

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

REGULAR MEETING

July 29, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 11:03 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 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 Karl Peterjohn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; and Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Norton was absent.

DONATION

A. DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200 FROM MARGARET KESSLER.

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Approximately a month ago one of our retired lieutenants passed away, and we have an honor guard consisting of approximately 20 of our commissioned firefighters, and this is completely voluntary of their time, and this is something we've had for many years, and the family had requested our honor guard presence at the funeral, and this helps tremendously in the families and the spirit of corps, respect for them and compassion. The Kessler family would like to donate \$200 to our Research and Development Division to be used exclusively for helping the honor guard and any expenses they would have in traveling in the State of Kansas in a firefighter's death or a firefighter family, that type of thing, so, again, I'd appreciate you would support accepting the donation, authorize the Chairman to send a letter of appreciation and I'm available for any questions."

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MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to send a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Motion and a second. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Chief, do we have a separate budget area that you can kind of keep these funds separated so it doesn't end up, we can really keep it where we want it because I'm not aware of any, like a separate (c)(3) or something that you'd keep a charitable donation for a voluntary activity like this."

Chief Curmode said, "Yes, Commissioner. Approximately 14 years ago, the Commission approved a 501(c) for our Fire District. It's called a Research and Development Division, and we use this for money that, last year I came before you and received some donations from Wal-Mart to help in our fire prevention program for literature that we don't have in the current budget to use to purchase to give to children at schools. These types of funds come into our account, the Research and Development Division, carry on year after year and we've had great support from both the Manager's staff and the Commission the last 14 years on this."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Do we need a motion?"

Chairman Parks said, "No, I made the motion."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "You made the motion."

VOTE

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

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B. OTHER

Chairman Parks said, "Anything else that you'd like to present to us today under 'other?'"

Chief Curmode said, "No, thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much."

Chairman Parks said, "Just wanted you to know that we did have a little bit of discussion yesterday under some of the budget items in our staff meeting about fireworks and where that may come up in the near future, and we need to get past the budget, we need to get past your Fire Prevention Week and Month in October, and I think that that's kind of a timeline we're looking at so you'll have knowledge of that, and the people that want to have the input on that."

Chief Curmode said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. We'll prepare that."

Chairman Parks said, "And if Mr. Lamke wants to say anything to that, that's fine, too. I guess not."

Chief Curmode said, "Okay."

Chairman Parks said, "Very well. Thank you for all your work."

Chief Curmode said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Seeing no other action for Fire District Number 1, Fire District Number 1 Meeting is adjourned."

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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First District

KARL PETERJOHN, Commissioner,
Third District

GWEN WELSHIMER, Commissioner,
Fifth District

ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:

September 9, 2009