

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

REGULAR MEETING

March 31, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:56 A.M., on Wednesday, March 31, 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 R. Norton; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1; Mr. William P. Buchanan, 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.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting March 3, 2004
Regular Meeting, March 10, 2004

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of March 3rd and March 10th, 2004.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 3rd and March 10th, 2004.

Commissioner Sciortino 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, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

A. GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING OF PORTABLE RADIOS.

Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm requesting authorization from the Board of County Commissioners serving as the Fire District Board for an approval to apply for this fire grant. This is where we put up 30% of the funds, 70% of the funds are matched by the federal government. It's to replace our radio system. We have 55 radios that are roughly 50 years old. Replacement parts are no longer. They're considering a new 700 megahertz system in the near future. It will increase also our safety and our application for communication with the other agencies in the event of a terrorist and/or other natural emergency and I would recommend that this be approved and any comments or questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Chief. And I'm assuming that . . . I mean, these are the type of radios that you'll be able to communication across operational boundaries of police, fire, emergency management, highway patrol and all the rest."

Chief Curmode said, "That's correct, Commissioner."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. Commissioners, are there any other comments? I know we did have a discussion not long ago about, again, grant-funded activities still require our match. They've got it in their budget and I think if we're not able to take advantage of these federal resources, eventually we'll be looking at a much higher cost to the County. All right, so what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the Application, and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit via the internet; authorize the Chairman or his designee 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 Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Norton said, “And that we, a year from now when this grant comes up, that we remember that we did it.”

Chairman Winters said, “We’ll mark that down, we’ll remember that we did it. Any other discussion? Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I just want to compliment you Chief, because in the backup it indicates to me that your department has just prioritized what you can do with the limited resources you have and you’ve prioritized that other contractual services are going to be given a lower priority so that you can accommodate what you feel is a higher priority, and that’s what a good manager is supposed to do. You’re managing within your budget and you have identified something that you feel should float to the top and you’re willing to push some other items a little further down the line in order to have the funds to accommodate the match, so I appreciate that type of thinking.”

Chief Curmode said, “Thank you, Commissioner. I’d like to compliment our management team with the Fire District. We pulled together, we looked at all the different cost centers where we could, again as you said, reprioritize and this was a higher priority for us, so again I want to thank the entire management team of the Fire District for their support on this.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, Commissioners, we have a Motion on the floor. Any other discussion? Madam Clerk, call the vote.”

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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 Curmode. Is there any other business to come before the Fire District Board? Seeing none, we are adjourned."

B. OTHER

C. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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