



Teton County Fire Protection District

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Board of Fire Commissioners

Scott Golden, District 1
Jason Letham, Chair-District 2
Kent Wagener, District 3
Monica Hoth, Secretary

October 13, 2015

Attendance District Commissioners: Jason Letham; Scott Golden; Kent Wagener
Interim Commissioners: none
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch
District Public Relations:
Fire Chief: Bret Campbell
Division Chief-Prevention: N/A
Division Chief-Maint.: Scott Wood
Division Chief-Training/EMS: Ed Schauster
Shift Captains: N/A
Driver/Operators: Adam Fletcher
Firefighters: N/A
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth
Local 4667: Adam Fletcher
Public: Adam Korth (Aflac Rep)

Welcome @ 1400 hours

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions about the September meeting minutes to be approved. No questions were asked, however Letham asked if Board Secretary, Monica Hoth, would review the minutes for 9/24/15 and ensure that in fact, Commissioner Golden had called roll at the very end to close out that meeting.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, with the understanding we would correct the September 24th minutes if need be.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor, with all replying "aye". Letham then confirmed the minutes for 9/17, 9/22 & 9/24th were approved unanimously pending review of the minutes.

The minutes were later reviewed (by recording) and found accurate. Minutes for 9/24/15 will stand approved as presented.

Claims:

Commissioner Letham asked if there were any questions or comments on the September claims. Commissioner Letham asked Chief Campbell to clarify how per diem for Wildland Fire deployments worked. Chief Campbell confirmed they are paid out by us initially and reimbursed by the state agency just like all fuel, lodging and personnel costs are.

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to accept the claims as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham called for all in favor. All replied “aye” and the claims were approved unanimously as presented.

Budget Statement:

Commissioner Letham asked if there were any questions or comments on the Fiscal Year End budget statement presented for the month of September. Commissioner Wagener inquired on the accuracy of the taxes from the county for this year, and it being less than the previous year. Chief Campbell did confirm that was accurate and that they were aware of the amount being less for FY 2015.

Chief Campbell reported that the District only used 92% of their total operating budget. Chief Campbell also reviewed the overtime, backfill numbers in direct relation to the overall Wildland Fire season billing. He also noted we have already started to receive reimbursement for the recent fire season.

They also discussed the refund of the Social Security monies from the IRS.

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to approve the September FY end Budget Statement.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham called for all in favor. All replied “aye” and the September FY end Budget Statement was approved unanimously as presented.

Aflac:

Adam Korth, our AFLAC representative, gave the Commissioners information about the options available for Cancer coverage through AFLAC. He reviewed the differences and pricing for each of the options. Also answered questions about what options are available for employees to add their own coverage details beyond what the District may, or may not decide to cover. Adam went on to also answered questions about payroll deduct, portability as well as rider options.

Commissioners did not make a decision at this meeting, but rather will put the item on the agenda for the October meeting.

Partnership Agreement with TVHC:

Bart Birch began by recapping some changes discussed at the meeting attended by Fire Commissioners and TVHC on October 7th. The document was distributed to each of the Fire Commissioners. There was discussion about the document that was edited, and whether an older draft was used. Chief Campbell and Chief Schauster agreed to go over, in further detail than the side bar notes, the agreement and ensure its accuracy.

Commissioner Wagener will attend, along with Chiefs Campbell and Schauster the 3:15pm meeting of the ASD Commissioners at the Courthouse directly following today's meeting.

Declaring the Candidates:

Per an email from Teton County Clerk, Mary Lou Hansen on October 6th, it is understood the Teton County Fire Protection District could declare candidates for the November election since both District 1 and District 3 seats are uncontested. Mary Lou confirmed she does not intend to have them on the ballot and guided Board Secretary, Monica Hoth to the Idaho Statute further guiding how to do this. Commissioner Letham read Idaho Statute 31-1410 (3) aloud, (this document is attached to the meeting minutes).

Commissioner Letham made the motion to declare Commissioner Golden certified as elected for District 1, (4 year term) and also for Commissioner Wagener to be certified as elected for District 3, (4 year term).

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye” and the candidates for District 1 and District 3 were certified elected unanimously.

Secretary to the Fire Commissioner Board, Monica Hoth, will deliver to each person a certificate of election.

Idaho State Fire Commissioner Annual Conference:

Commissioner Golden confirmed he will be unable to attend. Commissioner Wagener is already understood to be out of town during that weekend. Commissioner Letham thought the conference was to be held in October, so will look again at his calendar to see if he will be available to go.

SCBA Air Fill Station swap:

Chief Wood reported to the Board that his direction to the salesman was that the only way we would be interested would be if we traded for a station mounted compressor with the same capacity as we have currently, with no additional cost to the District. He will report if they come back to complete the offer.

Key Private Bank:

Monica Hoth reported to the Board about the October 2nd meeting with the representatives from Key Private Bank. Commissioner Letham was able to attend this also and those representatives were supposed to provide a two paragraph summary to communicate to the Board, which had not been received. This item will go on the November agenda, assuming it is received as was promised.

Chief's Report

Operations

Chief Campbell will get with the local 4667 reps and report back to the Commissioner a proposal for AFLAC. Then Commissioners can decided what action they wish to take.

Chief Campbell also went over the summary sheet for all the Wildland billing for the 2015 season. It showed the Fire Equipment billed out for \$110k and with the total not finished yet, he said to estimate the final number around \$120k that the district will

have made from the season. All of the other billing is the reimbursement of labor, fuel, lodging and meals. Firefighters pay, which was outside of scheduled shifts, will come to approximately \$120k also. On the payroll column there is approximately 10-12k for Chief's salaries that the District did not have to pay out because of their participation in the wildland deployments this summer.

Chief Campbell also gave the Fire Commissioners a heads up that sometime in the near future, there would be a need to replace one or more of our fleet vehicles. The blazer is in need first. Chief Wood gave them information from the State Surplus site on possible options available for purchase.

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to allocate up to \$65k for Chief Wood to compete for the purchase of one used vehicle for the purpose of deployment, and separately for the purchase of a new command vehicle in the next two months.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chief Campbell also informed the Fire Commissioners of purchases that didn't get done before the fiscal year end that would also be coming up. Purchasing for Wildland equipment and for Fire equipment.

EMS/Training

Chief Schauster updated the Board of fire classes scheduled to begin in November. If the Commissioners had folks in mind, to send them to him for an application and further information.

Commissioner Letham asked if anyone else had business for the meeting, and no questions or comments remained.

Adjourn

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to adjourn

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion, and adjourned the Board of Fire

Commissioners until the next commissioners meeting, scheduled for November 10th @ 1400.