



**Regular Meeting, Fire District #1, October 26, 2005**

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item please."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING OF \$49,694 TO PURCHASE A FIRE SAFETY HOUSE.**

**Division Chief Walter Rooney**, Fire Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you a grant application that will allow us to apply for a FEMA funded grant for a fire safety house. This grant is a 100% funded by them, no cost for the county and I would like to request your authorization to proceed further. I'm available for any questions, if you have any."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions of Chief Rooney?"

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Just a comment real quickly."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Just for the public's edification, this is a really neat item that we're going to be able to fund. I mean, this is a miniature house on a trailer, it's portable, but yet it has all the features of what could happen during a real fire, and it's used for educational purposes, primarily for young children, teaching them that, if there's a fire, where to feel on the door to see if there's heat before you open it. How to crawl underneath smoke, if you need to exit the house. It's got a lot of those little features, in miniature, but yet it gives you the replication of what would happen if your house was on fire and I assume we're going to be taking this out to the public and finding events or places where we can go out amongst the people and educate them. Am I right in that assumption?"

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**Chief Rooney** said, “That would be correct, commissioner. My plan is, once we get one of the new fire safety houses is start targeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the schools within the fire district, and obviously since it would be a new fire safety house, we’d make available to the community to show off what we’ve been able to obtain.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well I think this is an excellent way of educating and it makes it very interesting too, even for adults. I mean, I saw one down in Derby, I forgot what the event was, but it was down there and it was very educational and ‘Oh, okay I can understand why I’m doing this and I understand why that happens now’ and I hadn’t realized, I should have, that smoke rises and oftentimes there is that little barrier below of still breathable air, if you wanted to try to get out. And so anyway, this is a real neat deal. That’s all I had.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you. Any other comments, Commissioners? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the on-line Grant Application and authorize the Fire Chief to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement 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 Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Chief. Okay Commissioners, we are at the end of the Fire District meeting. Are there any other business or any other comment that you would like to make? I see no lights coming on, so we will declare the meeting adjourned.”

**B. OTHER**

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**C. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Chairman  
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Fourth District

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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