

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

### **GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT #1**

*Pursuant to Resolution #131-2010, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 11, 2010, members of the public are allowed to address the County Commission for a period of time limited to not more than five minutes.*

*Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Sedgwick County, should contact the office of Roberta Berry, Sedgwick County Interim ADA Coordinator, 510 N. Main, Suite 306, Wichita, Kansas 67203*

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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 12:55 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James B. Skelton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Chief Gary E. Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire District No. 1; Mr. Tavis Leake, Fire Marshall, Fire District No. 1; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.*

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**A**      [13-0414](#)      REGULAR FIRE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2013.

All Commissioners were present.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the minutes. Is there any discussion?"*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Regular Fire Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2013.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**NEW BUSINESS**

B [13-0405](#)

EXECUTIVE FIRE OFFICER DESIGNATION.

Presented by: Chief Gary E. Curmode, Fire Chief.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To recognize Fire Marshall Tavis D. Leake on the attainment of his Executive Fire Officer designation.

*Mr. Gary E. Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we'd like to tell you about some of the exploits of one of our own fire department administration people. You know, we have stressed ongoing professional development to all our men and women on the department, and I'd like to specially, I'm very proud to announce that Fire Marshall Tavis Leake has achieved a four year program in Executive Fire Officer [Program]. This is done at the National Fire Academy. This is similar to the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations) police academy that the law enforcement goes to. So this is really something very exciting for our department.*

*"There's about 200-400 people every year that apply for this position in this class. He was fortunate to get into it four years ago. After each class they have to write a paper that has to be graded by professional faculty members of colleges. And they have to get a passing grade and so forth, and then it's put on a national publication in our (United States Fire Administration) National [Fire Academy] Learning Resource Center at Emmitsburg, Maryland.*

*"He goes through four things. The first year is executive development. Its two weeks of things that orient towards executive development. The second year covers executive analysis of community risk reduction. The third year is executive analysis of fire service operations and emergency management. And the fourth year is executive leadership. And again, he just received his passing score, very high, if I might say, and again, would like to recognize him for this. He has a few words to say, but we're very proud of him, getting this certificate for a lot of hard work. And, Chief, congratulations."*

*Mr. Tavis Leake, Fire Marshall, Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Chairman Skelton and Commissioners, thank you for taking time this morning, or this afternoon, to recognize the Executive Fire Officer Program through the National Fire Academy and one of its graduates. The program started in 1985. It was a three year program and expanded in 1988 to a four year program. Again, thank you for recognizing one of its graduates, many graduates. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Congratulations. Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Marshall Leake, we are proud of your achievement and we understand the extra effort it took, and the concentration it took. But these sort of efforts by our firefighters and by the leadership is what makes us have an outstanding fire department, and we're proud of your achievement. Congratulations."*

*Mr. Leake said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, continued education, accreditations, intellectual capital, organizational knowledge, all those things are critical to our whole organization.*

*And you exemplified that by going through the program. Those national programs are not easy, they take time, they take effort, they take writing skills, they take executive management skills, and to complete it is pretty exciting. And I know you're relieved, but you have to be excited that you've fallen in the ranks of a pretty elite part of firefighters around the United States, and even around the world. So, congratulations on behalf of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners.*

*Commissioner Norton continued, "I guess I'd ask the Chief, how many designees do we have in our department now that have gone through this or similar programs nationally?"*

*Chief Curmode said, "Commissioner, basically, we have several that have retired since, but I'd say right now we have a plaque in our training room and we have about, this will be about eight or nine that's been through the four year program. And again, we have several others who have been through safety officers certifications. We have 59 of those that have gone through that certification process in our department. And then we've had health and safety officers, which we have nine. And so, again, we try to, and those are recognized and judged by your peers, that's why it makes it so important because they're doing, they're walking the walk just like you are. And so I think those are some of the figures that we're very proud of and of our members of our department."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, it does make for, a department that can share that knowledge and intellectual capital with the young people that you mentor that are coming up through the ranks, to make sure that our organization is always the finest. And through our accreditation process nationally and other standards, I think we know as a Board of County Commissioners we have one of the finest fire districts in the United States. But it takes the individuals making sure that they're on their game all the time to create that kind of organization and we appreciate your time and effort that you put into this."*

*Mr. Leake said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "I would definitely second those comments. Congratulations."*

*Mr. Leake said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, next item."*

## **CONSENT**

C [13-0427](#)

Approve leases of the Goddard, Derby and Haysville Fire Stations to Sedgwick County Fire District #1.

*Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you that approves the leases for Goddard, Derby and Haysville Fire Stations. I would point out to you that Commissioner, the Haysville Fire Station expires in 2033, Commissioner Norton will be somewhere around the age of 85."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "I don't know that I'll still be Commissioner Norton at that time, but I'm glad to know that I'm going to live to be 85. Thank you."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Just for the record, in terms of approving these leases, this all fits into our prior Fire District [No. 1], correct Mr. Manager?"*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "In terms of the financing and the ongoing arrangements, and let me assure all of us that hopefully we'll all be around at that point of time, regardless of what age we might be at that point."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "It has been moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Is there any further discussion? Madam Clerk, call the vote please."*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. May I please have a motion for Executive Session."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved that the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1 recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to legal advice and matters relating to employer-employee negotiations and that the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1 return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 1:15 p.m.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. We stand adjourned, or are in recess."  
The Governing Body of Fire District No. 1 recessed into Executive Session at 1:03  
p.m. and returned at 1:24 p.m.*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, we are back from Executive Session and no action  
was taken. Is there any other business to come before the Fire District? I don't see  
any, this meeting will stand adjourned."*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.*

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ATTEST:

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*Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk*

APPROVED:

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