

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 15, 2000

PRESENT:

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

Marty Scheurman, Acting Fire Chief
Pauline Reese, Deputy County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

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

AGENDA

The agenda for May 15, 2000, was approved as presented.

00-24F BUDGET - TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001

2:00 p.m., This time was set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette Journal on May 5, 2000, to provide for public comment in the consideration of the adoption of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District final 2000/2001 fiscal year budget. . Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing.

Marty Scheurman, Acting Fire Chief, reiterated that the District is facing reduced revenue due to loss of assessed valuation through annexation. He noted proposed cuts that have been made to eliminate \$600,000 out of the \$1,000,000 operating deficit including aggressive sick leave practice, discretionary overtime, keeping some chief officer positions vacant indefinitely, and possibly reducing the rank of training officers to

the rank of captain for greater utilization to cover overtime. He stated that there is now a deficit of approximately \$450,000. He advised that he has proposed a 3.4 cents ad valorem tax increase that would be needed to make up that deficit in the event consolidation does not take place. He stated that the tax rate issue can be deferred until the meeting of May 23, 2000. He added, in response to Commissioner Sferrazza, that they are prepared to use the ending fund balance to make up the deficit in the event of consolidation.

Mary Walker, Walker & Associates, stated that the budget does contain the operating deficit and includes no tax rate increase per Board direction, and the \$680,000 deficit is covered in the ending fund balance. He stated that this is what is presented today. She explained that the 3.4 cents increase in taxes is proposed if the Board does not wish to stay with that \$440,000 operating deficit.

Commissioner Bond inquired what would occur if the consolidation issue were not resolved by May 23, 2000. Ms. Walker stated that it is necessary to know by that date to make the June 1 deadline for the Department of Taxation. The other option is that you use the fund balance for one year. The budget today includes no consolidation in the scenario but applies only if we stay as a district with no tax increase. She added that this practice could be continued for one year if the Board so chooses.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the final budget of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for fiscal year 2000/2001 be approved. It was further ordered that submission to the Department of Taxation be authorized following execution by all members of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

TED F. SHORT, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk