

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 12, 2002**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 11:41 A.M., on Wednesday, June 12, 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 and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Next item."

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING ALTERATION AND MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**Chief Gary Curmode**, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm open for questions on this issue. I'd recommend we open for public hearing and receive public comment."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Well, Gary, if there's going to be a change in the boundaries, do you have any visuals that shows us what the changes might be or anything?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "No, sir. We had four families in the Colwich area that have petitioned into the Fire District. They're in Union Township. They've petitioned in in the past year."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. All right. So that's the only . . ."

**Chief Curmode** said, "That's the only change here."

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "Okay. I will now open the public portion of this meeting and ask if there's anyone in the public sitting here that would like to address us on this item? I don't see that

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there are any, so I'll close the public hearing and reserve the comments just to the Bench. Is there any comments or questions you have of the Chief on this one? I don't see that there are any. So, what is the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Sciortino** said, "I have a Motion and a Second to adopt. Clerk, call the roll."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I do have a question though. Chief, we do have . . . When does this start for these individuals that have requested to be in the Fire District?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "Normally past practice, Commissioner, is if someone petitions in to come in, out of courtesy, past history before I was here and that I'm here, within that 24 hour period we get their name on the CAD and their address. We give them immediate response at that time. We'd bring this to you, prior to July 1. At that point, you give approval, they're sent their tax bill in November, payable in January of the following year."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay. So we will, in effect, start immediately."

**Chief Curmode** said, "Yes. These four that have petitioned in, we have been giving service since they petitioned in."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay. And so 911 dispatch center is aware that these people are now in the district."

**Chief Curmode** said, "Yes, they are."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "You know, there was . . . Commissioner Sciortino talked about a map. There was a map included in the backup but you can't tell anything from this map. I'm not sure what it was for. It might be . . . I don't want you to go through a whole lot of trouble, but if GIS or somebody could provide us a map of folks such as this, just to give us an indication of how many people are in the same position that these four residences are today."

**Chief Curmode** said, "I will be glad to, Commissioner. Just to give you an example, the prior year

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we had 17 different families join from Union Township into the Fire District and there was 4 this year. We have a total of, I think, 69 families plus these 4, 73 families in Union Township that wanted to have fire district protection.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Okay. Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you. Any other comments of the Chief? Okay, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “We have a Motion.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “We already have a Motion and a Second. So, call the roll on this please.”

**VOTE**

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 items to come before this Board? Chief.”

**B. OTHER**

**Chief Curmode** said, “Yes, Commissioner. A point of interest, tonight we are assisting with a memorial service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 2351 North Market. This is for the victims of the DeBruce grain elevator explosion on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1998, commemorating that fourth anniversary. We have been asked to assist with this over the last four years and we have done this each year and we’ve kind of seen the children of the victims have grown up. And we’ll have that tonight. It’s open to the public. Again, it’s at 6:30, Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 2351 North Market. It starts at 6:30. Mrs. Viva Capps, she is the lady that helps us as an interpreter in the family assistance center and did a great job and has maintained contact with the families and I’ve been fortunate enough to meet them each year and see them, again, grow through and they said this has been a great aid to their healing process. So, we offer that each year until they want closure on that.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Thank you. I think it’s very worthwhile. You say it is open to the public.”

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**Chief Curmode** said, “Yes, it is.”

**Chairman Sciortino** said, “Okay, it’s at 6:30. Okay, thank you. Anything else to come before this Board? I will now adjourn the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the directors of the Fire District #1.”

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Fifth District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Chair Pro Tem  
First District

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Second District

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

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**CAROLYN MC GINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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