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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order 9:57 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim R. Norton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem James B. Skelton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works; Mr. Tavis Leake, Fire Marshall, Fire District No. 1; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

NEW BUSINESS

A [12-1104](#) CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,998 FOR A FULL-TIME PUBLIC EDUCATION OFFICER POSITION.
Presented by: Tavis Leake, Fire Marshall.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request, and implementation of the staffing table changes identified in the personnel considerations section of this request.

Mr. Tavis Leake, Fire Marshall, Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The grant that you have before you this morning is a public education position through FEMA, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Since 1981, the Fire District [No. 1] has had a public education person. In 2010, the dedicated position, the person retired and the position was frozen, so with those numbers we had when that dedicated position was there was approximately 800 or so hours that was dedicated a year to public education. We have decreased those numbers quite a bit without that dedicated position there.

"The person was responsible for the Clown Education Program, Rudy-Do Program, many public education programs that we had, such as fire and burn prevention. So we're asking this morning that you would approve the grant for the public education position, and I am available to answer any questions that you may have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you heard the presentation, what is the will of the Board? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I have a few questions here. Now, this will be a full-time job with benefits?"

Mr. Leake said, "Yes."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Is the current person at that, that's doing this job has already retired?"

Mr. Leake said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. We talked about this yesterday, I was just wondering if, is there any way we can do this, like put him on contract for services?"

Mr. Leake said, "We have not..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "As opposed to..."

Mr. Leake said, "Go ahead, I'm sorry."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Go ahead."

Mr. Leake said, "We have not talked about any type of contract service at this point, we've looked at the grant position so far."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "You know, this grant will last for two years."

Mr. Leake said, "Well, it is up to two years, you renew it each year."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "What happens after that?"

Mr. Leake said, "After that we would not have a dedicated position."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "You wouldn't have that."

Mr. Leake said, "Yes."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "You know, that's one of my concerns. Whenever we accept, you know, federal grants. I think we have some opportunities in the Fire Department to look at how we're spending some of our money and perhaps some of our staffing tables. I would much prefer that we pay for this with our own resources. Because at some point it will go away and we have to anyway. There again, I would encourage us to take a look at contracting for services. If you have someone who is already retired, and they are going on pension benefits, then you put them back on with salary and benefits. To me that's kind of redundant. But nevertheless, I appreciate the information."

Mr. Leake said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just, in the past with some grants I've taken the position that when if grant goes away, the position goes with it. Unless we can re-justify it. And so my vote today is going to reflect that kind of conditional nature of where we are for this grant proposal this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Well, absolutely I agree with that. But for now we have an opportunity to provide an increased level of public safety with this position. It is a very important position, and I understand your concern, Commissioner Peterjohn, about, you know, the future. Manager, what do you have to say about that? What happens in two years when the grant runs out. Can we reapply and continue funding this position, or is that an option?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We could, but for the last twenty-some years, when the grant runs out, positions go away, people go away."

Commissioner Skelton said, "That's right. That's what we've seen in the last budget cycle or two. Appreciate that. Thank you. Those are my comments, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, we have heard the presentation. At this point I would entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request, and implementation of the staffing table changes identified in the personnel considerations section of this request.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "I see nothing else, thanks Tavis."

Mr. Leake said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I see nothing else on our agenda for the Fire District, so I will adjourn that meeting."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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