

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

REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:28 A.M., on Wednesday, June 15, 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 Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Lucy Burnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Fire Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor and Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, June 1st, 2005.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Winters was absent at the Regular Meeting of June 1st, 2005.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes of June 1st. Are there any additions or corrections?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1st, 2005.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Fire Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to hand out a revised resolution from the past meeting, dated today."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Chairman Unruh."

Chairman Unruh said, "Yes, Mr. Buchanan."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I don't know whether this . . . a public hearing is required or not, but we have . . . it's on the agenda as a public hearing. It would be our recommendation that you open the public hearing to see if there's any comments and then hear a staff report."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, we will do that. At this time, I will open the public meeting and ask if there's anyone who wants to speak to this agenda item? I see no one in our commission room and so therefore, I will close the public meeting and we will proceed to the agenda item, but there's a comment by Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman then, there was a public hearing held on this two weeks ago and there was a citizen who did speak at that time and so their remarks are a part of this proceeding."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Chief Curmode."

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Chief Curmode said, "Thank you, sir. Basically, what you have in your resolution handout there, there are three families that desire exclusion from the fire district. Although we're not happy to lose them out of our fire fighting family, again they were homeowners that petitioned into the fire district after the original fire district was formed in 1955. So they came in at a later time.

So at this point, I'm available for any questions and again, support the recommended action."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "And so Chief, these folks live in townships that are basically not in the Fire District and they are kind of an aberration of their particular township or neighborhood in the fact that they are included. So in effect, that leads me to want to be supportive, to response to their request, I mean just as they requested in, now they're taking the opportunity for their particular property to request that it be excluded.

If someone didn't live in one of these townships, that would probably not be what we would be looking at today, but we would have much stronger reservations about having anyone out, if they currently were in the original fire district."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well Commissioners, I think a couple of these, maybe all of them, are in my district, so I'm certainly going to be supporting the requests for these particular property owners to be excluded from the Fire District."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Is there any other comment or question? I just think we just need to make perfectly clear we're not really changing the general boundaries of the fire district. These people are in areas that are outside of that district now."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just one other question. Mr. Euson, I would assume . . . I was not here when the original item was on the Board. I have reviewed the Minutes of that meeting and did, in fact, watch it on television or rebroadcast. I'm certainly eligible to vote on this, would you think?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "Yes, I would agree that you are."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, Commissioners, are there any other questions or comment?"

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Commissioner Norton said, "I think it would be important for the record that we acknowledge that there was someone that was here last time for the public meeting and spoke, the matter that they would like to be taken out of the fire district and I wish I remembered that person's name, it was young lady, but I think we should make reference that someone did speak, since we've had a second public hearing that they didn't . . . weren't available at. Just to be sure that's on the record today, as we vote."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, well just to clarify that one more time then and we are then going . . . if this resolution passes, we will take the action that these three property owners have requested."

Commissioner Norton said, "And some have spoken."

Chairman Unruh said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "As long as we've said that, that's good enough."

Chairman Unruh said, "It appears that approval of this action makes everybody happy, no dissension, so let's move on, sir."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Chief. Is there anything else to come before the Commissioners, sitting as the governing body of Fire District 1? All right, I will then adjourn the fire district meeting."

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B. OTHER

C. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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