

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 24, 1996**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, Sitting as the Governing Body of Fire District #1, was called to order at 10:02 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, 1996, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Melody C. Miller; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Stephen B. Plummer, County Counselor; Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Fred Ervin, Public Affairs Officer; and Ms. Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting July 3, 1996**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of July 3, 1996.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of the July 3, 1996 meeting.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS (5).**

- 1. BUTLER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1**
- 2. BELL PLAINE FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 3. MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 4. AUGUSTA FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 5. NEWTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Bill Buchanan**, County Manager, said, "Obviously Mr. Gary Curmode is not here. I don't know where he is, maybe putting out a fire some place. You have the Mutual Aid Agreements. These are standard agreements that we've entered into in the past. As you will see there are five agreements here. These are new agreements in some cases. We have continued through the Chief's efforts to work to pin down a relationship, to formalize a relationship with various fire districts and we continue to do that. This is an effort to provide mutual aid. This is different than the first responder. The first responder agreement is the agreement we have with the City. Mutual aid is, in fact, when either department calls upon the other one. There is not automatic response. There is only a response when and if there is a call necessary. When the Chief of either department or operating officer in either department request for that service, it's in the County's best interest to enter these agreements and recommend that you approve them."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Schroeder."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm not aware of any of these. Nobody has talked to me about them. I just ask that we delay this for a week until I have a chance to talk with the Chief in more detail about these."

**Chairman Winters** asked, "Commissioner Gwin, do you have a comment?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes, just a comment. I did visit with Butler County Commissioner Ron Roberts about the Butler County Agreement. There were some rumors floating as sometimes there will, that Sedgwick County Fire District was going to take over the Butler County Fire District, and I assured him that that was not the intent of any of these agreements, but that what we are trying to do was to say that if you need our help you can call upon us, and try to build partnerships with these other entities in and around Sedgwick County. So, after Commissioner Roberts and I had a visit, I do see their agreement is here and they have signed it on behalf of Butler County Fire District #1, but if Commissioner Schroeder wants to delay, I don't have a problem with that."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Well if the majority of you know about it, that's fine. I just wasn't aware that it was even ....."

**Chairman Winters** said, "If you want to make the Motion, make the Motion, we'll defer it a week."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "If most of you know about it that's okay, I'll go along and vote with you. I just wasn't aware of it."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "But also with the Chief's father's illness. I mean he has not been able to get around, I assume, so that might be a problem too."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Schroeder I'll support you. No, I'm not aware, I have not been briefed on each of these either. So I would be in support of a Motion, if you would put it....."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Let me ask the Manager this. Does this cause us any problems if we delay it a week so we can get some details?"

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**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I can't speak for the Chief. I can't imagine that if the agreement is not approved, if called upon between now and the ..... we would show up. Of course we're going to show up. So this just formalizes the agreement and limits our liability and limits their liability. This is not going to interrupt service."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "No, I don't want to delay it. Let's go ahead and do it and I can get with Chief Curmode when he gets back if he is out because of his father's illness. That's fine. I trust their judgment in this, I just wasn't aware of any details in it, but I'm sure it's fine."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I would still move to delay it."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Defer a week?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Yes."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to defer for one week.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Is there any other business to come before this Board? See none, this meeting is adjourned."

**B. OTHER**

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chairman  
Third District

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**MELODY C. MILLER**, Chair Pro Tem  
Fourth District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**PAUL W. HANCOCK**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**MARK F. SCHROEDER**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Susan E. Crockett-Spoon**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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