

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

REGULAR MEETING

July 22, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 1:37 p.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 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. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Public Works; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Deputy County Counselor; Mr. David R. Miller, Director, Budget; and Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Fire District Meeting June 17, 2009
Commissioner Welshimer was absent

Chairman Parks said, "What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the Minutes as read for the Fire District Meeting of June 17, 2009.

Chairman Parks 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	Abstain
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Fire District Meeting June 24, 2009
All Commissioners were present

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the Minutes as read for the Fire District Meeting of June 24, 2009.

Commissioner Welshimer 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

NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2010 BUDGET FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

Mr. David R. Miller, Budget Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On your schedule today is the first public budget hearing for Fire District #1 and I would ask that you open that hearing now."

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Chairman Parks said, “The Fire District #1 public hearing is open. Is there anyone from the public that would like to speak to the Fire hearing? Is there anyone in the audience; is there anyone in the foyer, in the Manager’s conference room, the jury room, that would like to speak to this? Seeing none, we’ll close the public hearing. Considerably shorter than the other one. Mr. Miller, would you like to speak to this a little bit?”

Mr. Miller said, “No, if the public hearing is closed, I am ready for the next item.”

Chairman Parks said, “Okay. Next item.”

B. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO FUND THE 2010 FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 BUDGET AND SET THE FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION DATE ON THE 2010 BUDGET FOR AUGUST 5TH, 2009.

Mr. Miller said, “This item is identical in purpose to the action that you previously adopted for the Sedgwick County budget and request the authorization to publish the notice of the final public budget hearing which will be held here, also, in the County Courthouse on August 5. The publication is required by State budget laws and it sets the maximum property tax levy that can be used to fund the 2010 budget, as a result, your adopted budget cannot exceed that maximum levy that is included in this publication that I’m asking you to authorize. If there are no questions, I ask that you authorize the publication of the public hearing notice, setting our final public budget hearing and budget adoption for August 5 at 9:00 a.m., regarding a proposed budget of \$15,689,935 which includes a maximum property tax levy of \$13,814,313 which is equivalent to approximately a mill levy of 18.501 mills, which is the same rate as levied in the previous budget year. I’d be happy to stand for any questions.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I recommend we take the recommended action.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, I would second that but I don’t know if we have to read this into the Minutes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well he read it into the Minutes.”

Ms. Jennifer Magana, Deputy County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Quick clarification, I would recommend you read the motion as presented.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to authorize the publication of a notice of public hearing regarding Fire District #1 2010 budget. The publication shall include a total budget of \$15,689,935 and an Ad Valorem property tax levy of \$13,814,313 which is approximately equivalent to 18.501 mills, subject to review and technical adjustments.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Motion and a second, we do have some discussion. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. David..."

Mr. Miller said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "...while the mill levy's the same, it does look like there has been a little bit of, the estimate for 2010 over 2009 does show some growth, and I assume that's all due to assessed valuation increases. Do you have any idea of how much of that is due to new construction in the Fire District as opposed to just re-valuations on appraised values?"

Mr. Miller said, "I can tell you that the assessed valuation for the Fire District has increased by roughly two percent, which is a little bit different than what we've experienced in the County, which is about 0.86 percent. I do not have the numbers with me in regards to the amount that's related to new improvements and the amount that's related to current property, but I'd be happy to provide that for you."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. We'll be back visiting this, have another shot at it. Thank you."

Mr. Miller said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Parks said, "I do have an editorial comment on this, with all the annexation from the cities, it's remarkable that we're able to keep this particular mill levy stable where we're at and it's a good job for, I want to commend the Fire Department, the Fire Chief and their administration for holding the line on this. Thank you."

Mr. Miller said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

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Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk, said, “Mr. Chairman, are you ready for a vote?”

Chairman Parks said, “I am.”

VOTE

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

C. OTHER

Chairman Parks said, “Any ‘other’ business to come before the Fire District? I have received quite a few phone calls and emails, both positive and negative, on the fireworks ordinance and that’s something that’s definitely going to need to be put on our plate, and I’d like to see that before the end of the year, so it can be incorporated into a code, if we have some code change or something like that, to look at and have recommendations from the Fire Department for some possible alternatives, and maybe even have a public hearing on it like we did today, to have the people come in and say what they think about the fireworks code and the fire code in general. So, any other comments? The Fire District #1 is adjourned. We’re done.”

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Second District

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First District

KARL PETERJOHN, Commissioner,
Third District

GWEN WELSHIMER, Commissioner,
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:

August 12, 2009