

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 28, 2004**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:26 A.M., on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim Norton; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor and Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AGREEMENT WITH HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN AND PHYSICAL AGILITY TESTING FOR FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES.**

**Chief Gary Curmode**, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an interlocal cooperation agreement with Hutchinson Community College. This was spearheaded and I'd like to give credit to Mike Mueller with Human Resource Department, Division Chief Mike Simmons with our department and also Mark Saylor, he's director and coordinator of the Fire Science program at Hutchinson Junior College.

Three primary reasons we want to do this. One is to enhance the professionalism in the fire service, provide a greater opportunity for individuals wishing to enter a fire service career and three, make most efficient use of the resources the taxpayers entrust to us.

I would like to get your approval. I'm available for any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Chief. Are there questions or comments?"

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Just one. What is the cost per applicant that we're being charged?"

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**Chief Curmode** said, “Right now, there will be no charge once Hutchinson Junior College runs it. Basically, what this does Commissioner is right now we have . . . we take care of the cost of the written program, the written test. We have to take care of the physical agility test and that uses staffing hours of our on-duty and off-duty personnel that’s at overtime rate and this way we have joined with six other fire department, which includes: El Dorado, Salina, Newton, Hutchinson, Wichita and ourselves. And basically that concept allows us to get out of the business of the testing. It’s done at the Hutchinson Junior College, but they’re getting ready, hopefully, to try some when the approval is done, that they’ll start this very soon this spring and that way we already have probably about 120 people that are interested in this concept that we want to try. And I think it’s going to be very advantageous to us and it’s going to save us a great deal of funds that we can use elsewhere for necessary things for the citizens.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well, you caught me, Chief, because I was trying to set you up for that very reason, as our background indicates, because of doing this we’re going to save about \$28,000 every two years, which we gave compliments to some other departments in really taking to heart what we’re trying to do up here and the old adage is, ‘You take care of the nickels and dimes, and the dollars seem to take care of themselves’ and I want to compliment you and everybody else that worked on this. Doesn’t seem like a lot of money, \$27,000, but you add that up two, three, four, five times and pretty soon we’re talking about meaningful dollars. So I just wanted to compliment you and that’s kind of why I asked you the lead-in question.”

**Chief Curmode** said, “Thank you, Commissioner.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, Commissioners. Thank you very much. What’s the will of the Board on this issue?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino 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.

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Chief. Is there any other business to come before the governing board of the Fire District #1? This meeting is adjourned."

**B. OTHER**

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10: 30 a.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner  
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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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