

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 1, 2005**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:01 A.M., on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Lucy Burtnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire Department; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor and Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

**GUESTS**

Ms. Sonja Kreutiger, 33929 W. 39<sup>th</sup> Street South, Cheney, Kansas

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, May 18, 2005

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting, May 18, 2005.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2005.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item please."

**DONATIONS**

**A. DONATIONS.**

**1. DONATION OF \$500 BY THE INSURANCE WOMEN OF WICHITA TO BE USED FOR THE FIRE CAM FUND.**

**Mr. Gary Curmode**, Fire Chief, Fire Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We were very fortunate to get a \$500. donation from the Insurance Women of Wichita and they wanted it to be used for our Fire Cam Fund. As you're well aware of, several years ago Channel 12 led a fund raising donation for the city/county to buy ten fire cams. Five for the city and five for the county. We disbursed them at our fire stations in the county and at this time this money would be used to maintain..... prevent a maintenance on them as the need arises. I would recommend that you accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Unruh** said, " I would say we really want to express appreciation to the Insurance Women for making this very generous donation. Please call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item please."

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**2. DONATION OF \$500 BY POMEROY CHIROPRACTIC WELLNESS, P.A. TO BE USED FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

**Mr. Curmode** said, “Again Commissioners, this is a very generous donation from Pomeroy Chiropractic, a very good support of the Fire District. They wanted to donate \$500. that would go to our Research and Development Division that would be used in pertinent needs through the next year. I would recommend that we accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Once again, we are appreciative of the folks that take to heart interest in the Fire District and are willing to help support it in a variety of different ways. Seeing no other discussion, call the vote please.”

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you. Next item please.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We found a technical issue that we need to resolve with this agenda item. What I would recommend that this Board of County Commissioners do is continue with the public hearing, but we need some additional time to do some research on the alteration and modification of this resolution.

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We were proposed to bring that back in a week or two. We're not sure we can do it next week, but we will make sure we inform all those interested parties in sufficient time if they want to come and what our recommendation would be. I believe it would be appropriate for you to continue with the public hearing Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you. Well at this time I'll open the public meeting and ask if there is anyone here who would like to speak to this issue regarding alteration and modification of boundaries in Fire District #1. If you would just step up to the podium and state your name and go ahead and ask your questions."

**Ms. Sonja Kreutriger** said, "We are one of the three parties that were listed as petitioning as trying to get out of the Sedgwick County Fire District. Can I ask what the technical issues were to postpone this meeting today?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Ma'am, I'm not so sure that.....Commissioners, I'm not so sure that we're prepared to do that. There is a couple issues that have come that we want to make sure that we are on solid legal ground, by this action was going to include additional folks in the Fire District and exclude some. We want to make sure that we are doing this absolutely correct according to the law."

**Ms. Kreutriger** said, "Well Commissioners. Since we came here today I'll go ahead and speak to the reasons why....."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Could you tell us what your name is and....."

**Ms. Kreutriger** said, "Sonja Kreutriger. I'm one of the parties listed as trying to get out of the district. The reason is we are right on the line. We did have one incident where we had a tree struck by lightening. We had two fire departments fighting over whose fire it was, which to me seemed like a waste of resources. The second issue is when I went to apply for a burn permit on my ground Sedgwick County couldn't issue it because we weren't in their district supposedly. I had to go to Cheney Fire District to get that burn permit. I don't understand why I've been paying for being in the Sedgwick County Fire District if, either we are doubling up on services and they can't provide me burn permits when I need to request them. So, I think that's really where we are coming from as far as our little tract of land. We don't feel like there is a reason to have to pay two different fire districts when there should only be one servicing us and Cheney seems to be sufficiently able to do that."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Thank you. Do you live west of Cheney?"

**Ms. Kreutriger** said, "I live 3 miles east of Cheney on MacArthur Road."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay. You are now presently being served by their fire district, and Fire District #1?”

**Ms. Kreutriger** said, “That’s right. We did issue a petition last year and we were told it would be effective this year and we would no longer be considered as part of the Sedgwick County Fire District. We haven’t seen that take place on our taxes yet. That was supposed to happen this year.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Well thank you for being here. Number one we do have another question here. When we bring this back, we’ve noted your comments and you are certainly welcome to come back again. We didn’t want to.....as we defer this, we didn’t want to double up the burden on you and have you come again, but we will make note of your comments. Thank you very much.”

**Ms. Kreutriger** said, “Thank you Commissioners.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Anyone else want to speak? Anyone else want to speak? Seeing no one, I will close the public hearing and ask the Commissioners if they want to make a comment before we move to defer.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Rich Euson tells me we need to defer for time specific this item. I would recommend June 15<sup>th</sup>, two weeks from today. That will be sufficient time for us to make sure all the I’s are dotted and the T’s are crossed.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay. Very good. We do have a comment here from Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well I think it is appropriate since Commissioner Winters is not here today that we defer it to. Because it is in his district. I know he has worked on all the Fire District issues for many years around Cheney and Colwich and those are the areas we are dealing with. I think it would be prudent that Tom was here to make comments and to weigh in on this action and not take it today. I know we’ve got some technical things we need to work out, but to me there is another good reason not to handle it today and let Tom be a part of the decision making since it is in his district.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay Commissioners, anyone else want to comment or question?”

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer this item until June 15, 2005.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Is there anything else to come before the Fire District. Chief Curmode anything else? Commissioners. Meeting adjourned.”

**C. OTHER**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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

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Fifth District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**LUCY BURTNETT**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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