



# 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, Administrative Assistant

Monday March 12, 2018

**Attendance** District Commissioners: Letham and Wagener  
Interim Commissioners:  
Fire Chief: Campbell  
Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Marshal:  
Battalion Chief of Training:  
Battalion Chief of Logistics: Jon Wisby  
Battalion Chief of EMS: Jared Colson  
Captain/Driver/Firefighter:  
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth  
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch  
District Public Relations:  
Local 4667: Charis Schreiber, joined later by Nate Brown and Rebecca Parkinson  
Public:

## **Welcome @ 1530 hours**

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **Minutes:**

Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the prepared minutes from the **February 26, 2018** meeting. No questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

## **Claims:**

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 9, 2018**. 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. Both replied "aye", and the claims were approved as presented.

## **Budget Statement:**

Commissioner Letham asked for any comments or questions on the February 2018 Budget Statement presented.

Commissioner Wagener asked about the total for Property Tax, and what the total included, which was answered by Monica Hoth.

Commissioner Letham asked about the total for the Wyoming contract, and Chief Campbell answered by letting him know we have received the full contract amount. Only the small fire calls to WY will be added to the total in that column, if there are any.

Chief Campbell reported that we are on track with EMS billing revenue. Discussion continued around EMS revenue.

Overtime was again discussed, and also the plan to increase the line for the next budget year.

Chief Campbell relayed that last month when Commissioner Golden asked about the Tetonia Maintenance line of the budget, he didn't know at the time but is reporting now that the Tetonia water bill has much to do with that lines YTD amount. The water/sewer bill increase was not planned for in the lead up to finalizing the budget.

Chief Campbell also presented to Commissioners the need to purchase another heart monitor for the ambulances. Battalion Chief Jared Colson, explained the current Philips monitors have battery issues and found out that Phillips isn't providing batteries until after 2018. We are in the process of moving to Zoll Monitors, but will need to overcome the current Phillips issues. In order to make it to the time when parts are available, and in order to ensure a spare, they are recommending another monitor be purchased.

**Commissioner Wagener made a motion to approve spending up to \$40,000 from contingency, on a new Zoll monitor.**

**Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied "aye", and the motion was approved as presented.**

No further questions or comments were made.

**Commissioner Wagener made a motion to approve the February 2018 Budget Statement as presented.**

**Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied "aye", and the February 2018 Budget Statement was approved as presented.**

### ***Surplus Equipment:***

Chief Campbell began a discussion on the surplus truck that is not being utilized, and they began talking about the value and what the statute requires in order to sell that truck. It was determined that Battalion Chief Wisby should gather opinions/rough quotes on the real value of that truck. It is likely that it isn't worth the \$10,000 minimum value that is stated in the statute. They will report

back in the April meeting. With the recent snow storm, the equipment at the Tetonia station Conex boxes will still need to be dug out. That will happen and they will begin again the process of getting those items sold as surplus.

Chief Campbell also let the Commissioners know that he was approached about selling the 92 ambulance, (Bear Tooth Ambulance). If we end up purchasing a new ambulance, we have an opportunity to also sell this ambulance. Commissioner Wagener asked that they start the process of determining the 92 ambulances value as well.

***Community Block Grant:***

Chief Campbell did meet with Rick from The Development Company as was discussed at the last meeting. He reported back that Rick did confirm that the availability of the Block Grant is still an option. Chief learned a bit more about what they do and how the process works. Rick and Chief Campbell will continue to explore the viability of this grant working for our Fire District, and specifically if the service area supports the low to moderate income analysis that is needed in order to be approved for the grant. Chief Campbell will report back at the April meeting.

***Meeting with Local 4667 Executive Board:***

The discussion began with Rebecca Parkinson explaining that they were unable to get someone to attend the March meeting, and in light of the discussion at that meeting about the hiring for what is being called the “extra position” vacated when Jeremy Caulkins resigned, they wanted a chance to tell Commissioners their view and hope for that position being filled.

Commissioner Letham explained that they were presented with the information about this topic at the last meeting. He went on to say it was a matter of do we hire for the open position, eliminate the position, or do we allow the money to be used to shore up the overtime in the A budget. He invited the Executive Board to proceed in their desire to address the board.

Commissioner Wagener clarified that they only decided to, for now, hold off on either hiring or eliminating the position. To, for now, allow the money to stay in the A budget until the time they decide otherwise.

Each of the Executive Board members, Charis Schreiber, Rebecca Parkinson and Nate Brown, expressed their interest in seeing this position filled. They continued by saying it is the desire of the Body to see the department grow in the years ahead, and that by not filling this position, it is contrary to that growth. With the “extra person” on a shift, they hoped to see an additional person added to each of the other shifts, bringing them all in line with equal numbers in the future, instead of only one shift having the “extra person”. That is the big picture, they had in mind. When it was communicated that the opportunity to fill this position was passed on, it felt almost like the progress was going backwards.

Discussion continued by the Executive Board on the ability to fill in for positions that are open due to members shifting around for moving to the BC Model, out on workers comp, sick leave or from resignation. The feeling of “shrinking the bench” is leaving them concerned we may be less resilient if an unexpected shift happens. Their preference, again, would be to begin hiring for the position that is currently budget for, and allowing the training of that person to catch up to the time they may need them.

Discussion continued between Fire Commissioners, Executive Board to the Local and Chief Campbell on the topics of; budgeting, overtime, the reserve program, summer wildland deployments and the urgency or lack of to fill or not fill this position. Commissioners have decided to continue the topic at the April meeting when Fire Commissioner Golden can be present for any decisions that are to be made. The Executive Board expressed a desire to be involved and present when any discussion or decision is made on this topic, which Commissioners agreed.

***Chief's Report:***

**Fire Chief**

Chief Campbell reported to Commissioners that the status of the trucks we are to receive from the Government sales in UT are still unknown. He has spoken to folks with the IDL and have not been able to confirm when they will be ready to pick up.

Chief Campbell also asked Fire Commissioners if they were interested in moving the meeting time. It was decided that the April meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in the month and they will discuss it further, so that Commissioner Golden can also be present. They will make a new date and or time announcement at that point.

**EMS – Battalion Chief, Jared Colson**

Colson reported to Commissioners that they wrapped up CPR classes that the County had requested. Around 40-45 people will be certified and employees around the County with this new certification. Holly Wolgamott has thanked the Fire District for helping get that done. He also told them about the Community CPR class that they put on for 7 area residents. He went on to report that they still intend to offer these courses on a quarterly basis.

Colson also reporting for the Training BC, Bollar. The training schedule is full at the moment with the training burn house in Tetonia. They do plan to conclude that training on March 26<sup>th</sup>, when they burn the rest of the house. He also reported on some wildland training coming up.

**Logistics – Battalion Chief, Jon Wisby**

Wisby reported that after researching trucks that are comparable to our salvage eligible truck, he has been able to identify around 8 that are worthy of being comparable and they are each under or around \$9,000.

**Monica Hoth, Administrative Assistant**

Monica reported to Commissioners that we will also see an agenda item for the life insurance quotes discussed at the January meeting. These quotes were to provide the Reserve staff with life insurance. Our Insurance Brokers at American Insurance, needed extra time to gather several options.

**Recess**

***Adjourn***

**Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn.**

**Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied “aye”, and the Board of Fire Commissioners was adjourned at 1712 hours.**

