



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/Clerk

Monday January 22, 2018

Attendance District Commissioners: Golden, Letham and Wagener
Interim Commissioners: Lynda Skujins
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch
District Public Relations:
Fire Chief: Campbell
Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Marshal: Giles
Battalion Chief of Logistics: Jon Wisby
Captain/Driver/Firefighter: Hoyle (Captain) Parkinson (Firefighter)
Board Secretary:
Local 4667: Charis Schreiber
Public:

Welcome @ 1532 hours

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the prepared minutes from the **November 13th, 2017** meeting. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

Claims: Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **November 11th until January 19th, 2018**. No questions or comments were raised.

Commissioner Golden 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 November 2017 and December 2017 Budget Statements presented.

Chief Campbell spoke to Commissioners about the overtime line in the budget. Explaining that a large portion of that was from sending firefighters to the Thomas Fire in CA, and that will be reimbursed. Another portion of the overtime line was to get qualified Driver/Operators to fill the required shifts. With one Driver still out on workers comp, and other shifts in personnel through promotions etc., they have decided to put on a driver/operator training course to get better coverage over the shifts. This too will incur some overtime, but will keep the department better staffed throughout the ranks.

Commissioner Golden ask questions about the Wyoming revenue for Fire/EMS service and wanted to know the status of maintenance, and discussion with Chief Campbell clarified how the Wyoming revenue works and explained some ongoing projects. Replacement of old lights has begun, and the fire stations will be upgrading to LED lighting throughout the stations.

Commissioners Letham asked about the Tetonia Maintenance line item balance and the balances for Trainings. All of which was discussed to satisfaction with Chief Campbell.

Commissioner Wagener began a discussion on the revenue being collected for ambulance service. Details on billing and collections were continued to answer Commissioners questions.

No further questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the November and December 2017 Budget Statements as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Budget Statements were approved as presented.

Air Methods Memberships:

Chief Campbell presented this topic on behalf of Monica Hoth, who was not able to be present for today’s meeting. Chief Campbell explained to Commissioners that when we originally enrolled for Air Methods membership, we did so to cover each employee. The cost was \$39 and it happened that the cost covered the household. Now, Air Methods has offered a special for the 2018 year that would allow individuals to be covered for \$10 and families to be covered for \$25. Commissioners need to approve of paying the lower rate yes, but the lower rate that covers families or the lower rate to only cover the employee. All Commissioners agreed to pay the \$25 that would cover the families of each of our employees.

IFSCA Membership (Idaho State Fire Commissioners Association):

Chief Campbell explained to Commissioners how the pricing for membership with IFSCA is structured. We as a Fire District with a budget of more than \$500,000, are asked to pay an annual membership fee of \$1,000. In addition to this, Monica Hoth has been attending the annual conferences for anywhere from \$250, to this last year that only cost \$100. This cost is for members or non-members. The benefit to attend these meetings can be high for the first year or two, and then as each of the Fire Commissioners who have also attended in

the past confirm, it starts to diminish after the 3rd or so years of going to conference. It was presented to Commissioners that the other benefits to being a member are not presenting themselves. So Fire Commissioners have the ability to not renew membership, and still attend whatever portion of conference, they or Monica would benefit from. Fire Commissioners agree to not renew the annual membership of \$1,000, and to send Monica Hoth or any Commissioners who desired to go to annual conference as they see benefit for the much reduced cost of the conference only.

Acquisition of surplus trucks for use as tenders:

Chief Campbell began by updating Commissioners with an opportunity to purchase surplus Freightliner trucks being offered by the federal government surplus with the assistance of the office of Idaho Department of Lands. A 08, and 09 and then a 2010 truck were looked at in person by our partners from the Idaho Falls IDL office. Discussion continued on the mileage, and the condition of our current tenders. The total cost of acquiring these trucks is only the cost to go get them. Later on down the road, these trucks could have chassis swaps with our current tenders to replace them for a significant cost savings. All three Commissioner agreed that acquiring them at low to no cost, storing them in a safe environment until budgeted to begin work on swapping out the older tenders was a good investment. Discussion continued on the details of these trucks and the current condition of our tenders, until no there were no further comments or concerns.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to acquire, if possible, two of the trucks.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”. Chief Campbell will move forward on acquiring the trucks.

Chief's Report:

Fire Chief

Chief Campbell reported operations wise, the department is busy and on track, which is usual for this time of year. The training BC, Kevin Bollar, is busy with a big training schedule that will be rolling out in the coming weeks. Chief Campbell and Commissioner Golden discussed maintenance work and the status of all the fleet.

Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Earle Giles

Chief Giles reported to Fire Commissioners that everyone is working to finish up company inspections. Keeping up with some new businesses in Driggs and the valley still going strong. Only a few events at this point in the winter, he is seeing more planning for future seasons event planning.

Logistics – Battalion Chief, Jon Wisby

Chief Wisby updated Commissioners on the status of the fleet. He also updated Commissioners on the boiler in station 1 and again discussed the lighting replacement schedule project.

Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from public disclosure – Waiver Application #20180122

Commissioner Golden made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from public disclosure – Waiver Application #20180122

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion

District Legal Counsel, Bart Birch asked for a roll call. Each Fire Commissioner responded “aye” and the executive session began at 1634 hours.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to come out of executive session.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Each Fire Commissioner responded “aye” and the executive session ended at 1644

Commissioner Letham made a motion to grant waiver to Waiver Application #20180122. Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and will grant waiver as presented.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Golden made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Board of Fire Commissioners was adjourned at 1651.