



Teton County Fire Protection District

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Board of Fire Commissioners

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Kent Wagener, District 3
Monica Hoth, Secretary/Clerk

Monday April 18th, 2016

Attendance District Commissioners: Jason Letham, Scott Golden & Kent Wagener
Interim Commissioners:
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch
District Public Relations:
Fire Chief: Bret Campbell
Division Chief-Prevention: Earle Giles
Division Chief-EMS:
Division Chief-Training: Jon Wisby
Shift Captains:
Driver/Operators:
Firefighters:
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth
Local 4667: A. Fletcher and N. Brown
Public:

Welcome @ 1530 hours

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes:

Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the minutes for the March 13th meeting. No questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

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

Claims:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments for the claims presented for the period **March 11th, 2017 through April 14th, 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 Golden asked about the training material line in the budget statement. Chief Campbell discussed the purchases made and discussion continued, related to training. Commissioner Wagener had questions about the patient revenue reports and the budget statement reported numbers. Monica Hoth explained that the reports ending dates are 30 days apart, which is the reason for the difference in numbers. Discussion continued on the budget statement columns for Dues. No further questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the March Budget Statement as presented. Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

Health Insurance:

Chief Campbell began by explaining to Commissioners that he and Monica have met with both Rudey Ballard, our current healthcare broker, and another broker from American Insurance Service. This was with the direct intent to gather rates and options for health coverage beyond December 31st, when Blue Cross of Idaho has told us is the expiration of our grand mothered plan. Both brokers gave us quote comparison information and recommended we stay put with the current plan until a bit later when we know more about the potential to stay on that plan. It is possible to change now, but that could be a mistake if the government ends up cancelling their requirement to remove us from the grand mothered plan. It is because we are a relatively young and healthy pool, that we are considered to have a great plan with a low deductible. With the movement's happening to healthcare in our government right now, it is recommended to stay put until we know more about the changes coming. Discussion continued on the many details and possibilities for providing coverage to employees. Commissioners agreed we should stay with the current plan and continue to plan for potential changes later and the budgeting needed for any changes.

Chief Campbell also explained that we have an opportunity to switch brokers to use American Insurance Service. They are highly recommended by both the County and the School district who use their services. Monica Hoth expressed interest in some of the add-on services we would see if we did switch. Tele Doc being a big service benefit would allow staff to utilize an on call doctor without needing to visit an office or pay a co-pay. This type of future thinking service is very attractive. Commissioners expressed an interest in meeting with American Insurance Service representatives at the May 8th meeting. Monica will make that arrangement.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to accept the rate increase and to continue with the current plan for now.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

EMS:

Chief Campbell began by presenting the revenue summary YTD to Commissioners from our patient revenue service, Systems Design. Discussion continued on the categories and understanding of the report. – Attached to these minutes.

Commissioners reviewed the EMS policies and procedures in order to discuss more in depth the policy on collection issues and charity applications. Discussion continued on collections and the charity applications. The letters we would use to try and communicate to those individuals not responding was also presented and approved by Commissioners. Chief Campbell then moved on to discuss the Community Involvement Group (CIG) that will meet for the first time on April 24th. Great response from representatives invited to the brief meeting. They will meet quarterly after that as well as roll out and discuss the quality management program going forward.

Bart Birch presented the Agreement with Teton County Wyoming that had been discussed in many prior meetings and approved in the March meeting that provides both Fire and EMS service to Alta. This five year agreement includes Wyoming paying \$200k annually to provide the coverage.

Chief Campbell also updated the Commissioners on the situation with monitors in the Ambulances. It was part of the agreement with the ASD when we began running EMS solely, that they would purchase defibrillators and cardiac monitors to replace the ones owned by the TV Hospital. The ASD has done so and reimbursed Fire under last year's budget. Philips (the cardiac monitor manufacturer) has since informed us that the monitors we ordered will not be available, they were discontinued. We now intend to go with Zoll monitors and will be making that purchase in the coming weeks/months.

Campbell lastly confirmed the new ambulance that was ordered is still on track to be delivered in late July and should be in service before the Eclipse.

Total Eclipse Update:

Div. Chief Giles updated Commissioners on meetings he has attended about the Eclipse. He did just return from a 2 days FEMA class held in Madison Co. that was very helpful and informatively geared around the eclipse. Giles has continued to attend the weekly eclipse meetings at the County. He expressed assurance that permitting will allow us the ability to know where people are gathering. Meetings have been held that included, ISP, ITD, Fish & Game, Search & Rescue, Tow Truck Companies, Air Idaho, Sheriff's office, and many more that are coordinating together. Discussion continued on details around meetings and conversations.

Chief Campbell again expressed confidence in the planning of staff and equipment to cover whatever it is that comes with this event. Discussion continued about the details of the planning.

2017 Wildland Fire Season:

Chief Campbell explained the difference in this wildland season because of the August Eclipse. The plan, as he explained, as of now is to not have deployments for the month of August. Campbell provided a packet of info to Commissioners, attached to these minutes. Information provided included a graph and spreadsheet of the deployments over the 2016 season. Additionally, there was a spreadsheet for revenue and the commitments to participating in the 2017 season (outside of August). Discussion continued on the details of all the information provided in the spreadsheets.

Commissioner Golden asked about the training and experience level of those deploying to wildland fire events. Chief Campbell answered the Commissioners' questions and discussion continued on the details of those qualifications, training and management. It was agreed that the Wildland topic will be on the May 8th agenda to continue discussion.

@1657 hours

Executive Session:

Commissioner Letham made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to Idaho Code Sec. 74—206(1)(a) & (b) personnel matters.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Clerk Monica Hoth requested a roll call, with Commissioner Golden, Wagener and Letham each replying "aye".

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Golden made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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