

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 23, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 10:18 a.m., on Wednesday, September 23, 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. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; and Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk.

**Chairman Parks** said, "We'll open the meeting of the Fire District Number 1. Chief Curmode."

**Ms. Katie Asbury**, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. Chairman, we need to have the roll call first."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Roll call."

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Fire District Meeting September 9, 2009  
All Commissioners were present

**MOTION**

Chairman Parks moved to accept the minutes as read for the Fire District meeting of September 9, 2009.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. AUTHORIZATION FOR SCFD #1 TO ALLOW HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE “HCC” TO USE THE FIRE STATION CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT STATION 37, 4343 N. WOODLAWN.**

**Mr. Gary Curmode**, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is the second year agreement with Hutchinson Junior College and they use their Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic program in our basement. We get a rental fee for that. I would recommend that we would continue this program. I am available for any questions.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approved that the Fire District enter into the agreement with HCC.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

**Chairman Parks** said, “Any discussion on that? Commissioner Unruh.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chief Curmode, this has been particularly beneficial to us, other than monetarily, or do our folks take advantage of the classes there, can you tell me more about what’s happening?”

**Chief Curmode** said, “Basically, as a firefighter comes on in our department, they have to have the Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic training prior to coming on. But future firefighter candidates, they have attended in those courses. It’s a benefit through rental, also, Commissioner. We find that it works very well, the EMSS (Emergency Medical Service System), Dr. Young and her staff is also in that location, and if makes out for a very good arrangement. We use unusable space and are able to get some monetary remuneration for it.”

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Alright. Thank you. Well, I just wanted to make sure I understood and that it’s been beneficial to us and also to Hutchinson Community College and I am going to be supportive.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “I’m certainly going to be supportive of that also. I know that they used Valley Center Public Safety building for about 12 years and that’s a fine group of instructors and people from Hutchinson Community College. They have a good program over there. Seeing no further...Commissioner Peterjohn.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “I was curious, I am going to be supportive of this motion, and I think that this will be an excellent extra source for a little extra funding for the Fire District, I was curious if any of the other community colleges in the area like Cowley or Butler have similar programs, and if so, if there might be an effort to bring those all together?”

**Chief Curmode** said, “Commissioner, we also have, Butler County utilizes Fire Station 32 at Highway 135 and 77th Street North. They have classes there and what they offer us is they offer scholarships for our own firefighters to attend and we get x amount of positions each semester, so it saves our individual employees’ funds and that recoups any expenditures we have and so forth. We find that is a good tool because the same future candidates, a lot of times, may be hired the next five years from us.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “So, having said all that. I think we have come to the end of that discussion. Seeing nothing further, call the vote.”

**VOTE**

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

**Chief Curmode** said, “Thank you, Commissioners.”

**B. OTHER**

**Chairman Parks** said, “Do you have any ‘other’ items...”

**Chief Curmode** said, “No, sir.”

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**Chairman Parks** said, "...today?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Fire Prevention Week is coming up in October and we're going to be hearing more about that, so we ask the public to tune back in for that."

**Chief Curmode** said, "Yes. Thank you."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Okay. Thank you. Seeing no further action with the Fire District, the Fire District meeting is adjourned. Thank you all for coming."

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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

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

November 4, 2009