

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 28, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 12:15 P.M., on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Kelly Parks; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Gwen Welshimer; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire Department; 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.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, December 17, 2008.  
Regular Meeting, December 31, 2008  
Regular Meeting, January 7, 2009

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of December 17, and January 7, 2009 Commissioner Welshimer was absent at the Regular Meeting of December 31, 2008.

**Chairman Parks** said, "Lets break this up."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2008.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Abstain
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

**Chairman Parks** said, “Now the Fire District Meeting of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**MOTION**

Chairman Parks moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 31, 2008

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Abstain
Commissioner Welshimer	Abstain
Chairman Parks	Aye

**Chairman Parks** said, “Now we need the meeting of January 7, 2009 of the Fire District.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2009

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Abstain
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

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**Chairman Parks** said, "Now new business, now Chief."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. EXTRA DUTY PAY INCREASE FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. Gary Curmode**, Fire Chief, Fire Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I want to talk about a brief delineation of extra duty pay increase for Sedgwick County Fire District #1. Basically this pay plan was originally put in place just after the DeBruce Grain Elevator Explosion, June of 1998. And this occurred primarily due to the tremendous increase in overtime cost for our Captains and Division Chiefs because we there 32 days at that time so we found a sound and logical way to pay our most experienced officers yet lower our personnel cost by having what we call EDP or extra duty pay, this way we can keep our experience and expertise in the field. It was comprised for our Captains and Division Chiefs to be able to receive a fair salary, to compensate for the work but also save the overtime cost that we were paying Lieutenant and Firefighters that actually was more money. This started in mid-year of 1998, we have found this to be an effective tool in the past 10 years, and it is more cost effective than hiring back the Lieutenant and firefighters at a higher overtime cost. We use them today in the same manner as Major catastrophes, multi-casualty and so forth, also in the use of vacation, sick leave, injury leave and so forth by having the EDP in place it allows for the expertise of the Captains and Division Chiefs to be in the field to respond to command emergencies.

We did an analysis on this, again to keep our cost as low as we can under this environment and we recommend that we adjust it on a two year basis that starts in 2009 and continue through 2010 at which time a review for the budget process would be done, this provides two things, one is a meaningful incentive for upper eulachon and two a sense of normalcy to continue consistency in our rank structure. In concluding what this means basically is the recommendation would be the top Captain now makes in an extra duty pay is \$591.00, this would go up approximately two percent which would make this \$600.00 for Captains working a 24 hour shift, and \$630.00 for a Division Chief working their 24 hour shift, this is above and beyond their regular normal shift they would work. After this initial increase a review of the EDP plan again would occur every two years with the finance department during our normal budget cycle the next review would occur during the 2011 budget cycle at this point the cost would be in 2009 \$11,533.00 which we can handle in our current budget with unfunding personnel cost of people that we are not going to be hiring until the latter part of the year when the stations are opened and so I am available for any questions you have at this time and our recommendation is to approve this."

**Chairman Parks** said, "What is the will of the board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

**Chairman Parks** said, "Next item."

**B. ALLOCATION AND INTERFUND TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED 2008 BUDGET AUTHORITY.**

**Mr. David Miller**, Budget Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today are two requests from the Fire District to set aside funding into the Fire District Special Equipment fund from unexpended 2008 budget authority to support two projects, those two projects the first one is \$135,325.00 is proposed to be transferred to that special equipment fund for the purchase of a squad and a staff vehicle both of which were budgeted for in 2008 but were not purchased so by being able to set this funding aside the Fire District can continue on their current vehicle replacement plan and get those two vehicles replaced.

The second item is a request for \$1.2 million to be transferred to the Special Equipment Fund for the five station relocation project as Commissioners are well aware when we went down the road of the five station relocation project the original intent was for the Fire District to fund half of the project with cash and the other half to be financed with debt financing. The Fire District has already satisfied the half portion of the cash and what we are asking to do is set aside an additional \$1.2 million in cash so that we can decrease the amount of debt financing that would be required and this action overall would save about \$430,000.00 in interest that the district otherwise would be paying over that 20 year period if we were to issue that with debt financing. I would recommend you approve the transfers and I would be happy to stand for any questions."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Are there any questions of David on this issue?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the addendum and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

**C. OTHER**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 P.M.

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

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Fourth District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner  
First District

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**TIM R. NORTON**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**KARL PETERJOHN**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**GWEN WELSHIMER**, Commissioner,  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Kelly B. Arnold**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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