The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:31 A.M., on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Tim R. Norton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. David Miller, Budget Director; and Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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


The Clerk reported that all commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of, July 9, 2008.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioners, you’ve had an opportunity to review those minutes. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of, 2008.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh Aye
Commissioner Norton Aye
Commissioner Parks Aye
Commissioner Welshimer Aye
Chairman Winters Aye
Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

NEW BUSINESS


Mr. David Miller, Budget Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am afraid I am going to sound a little like a broken record here, because I am going to ask you to authorize the exact same type of publication for the Fire District as you just did for the Sedgwick County budget.

Again, your authorization allows us to put a publication within a local paper advertising the final public budget hearing, which will be held on August 13th at 9:00 A.M. here in the Sedgwick County Courthouse. It also sets the maximum property tax levy that the Fire District can levy with on that district to fund the 2009 budget. If there are no questions, I ask that you authorize the publication setting our final public hearing and budget adoption for August 13th at 9:00 A.M., regarding a recommended budget of $15,470,757, which includes a certified legal budget of $15,431,885, and a maximum property tax levy of $13,526,734, which is the equivalent to 18.482 mills, which is the exact same property tax levy as was levied in the previous budget year.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much. Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, this budget is a little bit different than the overall County budget because it is much more heavily weighted towards ad valorem taxes. There aren’t as many other revenue sources for the Fire District, so where the other budget is not particularly all weighted on property taxes, much of the budget for the Fire District is. There is a little other revenue that comes in, but most of it is mill levy money. And I just wanted to clear that up because the two are very distinctly different as the way we collect the taxes on those two districts. Either County wide or just the Fire District. That’s all I have Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “For the record, the bonded indebtedness for the new fire station is not reflected in this mill levy, is it?”
Mr. Miller said, “It is, in fact. There is budgeted about $480,000 for 2009 for Fire District #1, for the bonded indebtedness of the Station Relocation Project. There’s still a lot of steps before we actually issue that bond, so we’re planning for that debt service, but we’re not 100 percent certain of what the timing will be when those bonds will be issued.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay. For the station at Maize and the one by Park City then, those are both in this budget, and they are being paid through this mill levy then?”

Mr. Miller said, “I believe, and I am recalling off the top of my head, that those two stations were funded through cash, from cash that we had previously generated through the property tax increase that was done several years ago.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Are there other questions of David? If not, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to authorize publication of the maximum property tax levy to fund the 2009 Budget and notice of the final public budget hearing on August 13, 2008.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Winters said, “Is there any other questions or discussions? And, again, remember this is not the adoption of the budget, the budget for the Fire District will also be adopted on August 13th, following a public hearing. Seeing no other questions, Madam Clerk, call the roll.”

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh Aye
Commissioner Norton Aye
Commissioner Parks Aye
Commissioner Welshimer Aye
Chairman Winters Aye
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Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, David. Is there any other business to come before the Board sitting as the Fire District Board? Seeing none, the Fire District Board meeting is adjourned.”

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

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