

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

REGULAR MEETING

September 7, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:15 a.m., on Wednesday, September 7, 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 Burtnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire Department 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, August 17, 2005

The clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the regular meeting of August 17th, 2005.

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

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett 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

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Chairman Unruh said, "Next item please."

DONATION

- A. **DONATION OF \$20,000, TO BE USED TO FUND A PART-TIME POSITION FOR ACCREDITATION, DATA ANALYSIS AND FIRE PREVENTION DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.**

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a substantial supporter and backer of the Fire District that wanted to do even a little more, and he gratefully acknowledged and asked if we would accept a \$20,000 donation to be used for research and development and he made a specific request. He had saw that we had tried for this for a few years and was not able to get this in budget and he recommended that he would help to fund a part-time position that would cover accreditation, data analysis for our department and also some fire prevention specific activities. I would make a recommendation we accept his donation and I'm available for any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "We do have a question, Chief. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just a question, Chief. Is this going to be an annual donation, so that he continues to fund it on an annual basis?"

Mr. Curmode said, "This gentlemen gives a donation, usually about every December, and that may still occur, a different donation. This was specific for this position. It's a one-year, funded only for this and he said, I will like to talk to you next year and see how the position is doing and may consider to refund it another year. This is mainly for one year, at this point."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and does that cover the expenses that would be incurred by the Fire District for that position for one year?"

Mr. Curmode said, "Yes it would. Basically, this person would work approximately 20 to 22 hours a week and again address these three issues: fire accreditation, data analysis and fire prevention."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Burtnett."

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Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well, I see in our backup that this is an anonymous donation but we’re going to send a thank you note and I just wanted to say to this person that this is great and thank you very much, we really appreciate this, even though I won’t know who it is.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well thank you, Commissioner. That’s exactly what I was going to say. I mean, I’d be happy to sign a letter, but anytime I can acknowledge this individual I will do it. I mean, this is very generous. We support the Fire District and it’s a very generous gift and we are just thankful for it. So you express that to him from the Commission when you speak to him.”

Mr. Curmode said, “I will do that. Thank you, Commissioners.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Chief thank you. Is there anything else to come before the... Commissioner Norton.”

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B. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, “Just while we are on the Fire District, I think that we’re sending some folks down to Louisiana from the Fire District and I think they are doing search and rescue, those kinds of operations and you don’t have to watch television for long to know that that’s going to be a pretty tough assignment to go through and I think our prayers should be with those gentlemen that have served us well here, but they’re going down to Louisiana to help with that process because that is going to be tough, not only to do their job, but to emotionally get through it.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you for that reminder, Commissioner, and we would encourage all of our citizens to, if they happen to be people of prayer, to be praying for that entire situation and all those that are involved and especially the folks from Sedgwick County. Okay, thank you very much. Is there anything else to come before us?”

C. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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Fifth District

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THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

LUCY BURTNETT, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:
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