



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

Tuesday, April 26, 2022- Driggs Fire Station, as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom

In Attendance:

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner

Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner

Earle Giles, Fire Marshall

Ed Schauster, Deputy Chief Administration

Meeting began @ 1600 hours.

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if there were questions or comments on the prepared minutes from March 22 and April 12 meetings.

No questions or comments were made.

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

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the minutes were approved.

Claims: Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **March 1st, 2022 through March 31st, 2022.**

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Foster 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 questions or comments on the March 2022 Budget Statement presented.

Commissioner Foster followed up on the overtime line in Budget A. Chief Schauster explained that since a lot of personnel is out on long term medical and family leave. Commissioner Foster would like to review the Overtime line thoroughly for next FY.

The Dispatch fee was also discussed. Since the fee was established and approved before the County Commissioner meeting, it was agreed to cover the remaining fee with contingency funds.

No further questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Budget Statement as presented.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

CBA Schedule Discussion:

Chief Schauster and the Commissioners discussed the wage study Phase II as well as the COLA adjustment. Commissioner Foster felt that we were in a good place regarding the wages and was open for discussion if the economy changes.

FY 2022-2023:

Chief Schauster asked the Commissioners what the expectation were regarding each division budget narratives. The Commissioners would like each Division Chief to write budget narratives with the department’s needs. They would like to try a new approach in building the budget for next FY.

Capital Improvement:

Chief Schauster would like to follow up on the discussion regarding upgrades in the livability of the stations. Commissioner Foster would like to have a capital

improvement plan in place in case we get approved for impact fees. The impact fees would cover expenses related to growth.

Chief's Report:

Chief Hoyle updated the Commissioners on fleet maintenance. The water tender is out in New Mexico on a wildland assignment. Chief Colson is applying for and EMS Grant for both an ambulance and EMS equipment. The peer support group will be meeting to review calls. Chief Giles is still receiving a high number of building permits. Chief Schauster let the Commissioners know about the upcoming nTraining Exercise on May 19.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Letham made a motion to enter executive session per IC 74-206(d)

To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code;

Commissioner Foster Seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jason Letham, aye

Bob Foster, aye

The board moved into Executive session at 1700 hours

The board came out of Executive session at 1715 hours

The Commissioners have reviewed a financial assistance application for an EMS fee.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to waive the EMS fee.

Commissioner Foster Seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied "aye", and the fee was waived.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Letham made a motion to enter executive session per IC 74-206(a)

(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

Commissioner Foster Seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jason Letham, aye

Bob Foster, aye

The board moved into Executive session at 1730 hours

The board came out of Executive session at 1800 hours

Commissioner Foster made a motion to adjourn at 1800 hours.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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