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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT #1

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:16 a.m. on August 12, 2015, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Richard Ranzau, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager; Mr. Mike Pepoon, Acting County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Erika Rice, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A [15-0522](#) REGULAR FIRE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2015.
All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Ranzau: Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Regular Fire Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2015.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

NEW BUSINESS

- B [15-0541](#) ADOPTION OF THE 2016 BUDGET FOR FIRE DISTRICT 1.
Presented by: Ron Holt, Acting County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution for the 2016 Sedgwick County Fire District 1 operating budget.

Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said "You

know that Sedgwick County held two public hearings on July 29th and August 6th regarding the proposed 2016 operating budget for Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1. For the record, there were no speakers at the July 29th public hearing, and on the August 6th meeting, there were three speakers relative to the fire district. Also, since July 20th, the budget, when the budget was presented, we had an online public forum, and during that time there have been no comments on the online public forum relative to this budget.

"The budget, this is a budget of \$18,155,963.00, which includes a property tax levy of \$15,246,367.00. The property tax levy is equivalent to an estimated property tax rate expressed in mills of approximately 18.367 mills. The mill levy is based on the estimated assessed valuation and subject to review technical adjustments. Commissioners, I don't believe there's any or changes relative to this budget, but if they are, we can certainly work through that with you. Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer and Lindsay Poe, the Budget Director are here, if we do need to make any changes. Without any changes, I would say adopt the resolution for the 2016 Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 budget, operating budget in your agenda. I would ask the Chief Financial Officer if there's any other comment that needs to be made."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Any questions for Ron or staff? Seeing none, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, are there any questions or comments? I will just say that I am going to be supportive of this budget. In the past I voted for some fire district budgets and not others. There continues to be an imbalance in the fire district and we continue to use reserves for this, which we can do for a while, but at some point we need to address that imbalance. I know a lot of the focus going to the Sedgwick County budget, not the fire district budget. They do have issues there. The growth in the fire district was .9 percent, and over the last few years, it's been an averaging 1.3 percent, which is significantly less than what we have projected for budgets. So that has caused some issues for the budget. I will be supportive of this as we move forward. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "Anytime our tax base is not growing, that's going to create problems in the long run, and we are just fortunate that we are in a position that we can approve this budget, which I plan to support today, but it's cautionary in the sense that with 1.3 percent growth projected for the near future, and less than that last year, we've got plenty of challenges in this part of the budget, even though the rest of the county budget has received a lot more public attention and comment. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "I just wanted to point out, I guess, to the public that there's been a lot of discussion in the community about partnerships between City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, and I just wanted to be on the record to let the public know that our fire district is supported solely by the fire district which is not funded by City of Wichita."

"The taxes that are levied to support this fire district are solely in the unincorporated parts of the county. However, they do respond to fire calls within the City of Wichita. In fact, they are responding to more calls in Wichita than they do to their own people inside the district itself. So we do provide tremendous amount of support to the City of Wichita, and I am grateful for their ability to do that. We have a robust fire department, and certainly does a fantastic job, and it's unfortunate that the budget is trending negative. So, it would be wonderful if the economy would pick up and that we would have plenty of money to bolster our Fire District No. 1 resources.

However, in light of the negative trending of our revenue and expenditures, I think this is the best we can do this year. Anyway, I just wanted to be on record to say that this fire district does a tremendous job, and they do respond inside the City of Wichita, although they don't technically fund it. So I want to be on record with that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Chris and Lindsay, you have your first budget of the day approved, right? All right. Is there anything else to come before the Board? Seeing none, we are adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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