

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 9, 2003**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:37 A.M., on Wednesday, April 9, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1, and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Sciortino was absent.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, March 12, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2003.

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2003.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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

**Regular Meeting, Fire District #1, April 9, 2003**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF A SURPLUS FIRE ENGINE.**

**Chief Gary Curmode**, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today, on our first resolution, we have a 1989 Brigadier surplus engine. The City of Bentley, which is in the Fire District, is interested in obtaining this and we’d like to give that to them for the amount of a dollar.

Bentley, along with the City of Viola, are both in the Fire District, as I mentioned, and also they’re managed under the auspices of the Emergency Management Department. I would recommend that we approve the resolution. I’m available for questions.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “I see no questions. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, Mr. Chairman, I’m certainly going to support this. I think it really, in working with some of these small communities, it allows us to keep a piece of apparatus in the County, and yet let them take some responsibility for it. And if there comes a time again, in an emergency situation, we can always call on them and other small departments for assistance. So, I think this is a good partnership with some smaller communities, as opposed to letting a piece of fire apparatus go back on the sales block, where we probably won’t get much money for them anyway, and yet will keep it here in the community. So, I’m going to be very supportive of this.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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

**2. GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR A FIREFIGHTERS ASSISTANCE GRANT TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEMS.**

**Chief Curmode** said, "Commissioners, this is the third year of a fire grant. We've applied the last two years, unsuccessfully, but again the first year there was approximately \$100,000,000 available for the entire United States fire departments, which there was over 31,000 that applied for it. The second year, there was \$360,000,000 and we applied for that also, was unsuccessful. This year there's \$750,000,000 available to government level. It's basically, depending on the size of your community, in our case we do a 30% match. They provide 70%.

And basically, what this would do in our case would be for vehicle exhaust emission system for our stations. Again, I'm available for any questions that you may have at this time."

**Chairman Norton** said, "I see no questions. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize submission; authorize the Fire Chief to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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

**3. DECLARATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIREFIGHTER RELIEF FUND FOR 2003.**

**Chief Curmode** said, "Commissioners, this is an annual declaration for the Relief Firefighters Act. Two percent of all the fire insurance monies in the state are returned to fire relief associations to help in service connected benefits, in case of injury or death in the line of duty. Again, I would recommend this to be approved, available for questions."

**MOTION**

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

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Absent
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Is there anything else to come before the Board of County Commissioners, serving as Fire District #1 Board? Yes, Chief."

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**B. OTHER**

**Chief Curmode** said, “Mr. Chair, would like to at this time, I wanted to introduce, on our FEMA grant committee, the people that do the work again are at the station level. And with me today I have Captain Doug Williams, one of our captains. He headed up the committee, along with Lieutenant Craig Leu and LaWanda DeShazer and she’s our administrative officer and they did an outstanding job on this grant, worked a lot of hours and I just wanted to give them recognition for all the work.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Are there any other items to come before us? If not I’ll adjourn the meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners serving as Fire District #1.”

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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

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**TIM NORTON**, Chairman  
Second District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chair Pro Tem  
Third District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner  
First District

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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