



Teton County Fire Protection District

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Board of Fire Commissioners

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Monday February 13th, 2016

Attendance District Commissioners: Jason Letham & Kent Wagener
Interim Commissioners:
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch
District Public Relations: Becky Mitchell
Fire Chief: Bret Campbell
Division Chief-Prevention: Earle Giles
Division Chief-EMS:
Division Chief-Training: Jon Wisby
Shift Captains:
Driver/Operators:
Firefighters:
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth
Local 4667: A. Fletcher and N. Brown
Public:

Welcome @ 1530 hours

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting. Commissioner Golden is unable to attend due to road conditions getting back to Teton Valley from the west side of the state.

Minutes:

Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the minutes for the January 9th meeting. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor, all replied "aye" and the minutes were approved as presented.

Claims:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments for the claims presented for the period **January 7th, 2017 through February 10th, 2017**. No questions or comments were raised.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the claims as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied "aye", and the claims were approved as presented.

Budget Statement:

Commissioner Letham asked for any comments or questions on the January Budget Statement presented. Chief Campbell offered a summary of the January Budget. There was discussion on Wildland Fire reimbursements from the state. That money will be received, hopefully, within the next month or two. Chief Campbell also informed the Commissioners of further fire equipment purchases. Some of these purchases will be covered by grant funds, but with more reserves, we are requiring more equipment. He went on to say he anticipates being able to stay within budget to do this. Discussion continued on the tax money received in January and comparison to previous years. No further questions or comments were asked.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the January Budget Statement as presented. Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion. Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Budget Statements were approved as presented.

Chad Blackburn, Key Private Bank Portfolio Manager:

Mr. Blackburn was unable to attend because of an emergency that came up. He wasn't going to make it over from Boise in time for the meeting. Fire Commissioners received a portfolio review as of December 30th, 2016 that Mr. Blackburn submitted instead. We have since rescheduled his visit for the May 8th Commissioners meeting.

Health Insurance Update:

Monica Hoth and Chief Campbell updated the Fire Commissioners on the status of the health coverage through Blue Cross of Idaho. We have been informed by BC of Idaho that our grand mothered plan will be expiring at the end of 2017. Chief Campbell and Monica are working to provide options beyond that date. The Delta Dental plan will stay as is until its annual renewal in May of 2018.

There will be a rate increase for both Blue Cross of Idaho as well as for Delta Dental effective May 1st, 2017 as there usually is. The BC of Idaho rates go until 12/31/2017 when the plan is due to expire, and Delta Dental rates go until May 1st, 2018.

Wyoming Fire & EMS Contract:

Bart Birch reported to Fire Commissioners that he had not heard back from Keith Gingery on the redlined agreement that was sent back for further Wyoming consideration. He anticipates it is close to being finalized and we should know more by the next Fire Commissioner meeting in March.

Chief's Report:**Operations**

Chief Campbell gave the Commissioners the Annual Collections Statistics from the month end reports by Systems Design. They discussed the billing process and progress of the system.

Dr. Edwin Wells addressed Fire Commissioners giving them a chance to be introduced and ask questions. Discussion continued with Commissioners on his recent joining the Fire District as Associate Medical Director in partnership with Dr. Johnson who will remain our lead Medical Director.

Prevention – Div. Chief Giles

Div. Chief Giles reported to Commissioners that building permits are slow right now, though he has had 2 commercial permits come in recently. He went on to report that 80% of the annual commercial inspections have been completed. He has also been attending Eclipse meetings weekly and they are continuing to plan for the event. Discussion continued regarding grant work, recent chimney fires and Knox med boxes are nearing completion.

Training – Div. Chief Wisby

Div. Chief Wisby reported to Commissioners that the EMT class will begin March 14th and he anticipates around 7 total for the class, with 3 or 4 coming from Search & Rescue (SAR). He also reported that the flash over training is happening this week with 3 different class dates to get as many through it as is possible before the trailer has to be returned. He also told Commissioners a brief report on his attending the National Fire Academy recently.

EMS – Div. Chief Schauster

Div. Chief Schauster updated Fire Commissioners on his recent EMSAC conference in Boise. Schauster sits on the EMS Advisory Committee and discussion continued on the updates regarding Idaho EMS.

Local 4667

Commissioner Letham asked the Local 4667 if they had anything for Commissioners. Adam Fletcher presented Commissioners with an opportunity to use relief fund monies to donate to Mike Tepe, who is a Jackson Hole Fire & EMS Firefighter battling a brain illness. It was decided to send a donation to him and his family from that Relief fund account. The Local 4667 had recently done the same. Monica and Chief Campbell will ensure this gets done in the coming days.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1701 hour. Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion, and the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned.