



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

Tuesday, August 9th, 2016

Attendance District Commissioners: Kent Wagener, Jason Letham
Interim Commissioners: Jere Lemieux
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch
District Public Relations:
Fire Chief: Bret Campbell
Division Chief-Prevention:
Division Chief-EMS:
Division Chief-Training: Jon Wisby
Shift Captains:
Driver/Operators:
Firefighters:
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth
Local 4667: Jared Colson
Public: Pat Butts

Welcome @ 1400 hours

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes:

Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had questions or comments on the July 12th, 2016 meeting minutes. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the July 12th, 2016 minutes as presented. Commissioner Wagner 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 on the Claims presented for the period July 8th through August 5th, 2016. No questions or comments were raised.

Commissioner Wagener made the motion to approve the claims as presented.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

Budget Statement:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on July’s Budget Statement. There was discussion on each budget section, beginning with the A budget. Discussion about the wages of new hires and the training hours for both new hires and reserves. B budget expenses due to the purchasing related to the ASD transition and the new hires. The discussion continued with the report by Chief Campbell on the expected revenues that will help balance out the budget statements. Those are the contracted \$38,767 from the ASD, as well as the monies spent on the Monitor and spine boards that will be reimbursed when the grant money is received. Commissioner Letham and Wagener both remarked on the growth of the monies being invested by Key Private.

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

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

FY 2017 Budget Hearing as posted in the TVN 7/28 & 8/4/16:

The FY 2016-17 budget was projected on the overhead screen. Chief Campbell began by explaining to Commissioners the information on page 4 of the proposed budget. This section goes through the operating budget vs the total budget that includes contingencies and went further to show the projected revenues. It is because of the difference between the operating budget and the levied tax total, that extra time was spent to ensure everyone’s understanding. Chief Campbell also gave Commissioners the L2 forms that were completed by Monica Hoth for posting in the TVN and will be submitted to the County Clerk. There was discussion about the Fire District not taking the full 3% allowed, but being just under that. There was also discussion on the fact that Fire was not taking foregone and further to discuss the new rule in effect that states anyone who is taking foregone is now being required to notice that information much like is done in the L2. Commissioner Wagener began a discussion about where income fits into this budget picture. Discussion about patient revenue, Wyoming contract monies and the L2 continued. Commissioner Letham then asked if anyone from the public had any questions or comments about the proposed FY 16/17 budget. The only member of the public present, was Pat Butts. She declined asking any questions or giving any comments.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the FY 2017 budget as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye” and the motion to approve the FY 2017 budget for the Teton County Fire District was approved as presented.

Emergency Purchase of Wildland Transport/Tractor Trailer:

Chief Campbell began by requesting the emergency purchase of a 2007 Kenworth truck with lo-boy flat-bed trailer currently located in Caldwell, ID. The cost is \$58, 100 and has passed its DOT inspection. He went on to explain the process of deploying the ARFF crash rescue trucks to fires like the one currently deployed to, the Pioneer Fire, in Lowman, ID. When the ARFF goes out it needs to be transported in to its deployment location. This has been done in the past with outside contractors listed with the IDL, and there have been questions about the width our ARFF needs in order to be delivered safely. This purchase would enable the Fire District to be its own transport to those deployments, and ensure that it is done with the width needed to be safe during its transport. It would also mean they no longer waste time, and therefore potential revenue, waiting for an outside contractor to be located and travel time for pick up. As a further benefit, we would be able to pick up our own shipping containers when new ones for training simulations are needed. In the past the transport to get these shipping containers has cost more than the containers themselves. Discussions continued and included the time (3 to 4 years) to pay off the cost of the purchase; the monies that will be used to purchase the truck and trailer; and the personnel who are qualified (currently 3 have the full certification needed) to drive the truck and trailer.

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to approve the emergency purchase of the tractor and trailer as presented.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye” and the motion was approved.

Resolution to adopt Ambulance Billing & Collection Policy:

Board Secretary, Monica Hoth, presented resolution 2016-08-09 “Resolution To Adopt The Ambulance Billing And Collection Policy”. This policy was agreed upon at the July 12th Fire Commissioners meeting and is being presented again as a resolution.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to suspend the reading of Resolution 2016-08-09 the customary 3 times, and instead read aloud today once by title only.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham then read the title to the resolution.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-09.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

Chief's Report:

Operations

Chief Campbell reported on the surplus sale of two vehicles that will be coming up in the near future. This will be done from an online auction site.

Chief Campbell also reported on the current deployments and discussion about those status of those fires.

Chief Campbell also reported on the status of the ASD agreement that is continuing. They are also working closely working with the ASD on the purchase of a new Ambulance. As well, they continue to work out the details for a medical director. We are also helping the ASD clean out the storage room at the Armory.

Training

Chief Wisby gave his update saying that he has received a few more applications from potential reservists interested in joining the next reserve class starting on October 3rd.

Recess

Adjourn

**Commissioner Wagener made a motion to adjourn @1523 hours
Commissioner Letham seconded the motion, and adjourned the Board of Fire Commissioners until the next commissioners meeting.**