



FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY
33364 W. 191st St.
Edgerton, KS 66021

MINUTES - Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS
July 8, 2025, at 4:00 PM

A regular monthly meeting of the Fire District #1 Board of Directors was held in person and was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Dave Drovetta.

The following staff members were present:

Fire Chief Trig Morley Deputy Chief Aaron Winkler
Division Chief Chris Russell Division Chief Brad Ralston
Battalion Chief Fire Shift Personnel
Ashley Smith, Administrative Services

The following guests were present:

Adam Norris, Johnson County Assistant County Manager
Mark Dapp, Johnson County Deputy Director of Budget and Financial Planning
Ted Clemmons, Johnson County Senior Budget Analyst
Andrew Holder, Legal Counsel for Fire District #1
Jim Francis, Johnson County Fire Services Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A quorum of the following members was present and participating; to-wit:

Dave Drovetta, Chairman Present
Mark Burdolski, Vice Chairman Present via Telephone
Brian Walker, Secretary/Treasurer Absent
Mike Casey Present
Tamela Stockton Present, arrived after Consent Agenda

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting's agenda was presented by Chairman Dave Drovetta. Board Member Mike Casey moved to approve the agenda. Board Vice Chair Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are welcome to make comments about matters or items on the agenda that are not

part of a public meeting. Public members are asked to keep their comments to three minutes. No action will be taken.

No comments.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. June 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Mike Casey moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Chairman Dave Drovetta seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider authorizing the publication of a proposed budget for Johnson County Fire District No. 1 in the amount of \$3,441,279 for fiscal year 2026, notifying the County Clerk of the proposed intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate, and setting a public hearing on the proposed budget for Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at 111 S. Cherry St., Olathe, KS 66061 - 3rd Floor Hearing Room.

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- B. Consider supporting the authorization to publish the proposed budget for Johnson County Consolidated Fire District No. 1 in the amount of \$22,365,305.00 for fiscal year 2026, notifying the County Clerk of the proposed intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate, and setting a public hearing on the proposed budget for Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at 111 S. Cherry St., Olathe, KS 66061 - 3rd Floor Hearing Room

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VIII. REPORTS

A. June 2025 Financial Report

Division Chief Chris Russell summarized the June 2025 Financial Reports and reported that 44% of the annual budget has been used. Board Member Mike Casey moved to accept the June 2025 Financial Report. Board Member Tamela Stockton seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 4-0.

B. Departmental Reports

Division Chief Brad Ralston delivered the Prevention Division Report. They completed 11 business inspections, 42 site inspections which included 20 firework stand inspections, 5 food truck inspections, and 1 home daycare. In addition, 34 New Century Hangar Inspections were completed. Prevention completed 26 plan reviews; including new construction, tenant improvements, existing structure additions and 10 new subdivision site plans.

Deputy Chief Winkler delivered the Operations Report. In June, crews completed 466 total calls; 262 were EMS type and 204 were fire type calls. There were 10 PR events. Fire District crews assisted the City of Edgerton and City of Gardner with their Independence Day celebrations. Over the holiday, there were 15 calls related to fireworks. The calls were mainly small grass fires and previously dispatched fireworks on fire. There were no major medical calls.

Fire Chief Morley reviewed the citizen survey results. In addition, the 2024 Audit Report was presented. The management letter showed improvement. A letter was included for the Board for the City of Gardner in regards to the Grand Street Housing Incentive public hearing. Staff continues to support the City of Edgerton with their ESCI process. Each week administrative staff are meeting to discuss the Consolidation process and updates.

No action taken.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Member Mike Casey moved that the Board of Directors recess into executive session to consult with an attorney for the Fire District which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, Pursuant to statutory justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)) The Board of Directors invites, Fire Chief Trig Morley and Legal Counsel, Andrew Holder to join in the Executive Session, beginning at 4:40 pm and reconvening open meeting at 4:55 pm in this same room. Board Member Tamela Stockton abstained due to conflict of interest. Board Chairman Dave Drovetta seconded the motion. Board Members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0, 1 -abstain.

The meeting was reconvened. Board Member Mike Casey moved to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate with the assistance of legal counsel, and execute a buyout of the prior settlement agreement and release of claims between the Board and former employee. Board Chairman Dave Drovetta seconded the motion. Board Members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0, 1 -abstain.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Mike Casey moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Tamela Stockton seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held August 12, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted by:

FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY

Ashley Smith, Administrative Services
Recording Secretary

Trig Morley, Fire Chief

The above minutes having been read and considered by the Board of Directors of Fire District #1 Johnson County, and having been found to be correct as written, or with minor changes as shown above, was approved on the 12th day of August 2025.

**APPROVED by BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY**