

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

REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 2000

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 9:59 a.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2000, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; 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 Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; 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, September 13, 2000
 Regular Meeting, September 20, 2000

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of September 13th, 2000 and that Commissioner Sciortino was absent at the Regular Meeting of September 20th, 2000.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you had an opportunity to review the Minutes. Concerning the Minutes of September 13th, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of September 13th, 2000.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, concerning the Minutes of September the 20th, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of September 20th, 2000.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Abstain
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Next item please.”

DONATION

- A. DONATION OF \$900 FROM THE AID ASSOCIATION FOR LUTHERANS, TO BE USED FOR THE FIRE CAM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FUND.**

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Mr. Gary E. Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is another donation we've received from the public, from the Lutherans and this would be for the Fire Cam camera that we have in the County and this is for preventive maintenance. I would recommend to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Any additional discussion?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I have a question but I can . . ."

Chairman Winters said, "This is a good time."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Chief Curmode, when we talked about the smoke alarms, are rental properties required to have those in there? I mean, if something happened and you had rental property and you didn't have one in there and there was a fire, isn't there a . . . I thought I heard something about that being a requirement."

Chief Curmode said, "Yes, it is a requirement, Commissioner. Basically, we have a small penalty fee and the fee is not to make any funds. What we try to do is, if say we have a renter that has a fire, they didn't have a smoke detector, we fine them for, I think it's about \$30 to \$35. We get that and instead of taking the money, we tell them now, in lieu of that money, put in a smoke detector. So, we try to do that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Is there also something about carbon monoxide detectors? I thought I'd heard something too about that, that they're required."

Chief Curmode said, "Yes. Well, they're not required, no. They're encouraged. About two years ago we received a \$15,000 grant from KGE, which is Western Resources out of Topeka. They did this for a lot of fire departments in the State and they bought us monitoring equipment. We trained our people. We did a similar program, similar to Chicago and some of the other areas and if people wake up and they either hear their carbon monoxide detector going off or they detect that they feel light-headed, something

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to that effect, we respond. We've always gone out to their homes, but now we have instruments to help detect if it is carbon monoxide and if so, again, we contact the utility company that serves that customer and then they come out and find out what the problem is."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you for clarifying that for me."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. We have a Motion to accept the donation from the Aid Association for Lutherans in the amount of \$900. Are there any other questions or discussion on the Motion? Seeing none, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

B. AGREEMENT WITH BUTLER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7 (BENTON, KANSAS) FOR MUTUAL AID FIRE PROTECTION.

Chief Curmode said, "Commissioners, what this item is for, we have a need in the northeast part of the County for water supply protection up there and we have our own tenders that respond to house and structure fires in that area but also Benton Kansas, which is just across the County line on 254, they also have what we call water tenders that can bring water and shuttle water over to that same area. In turn, they have need for better extrication response from an adjoining community to help them on car wrecks on Highway 254. As you well know, it's a very high volume traffic-way between El Dorado and Wichita and the turnpike and El Dorado.

"So, this is a partnership that we've talked about for the last six months. We've looked at it. We anticipate not more than ten to fifteen alarms around the County line area or in northeast Sedgwick County, up near Lincoln township and those areas where we may need the water supply, extra water.

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So, we found this as a mutual aid to both jurisdictions. So, again I would recommend approval of the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. I'm available for any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. We have one. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chief Curmode, if one of our stations responds to assist this fire district on an accident, which station would respond?"

Chief Curmode said, "At this point it would be Station 37, located at 4343 North Woodlawn."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, and I guess the response . . . how far out, or into Butler County does this Fire District go?"

Chief Curmode said, "It projects east and north quite a bit. We would go . . . what we would probably do, if they called for additional water supply, we would go over and, as long as there's no emergency in that part of our County, or any other part that effects us in filling other stations that would jeopardize our citizens, we would respond over to Benton and probably, again, if it's at the extreme east of their section, we would talk to their fire chief on the radio and see where that is. We would create a fill for our own district, so we leave no area unprotected. That's basically how we work on mutual aid. If we are on an alarm or we dictate that we have our own emergencies going, or like when we had the drought season, we might say we can't fill at this time and support you and that's part of the agreement."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item. Thank you, Chief."

CONSENT AGENDA

C. CONSENT AGENDA.

Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend that you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Is there any other business to come before the Fire District Meeting? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned."

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D. OTHER

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Fourth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner,
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Second District

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ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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