

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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

*Pursuant to Resolution #007-2016, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on January 20, 2016, members of the public are allowed to address the County Commission for a period of time limited to not more than five minutes or such time limits as may become necessary.*

*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 Crissy Magee, Sedgwick County ADA Coordinator, 510 N. Main, Suite 306, Wichita, Kansas 67203. Phone: 316-660-7056, TDD: Kansas Relay at 711 or 800-766-3777*

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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 at 9:02 a.m. on April 13, 2016 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James M. Howell, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner David Unruh; Commissioner Tim Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Dept.; Mr. Jim Webber, Deputy Director; Mr. Larry Tangney, Deputy Fire Chief; Mr. Robert Timmons, Division Chief; Ms. Kate Flavin, Communications; and Ms. Laura Billups, Deputy County Clerk.*

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**A     [16-0135](#)     REGULAR FIRE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016**  
Commissioner Norton was absent.

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Regular Fire Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2015.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "We have a motion and a second. Please call the vote."*

#### **VOTE**

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

*Chairman Howell said, "Next item, please."*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**B     [16-194](#)     ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM ALLISTON RESOURCES  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.  
Presented by: Larry Tangney, Deputy Fire Chief, Sedgwick County  
Fire District 1.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donation of property and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and the memorandum of agreement.

*VISUAL PRESENTATION*

*Mr. Larry Tangney, Deputy Fire Chief, Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Earlier this year, we were contacted by Paula Barden and Pam Good who are owners of the resident at 5053 North 133 Street East about a possible donation to the Fire District for training. This was the first time we actually, we worked with legal and we got a contract to go through and do everything right to meet some of the (National Fire Protection Association) NFPA standards for live fire burning and training in a facility.*

*"I want to talk a little bit about what we use these houses for in the past. We use these houses for many things that we don't have currently have resources to do. So these houses come at a very pristine time, and we take them very, very seriously, because we get to train our people on things we usually don't. These are just pictures of some houses, of course, this is the ultimate end of one of our training sessions. But, we get our people inside a structure. They get to experience live fire burns. Again, they get to see things that's in a coordinated effort. It's all safe, and we get to move forward with that.*

*"Again, you can see where this is a different structure. We went to the final day of the burn. You can see in the background where we've got another building. We safeguard other structures that are around the building that the owners do not want to have burnt at that time. And again, what it is, it's a great resource for our Fire District to be able to move forward and utilize these resources that when citizens come forward and donate that.*

*"At this time, I would like to introduce Paula Barden and Pam Good. They're in the audience, if you would please stand. Thank you so much for consideration of donating this to the Fire District for training. Commissioners, we're recommending that you accept the property donation and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement."*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Norton moved to accept the donation of property and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and the memorandum of agreement.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "We have a motion and a second. And before we vote, I just wanted to say thank you so much. This means a great deal to our firefighters, especially. They have, they need more resources to train. I'm certainly sensitive to that. I think we need to find those resources everywhere we can. But to have a house donated like this is going to provide a tremendous, a realistic way to train that they can't do any other way.*

*The fact, Chief Tangney let me just say, they don't just burn the house down. They do a lot of training from the very beginning until the very end."*

*Chief Tangney said, "That is correct. We're going to have the house almost a year, and the burn is just the ultimate climax that everybody wants to see. There's going to*

*be May Day training, a whole lot of training for our people, but not only do we train our people, we ask other organizations to come in and train with us."*

*Chairman Howell said, "I love that regional viewpoint. I think that's very important. I think that, for example, searching for small children in rooms filled with smoke is a tough thing. You actually have ways to generate smoke so they can be in in a real structure and be wandering around inside smoke on oxygen."*

*Chief Tangney said, "That is correct."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Crawling around, trying to find someone who is hiding in a closet, for example, or having to cut through the roof materials to access a flame, an area on fire. Those types of things can be done in a realistic scenario rather than a made-up props or something in a parking lot, the way we have had to train in the past. So this is a tremendous resource. Nothing better than seeing a real house go through the various types of emergency things that you might come across, and so I think it's fantastic. Thank you so much for the donation. It really is important. I think ultimately you're saving lives, so that means a lot. We have a motion and a second. Any further comments? I would ask anybody from the audience to speak to the issue. I don't think there would be. Seeing no further discussion, Madam Clerk please call the vote."*

VOTE

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

*Chairman Howell said, "Next item, please."*

**Approved**

**C**      [16-201](#)

**ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE BEL AIRE TREE BOARD.**

Presented by: Robert Timmons, Division Chief, Sedgwick County Fire District 1.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Accept the donation of a tree.

*Mr. Robert Timmons, Division Chief, Sedgwick County Fire District One, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We received a letter on March 11th of 2016 from the city of Bel Aire Tree Board in which they expressed a desire to donate and plant a survivor tree on the property 4343 North Woodlawn, which is our Station 37.*

*"The survivor tree is an over 100-year-old American Elm that survived the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and on April 19th, 1995. We do have a Bel Aire City Council member, Guy MacDonald here today as well as the President of the Tree Board, Gary Northwall, if they'd like to stand. Our recommended action would be to accept the donation of the survivor tree and ask the Commission to sign a letter of appreciation to the City of Bel Aire and the Tree Board on behalf of the Fire District."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you Chief Timmons for the presentation, and thank you both for being here today. All I'd ask is does anybody from the audience want to speak on this item, seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"*

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to make the motion to accept the donation of the tree.

*"I'd also like to just express appreciation to the Council and the Tree Board, the City of Bel Aire, for this generous act of community spirit in support of our Fire District, so thank you all very much."*

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "I have a motion to second, further comments from anyone? I remember the day this happened, April 19th, 1995. It was a momentous day. I remember it very, very well, and. I know exactly where I was when I heard the news. I'm sure many of us have that memory as well. This is a thing should be memorialized and remembered for a lot of reasons in terms of the human life that was lost, all the ways that law enforcement responded I think is an incredible part of this. A lot of things we could talk about that day. To actually have a tree that survived that bombing and have it in our community to be memorialized here I think is a great thing. So thank you for bringing this to us for this opportunity. Appreciate that very much. Seeing no other comments, Madam Clerk, we have a motion and a second. Please call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Howell said, "All right. Anything else for the Fire District this morning? Then I will therefore adjourn the meeting of the Governing Body of Fire District One and call back to order the regular business meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

**Approved**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the Fire District No. 1 meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.*

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*Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk*

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