

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

REGULAR MEETING

March 29, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 11:48 A.M., on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present:; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Fire Chief Gary Curmode, Fire District #1; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

A. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO PURCHASE RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

Fire Chief Gary E. Curmode, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I'm happy to be here to ask you for some grant authorization for a grant to provide a wide variation of extrication equipment for our extrication rescue, tactical rescue team. This would both range from equipment from a saw air filter to a sophisticated FEMA 8 raker, extrication tools. Those would help us in the similar situation, heaven forbid, another DeBruce Grain Elevator explosion or similar type building or again a Murrah Building, like they had in Oklahoma City. So it would give us the capabilities to reach the trapped victims very quickly.

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It will supplement our existing equipment, again that will be carried on the rescue type apparatus that you bought for us a few years ago and we really appreciate that. This equipment would not be able to be purchased without this type of grant. The grant is \$152,000, approximately. It states that the government will pay 80%, which is approximately \$121,000. The fire district will fund 20%, or \$30,000. I'm available for any questions and I'd appreciate any support for the grant authorization."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And Chief, in your backup, it indicated that you have identified funds that would cover our Fire District's commitment to the 20% and I think that needs to be said to the public."

Chief Curmode said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman. We have funds appropriated that can be moved for that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, Commissioners any comments or questions? And if there are not, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the on-line application; accept a grant award 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 Winters seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item."

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**B. GRANT APPLICATION TO FEMA FOR LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION
GRANT FUNDING TO PROVIDE A FEMA 361 STANDARDS APPROVED
SAFE ROOM AT STATION 32/ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.**

Chief Curmode said, "It's the desire of our department to submit a grant for funding, under the FEMA Mitigation program, which would be used to fund a FEMA 361 approved safe haven for firefighters and our vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and infirmed from adjacent areas in this area, Station 32. This is located up near Park City. These areas include the City of Park City and the new Wild West World Theme Park.

The facility will be utilized during periods of inclement weather, with specific emphasis on tornado threats. Basically, again the cost of the project is \$75,000. This would be funded by the federal government, 75% for \$56,000 and our Fire District would fund 25% or \$18,000. Already there were contingency funds approved by yourselves that would be used for the new station that will hopefully, ground will be broke coming in this summer. Matching funds would be taken out of the funding source. This was approved by the new Station 32 project manager, at the time of applying for the grant and I'm available for any questions and would appreciate any support for the grant."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Chief. I don't see that there's any questions. I have just one brief . . . oh, excuse me."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Go ahead."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I was just going to ask, this is for one fire station, but am I right in assuming we'll have a safe house on every new fire station?"

Chief Curmode said, "No, sir. On this type of grant, you can apply for one fire station. You had to apply a grant into the state and then those were narrowed down and it made the next process, to go to the federal review next month."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Chief Curmode said, "I might add just a little bit, sir. This is our administrative building that will be for our administrative staff up there."

Chairman Sciortino said, "This isn't just the fire station."

Chief Curmode said, "Right, and this is a conference facility that can be used also not only by county personnel and the fire district, but also the public, if they need to use it, and then it's about a 30 by 50 foot room, will handle about 60 people. In the event we had tornado winds, we could move them into a safe haven."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “I had understood that there was going to be some attempt at having a safe room in each new fire station for the firefighters, in case there was a . . .”

Chief Curmode said, “Yes, it is and that’s our hope, as we go through this planning stage for Station 32, that’s confirmed. This is some funding that will assist us in defraying the cost that you already authorized.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Understand, okay, very good. Did you have something, Mr. Lamkey? I didn’t know if you were saying be quiet commissioner or zip it with the hand signals. Commissioners, any questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the on-line application; accept a grant award 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 Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any other business to come before us? If not, this meeting is adjourned.”

C. OTHER

D. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

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