

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. APRIL 20, 1999

PRESENT:

- Jim Galloway, Chairman
- Ted Short, Vice Chairman
- Joanne Bond, Commissioner
- Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner
- Jim Shaw, Commissioner
- Roy Slate, Acting Fire Chief
- Amy Harvey, County Clerk
- Katy Simon, County Manager
- Maureen Griswold, Legal Counsel

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the agenda for the April 20, 1999, meeting be approved.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 1999, be approved.

99-16F MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS - CEDARVILLE, EAGLEVILLE, LAKE CITY, FORT BIDWELL, CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Upon recommendation of Acting Chief Roy Slate, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that four Cooperative Emergency Agreements (mutual aid) between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and each of the following volunteer fire departments:

- 1) Eagleville, California;
- 2) Cedarville, California;
- 3) Lake City, California; and
- 4) Fort Bidwell, California, be approved and Chairman Galloway be authorized to execute.

It was noted that as part of the agreement with the Eagleville VFD, the District was proposing to donate a surplus mini-pumper; and that the language will have to be amended to allow the Fire District to donate the equipment to Washoe County, who in turn will donate the mini-pumper to the Eagleville VFD

99-17F MONTHLY REPORT - DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Acting Chief Roy Slate reviewed the monthly operations report highlighting significant items. (The remarks he made concerning consolidation are under that item.) Following discussion and questions by the Board, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that receipt of the Report of Fire District Operations for the month of April, 1999, be acknowledged.

99-18F PURCHASE OF TWO COMMAND STAFF VEHICLES

Acting Chief Slate responded to Board questions explaining the program to "bump down" older vehicles. Upon recommendation of the Acting Chief, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the purchase of two Ford Expeditions, four-wheel drive vehicles, at a total cost of \$57,990, from Jones West Ford Commercial Fleet Leasing Department, be approved.

It was noted that the vehicles still need to be retrofitted with lights, sirens, etc. for emergency use at a cost of approximately \$4,000 per vehicle, which cost is not included in the purchase price; that the District is tagging onto a State bid which will save approximately \$5,000 per vehicle compared to retail prices; and that this expenditure, including the emergency retrofit, was approved in the District's Capital Fund Augmentation Request on March 16, 1999.

99-19F AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY, UNCLASSIFIED FIREFIGHTERS

Acting Chief Slate advised that the District is paying overtime on an almost daily basis to man the fire stations with four people due to the 2-in/2-out rule; that they are constantly shifting people around to keep the stations manned; and that the addition of three temporary, unclassified firefighters for no more than six months would greatly relieve the situation and reduce the overtime expenditure. He added that the District does not want to do anything permanent at this time because of the proposed consolidation of fire services with the City of Reno.

Upon recommendation of Acting Chief Slate, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the Acting Fire Chief be authorized to hire three firefighters into unclassified, temporary positions.

99-20F CONSOLIDATION OF FIRE SERVICES WITH CITY OF RENO

Acting Chief Roy Slate advised that a tentative draft of an agreement has been accomplished; that it is currently being reviewed by all parties; and that they are still soliciting citizen input. Chairman Galloway asked if his understanding that the citizens, through CAB's, homeowners' associations, etc., still have the ability to present their ideas on how the contract should be drafted and to actually suggest content is correct.

Acting Chief Slate stated that was correct and that he considers this a working document.

Chairman Galloway asked that the Chief communicate that in writing to the CAB's, the volunteer departments, etc., so that people will be prepared to bring their ideas and suggestions to the meetings.

Acting Chief Slate further advised that he has been meeting with Reno Fire Chief Lowden weekly discussing issues and conducting rumor control; that he and Howard Reynolds, Assistant County Manager, have also been working on a comprehensive financial impact statement; and that they are taking a focus of moving forward with consolidating.

Chairman Galloway commented that the District worked very hard to get up to date on their fire inspections; that he wants them to stay current; and that he would like to have that specifically addressed in the contract with Reno. He stated that another issue that disturbs him is that Reno increased the dispatch bill for the District, which seems to be a very ill-timed increase in charges; that he does not think the District should even be charged for dispatch service once the fire services are consolidated; and that there should be no changes in dispatch services. Chief Slate responded that he has been working with Sheriff Richard Kirkland on the dispatch services and that they will be addressing this issue with Reno Police Chief Hoover. Chairman Galloway stated that the base benchmark for dispatch services and response times, etc., needs to be written down and quantified so that there will be something to measure against and compare in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comments.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

JIM GALLOWAY, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk

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