

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

1:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 15, 2000

PRESENT:

Ted F. Short, Chairman,
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Peter Sferrazza, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Joanne Bond, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel
Marty Scheuerman, Acting Fire Chief

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the agenda for the February 15, 2000 meeting, be approved.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the minutes of the December 21, 1999, meeting be approved.

00-3F DISCUSSION - STATUS AND UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION

Marty Scheuerman, Acting Fire Chief, stated that he and Howard Reynolds, Assistant County Manager, would be meeting with the City of Reno regarding consolidation, today at 3:00 p.m. He further stated that he believed that Reno would have an offer for the Board today and, if the Board had any questions or concerns, to let him know so he could take it to the meeting today.

Chairman Short stated that he would like a letter from the City of Reno, regarding the water tender positions; that Reno said that adding them

to the side agreement was a mistake; and that he would like to see a letter stating they will not be hiring 9 new firemen.

Howard Reynolds, Assistant County Manager, advised that the side agreement made by Reno will have to be changed, because the language is clear and unambiguous and is in conflict with the contract approved on January 18, 2000. He further stated that the change cannot be clarified by a letter.

Chairman Short inquired concerning the effect on the District of the total cost. He noted that the District signed the contract based upon the agreement that their employees would come in at the current wage level; and that the total cost needs to be carefully considered to prevent any unanticipated costs.

Commissioner Galloway requested that Acting Chief Scheuerman provide the Board with a chart showing the conflicts between the contract and the side agreements. He stated that he is concerned about the additional costs the City of Reno say they will absorb, because if costs keep rising, the public will say that Reno is subsidizing Washoe County.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he received an e-mail from Dave Aiazzi, Reno City Council, asking why the Board was complaining about the negotiations and he had responded back to say they are not complaining about the negotiations, they are complaining about the results of those negotiations conflicting with the Intergovernmental agreement. He further stated that if Truckee Meadows firefighters are transferred to the City of Reno his concern is that should the firefighters be transferred back to Truckee Meadows would they be bound by that agreement. Mr. Reynolds responded that it would depend upon the language in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Local 731 and the City of Reno; that in order for the District to be bound by all of those provisions they would almost have to have a successor clause like the District has with Local 2487; and that the firefighters would have to be brought back at their current wages, hours and terms of conditions of employment that they were receiving at the time of transfer from the City of Reno.

Commissioner Shaw inquired who would be representing the City of Reno and the District at the meeting today. Acting Chief Scheuerman responded that it would be Howard Reynolds, Assistant County Manager; Steve Watson, Labor Relations Manager; Mark Gregersen, Assistant County Manager; and himself for the District; and that for the City of Reno it would be Chuc Lowden, Reno Fire Chief; Rick Gonzales, Labor Relations; and Ralph Jaeck, Assistant City Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

TED F. SHORT, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk