carbon monoxide monitors.”

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, “Thank you, Chief. Question?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the grant funds.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Absent

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, “Thank you. Next item please.”

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**D. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**Budget Adjustment Request.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980332	Fire-Research and Development	Supplemental Appropriation

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, "Commissioners, you've received a copy of the Consent Agenda, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Absent

**Chairman Pro Tem Hancock** said, "Thank you. Is there any further business? If not, I'll adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Fire District."

**E. OTHER**

**F. ADJOURNMENT TO ITEM E OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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

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**MARK F. SCHROEDER**, Chairman  
Fifth District

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**PAUL W. HANCOCK**, Chairman Pro Tem  
Second District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**MELODY C. MILLER**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

ATTEST:

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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