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

REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 12:16 p.m., on Wednesday, December 17, 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; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Chief Gary Curmode, Fire Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Finance Officer, Finance Department; 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.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, December 3, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2003.

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2003.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

DONATION

A. DONATION OF $15,000 BY AN ANONYMOUS DONOR, TO BE USED BY THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF FIRE DISTRICT #1

Chief Gary Curmode, Fire Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Basically, this is the third year that this gentleman and his wife have donated. In the past two year, it was $10,000 donation. This year they donated $15,000 and he wanted to donate it to us to use . . . he was aware of our accreditation efforts and that we have to reaccredit for five years and he was hoping to, again help us in any innovative projects that we can’t get in regular budget and those type of things. He’s been very comfortable with the research and development division board of directors making those decisions.

Things that we use it for is again it will help with reaccreditation and our standards of coverage workshops. We may bring one in this year on this type of funds. Also we’re a member of . . . we’ve been asked to join the Kansas City, Missouri area that’s putting 15 to 20 departments through accreditation and they wanted our expertise to help them show up at some meetings, and those are quarterly and that’s been approved by my boss, you go up and come back the same day, but those are some things that we’ll have some memos and so forth, conversations back and forth.

A third, it’s also used to help with assessment centers. We do one for lieutenants and captains every other year and a division chief assessment center. And last, again, any pilot program that’s done in the nation or the world for that matter than our firefighters see that potentially could help us save dollars here or improve our productivity and cost effectiveness, we look at those and will try to do also pilot programs and these things for that. So I would recommend that we accept the donation, authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of appreciation. I’m available for questions.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no questions. What’s the will of the Board?”
MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino 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 Aye
Chairman Tim Norton Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND.

Mr. Chris Chronis, CFO, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This resolution that’s before you accomplishes the same thing as the one regarding the highway fund that you acted on earlier today and it’s before you for the same reason. State law requires, in the case of the fire fund as well as the highway fund, that if we are to do a transfer at year end, you have to authorize that transfer before the end of the year.

The difference of this resolution from the highway fund resolution is that, regarding the fire fund, the state law does not restrict the amount of fund balance that can be transferred, and so there is no limitation on the authority that’s provided in this resolution. If you have no questions, I recommend your approval.”
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MOTION

Chairman Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Unruh 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          Aye
Chairman Tim Norton                 Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks, Chris. Is there anything else to come before us as the Fire District? In that case I’ll adjourn the Fire District #1 meeting.”

C. OTHER

D. ADJOURNMENT
There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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CAROLYN McGINN, Commissioner
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Fifth District

ATTEST:

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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