



# 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

Tuesday May 10, 2016

**Attendance** District Commissioners: Letham, Golden and Wagener  
Interim Commissioners:  
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch  
District Public Relations:  
Fire Chief: Bret Campbell  
Division Chief-Prevention: Earle Giles  
Division Chief-Training: Ed Schauster  
Division Chief-EMS:  
Shift Captains:  
Driver/Operators:  
Firefighters:  
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth  
Local 4667: Adam Fletcher  
Public: Keith Gnagey (TVHC)

## **Welcome @ 1400 hours**

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **Minutes:**

Commissioner Letham asked for any comments on the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes to be approved. No questions were asked.

**Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented.**

**Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied "aye" and the minutes for the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.**

## **Claims:**

Commissioner Letham asked for any comments on the Claims presented. Commissioner Golden asked what the charges to Valley Lumber were for. Chief Campbell confirmed they were to finish outfitting all of the Heavy and Light Engines with the Wildland equipment project they have been working toward finishing. These items being on those engines will complete the

requirements allowing them to be deployed for Wildland Fire Season and hopefully allow the FD to make some money while out fighting fire this summer and beyond. Commissioner Golden expressed understanding and appreciation that the monies were being spent locally to do this. No further questions were asked.

**Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the Claims as presented.**

**Commissioner Letham 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 for the April Budget Statement. Before any comments, Chief Campbell wanted to point out that the full remaining balance of monies owed from the 2015 Wildland Fire Season were collected in April. That final payment of \$219,090.65 made a big difference in what they will see on the April Budget Statement. He further reported that on top of the monies received to go back into payroll, there was a total of \$102,197.21 that was profit to the FD from equipment deployed during that fire season. This is just under the \$103,000 that was earlier projected.

Chief Campbell also reported that the line for Fire Equipment was over budget because of the new turnouts that were purchased and the money spent to equip the Light and Heavy Engines. The contingency for the B budget will cover this as intended. The new turnouts came in well under budget, (Commissioners approved spending no more than \$75k at their December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting) at around \$48k. No further comments were made.

**Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the April Budget Statement as presented.**

**Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye” and the April Budget statement was approved as presented.**

#### ***Emergency Medical Services (plans, proposals, interactions & updates):***

Commissioner Golden asked that the agenda item for EMS be moved up in light of Keith Gnagey being present, and not making him wait through the other items if he didn't choose to.

Keith Gnagey (TVHC) presented a proposal titled “Proposal for Joint Ambulance Service” to the Commissioners. [Attachment A](#)

Keith Gnagey told the Fire Commissioners that after his meeting with them last week, he was interested in conveying the feelings of some of the Hospital Staff. He told Commissioners that he didn't necessarily agree with them, but that in light of our feelings about how the FD is being treated by the hospital, he felt compelled to share feeling from the Hospital about the FD.

The group discussed the differences in this proposal and what of the proposal didn't appear to be changed from the contract in place today.

Gnagey asked the Commissioners to consider proposing a joint agreement, as opposed to letting the ASD decide.

Commissioners thanked Keith for coming and he left at 1450 hours.

Commissioners discussed the proposal and Commissioner Letham intends to reach out to Mr. Gnagey letting them know they will not accept the offer as presented. They wish to let the ASD continue their work and wait for the ASD decision.

***SCBA trailer swap update:***

Chief Campbell let the Fire Commissioners know about the New Plymouth Fire District Commissioners decision on the swap. They have lowered their available funds for the new air fill station from the projected from \$54k to now \$44k.

Since this news came, Chief Campbell has met with our representative from L.N. Curtis who thinks they have a comparable brand new fill station that can run just over \$41k. The only difference was that this one would be able to fill 2 bottles instead of 3. Chief Campbell has spoken with shift Captains and the local to understand that this difference is not of concern to them, and they would go with the new L.N. Curtis station. Chief told Commissioners it is essentially "The same deal, but with a new company".

**Commissioner Golden made the motion to accept the deal with the New Plymouth FD getting our SCBA trailer, in exchange for purchasing the L.N. Curtis fixed fill station presented.**

**Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.**

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

***Training Officer Position:***

Chief Campbell touched again on Schauster's scheduled 8-14 hours a week. Also reported that he is interested in hiring a Captain to work part time and be in charge of training. The position will work around 16 hours a week and will be paid on par with the labor agreement of the Captains hourly rate.

**Commissioner Wagener made a motion to hire the position with public notice to begin immediately for a short window to find someone.**

**Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied "aye" and the decision to hire a Captain in charge of Training was approved as presented. Board Secretary, Monica Hoth, will have it noticed in the next TVN classified ads.**

***West Wing of Building:***

Commissioner Letham asked Chief Campbell to look into painting options for the west end of the Fire Station. There was a discussion on the first right of refusal the County still has on that end of the building. That doesn't end until sometime in 2017. They discussed further the option to ask the County if that can be ended early and what they may be able to do with it if and when it is fully owned by the Fire District. Chief Campbell will explore some options for them to discuss again later.

***Chief's Report:***



### **Operations:**

Chief Campbell told Commissioners that the order of trucks is still on schedule for June. They will work to get them from UT to Twin Falls before coming to Teton Valley for the local company Sign it Now to help with the decal work.

Chief Campbell also reported that the certified mechanic that has been helping us audit the fleet has completed the vehicles stationed in Tetonia and even some of the Driggs location. They are continuing to schedule time with him to finish.

### **Prevention/Fire Marshal**

Chief Giles reported on the Hazmat training that took place with the Homeland Security team last week. Great excursive and good training with multiple agencies came from it. Giles also reported that the numbers of building permits continue to come in.

### **Training**

Chief Schauster reported on the multiple trainings still on going and upcoming. Including the certification testing coming up and the EMT class scheduled to begin in June.

### **Monica Hoth**

Monica Hoth asked Commissioner Wagener about the email from the representative from Key Private Bank. It explained that “We have about \$163,000 that is now in the cash sweep. Please advise if you seek the funds for your operating needs or prefer us to reinvest the funds. The portfolio has a current yield of 2.55%.” To which each Commissioner confirmed no immediate need for. So the direction was to have Monica communicate back to Key Private that the funds can be reinvested. She will reach back out to them and deliver the message.

***Recess***

***Adjourn***

**Commissioner Golden made a motion to adjourn @ 1615 hours  
Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion, and adjourned the Board of Fire Commissioners until the next commissioners meeting.**