

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

August 10, 2016

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 11:38 a.m. on August 10, 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; Ms. Karen Powell, County Counselor; Mr. Jim Weber, Public Works; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Laura Billups, Deputy County Clerk and Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.*

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Discussion on this item will be posted after the official meeting minutes have been adopted.*

## **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

### **Approved**

- A**     [16-492](#)     REGULAR FIRE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2016.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Discussion on this item will be posted after the official meeting minutes have been adopted.*
- B**     [16-491](#)     REGULAR FIRE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2016.  
Commissioner Norton was absent.  
*Discussion on this item will be posted after the official meeting minutes have been adopted.*
- C**     [16-493](#)     REGULAR FIRE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2016.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, what is the will of the board?"*

### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to that we approve the fire meeting minutes for*

*January 6th, 2016, June 22, 2016, and July 6, 2016.*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "Is there any discussion? Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton, thanked the Chairman and said, "I was absent for the June 22nd meeting. And it's okay if we put them all together. I'll vote probably vote for the minutes, but I just want the record to show that I was absent, and I would usually abstain."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And I am sorry, I missed that."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "I don't know that it matters. I can still vote. You can still vote for minutes. I've read the minutes and they looked appropriate to me. So, we can leave it as it is. I just wanted to make it on the record that I was absent. I would normally abstain."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, thank you, Commissioner Norton. Any other discussion? Alright, Madam Clerk, please call the vote."*

#### VOTE

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

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- D**     [16-482](#)     ADOPTION OF THE 2017 SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 BUDGET.  
Presented by: Mike Scholes, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution for the 2017 Fire District 1 operating budget.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The 2017 operating budget for Fire District 1, totals \$18,064,749. This budget will be supported with a property tax levy of \$15,744,982. Which will require a mill levy of approximately 18.371 mills. Members of the public had two opportunities to come to public hearings on July 27th and August 4th. No one spoke to this budget at either meeting. Nor did anyone comment on the online hearing. If there are any needed changes to this budget, Chris (Chronis) and Lindsay (Poe Rousseau) are here to help you through them. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Is there anybody from the public who would like to speak on the agenda item? Alright. Seeing none. Commissioners, any questions or comments? Commissioner Norton."*

Commissioner Norton said, "I voiced my concern that as we went through the process, that I think there was some places in the budget that I was not pleased. Certainly we got some salary implications that we are going to have to look at the next couple of years. I will probably be in support of the budget today, but I still have some extreme concerns that negotiations went to impasse. Some of the things on the budget items. Particularly, when it comes to wages and everything were not totally resolved. We are going to have tough decisions in the next couple years, as far as the budget, and I remind people that I am the Commission that lives in the Fire District. And I have a real concern that the services continue to be as robust as they are, you know, the area that I live in is a big supporter of the Fire District. "And the whole City of Haysville that I represent is in the Fire District, which is a large population. I want to make sure the fire budget as we move forward, that we take care of our firefighters. That we make sure the equipment is good. And that we continue the kind of services they have been used to. I will be okay with the budget this year. We need to move along, but I do have some things that we need to talk about in the next year as we move forward. And the (County) Manager and I have talked about that. So, I know he's fully aware that we have got some tough decisions to make coming up. That's all I have."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "The Fire District budget is a significant item when you look at the total expenditures that Sedgwick County is making. And it is an interesting and challenging budget that we have going forward. Having said that, I very much appreciate the work that the leadership and the Fire District has had, particularly with the two smaller communities that have volunteer departments that are affiliated with Sedgwick County. And I know a lot of time has been spent, particularly with the City of Bentley. They have been trying to have the best fire protection that that community can afford."

"And working through some of the issues we have here. We have struggled in some ways with the Fire District, I think we are making some progress in some areas. I wish the negotiations had gone better. I'm distressed that the bargaining unit never actually got a chance to vote on the various proposals that this Commission put together and brought forward as part of negotiations. And hopefully that will change in the future, but that's subject for another day."

"And while this budget that is before us will not raise the mill levy, I think, it was pointed out that some of us don't live in the Fire District. And that's absolutely true. But I would be remiss if I didn't point out that at one time. The home that I live in was on property that was in the Fire District, in fact, when I first moved into it I was helping pay for some of the bonded indebtedness in the Fire District. But it had been annexed. And technically I am not, and actually I am not in the Fire District at the moment. But that basically is the nugget or kernel for one of the challenges the Fire District faces, because the boundaries are not fixed. People can opt in and opt out. They can and do. Municipalities, if they have their own fire department. And several have their own. They can annex. And if that property goes out of the Fire District. So the challenges that the Fire District has are going to continue. And I do plan to be supportive of this budget today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I agree with the comments my colleagues. This is my sixth budget Fire District. I have voted yes on some and no on some. Because I have always been concerned about the long-term issues of the

*Fire District has. I do think the Chief is beginning to address those issues. I don't think we're done. Maybe a painful process, but just for the Manager and Chief, we really need to address this somehow long-term over this next year. And we are going to have to really analyze and make some tough decisions somewhere along the way. I think at some point we have got to, we are getting to the point that we have probably kicked the can down the road almost as far as we can. So, that's all I have. Thanks."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Thank you, Commissioner Ranzau. Any other comments? Okay."*

#### MOTION

*Chairman Howell moved to adopt the resolution for the 2017 Fire District Number One budget. That includes operating budget of \$18,064,749. The total operating budget is partially funded with property tax levy of \$15,744,982, which is approximately equal to 18.371 mills based on the estimated assessed valuation, subject to review and technical adjustments. Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

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

#### VOTE

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

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. With that, anything else for the Fire District from any Commissioners or Manager before we go back to the regular meeting? Alright. Seeing none, I will now adjourn the governing body of Fire District Number One meeting.  
**Adopted***

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The Meeting for Sedgwick County Fire District Number one was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.*

*SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS*

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*JAMES M. HOWELL, Chairman  
Fifth District*

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*RICHARD RANZAU, Chair Pro Tem  
Fourth District*

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*DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner  
First District*

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*TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner  
Second District*

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*KARL PETERJOHN, Commissioner  
Third District*

ATTEST:

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*Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk*

APPROVED:

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