



Teton County Fire Protection District

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Board of Fire Commissioners

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Monday October 16, 2017

Attendance District Commissioners: Golden, Letham and Wagener
Interim Commissioners: Lemieux
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch
District Public Relations:
Fire Chief: Campbell
Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Marshal: Giles
Board Secretary: Hoth
Local 4667: R. Parkinson and A. Fletcher
Public: Chad Blackburn and Don Rognon from Key Private Bank

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 **September 11th or September 18th, 2017** meetings. No questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor, all replied "aye" and minutes for September 11th and September 18th, 2017 meetings were approved as presented.

Claims:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **September 9th through October 13th, 2017**. No questions or comments were raised.

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

Commissioner Golden 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 Fiscal Year End September Budget Statement presented.

Chief Campbell began his recap of the Fiscal Year End budget statement with pointing out to Commissioners that we did receive the refund payment from Phillips Healthcare, just in time to order the replacement heart monitors from Zoll. Also that the Heavy Engine pump replacement has been completed by Boise Mobile, which had been approved by Commissioners in a previous meeting using contingency monies in the budget. We were also able to purchase a server with the credit from the last server we didn't end up purchasing, but was credited to us at the start of this fiscal year. The server will be implemented in the coming months. Chief Campbell also pointed out that the payroll expenses for the Eclipse were much lower than expected as well.

Commissioner Golden asked Chief Campbell for an update on the ARFF #2. Campbell reported that the second ARFF is to be delivered sometime in the next week. The mechanic will be charging around \$30,000 for the work. After the initial purchase price of \$20,000, this second airport crash rescue truck (ARFF 2) will cost \$50,000 total once completed. Chief reported the majority of the time was spent sourcing the parts needed for the ARFF 2.

Commissioner Golden then asked Chief Campbell where we stand with Wildland Fire income. Chief Campbell reported that for the summer 2017 season, with the small amount of deployments we did, will in his estimation, come to around \$50,000 total for everything. This includes payroll expenses and equipment deployed. The final invoices hasn't been completed, but the estimate he made would be somewhere around that amount, and he expects to give a better estimate in the coming months.

No other questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year End September Budget Statement as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

Key Private Bank Portfolio Manager, Chad Blackburn to give account update:

Mr. Blackburn began his presentation to Commissioner by informing them that the portfolio is 100% compliant with state statute. Overall he has been very happy with the performance of the portfolio; only noting volatility with interest rates since last year after the election. He showed the small cash holding that is a result of bonds expiring and paying out prior to being reinvested when the cash amount that is needed is reached.

Performance against our best benchmark was discussed and led into discussion on future possible purchases that Chad would need to know about. Commissioners did not have any immediate future plans for them to need to fund from the monies in this account, so the portfolio will continue to be reinvested as they have been with careful management. Mr. Blackburn went on to explain how they are anticipating an interest rate hike in December, along with possibly 3 interest rate hikes in 2018. Commissioners were able to ask questions and discuss details about performance of the portfolio. Mr. Blackburn will continue to visit around twice a year to report, as well he expressed willingness to answer questions anytime we needed him by just calling his office.

Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Renewal:

Representatives of the Local 4667, Adam Fletcher and Rebecca Parkinson, had already emailed Commissioners with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) which reflected changes made to date. Articles up for remaining consideration:

Article 23 – Work schedules – Wildland Assignment – concluded. The local was satisfied with the time spent with Chief Campbell learning and understanding the system of putting firefighters on days when deployed to wildland fires. Chief Campbell did verify for Commissioners that the state will not reimburse for R&R time after deployments, as had been discussed in earlier meetings.

Article 30 – Working out of class – concluded

Article 31 – Welfare Committee/department physicals – concluded. It was decided that the Fire District will pay for baseline physicals with a department Dr., and that annual physicals can be done with each firefighters own physician using the wellness visits in their health plan. The Fire District will also pay for whatever frequency the department Dr. requires after the baseline, and based on age & schedule.

Commissioners concluded negotiations on the three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with each signing the CBA. The official contract is on file with district clerk Hoth, as well as with the Local 4667.

Chief's Report:

Operations

Chief Campbell informed Commissioner of the support coverage Teton County Fire & EMS provided to Jackson Hole, during the burial of their Fire Captain Mike Tepe on Saturday the 14th. The coverage was to support our neighbors and allow them all to participate in the burial of one of their own.

Chief Campbell also let Commissioners know that Becky Mitchell and Monica Hoth have completed the work for the Ambulance Standby Service information on the website and are placing the ad in the TVN, as Commissioners had requested, to help the public understand the process of Ambulance Event coverage.

He also informed Commissioners that the Battalion Chiefs and department station reorganization has been completed as of October 3rd.

Chief Campbell verified that with the County purchase of the National Guard building being fully and completely theirs now, left the Emergency Services Building completely to the Fire District as was the deal when we purchased the building from the County all those years ago.

Chief Campbell did ask Commissioners to begin thinking about the age of our Engines. Currently Engine 10 and Engine 20 do have significant damage to the floor boards due to aging. Both Engines are 14 years old, and normal replacement schedules on Engines are 20 years. Engine 10 in Driggs has fuel tank issues they are working through also, and he is hoping to stretch all engines to their 20 year plus mark but wants to keep them informed.

The ambulances are of more concern at this moment, as each of them are in much more need of repairs. Each of the Chiefs will be working in the coming weeks to do a full analysis and come up with a schedule to address the issue in our fleet. They will present that when it is completed.

Discussion continued on the topics of: ambulance billing, hospital positive relationship building going on, health insurance premiums that become effective January 1st of 2018 (which came in with around a 4.5% increase in rates), Holiday Celebration plans and the California wildfires.

Prevention – Div. Chief Giles

Chief Giles spoke about Fire Prevention Week and let Commissioners know that the School District 2nd graders are scheduled to visit the station next week for a prevention lesson. We will also be participating in the TES Halloween Carnival as well as the Downtown Driggs Trick or Treat and Brookside Hallow events. Giles also told Commissioners that he and Chief Campbell will be attending the Fire Convention in Boise the 2nd week in November.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Golden made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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



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